



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Growing Followers Of Christ Since 1902

The Grapevine

I am the vine; You are the branches.

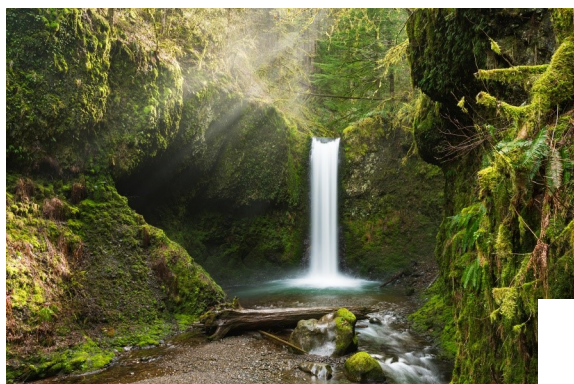
John 15:5

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PHOTOGRAPHY AS A *Spiritual* PRACTICE

FREE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS @ MVPC



FRIDAY, JUNE 9: 6:30–8:30 P.M.

Join MVPC and the Rev. Dr. Craig Goodwin for a presentation and workshop that explores the intersections of Christian faith, experiences of God's Creation, and the artistic pursuits that give expression to those encounters.

Pastor Craig will share from his own experience as a professional photographer, pastor, and cancer survivor, whose outdoor adventures, with camera in hand, have been an important part of his journey of healing and spiritual formation.

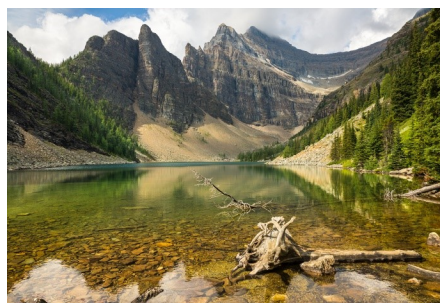
The Workshops are FREE, but please pre-register so we can have an accurate attendance count. Register at: www.MountVernonPres.org

SATURDAY, JUNE 10: 9–11 A.M.

Learning To Pay Attention

This workshop will cover both technical and artistic aspects of taking better pictures. Attendees can expect to learn practical skills, and to develop better instincts for seeing the world around them.

The content is appropriate for photographers of all experience levels. Participants are welcome to bring their cameras.



**SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER!**



Craig Goodwin is an award-winning professional nature photographer based in Spokane, Washington. His work has been featured by National Geographic, Sunset Magazine, Washington Trails Association, and the Seattle Times, among others. His photography clients include the U.S. Tourism Board, U.S. National Park Service, Washington State Parks, the University of Washington, Oregon State University, and the University of Zurich in Switzerland. Craig specializes in night photography, wildlife, and natural landscapes. He travels the state of Washington doing art shows, and has a gallery space in downtown Spokane. Craig is also the author of "Year of Plenty," a book about the intersections of food and faith, and serves on the boards of Second Harvest Inland Northwest and Plant With Purpose, an international mission organization.





FROM OUR INTERIM PASTOR

REV. JANET SONNANBURG

What a privilege it is to be with you this summer while your pastor is away on his well-deserved sabbatical. Or perhaps I should say it is a privilege to be back with you, since I served MVPC in a temporary capacity several years ago. It's nice to see some familiar faces again, as well as to make new acquaintances. I appreciate the warm welcome I have already received from many of you.

As you likely know, I am here on a part time basis (roughly 19/week). I plan to be in the office Tuesdays and Wednesdays, between 11:00 and 5:00, with the remaining hours spent in meetings, Sunday worship, sermon prep at home, etc. Since I may have an occasional lunch or meeting away from the church, it's always a good idea to call ahead if you would like to see me.

My first week in the pulpit is June 4th, Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. The following Sunday, I will begin a seven-week series on the parables, drawing on some of these found in the Gospel of Matthew. I enjoy plumbing passages from Scripture, seeking to discover, and then to share, their meaning for us. Through their rich symbolism, the parables offer insights into some of the key teachings of Jesus.

I look forward to the months ahead, to being with you in worship, sharing God's Word, and to partnering with the session and the deacons in providing leadership during Pastor Dan's absence.

Peace and grace,
Pastor Janet

Contact Information during Pastor Dan's Sabbatical

Pastor Dan will be on Sabbatical June 1 through Sept 1.

During this time the leadership of the church will be the responding body for personal pastoral care and other concerns of the church. The deacons are prepared to provide pastoral and spiritual care if you have that need. If you have a situation you would normally talk to Pastor Dan about during this time, you may call or text the church office during regular office hours to be connected to the appropriate person. Otherwise, contact Ward Ernst, moderator of the deacons, and he will arrange a contact for you.

This is a special time of retreat and refreshment for our pastor, and it is a blessing for the Deacons to provide for our congregation and support Pastor Dan in this way. Ward's phone number is (406) 868-2944 and his email is wardernst@gmail.com. The MVPC office number is (360) 424-7675.

Regular office hours during the summer are Tuesday-Friday, 9-3.

The office will be staffed by volunteers on Mondays from 10-2 and while Michelle is on vacation.



CONGREGATIONAL HIKE

Our first Congregational Hike is
Sunday, June 4 after church.
Bring a lunch and we'll drive to Bowman Bay
at Deception Pass and hike the Lighthouse &
Lottie point loop; about 2 miles.

SUMMER HIKE SURVEY

Please help us plan our congregational hikes
this summer by filling out the survey posted
on our website:
www.MountVernonPres.org/summer-hikes

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE MOST RECENT STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

At the May 16, 2017, Stated Meeting of the Session, the following occurred:

- The meeting convened at 5:30pm in the Fireside Room with fellowship and dinner.
- Following dinner members offered prayers of thanksgiving for both personal and church related aspects of their lives.
- Jodie Kercheval, candidate for the Youth and Family Ministries Director, spoke of her vision for the ministry; followed by questions from session members.
- The Session approved the following policy regarding the collection of offerings at Sunday Worship: The Deacon of the Day will choose ushers to collect the offering and, together with one of the ushers, will deliver the collection to the file cabinet located in the Finance Office.
- The Session approved the hiring of Jodie Kercheval as Youth and Family Ministries Director commencing September 1, 2017.
- Clerk Howard announced plans to leave office as of 12/31/17.
- The Session noted the following scheduled events:
 - Elders and deacons elected during Called Congregational Meeting on May 21, 2017.
 - Elder/Deacon Training to be held 5/23, 5/30, and 6/13. Sessions will run from 6:30pm to 8:30pm each day.
 - New Elders and Deacons will be examined by the Session on 6/20/17 at the stated meeting.
 - New Elders and deacons will be installed on 6/20/17.
 - There will be a Summer Event featuring Graham Kerr and his book, The Gathering Place on July 29, 2017 to encourage hospitality to our geographical neighbors and co-workers in Mission and Service.
- The Session approved the addition of Bob Wygal, Mary Ellen Byerly, and Rita Vander Stoep as members of the Stewardship Committee plus the scoping process for developing options for the building and grounds of MVPC.

Tom Howard
Clerk of Session

MVPC Elders

Patti Allen	Anne Long
Arlene Andersen	Bob Mitchell
Bill DeHon	David Neal
Steve Hansen	Pat Papadopoulos
Molly Howard	George Ridgeway
Gary Jones	

Rev. Dan Holland, Moderator

Ministry Area Assignments

Worship	Membership & Evangelism
Anne Long	Molly Howard
Discipleship	David Neal
Patti Allen	Mission
Steve Hansen	Gary Jones
Ministry Support	George Ridgeway
Bill DeHon	Hospitality
Pat Papadopoulos	Arlene Andersen
	Bob Mitchell

MVPC Deacons

Sandy Ball	Tracy Hall
Mary Ellen Byerly	Ted Langrehr
Jim Byron	Ruth Neal
Laurel Coalwell	Pete Papadopoulos
Madeline DeLia	Sumiko Shinozaki
Ward Ernst	Rita Vander Stoep

Ward Ernst, Moderator

Elected Elders

To Be Installed July 2017

Patti Allen, Becky Goodell,
Rob Hall, Bob Higbee

Elected Deacons

To Be Installed July 2017

Brian Anderson, Sarah Catton,
Colleen Higbee, Toni Hulbert



PRAYER

Would you like to join a group of prayer warriors?

We have a small but dedicated group that meets every Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library. You are always welcome to come pray with us. There is no right or wrong way to pray, so don't feel intimidated. You don't have to come every week—come when your schedule permits.

Would you like prayers, for you or someone you know? Email prayers.mvpc@gmail.com and you will be prayed for during this time as well as throughout the week. You can also write your prayer request on the Friendship Register on Sunday mornings and they will be forwarded to the Prayer Team.

Talk to Pat Papadopoulos if you have any questions about the Prayer Team, or just about praying in general.

Knitting/Crochet Fellowship

4th Wednesday of the month at noon in the Fireside Room

All are welcome to join, regardless of your knitting or crocheting expertise (or lack thereof)!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

1-Judie Mellott	12-Bavon Olwete
2-Joanne Thomas	Jett Weston
3-Ted & Meredith Kostek	13-Ernie Eerkes
5-Betty Washer	18-Bob Higbee
7-Jan Eerkes	20-Bob & Glenda Mitchell
7-Bill & Jan DeHon	23-Aaron Daut
9-Mabel Long	24- Dick Johnson
Katie Thomas	Virgil Parker
9-Don & Margo Wortham	Carolyn Wortham
10-Ron Vander Stoep	25-Linda Walser
11-Bob Rauch	26-Colleen Higbee
Don Riedel	Tom Long
11-Bob & Colleen Higbee	Gordon Mau & Dee Jobe
David & Ruth Neal	28-Iva Rauch
	29-Jim & Jean Byron

Are we missing your special date?

Please contact the church office at MVPC@MountVernonPres.org, or call or text 360-424-7675 so we can celebrate with you!

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us on the 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in Good Shepherd Hall for a delicious home-cooked breakfast and great conversation. If you have any questions about Men's Breakfast, please speak to Bob Wygal.

Women's Fellowship

The good fellowship, coffee, tasty refreshments, and warm fireplace go along with the spiritual lift on the 4th Saturday of the month. *Come and see!*

All are welcome @ 9:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Want to keep up with what's going on at MVPC? Check out the calendar that's posted on our website!
<http://www.mountvernonpres.org/calendar/>

IT'S BACK!

Birthday Sunday at MVPC has returned!

Everyone enjoys celebrating their Birthday and the Deacons are making that happen.

On the last Sunday of each month during Fellowship time there will be a large Birthday cake in honor of all that had a Birthday that month.

Come, join in, and enjoy the festivities.

If the church office doesn't have your birthday, please send an email to mvpc@MountVernonPres.org so you can be honored on Birthday Sunday!

CAPTURE THE MOMENT:

CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION

Our congregation is participating in a Spiritual Renewal program called
Capture The Moment: Photography as a Spiritual Practice.

How does it work? Each week we are featuring a theme related to the scripture and sermon for our photography. We, as a congregation, can send pictures we take to Michelle at: mvpcc@MountVernonPres.org Each week during offering these photos will be featured in a photo montage. Your name will not be attached to the photo shown in worship.

You may use your own camera, or we have 3 cameras available to check-out in the church office for you to use if you prefer. When you are finished taking pictures for the week, you may bring them back to the church office so Michelle can copy the pictures from the camera to use in the photo montage on Sunday.

Our weekly themes so far are as follows:

June 11: Growth	July 2: Hidden Treasure
June 18: Father's Day	July 9: Freedom
June 25: Perspective	July 16: Work
	July 23: Talent/VBS

We are excited to see what God is showing to each of you in your daily lives!



3 BOOK REVIEWS FROM OUR DIVERSE LIBRARY COLLECTION

Relationships by Leslie and Les Parrott

If you like to reflect on the quality of your connections, this easy, quick read will meet your need. It is clear and direct without psycho-jargon. The authors co-direct the Center for Relational Development at Seattle Pacific University.

Bedside Manners by Kate Maxwell

Find this small book for ways to offer your best to the ill and shut-in folks we serve. Author Maxwell helps the reader understand why visiting at bedside is difficult. Contents are organized under useful headings and scriptural references are in the appendix for excellent guidance. Bedside Manners is a treasure in our library.



The Search For Significance by Robert McGee

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2) sums up McGee's book in one line of scripture. Chapter by chapter he uncovers our human weaknesses and describes how to overcome them by putting Christ first. Spend time with this book and you will find yourself in the pages.



Children, Youth, & Family ~ Summer 2017

Sign up to volunteer with Vacation Bible School,
Summer Sunday School, or Summer Youth Group!
Talk with Jodie, CYF Summer Interim ASAP!



SUNDAYS

Summer Nursery 10 am to Noon Sundays - Birth to Incoming Kindergarteners

A time for the youngest kids to play! Kids enjoy a craft, snack, and play time with their friends!

Summer Sunday School during 10:30 am Worship - Incoming 1st to 6th Graders

6/4	Be Strong and Courageous	7/23	David Runs for His Life
6/11	Rahab the Brave	7/30	Abigail Saves the Day
6/18	Stones from the River	8/6	David Rules
6/25	The Walls Go Tumblin' Down	8/13	Showdown on Mount Carmel
7/2	Deborah-Barak-Jael-Oh, My	8/20	Elijah Runs Away
7/9	A King's the Thing	8/27	The Amazing Discovery of King Josiah
7/16	An Unlikely Choice for King	<i>Save the Date: Fall Kick Off Sunday, Sep. 10th!</i>	

FAMILY NIGHT *Picnics at the Parks* Every Other Wed 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Everyone is invited as families meet every other Wednesday at a local park for a picnic and fellowship time! Talk with Jodie if you want to be on the email list to find out the plan before each picnic. Picnics will be on June 21st, July 5th, August 2nd, and August 16th. No meeting July 19th due to Vacation Bible School.

YOUTH GROUP *Email Jodie@MountVernonPres.org if you plan to come!*

6/1	Youth at Friendship House	7/20	Thursday VBS Youth Lunch Out
6/25-6/26	Youth Campout! Sign Up today!	7/21	VBS Volunteering Fun Night 6 to 7 pm
7/6	Youth at Friendship House	7/30	Youth Midsummer Lunch & Activity
7/16	VBS Volunteer Lunch & Training	8/3	Youth at Friendship House
7/17-7/21	VBS Volunteering 9 am to Noon	8/20	Youth End of Summer Lunch & Activity

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *9am to Noon July 17th to 21st*

"Discover Your Strength in God" with Crafts, Story, Science, Music, and Games for Preschool to 6th grade.

Co-Hosted by Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist (Host)

\$10 Pre Registration / \$20 at Door, plus a free Family Fun Night on Friday, July 21st at 6 pm!

Print out the Registration at MountVernonPres.org or pick one up at MVPC or FUMC! Sign up today!

"Like Us" on facebook.com/MVPCCChildrenYouthandFamilyMinistry
Questions? Email Jodie@MountVernonPres.org or call 360.424.7675

Receiving Bibles during Worship



REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS @ MVPC:

- Prayer Group:** Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Library
- Small Groups:** Call the church to get connected to a small group!
- Family Night:** Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at MVPC
- Youth Group:** 3rd Sundays, noon-1:30 in the Great Room
- Chancel Choir:** Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m.
- Glorify!:** Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Senior Shepherds:** Third Tuesday of the month at noon.
- Tea @ 2:** Last Thursday of the month at 2 p.m. in the Fireside Room
- Women's Fellowship:** Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
- Men's Breakfast:** Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
- Deacons Meeting:** 1st Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
- Worship Team Meeting:** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at noon
- Finance Committee:** 2nd Tuesday at 5 p.m.
- Mission Team Meeting:** 2nd Wednesday at noon
- Personnel Committee:** 3rd Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.
- Session Meeting:** 3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

THE SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT MVPC ...

9:00 ADULT EDUCATION HOUR

ADULT CLASSES:

The Bible Class

Join teacher Bob Rauch for an in-depth exploration of the Bible. This class is a discussion-based study and meets in the Conference Room. No prior Bible experience required.

KIDS PROGRAMS:

Nursery - Birth to preschool age kids enjoy playing together.

Creative Kids - Kids express their faith through art, music, and drama.

10:30 WORSHIP AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Nursery / Seeds Sunday School - Birth to preschool age kids are introduced to Bible Stories

Sprouts Sunday School - kindergarten-2nd Grade (begin in worship) journey through the Bible.

Saplings Sunday School for 3rd - 5th Grade (begin in worship) journey through Christianity.

11:45 FELLOWSHIP TIME: Please stay to enjoy treats and good conversation!

