

REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS @ MVPC:

- Centering Prayer:

Tuesdays at 9 am in Pastor Dan’s office
- Intercessory 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
- Creative Kids:

Sundays, 9-10 am in the Great Room
- Youth Group:

4th 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.
- Tea @ 2:

Last Thurs 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

THE SUNDAY SCHEDULE AT MVPC ...

- 9:00 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR

The Bible Class

An in-depth exploration of the Bible through discussion-based study for adults in the Conference Room.

Creative Kids

Kids of all ages express their faith creatively in the Great Room. October: Art and Hand Bells.
- 10:30 WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

SEEDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

Preschoolers are introduced to Bible Stories in the Nursery.

SPROUTS SUNDAY SCHOOL

K to 2nd graders journey through the Bible. Begin in Worship.

SPROUTS SUNDAY SCHOOL

3rd to 5th graders study the New Testament. Begin in Worship.

SEEKERS (2ND & 4TH SUN)

Middle School Youth seek meaning in Paul’s letters. Begin in Worship.

EXPLORERS (2ND & 4TH SUN)

High School Youth explore the Gospels. Begin in Worship.
- 11:45 FELLOWSHIP TIME:

Please stay to enjoy treats and good conversation!
- *Nursery Care Available 9 am to Noon.



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The Grapevine

I am the vine; You are the branches.

John 15:5

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THE NEXT STEP —
STEWARDSHIP 2017

From the moment we enter the world to the moment we leave it, each of us is on a journey. For some people the journey takes them to exotic locations and far off lands, for others the journey may never stray too far from home. But no matter where your journey of life has taken you, somehow we’ve ended up together for at least this part of our journey. If you’re reading this, you are most likely already a friend or member of MVPC (and if you’re not, we encourage you to become one!) And one of the things that we hold onto as we journey together is that God still speaks. God speaks into our world and into our lives. The Holy Spirit has the power to move us... literally and metaphorically. And in the person of Jesus Christ we’re shown both the character of God and the model for our own lives.

With the church engaging in a season of discernment, we thought that it would be appropriate to select “*The Next Step*” as our stewardship theme this year. From October 22nd through November 12th, in worship, we’ll be using Biblical stories of journeys as starting points to reflect on the next step in our own journey; whether that comes as a step into purposeful devotion, intentional relationship, generous giving, dedicated service, or whatever faithful step you’re invited to take. On our journey, individually and collectively, we all have things to learn, challenges we endure and joys we get to celebrate. It’s a pretty wonderful thing that we don’t go through it alone. As the body of Christ we get to walk alongside one another to share and to discern these next steps together.

You’re Invited ...

Save the Date! The **Annual Giving Thanks Lunch November 12, 2017** An organizational meeting for volunteers will be held October 15th in the Great Room after worship. Please contact Patti Allen (pattia7@gmail.com) or George Ridgeway (4george30@comcast.net) to sign up or for more information about event.

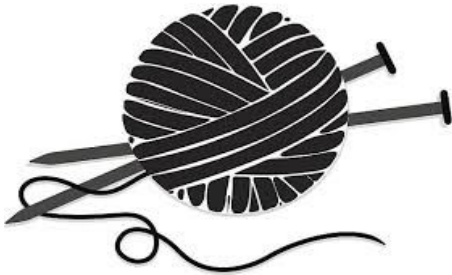
A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE SEPTEMBER STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

Regular Session Meeting September 19, 2017


- Opened with prayer.
 - Shared sabbatical insights.
 - Elected Ward Ernst clerk of session.
 - Approved job description for Ministry Facilitator & Office Coordinator (MFOC).
 - Approved top salary offer for MFOC.
 - Tabled Underground Ministries office space proposal, and will invite Chris Hoke and Neaners to next meeting to speak about it.
 - Approved to pay roof repair overage out of maintenance operating account.
 - Moved November session meeting date to November 28.
 - Set session retreat for January 20, 2018 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.
 - Closed with prayer.
- Ward Ernst, Clerk of Session



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/>



Knitting/Crochet Fellowship
The MVPC Knitting Group meets in the Fireside Room from Noon to 1 pm on the 4th Thursday of every month for fellowship and fun. All levels welcome - we will teach anyone who wants to learn! Talk with Patti Allen to find out more!



Would you like to join our prayer group?

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.

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

Join us in October on the 4th Saturday of the month at 9 a.m.!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October



2-Patti Allen	
3-Eddy Weston	
4-John Shultz	
8-Cameron and Courtney Hazelwood	13-Susan Schlumberger
Sarah Thomas	27-Don & Susan Schlumberger
12- Ginny Howe	

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!



John Cheney’s Memorial Service

Is Saturday, October 7th at 2 pm.

HEARING THE WORSHIP SERVICE

Are you having troubles hearing during service? If so, come to the sound desk before service! We have hearing devices available that can work with your T-Coil hearing aids or independently of any other hearing assist devices.



What's Happening for Youth October 2017

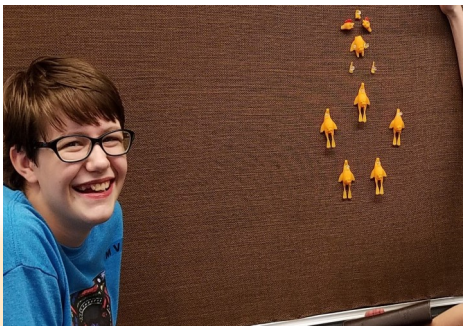
Youth Classes!

In September we kicked off two new classes during the latter half of Worship: Seekers for middle schoolers and Explorers for high schoolers. Seekers is studying the letters of Paul, and Explorers is looking at the Gospels. Classes are on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, now through June 10.



Youth Group!

All youth are welcome to join our monthly youth group gathering! We have pizza, an activity, and discuss topics relevant to today's youth and world. And then there are the chickens...



PUMPKIN PARTY OCTOBER 25!

YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE ALL CHURCH PUMPKIN PARTY (SEE BELOW). WE WILL SHARE A POTLUCK DINNER, MAKE ANIMAL EAR HEADBANDS AND CARVE PUMPKINS. FRIENDS ARE WELCOME! TREATS AND FAMILY FUN!

Coming Up ...

Sun., Oct. 8	Seekers	Library	Start in 10:30 Worship
	Explorers	Great Room	Start in 10:30 Worship
Sun., Oct. 22	Seekers	Library	Start in 10:30 Worship
	Explorers	Great Room	Start in 10:30 Worship
	Youth Group	Great Room	12:00—1:30
Wed., Oct. 25	Pumpkin Party	Good Shepherd Hall	5:30-7:00
Sun., Nov. 5	Seekers	Library	Start in 10:30 Worship
	Explorers	Great Room	Start in 10:30 Worship

Questions? Please contact Jodie Kercheval, Director of Youth & Family Ministries.
360-424-7675 or Jodie@MountVernonPres.org

A SEASON OF *Discernment*

According to Suzanne Farnham, in her book titled *Grounded in God*, “Discernment is more than saying prayers that ask God to guide us in rational consideration of matters. It is a mode of prayer that involves opening our entire selves to the working of the Holy Spirit. It bids us to let go of preconceived ideas so that we can be open to new possibilities with a readiness to view things from new perspectives. Discernment beckons us to be still and listen with the ear of our heart. It draws us into alignment with God.”

The process we’re entering into with Renewal Ministries begins in earnest this Saturday! Please plan to come and be part of discerning MVPC’s future. On Saturday, based on the prayer life of Jesus, we will explore and learn about *Abiding Prayer and Listening Prayer and Denise Easter, who is one of the pastors from Renewal Ministries will instruct us in the process of communal discernment we’ll be using over the course of the next few months as we ask for and allow God’s desire for MVPC to become our desire, and then we seek to follow where God’s leading us.*

Renewal Ministries outlines the process in four phases:

1. Teach and Equip: all members and friends of the congregation are welcome and encouraged to participate. **This Saturday September 30th.**
2. Preparation for Discernment: by Elders, Deacons, staff and other self-identified leadership of the church will identify how MVPC has been uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit and will frame the question for discernment through a process of Appreciative Inquiry – **October 14th.**
3. Communal Discernment: all members and friends of the congregation will listen together for what God is saying to us in response to the question that is before us. After we have discerned what God is saying, we listen together for *how God is calling us to act on what we have heard.* – **November 18th.**
4. Communal Discernment: The leadership of the church will distill the results of the congregation’s discernment and develop a plan of action based on further discerning *how God is calling us to act on what we have heard.* – **December 2nd.**

Please mark the appropriate dates on your calendar and plan to participate in discerning God’s call to MVPC!



Oct 2017 Children and Family Ministries

October Sunday School Lessons

	<u>Seeds (Preschool)</u>	<u>Sprouts (K-2nd)</u>	<u>Saplings (3rd-5th)</u>
	<i>Meets in Nursery</i>	<i>Begin in Worship</i>	<i>Begin in Worship</i>
October 1st	Noah's Ark	A New Beginning (p.38)	World of New Testament
October 8th	Isaac	Son of Laughter (p.56)	Births of John and Jesus
October 15th	Joseph	Forgiving Prince (p.76)	Jesus' Childhood
October 22nd	Moses (Burning Bush)	God to the Rescue (p.84)	Jesus' Baptism/Tempt
October 29th	Moses (Red Sea)	God Makes a Way (p.92)	Fifth Sunday Worship

Creative Kids

Sundays 9 am to 10 am in the Great Room. Kids of all ages express their faith creatively. Talk to Rebecca if you are interested in signing up or if you would like to teach a class or two.

Art Sessions September 24th and October 1st - Creating Meaningful Art for the Church Hall.
Hand Bells! October 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th - Sharing song in worship on 10/29.
Christmas Program Coming in November and December! In need of Adult Volunteers!



Pumpkin Party

Wednesday, October 25th 5:30 to 7 pm
in the MVPC Great Room.

Potluck dinner, games, and pumpkin carving! Everyone

Women's Christmas Dessert at MVPC

Our first planning meeting for the

Third Annual Christmas Dessert

Is scheduled before services on October 8th in the library

from 9 to 10 am.

Childcare provided

There are many opportunities to be a volunteer. Please consider joining the planning meeting. Decorating a table, (or two), helping decorators on set-up day, ticket sales, helping to take tickets at the door and much more. Contact the chair, Toni Hulbert, at 360 708-1066 or the church office.

If the last two years are an example, the tables will be beautiful! We would like at least 15 tables so we can invite our women friends for a festive evening of Christmas music, guest speaker and Christmas memories.

Signing up for table decorators will be very soon so put on your thinking caps.

The Dessert will be on December 7th, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Good Shepard Hall.

Time to put this date on your calendar!

A big "thank you!" goes out to all of the fabulous volunteers who helped with the garage sale in September! We made \$3000!



**Blood Drive, Tuesday,
October 10th from
10:30 to 4:30**



Operation Christmas Child

We can start gathering items for the children's Christmas shoeboxes. Plans are already in motion for this year's Operation Christmas Child! Check the Sunday Bulletin for announcements.

Any questions? Talk to Barb Hazelwood.