



# The Grapevine

*I am the vine; You are the branches.*  
John 15:5

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## *Palm Sunday Worship*

10:30 a.m.

## *Maundy Thursday Worship*

April 18th 7:00 p.m.

## *Easter Worship*

April 21 @ 10:30 a.m.

### **Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday April 20th

10 am - Games and More!

11 am - Egg Hunts by ages!

Co-hosted at Mount Vernon  
Presbyterian with First United  
Methodist, Trinity Lutheran  
and TLC Preschool.

### **Hosting the Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt Needs**

- ◆ Saturday April 20th we need
  - Egg Hiders from 8-9 am
  - Egg guards from 9-11 am
  - Games/Crafts/Activity Helpers from 9:15-11:15 am
- ◆ Please talk with Rebecca Holland, Director of Children and Family Ministries if you can help. See page 4 for more details.

More small wrapped candy for the Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt is needed. MVPC share of eggs to stuff for the estimated 1000 participants is 3000 eggs. Please bring candy to the church office by Sunday April 14th when we'll have our egg stuffing party before and after worship. Thank you!

## Families Visit Mr. Gary's farm and the lambs



## Tall Timber Men's Retreat March 2019

This year's Men's Retreat at Tall Timber was sponsored by North Creek PC. It was supported by over 40 men from NCPC and three other churches; MVPC, Lake Forrest Park PC & Calvin PC. What a weekend; 3-1/2 ft. of snow, blue skies with white clouds, sunshine & 59 degrees. Most of all, we were blessed by messages that our own Graham Kerr shared with us about his walk in faith. Our collective time together in fellowship is always uplifting and filled with the joyful Spirit of our Lord and meeting new friends. It was a very blessed experience and one that I, for one, will enjoy again next year. You are invited to join us as the reservation is already set for March 20-22, 2020. We hope to achieve a goal of 80 attendees this time. Please plan to be there with us.

See Bruce Lavers for details.



**SAVE THE DATE** On Sunday, May 19th at 2 pm we will have an Inter-generational Spring Tea in Good Shepherd Hall for all ages of our church to get to know each other better while enjoying a fancy tea party. Please talk with Rebecca if you are interested in being a part of the fancy food team (you can be on the team and also attend the tea) or if you have a nice teapot, a multi-tiered serving tray, pretty teacups with matching saucers, or pretty tea plates we could use for this event.



## Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

We are already starting to plan this Summer's Vacation Bible School which will happen July 15th to 19th from 9 am to Noon. Please let Rebecca Holland know if you are interested in being a part of the amazing team of volunteers who have fun spreading God's love to kids! This year's theme is "To Mars and Beyond—Explore where God's Power can Take You!"

## MVPC Church Leadership 2019

### Feasibility Questionnaires

Please pick up a feasibility questionnaire in the narthex Sunday April 7th. They need to be completed and mailed to The Enrichment Group by April 26th. Bring to the church office for mailing.

		Class Year	Ministry Area	Deacons		Class Year
Patti	Allen	2020	Worship	Laurel	Coalwell	2019
Lou	Cheney	2021	Worship	Madeline	DeLia	2019
Bob	Rauch	2020	Discipleship	Tracy	Hall	2019
Chris	Hoke	2021	Discipleship	Pete	Papadopulos	2019
Sandy	Ball	2019	Hospitality	Brian	Anderson	2020
Steve	Hansen	2019	Hospitality	Sarah	Catton	2020
Pat	Papadopulos	2019	Evang/Member	Colleen	Higbee	2020
Anne	Long	2021	Evang/Member	Toni	Hulbert	2020
Becky	Goodell	2020	Mission/Service	Danya	Wolf	2021
Bill	DeHon	2019	Mission/Service	Ruth	Neal	2021
Bob	Higbee	2020	Ministry Support	Vacant		2021
Bruce	Lavers	2021	Ministry Support	Vacant		2021

### Notes from March Session meeting

- Received the reports of committees and ministry areas.
  - Kitchen compliance project is close to completion; the design/cost of a new workstation & sink is to be finalized.
  - A furnace replacement project is being evaluated.
  - Completed successful tests for the emergency & exit lights/signs and fire extinguishers.
  - Grounds maintenance led by Dan Long, have work parties planned.
  - Kitchen cleanup, led by Sarah Catton is started.
  - A new filing system for buildings/grounds is being organized for the front office.
- Worship is planning for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter worship services
- The nominating committee has begun the work of looking for 3 Elders, 6 Deacons, 2 Endowment, and 1 Nominating committee members.
- The feasibility study approved by session is underway.
- Approved updating the employee handbook replacing “compensatory time” with a flex time policy.
- Called a session meeting for Sunday 4/14 to receive new members who will be recognized in worship on Easter.

### Get to Know Session Members



My name is Bob Higbee and it is a pleasure to serve as one of your Elders at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. Colleen and I moved to Mount Vernon from Snohomish County in 2015 and joined MVPC in the fall of 2016. We have been married 51 years and have lived in Pullman, WA where I completed a degree in Electrical Engineering, in Dallas, TX where we started our family and back in western Washington State ever since. We have two daughters, a son and six grandchildren ages 8 through 23.

I grew up in the Presbyterian Church in Illinois, South Dakota and Whatcom County here in Washington. Colleen and I have been members of Methodist, Evangelical Covenant and Presbyterian churches. I believe MVPC to be one of the healthiest Christian communities I have known with a wealth of talent and personal commitment. I look forward to a future here of continuing personal and community spiritual growth and service.

## Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt Planning

Please consider being a part of MVPC hosting the Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 20th (along with Trinity Lutheran Church and Preschool and First United Methodist Church). It's a huge event with hundreds of families and we need everyone's help! In addition to bringing in small wrapped candy to the office for the Easter Eggs (we will stuff Easter Eggs on Sunday, April 14th after worship), please sign up in the church office to:



- Donate cookies for the cookie walk and bring them in to the kitchen by noon on 4/19.
- Help hide eggs from 8 to 9 am on 4/20. We need a number of people!
- Help guard eggs from 9 to 11 am on 4/20. You can bring a chair so you'll be comfortable.
- Help with games and activities from 9:15 to 11:15 am on 4/20.

You'll be a part of a fun team of volunteers!

**M.A.L.T. Event** April 28th @ 2pm Skagit Valley Chorale

Tickets \$14 on sale Sunday April 7th before church. A no host dinner following the performance.



## NIGHT AT THE NURSERY

Proceeds to Benefit Family Promise of Skagit Valley

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019**  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**SKAGIT VALLEY GARDENS**  
18923 PETER JOHNSON ROAD, MOUNT VERNON, WA

Join us for a fun, private event featuring:

- \* Drinks, desserts and appetizers plus a cash bar
- \* 30% off one item the evening of the event
- \* 20% of nursery sales will support Family Promise

**TICKETS: \$25**  
Order online: <https://fpnight.bpt.me>

## Children of the Valley After School Program invites you to our annual Cinco de Mayo, Art Auction, and Dinner on May 3, 2019 from 5:30-9:00pm at Maplehurst Farm in Mount Vernon.

Children of the Valley is a non-profit after school program serving low-income students in the Mount Vernon School District most in need of academic support and social and emotional development. As an independent 501c3, our program relies solely on the contributions of private donors, foundations, and grants. Our annual fundraiser provides an opportunity to engage the community to learn about the program, the students we serve, and to garner support. Our fundraiser will include a Silent Auction with art produced by well known Skagit Valley artists and COV children, dinner catered by COA Mexican Restaurant, and music by a local student Mariachi Group!

Tickets are \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door

Purchase tickets online at: [charityauction.bid/childrenofthevalley](http://charityauction.bid/childrenofthevalley) **OR** in person at Bethany Covenant Church  
1318 S 18th St, Mount Vernon, WA 98274

# April 2019 Children and Family Ministries



## Godly Play

Begin in Worship  
Kindergarten to 5th Grade  
Story - Reflection - Prayer

4/7 - Jesus' Desert and Discovery  
4/14 - Jesus Offers the Bread and Wine  
4/21 - Jesus is Easter  
4/28 - The Synagogue & Upper Room

## Church Nursery

Sundays 9 am to Noon  
Drop Off & Pick Up  
Play - Story - Craft



4/7 - The Last Supper p. 286  
4/14 - Garden of Gethsemane p. 294  
4/21 - Easter Sunday p. 310  
4/28 - The Ascension p. 318

## MVPC Kid's Choir



Usually 1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
(Not 4/3 due to Spring Break)  
5:30 to 6ish - Singing!  
6ish to 6:30 - Potluck Dinner  
*Talk with Rebecca to sign up!*

## Family Small Group

2nd and 4th Sundays 5 to 6 pm  
4:30 to 5 pm - *Optional Bonus Play Time*  
5 to 5:30 pm - Pizza, Salad, & Dessert  
5:30 to 6 pm - Share & Prayer  
(Plus Lenten Study in March and April)



*Talk with Rebecca if your family is interested in joining this committed small group.*

## Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th at 10 am

**Everyone is invited for games, crafts, face painting, bunny photos and more at 10 am. Egg hunts by ages will start at 11 am. Co-hosted at MVPC with First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, and TLC Preschool. See you there!**

## Save the Dates:

-MAY 19th : Intergenerational Spring Tea  
-JUNE 15th: Summer Kick Off BBQ  
-JULY 15th to 19th: VBS Day Camp!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Holland, Director of Children and Family Ministries.

# Youth & Family Ministries

April 2019



## Fun Fridays!

Apr 26 6:30—8:30 pm	Movie Night! <u>The Blind Side</u>
May 24 6:30—8:30 pm	Movie Night! <u>Jumanji</u>
June 28 6:30—8:30 pm	Movie Night! (tbd)

Movie Nights are held at the home of our Youth & Family Ministries Director. Please contact Jodie or the church office for more information.

All youth are invited, and, as usual, friends are welcome to come too!

## Regularly Scheduled Youth Programs

### **Seekers (MS) & Explorers (HS) Youth Classes:**

Students are excused from worship to their classes on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month to study the Bible. April 14 & 28.

**Youth Group:** 12-1:30 in the Great Room on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month. Middle & high school students enjoy lunch, engage in fellowship, and celebrate our faith through lessons, activities and prayer. April 14 & 28.

**Confirmation:** Meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month from 6-7pm. We reflect on the fundamentals of our faith and how that translates into a life committed to following Jesus. There will be no **Confirmation class on April 21 (Easter).**



# Youth Summer Camp Update!



## About Our Camp—Tall Timber



On the borders of the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area, lush mountain meadows, massive cedars, and glacial rivers give way to towering snow-capped peaks. The winds here are crisp, and the scent of conifers hangs in the air. Time slows down into an ancient and comfortable rhythm.

This is where you'll find Tall Timber.

Since 1957, Tall Timber has been providing camping and nature-based experiences for people of all ages, allowing the space for them to disconnect from the demands and distractions of life and to reconnect with what matters most.

MVPC youth are attending Jr. High Camp (entering 6-9): July 14—19.

To join our group, please see Jodie or contact the church office.

## Fundraising Continues!



We raise our registration fees together through multiple events, to ensure that everyone who would like to go to camp is able to attend. We are selling See's Candies with a focus on deliveries in time for Mother's Day! With a great slate of products and incentives for students, our Round 2 of fundraising makes a great gift for Mom—or a great treat for yourself!

Youth campers will also be hosting a bake sale/craft sale in May, we will have a home-sales vendor fundraising event in June, and our youth campers will share their experiences from camp at a luncheon fundraiser in July. Fun!

## Camper's Lunch Planning!



Our annual Camper's Lunch, where our campers will share some of their camp experiences with the congregation, is scheduled for Sunday, July 21 after worship. Please note that this is the Sunday directly following camp. Our first planning meeting will be after worship on Sunday, May 19 where we will plan the menu and assign volunteer roles. Campers and parents/guardians, please save the date!

# April Birthdays & Anniversaries

2-Sumiko Shinozaki

3-Bruce Cummings

Becky Goodell

6-Bev Wilson

6-*John & Leslie Braun*

7-Bill DeHon

9-Benjamin Holland

10-Rogan Milnor

12-Annie Gilbert

19-Jan DeHon

20-Meredith Kostek

Jillian Anderson

22-Ruth Neal

Anna Olsen



23-Leslie Braun

*Wayne & Chris Yerigan*

24-Sandy Ball

27-Mary Poppe

30-George Ridgeway

*30-Virgil & Debbie Parker*

## Women's Fellowship

Meets Saturday April 27th at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room.

The women have a message for you. God will give you a cool glass of water whenever you want one.

## April 6—Pruning and Weeding

Come anytime between 9am and 1pm. Bring your gardening gloves and your favorite pruning or weeding tool or use ours!



Vehicles to haul material to yard waste are appreciated.

## April 13—Planting and finish weeding/ Pruning

Come anytime between 9am and 12 pm. There is a memorial service in the afternoon. Help us plant and get ready for Easter.

Are we missing your special date?

Please contact the church office at [mvpvc@mountvernonpres.org](mailto:mvpvc@mountvernonpres.org) or call or text 360-424-7675 so we can celebrate with you!

**Men's Breakfast** meets the fourth Saturday April 27th for breakfast at 9:00 am in Good Shepherd Hall. Come experience fellowship and a great home-cooked breakfast.

## Thank you to:

- \* To the music programs for their spiritual and musical gifts in praising Our Lord.
- \* To all the Family Promise coordinators and helpers for their work.
- \* The outdoor and garden workers who are tidying up and maintaining the grounds.
- \* To Laurie Parker for dedication & work handling Payroll.
- \* To Beth Tacker and Anne Long for dedication & time in paying bills.
- \* To Ruth Neal for sending out Birthday cards.



If you would like to acknowledge your gratitude for someone's role in the church in next month's newsletter please email Barbara in the church office. [Office.mvpvc@gmail.com](mailto:Office.mvpvc@gmail.com)



# Prayer

Would You like to join a prayer group?

We have a small but dedicated group that meets to pray every Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 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. Centering Prayer, a form of contemplative prayer, is held on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 in Pastor Dan's office.

Would you like prayers, for you or someone you know?

Email [prayers.mvpc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Our heartfelt thanks to the Deacons and congregation of Mount Vernon Presbyterian for all the cards, thoughts, prayers and support in the loss of my daughter, Linda. Shirley Gilbert and Family**

Thank you from Family Promise

The following are accomplishments in 2018 because of the generous support:



- A new facility was opened, the Grace House, to serve pregnant mothers needing more time in the program. Grace House enables us to serve four more families at a time for a maximum of twelve families in the program.
- 118 individuals were served in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, 55 individuals in Promise House, and 5 pregnant mothers in Grace House.
- Remodeling was done in the day center, nursery and kitchen.
- Post stay and mentoring programs are continuing to develop.

## MVPC Knitting/Crafts

Bring your craft project and enjoy fellowship with other MVPC knitters, crocheters, and more on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of every month from Noon to 1 pm in the Great Room. Questions?

Talk with Patti Allen.



### From the MVPC library

For Lent

“Release and you will receive. It is a waiting space asking to be filled.”

Excerpt from *The Circle of the Spirit*, by Joan Walsh Anglund, and in your church library, shelved with ‘Devotionals’. As a source for Lenten renewal, it is rich.

## *Our Vision Statement*

**E**ncounter *The Hope*  
of the living God through Jesus Christ

**E**ngage *One Another*  
in authentic friendship

**E**mbrace *The World*  
with the heart and hands of Jesus

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS @ MVPC:

<b>Centering Prayer:</b>	Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Pastor Dan's office
<b>Intercessory Prayer Group:</b>	Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Library
<b>Small Groups:</b>	Call the church to get connected to a small group!
<b>Friendship House:</b>	First Thursday and second Tuesday @ Friendship House
<b>Family Small Group:</b>	Second and fourth Sundays 5:00-6:00; food, fellowship, fun
<b>Youth Group:</b>	2nd & 4th Sundays, Noon-1:30 in the Great Room
<b>Youth Movie Night:</b>	4th Fridays @ 6:30 pm
<b>Chancel Choir:</b>	Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 pm
<b>Kids Choir:</b>	1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 5:30—6:30
<b>Glorify!:</b>	Wednesdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
<b>Bell Choir practice:</b>	Mondays , 7:00-8:00 p.m.
<b>Tea @ 2:</b>	Last Thurs at 2 p.m. in Fireside Room (March through Sept)
<b>Women's Fellowship:</b>	Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
<b>Men's Breakfast:</b>	Fourth Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.
<b>Deacons Meeting:</b>	1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
<b>Personnel Committee:</b>	3rd Tuesday at 4:15 p.m.
<b>Session Meeting:</b>	3rd Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.
<b>Worship Team Meeting:</b>	1st Wednesday at noon
<b>Finance Committee:</b>	2nd Tuesday at 5 p.m. in library
<b>Mission Team Meeting:</b>	4th Sunday (Stay tuned for meeting time)
<b>CF Discernment Team:</b>	3rd Sunday of Oct, Jan, April & July 8:30-10 a.m.

## 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.

### 10:30 WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

**NURSERY** Preschoolers are introduced to Bible Stories.

**GODLY PLAY** (K through 5th) Begin in Worship and will be returned to parents at 11:45 during Fellowship time.

**SEEKERS & EXPLORERS** Youth (MS & HS) Begin in worship; dismissed on 2nd and 4th Sundays to classes.

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

**Noon—1:30 YOUTH GROUP** 2nd & 4th Sundays in the Great Room.

**\*Nursery Care Available 9 am to Noon.**

