



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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After 7 weeks of celebrating the season of Easter, and looking at how encountering the risen Christ transforms people and the world, this coming Sunday, the attention shifts as we celebrate Pentecost!

The Pentecost story from Acts has images of tongues of fire, a violent wind, people from all over the known world able to hear about God's power in their own language. Ultimately this story of the coming of the Holy Spirit is about the power of God made alive in God's people through the Holy Spirit. People often understand the celebration of Pentecost to be when the Holy Spirit first arrived on the scene - but that's not exactly right. The spirit of God is alluded to or specifically mentioned in lots of places in the scripture. We recall some of them regularly in worship; every baptism has a point where we remember when the spirit of God moved over the waters of creation. To recall others might require searching your memory; we don't often talk about the person who came to Job in the time of his distress proclaiming: "the Spirit of God made me and the breath of the almighty gives me life" or in the book of Judges where the spirit of the Lord came to Samson and he tore a lion apart with his bare hands. It's clear, though, that the Holy Spirit has been at work throughout the history of God's people.



As part of my preparation for Pentecost I looked at how the Holy Spirit works in scripture and what I noticed is that often, when the Spirit is explicitly present, people are empowered. They become able to do something that needs to be done for the benefit of the community, or people are able to hear something that they needed to hear in order to grow in their faith and in their understanding of God. In the Acts passage, the



Register your kids for VBS today!
Forms available online or in the church office.

Sign Up to Help with Vacation Bible School!

Get involved with VBS July 15th to 19th from 9 am to Noon by helping as at a station or with a group of kids. 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!"

coming of the Spirit allowed those who had a story to tell to speak: and it also allowed those who needed to hear the message to hear. And I wonder what happens for you, when you notice the Holy Spirit moving in your life? When you allow a little bit of space to pay attention to her work in you and in your circumstances? What might you hear to grow in your faith and understanding of God? What might you be empowered or invited to do?

Sometimes I'm concerned that as a culture and as a people we've forgotten how to listen for God's Spirit. There are so many other voices that try to drown that one out. Yet, I'm convinced that if we embrace a simple practice of making time to pay attention, it might just be revolutionary in teaching us how the Holy Spirit is still at work in lives of God's people. If we follow her invitation, we'll find ourselves exploring ways that will authentically connect us together and draw us into renewed depth of commitment to God's mission. As you prepare for Pentecost, know that that's my prayer - for each and for all of us together!

Grace and Peace to you,
Pastor Dan

Report of the Feasibility Study

In January of this year, Session contracted with Marc Rieke of [Enrichment Ministries](#) to conduct a feasibility study to explore whether pursuing a capital campaign in the fall of 2019 would be a good way to address deferred maintenance needs of our church building.

Sunday June 9th, immediately after worship, we will be having a congregational meeting to share the results of the feasibility study and to elect Elders and Deacons if there are further nominations.

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Thank You

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance appreciates those of you who prepared and supported the Gift of the Heart kits. We believe you are helping to offer not only essential supplies such as personal hygiene kits—but also hope. In 2018, more than 174,000 total kits, cleanup buckets and blankets were distributed internationally and in the United States. The neighbor you helped might be in Honduras, Puerto Rico, Syria, North Carolina, Serbia, or Florida among many other areas stricken by disaster. We encourage you to pray for these neighbors, that the enduring hope of Christ will be evident to them.

Family Promise Dates

We are hosting Family Promise this week **June 2nd—June 9th**. See the following people to volunteer.

Meals—Ruth Neal

Overnight Hosts—Gary Jones

Transport supplies—Lou Cheney

Thank you to all who help in both big and small ways!

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church is in search of a **Nursery Child Care Worker** for Sundays from 9 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Here is a link to the website information:

mountvernonpres.org/employment-opportunity

If you or someone you know would be interested please refer them to the website or the church office for more information. Ph 360-424-7675

MVPC Church Leadership 2019



		Class Year	Ministry Area			Class Year
Elders				Deacons		
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	Papadopoulos	2019
Sandy	Ball	2019	Hospitality	Brian	Anderson	2020
Steve	Hansen	2019	Hospitality	Sarah	Catton	2020
Pat	Papadopoulos	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 April Session meeting

- Received the financial reports. There is a positive difference through April 30, 2019 of \$21,037.12.
- Approved the use of Good Shepherd Hall for a Geneses Process Training Course (4 days in early October) by New Earth Recovery. In lieu of user cost recovery fees, they're offering to waive training fees for a few MVPC volunteers.
- Approved adding a Personal Professional Development Policy to the employee handbook.
- Approved a recommendation by Personnel to increase the rate of pay for nursery care workers.
- Approved continuing in contract with the enrichment Ministries
- Approved calling a Congregational Meeting for June 9th to share the feasibility study results with the congregation and for possible elections.
- Approved recruiting a Fundraiser Campaign Chairman and co-chair before June 9th.
- Listened to a short, compressed summary of a different way of governing our church in accordance with The Book of Order; the mission of "church", the function of Elder and the difference between leading and management of functions within the operation of the church.

Get to Know Elder Patti Allen

I was born in the Pacific Northwest at Sandpoint Naval Station and traveled for the next 13 years from duty station to duty station as a military dependent in the U.S Marine Corp. Our family came back to Mount Vernon as I entered eighth grade. I have been an active member since confirmation and the decision to become a member. I have two grown daughters who live in Ballard and Mukilteo. My youngest daughter is married and has two sons who I visit as often as I can. As my daughters entered college I went back for a teaching certificate. After a 29 year career in education as a teaching assistant and certified teacher I retired in 2014.

Since then I have found time to explore. I have always been musical and I feel the closeness of the Spirit of God when I hear music. I am learning to play the euphonium (beautiful sounding) with its sonorous tones. I have found a place to meditate in the music produced. I plan to share soon with my friend and former member, Meredith Kostek.



June 2019 Children and Family Ministries



Godly Play

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

6/2 - Knowing Jesus: Waiting

6/9 - Knowing Jesus: Pentecost

6/16 - Saul's Changes

6/23 - Paul's Travels and Letters

6/30 - 5th Sunday in Worship

MVPC Family Small Group



2nd and 4th Sundays

The MVPC Family Small Group will be meeting in backyards during the Summer for food, fellowship, and prayer on the 2nd and 4th Sundays! It's a great time to come check it out. Please let Rebecca know if your family is interested in finding out more!

Church Nursery

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



Graduation Sunday - June 9th

Students heading in to Kindergarten,
3rd Grade, 6th Grade, 9th Grade,
College, and Beyond will receive Bibles!

MVPC Family Summer Kick Off

Saturday, June 15th at 5 pm

Families are invited to the MVPC Annual Summer Kick Off at Miss Jodie's home for an evening of games, songs, and campfire fun! Dinner will be hot dogs and smores cooked over the campfire with a potluck of sides to share. Please RSVP with Jodie or Rebecca.

Be sure to thank the 2018-2019 Children's Ministry Volunteers

Mim Ambrose - Godly Play

Lou Cheney - Godly Play

Liz Cooksey - Godly Play

Becky Goodell - Godly Play

Gary Jones - Godly Play

Tracy Hall - Kid's Choir

Barbara Hazelwood - Nursery

Sarah Maas - Nursery

Megan Nash - Kid's Choir

Ruth Neal - Nursery

David Neal - Nursery

Darcy Olsen - Godly Play

Laurie Parker - Godly Play

Pat Schlect - Godly Play

Amanda Scoby - Nursery

Kurtis Scoby - Nursery

Pat Skelton - Nursery

Josh VerHalen - Kid's Choir

Margo Wortham - Godly Play

Please let me know if you'd like to help next year!

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

Youth & Family Ministries

June 2019



Regularly Scheduled Youth Programs

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

Students are excused from worship to their classes to study the Bible. Our last class of the program year is June 9.

Youth Group: Middle & high school students meet for food, fellowship, faith and fun. Our last gathering of the program year is June 9, 12:00—1:30 in the Great Room.

Summer Youth Group: Starting June 23, Middle & high school students are invited to attend Summer Youth Group on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month during worship. Our theme this summer is: Letting Your Light Shine!



Friday Movies!

June 28 6:30—8:30 pm	Movie Night! Jumanji
July 26 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!



Eden Cooksey creating
Easter Art

Seeking Summer Volunteers

If you're curious about what's going on with Youth & Family Ministries, volunteering to help is a great way to find out! This summer there are lots of opportunities to connect with youth and their families. Here are some of them:

- ✋ Be a helper in Summer Youth Group! We will meet Sundays during worship on these dates:
 - June 23
 - July 14 & 28
 - August 11
- ✋ Help plan and attend a hike, beach day, BBQ, bowling day or trip to the water slides.
- ✋ Help plan and attend the all day Youth Retreat on August 24.

Talk to Jodie for more information!

Youth & Family Ministries

June 2019



Youth Mission

At Youth Group on Sunday, June 23 we will be assembling Hygiene Kits for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program. We are looking for donations of the following items. Please put donations in the donation box in the office or email Jodie@MountVernonPres.org.

- Hand towels
- Washcloths
- Wide tooth combs
- Nail clippers
- Full sized bars of soap (in wrapper)
- Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- Adhesive bandage strips (bandaids)
- 1-gallon bags with zipper closures



Photo by Paul Jeffrey, ACT



Summer is Coming!

Save these dates to keep your youth and their friends connected!

☺ **June 9: Graduation Sunday during worship**

☺ **June 15: CYF Summer Kick-off BBQ, 5pm**

MVPC will provide hot dogs & trimmings and s'mores, and you bring potluck! All are welcome for food, fun and fellowship! Held at Jodie's house; contact the office for directions.

☺ **June 28: Youth Movie Night, 6:30pm**

☺ **July 14-19: Tall Timber Jr. High Camp**

☺ **July 21: Campers' Lunch, after worship**

☺ **July 26: Youth Movie Night**

☺ **July 28—Aug 3: Tall Timber Sr.. High Camp**

☺ **Aug 24: Youth Retreat, all day!**



Youth on a Nature Walk



2018 CYF Summer Kickoff BBQ

Thank you to:

- Thank you to everyone who helped make the first Annual MVPC Intergenerational Spring Tea wonderful.
- Thank you to Bob Rauch for years of leadership of the Sunday Morning Bible Study. It's a great community and challenging class.
- Thank you to Dan Long for heading up the Grounds portion of the new Buildings and Grounds team.
- Thank you to Bob, Bruce and Bill for seeing the kitchen compliance project through to completion and for managing the furnace replacement!
- Thank you to Jodie, Patti and Gary for leading the confirmation course!
- Thanks to the Bell Choir for the dedication to bring an added element to worship



First
Annual
Intergenerational
Spring Tea



June Birthdays & Anniversaries

5-Betty Washer	24-Dick Johnson
7-Jan Eerkes	Virgil Parker
<i>7-Bill & Jan DeHon</i>	Carolyn Wortham
9-Mabel Long	25-Linda Walser
<i>9-Don & Margo Wortham</i>	26-Colleen Higbee
10-Ron Vander Stoep	Tom Long
11-Lynn Grobschmidt	<i>Gordon Mau & Dee Jobe</i>
Bob Rauch	28-Iva Rauch
Don Riedel	<i>29-Jim & Jean Byron</i>
<i>Howard & Barbara Koozer</i>	
<i>Bob & Colleen Higbee</i>	
<i>David & Ruth Neal</i>	
12-Bavon Olwete	
15-Madeline DeLia	
18-Bob Higbee	
<i>20-Bob & Glenda Mitchell</i>	
<i>Larry & Carol Peterson</i>	



Women's Fellowship

Meets the fourth Saturday,
June 22nd 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.

Men's Breakfast meets the
fourth Saturday, June 22nd
for breakfast at 9:00 am in
Good Shepherd Hall. Come
experience fellowship and a
great home-cooked
breakfast.

Are we missing your special date?
Please contact the church office at
mypc@mountvernonpres.org
or call or text
360-424-7675 so we can celebrate
with you!

Volunteer at Children of the Valley

An after school enrichment program

Children of the Valley provides a positive, caring, and supportive environment for children of low-income families that values and respects their God-given potential, while offering a variety of cultural enrichment activities as well as academic support.

Volunteers needed in the following areas:

Reading and homework tutors—Daily 5-6pm
Snack preparation—Daily 2:30pm-5pm
Drop off van driver—Daily 6-6:45pm
Snack shopper—Mondays Weekly
Scouts—Fridays 4:30-5:30pm
Office help—When Needed

CONTACT: Sophia Garcia, Volunteer Coordinator 425-760-5614; volunteercoordinator@covmv.org
1318 South 18th St; Mount Vernon, WA 98274





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 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.

Program Highlights

- ◆ A Program Coordinator has been added. Twice a week, staff offer financial literacy and vocational courses from the national organization.
- ◆ **Promise House**, a transition house, is at full capacity. Sustainable living courses including gardening, harvesting and animal care are taught and we are hoping to add nutrition and cooking courses.
- ◆ **Grace House** has had steady growth with three babies born there since opening in August. We are now working with local pregnancy programs to provide these mothers tools they can use to ensure healthy lives for themselves and their new babies as well as to find permanent stable housing.
- ◆ **Allen House** is the newest facility thanks to the Allen Methodist Church. The former parsonage exists as yet another transitional house for some **Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)** program graduates.
- ◆ The **Mentoring and After Care** program also has new roots after a National Mentoring coach visited and trained a staff member to coordinate and volunteers to be mentors and to provide support even after families leave the program.



The 600+ volunteers are the ones who make this whole thing work. We would never be able to fund this level of paid staff. The hosts and support groups are truly the soul of the program. People from many denominations and non-church groups are working together on the common goal—to help families stabilize their lives.

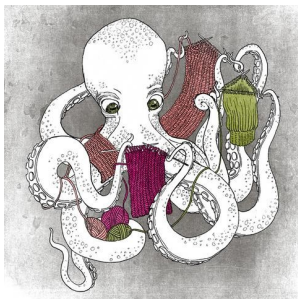
MVPC Knitting/ Crafts

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.



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:

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

SEEKERS & EXPLORERS Youth (MS & HS) Begin in worship; dismissed to classes. June 9th will be our last class of the program year.

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

Noon—1:30 YOUTH GROUP June 9th in the Great Room. (See Youth page for summer meeting time.)

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

