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Growing Followers Of Christ Since 1902



The Grapevine

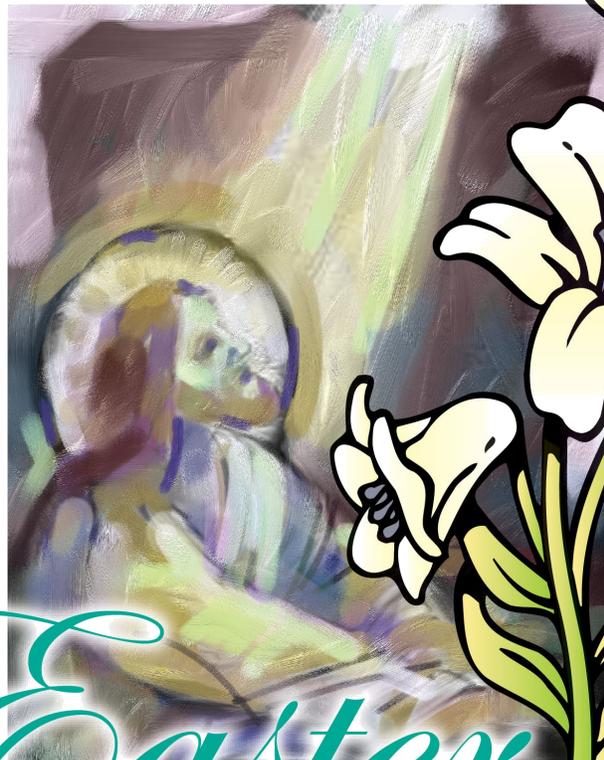
I am the vine; You are the branches.
John 15:5

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He Is Risen!

Join us for
Easter Worship
Sunday, April 1
10:30 a.m.



Easter



**Maundy
Thursday**

On the night Jesus was to be betrayed, he established the sacrament of communion around the table with his disciples in the upper room. After the meal was finished, the story shifted to the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was betrayed and then handed over to the authorities and the darkness.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29th, in commemoration of the crucifixion and events leading up to it, we - the members and friends of MVPC will gather for a potluck supper at 6:00 in Good Shepherd Hall where we will celebrate communion around tables. After the meal is finished, we will move into our "garden" (in the narthex) to remember how Jesus was betrayed and then move into the sanctuary to remember the darkness of the night which followed.

Please come, celebrate, and remember some of the central events of the story of our faith.

Pray the Labyrinth

Feel free to come in on your timeline during Lent during office hours 9-3:30pm M-F, to walk the Labyrinth. There are only a few times Good Shepherd Hall is being used during the day.

Wed 3/7 Bloodworks All day

Thurs 3/8 Afternoon Meeting

Wed 3/28 Afternoon Meeting

The rest of the time it will be open for labyrinth walks.



Discernment Update

Coming out of our discernment process, 7 specific invitations were identified. For some of the invitations, first steps are already underway. Other of the invitations require exploration and information gathering phases. For all of the invitations, the elders and deacons of MVPC would love to have broad buy-in and input from the congregation. So, please read the following with an ear to the question: “How is God inviting *me to be involved in carrying out what God has invited the church to do?*”

One invitation addresses deferred maintenance of our building; two invitations have to do with the structure of our leadership teams and attention to their ongoing work of evaluation, focus and discernment; Four of the invitations are programmatic in nature:

We believe that collectively God is inviting us to:

Develop pathways of consistent communication: There are lots of good things already going on at MVPC where people are growing in their relationship with God and with other people. As we try to empower people to serve and grow, as we take steps to make the changes God is inviting us to, and as we seek to facilitate relationships both inside the church and between the church and outside organizations, communication is going to be important.

Build intergenerational relationships: There is a lot of benefit for everyone in building relationships across generational lines. The church family is one of the few places those relationships can happen in our current cultural context.

Explore partnerships with organizations in the community: Part of what makes MVPC who we are is that we care deeply about our larger community. We are feeling led to learn about the needs in the community around the church and the organizations which are actively seeking to meet those needs in hopes that we’ll be better able to love our neighbor, and so that people who haven’t yet found their niche to serve might be able to do so.

Grow and Serve: One of the primary goals of the church is that everyone is Growing in their faith and Serving God’s people. So the programs we develop will be intentionally geared toward that goal. We want to empower you to share your gifts in a way that will be life-giving for you and edifying for the church and/or the community. If you’ve got an idea or want to see something happen, make it known! And we also invite you to be intentional about how you plan to grow and serve. Whether that’s leadership, participation, or a season of rest, we want you to pay attention to God’s specific invitation to you right now, and then to respond faithfully!

Pastor Dan and any of the currently serving elders are excited to talk with you about the discernment process, how you see it unfolding, and what your role might be as we live into our collective calling to be the church together!

Patti Allen and Molly Howard were inspired to create a Lenten Art Display . The theme was crosses done in different art media. Lenten colors of purple, white, gold ,red and black were to be the emphasis of the art pieces.

Paula Rutledge made a cross of different textures and designs of paper. The piece is titled Lenten Cross and is backed with gold paper.

Lucy McLaughlin did a beautiful watercolor picture of a cross at daybreak. The piece is titled Sunrise. Lucy framed the piece with a dark frame.

Molly Howard used felt and fabric in her rendition of a cross. The piece is titled Cross and Crown. The art piece was hand stitched.

The panel by Patti Allen is knitted with 100% 3 ply wool scoured in New York area. She used the design created by Dorota M. Kowalczyk as sold on Revelry as Celtic Cross #6. This design is worked with lace technique, to create a cabled design with a reverse stockinette background. The stitch base of the cross is a combination of trinity stitches (one stitch is knit three times), symbolic of the Christian trinity. This stitch is also known as a bobble. The brick/basket stitch (knit and purl stitches) continues as a reminder of the solid steadfast foundation of faith. The entire panel is bordered with a 4 stitch selvage but on the vertical border I also added the ladder of life pattern (seven rows stockinette and one row purl) symbolizing the faith journey. The decision to not add color was difficult but when she found the rustic frame reminding her of Christ's journey to the cross her creation was complete. Many thanks to Mark for sizing frame to fit and her Mom who guided her efforts to learn to knit.



- ◆ **Lenten potlucks—Wednesday 3/7, 3/14, 3/21 5:30-7:00 in Good Shepherd Hall**
- ◆ **Creative Prayer—Sunday mornings 3/4-3/18 9:30-10:15 in Good Shepherd Hall**
- ◆ **Contemplative Prayer— Thursdays 6:00-8:00 pm 3/8, 3/22 in the Great Room**
- ◆ **Palm Sunday—March 25**
- ◆ **Maundy Thursday—Thursday 7:00 pm March 29**
- ◆ **Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt—Saturday 3/31**
- ◆ **EASTER SUNDAY**

**MVPC LENT
2018**

**Lenten Potlucks
5:30-6:30 each Wednesday 3/4-3/21**



During our season of discernment one of the desires God put on the hearts of the leadership of the church was to provide more opportunities to build relationship across some of the usual dividing lines within congregations. So at these potlucks we'll have some time for informal connecting games and we'll break out into smaller groups around tables as we eat so that we can engage each other on a slightly deeper level and grow in authentic friendship as people who journey together in faith.

Please plan to bring food to share. And, if you're able, come early to help set up or stay a little late to help clean up. Thanks!

A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF THE FEBRUARY STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

SUMMARY OF SESSION ACTIONS 2-20-18

Appointed Bruce Lavers as Assistant Financial Secretary (In addition to Dee Jobe).

Approved selling old AV equipment, with proceeds to be put into a designated AV account to be spent for continued upgrades. (The proposed equipment to be sold is not able to be used as back-up for our system at this point.)

Set a called Session meeting after worship on March 18th to receive new members. They would be received by the congregation April 17th.

Appointed Patti and George to find person(s) to conduct financial review.

Affirmed memorial gift policy reflected in our Memorial services and Receptions Brochure, which currently states that "Donations to the deacons are gratefully accepted to cover reception expenses. Donations over and above reception expenses will be directed to the endowment fund..."

Approved \$2500 to update/renew the playground.

Approved allowing Youth Ministry to fundraise to cover costs for the youth to go to Tall Timber.

Approved Purchasing Procedure policy.

Yard Party!!!

Time to spruce up the gardens for spring.

~ **Saturday March 10th** Madeline DeLia will be leading us in pruning and weeding, making room for new growth.

~ **Saturday March 24th** we will be planting flowers and washing windows, after the Women's group and Men's breakfast, preparing for the Easter celebration.

I am sure it will bright and shiny those days. Come join in!



M.A.L.T. EVENT

Music And Live Theater will be selling tickets before worship beginning April 8 for Skagit Valley Chorale's presentation of "Celebrating in Song 2018 - On the Air". MALT is available for everyone who enjoys attending events and good fellowship with others. After the concert we will meet at Carino's restaurant for a 'no-host' dinner (optional). Save the date for an enjoyable experience.



I grew up in Illinois, South Dakota and western Washington. Colleen and I met in high school and have been married for 50 years. I received a degree in electrical engineering from WSU and was employed in electronics for 44 years. The work took me to Dallas, Texas, then back to Washington State. Colleen and I have two daughters, one son, and six grandchildren aged 7 through 22. You probably know one daughter and one granddaughter.

Meet Elder Bob Higbee

The two of us have been members in Methodist and Covenant churches before joining the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. We see this church as a healthy faith community and are pleased to be part of it.

March 2018 Children and Family Ministries

March Sunday School Lessons

Seeds (Preschool)

Meets in Nursery

March 4th Treasure Hunt

March 11th Jesus and the Children

March 18th Forgiveness

March 25th Loving Everyone

Sprouts (K-2nd)

Begin in Worship

Hidden Treasure p. 250*

Jesus & the kids p. 256*

The Lost Son p. 272*

Jesus Anointed p. 280*

Saplings (3rd-5th)

Begin in Worship

Lesson 22: Philip

Lesson 23: Jerusalem Debate

Lesson 24: Saul / Paul

Lesson 25: New Missionaries

*In the Jesus Storybook Bible

Creative Kids ~ Creative Prayer

Sundays 9:30 to 10:15 am in Good Shepherd Hall for people of all ages who want to experience different forms of creative prayer during the time of Lent. We have already created a church mural and experienced Visio Divina through collage. Everyone is welcome! No CK 3/21 or 4/1.

March 4th Labyrinth and Watercolor Reflection

March 11th Connecting to Creation with Clay

March 18th Stations of the Cross and Creative Response

Family Night ~ MVPC Lenten Potlucks

Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30 pm for food, faith, and fellowship for families of all ages and stages. During Lent, Family Night is on pause while we all participate in the MVPC Lenten Potlucks on Wed. Feb. 21st, 28th, March 7th, 14th, and 21st from 5:30 to 6:30 pm for the whole congregation. No Family Night 3/28 (Holy Week) and 4/4 (Spring Break). Family Night will resume 4/11!

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

Church Office 360.424.7675 - Rebecca@MountVernonPres.org

Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 31st

10 am - Activities (Games, Crafts, Petting Zoo, Bouncy House, & Bunny Photos)

11 am - Easter Egg Hunts by Ages (Toddlers, Preschool, K-2, & 3-up)

Please plan to be a part of the Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt co-hosted by the First United Methodist Church (2018 Host), Trinity Lutheran Church, and MVPC!

Invite your kids, grandkids, neighbors, and anyone who you think would have fun!

-Please bring in small wrapped candy by Sunday, March 18th

-Join the egg stuffing party after worship on Sunday, March 25th - it's fun!

-Sign Up to be an Egg Hider on 3/31 from 8 to 9 am or an Egg Guard from 9 to 11 am

-Sign Up to volunteer to help run activities at the event from 9 to 11 am



THANK YOU SECRET VALENTINES!



Sprouts Sunday School



Seeds Nursery



Hand Bells



Saplings Sunday School

MVPC PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

The MVPC playground is in need of a few improvements and we need your help to make it happen! Please talk with Rebecca Holland (Director of Children and Family Ministries) or to Bruce Lavers (Playground Improvement Project Chair) or call the church office if you have time and skills you would be willing to donate! It's a fun way to make a difference for the MVPC kids!

The Playground Improvement

March and April - List of Projects

(Timber Replacement, Weed Removal, Old Wood Removal, Material Transportation, New Construction, Cleaning, Pressure Washing, Food/Support, & Prayer)

Saturday, May 5th - Painting Work Day!!!



MVPC Children's Ministry is starting a Godly Play Program!



What is Godly Play?

The result of a lifetime of research and practice by theologian, author and educator The Rev. Dr. Jerome Berryman, the Godly Play® method is a curriculum of spiritual practice exploring the mystery of God's presence in our lives. The Godly Play curriculum engages what is most exciting about religious education: God inviting us into—and pursuing us in the midst of—Scripture and spiritual experience. Godly Play practice teaches us to listen for God and to make authentic and creative responses to God's call in our lives.

Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance.

Godly Play has a Montessori foundation with 40+ years of research and practice.

Godly Play values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships.

Godly Play models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian congregations.

Godly Play allows practitioners to make relevant and personal theological meaning.

Godly Play nurtures participants to larger dimensions of belief and faith through wondering & play.

How can I be involved?

- Find out more by attending the Intro to Godly Play on 4/27 from 6 to 8 pm (childcare provided).
- Volunteer to provide part or all of the lunch on 4/28 for those going through the GP Training.
- Attend the Godly Play Training on Saturday, April 28th from 9 to 5 pm (GP Team must attend).
- Volunteer to use your skills to help create some of our materials (woodworking and fabric skills).
- Commit to pray for the trainings, team, and kids involved in Godly Play. Prayer list will be provided.
- Become a part of the MVPC Godly Play Team, working with the kids one Sunday a month.

Everyone is invited to the Intro to Godly Play on 4/27 from 6 to 8 pm!

Youth & Family Ministries

March 2018



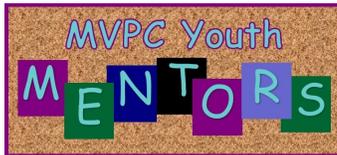
Youth Group, Seekers & Explorers

Youth Group, Seekers & Explorers meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Seekers/Explorers: Seekers (middle school) and Explorers (high school) continue their studies, looking at Prophets and exploring the Gospels. New members welcome! We meet during Sunday worship on March 11 & 25.

Youth Group: All youth are welcome to come to Youth Group for fun, faith and food! Youth Group meets after worship, 12-1:30, this month on March 11 & 25. At our March 11 youth group we will be connecting youth and mentors with getting to know you activities and games!

Youth Mentor Program



Our youth mentor program will kick off at youth group on March 11! Please come for the chance to get to know your mentor and see what is in store!

Youth Volunteer Opportunities

Youth looking for an opportunity to volunteer their time and talent— We have opportunities for you! If you are interested in helping with any of the following events, please see Jodie!

- * Refreshing the Playground, March & April.
- * Serving at Friendship House Café, 1st Thursday of every month.
- * Easter Egg Hunt, March 31.
 - * VBS, July 16-20.
 - * Summer Nursery Care.
- * Planning the Youth Camp-Out (August).

Summer Camp, Here We Come!



We want to send all of our youth to camp this summer! Let Jodie know ASAP if you are interested, and look for upcoming information about our fund-raisers. July 15-20 (Middle School) & July 29-Aug.4 (High School).

Coming Up ...

Thurs., March 1	Serving at Friendship House Café	Meet at church	4:30—6:45pm
Sun., March 4	Youth Mentor Training	Great Room	9:30-10:15am
Sun., March 11	Seekers/Explorers	Library/Great Room	Start in 10:30 Worship
	Youth Group—Mentor Kick-off!	Great Room	12:00—1:30
Sun., March 25	Seekers/Explorers	Library/Great Room	Start in 10:30 Worship
	Youth Group	Great Room	12:00—1:30
Sat., March 31	Easter Egg Hunt—Volunteer Opp!	Methodist Church	Ask Rebecca
Sun., April 1	Easter!		

Questions? Please contact Jodie Kercheval, Director of Youth & Family Ministries.

360-424-7675 or Jodie@MountVernonPres.org



IDEA FOR EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Recently I had an idea. I hope this suggestion will be taken as helpful. I realized no one knows how to contact my children because I am not from around here. One might think why would I need to know how to call or write to her family?

Many of you know I was a nurse for 50 years. Therefore, ingrained in me is the need for contact information as “anticipatory guidance” information given to someone in the family when helping someone who is ill; going to rehabilitation; or planning for home needs etc. Our church family fits this criteria.

I gave to Barbara Koozer a list of my children with their contact phone numbers and current addresses. This contact information will be available in the unpublished private portion of the database at the church should anyone need it for emergencies. Feel free to ask me why I wrote this.

Respectfully, Ruth Neal.



OPOP Commissioning

One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) is a new ministry of MVPC, affiliated with Mount Vernon’s Underground Ministries We are one of three churches in a pilot program headed by Chris Hoke and Neaners Garcia, along with Joe Cotton of the Archdiocese of Seattle. Each church is reaching out to a current inmate who has been working hard to turn his life around and is preparing for his return to the community. The members of the MVPC group have each felt the call and made the commitment to support a young man named Leroy in the



following ways: Offer friendship via letter writing, as a first step. Visit in person when the relationship reaches that point, if comfortable doing so. Understand that we cannot “save” him, but we can offer genuine relationship. Understand that we are not meant to “preach,” as plenty of that already happens behind bars. Participate in planning for caring support as his release date draws near, with assistance in finding local resources for housing, transportation, employment, and

fellowship. Provide updates to the congregation on a regular basis, along with requests to uplift him in frequent prayer.

The OPOP team members are Pastor Dan Holland, Chris Hoke, Sarah Catton, Ben and Liz Cooksey, Barb Clure, Gary Jones, Becky Goodell and Madeline DeLia.



Dear Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church,
The Family Promise of Skagit Valley team wanted to reach out and share a special Valentine's Day thank you for all the love and commitment that your church has shown our program throughout 2017. We recognize that service and love are not always easy. They are never ending, always demanding of the heart, and not always

instantly gratifying. We are also reminded that making ourselves available to serve is always rewarding when done out of devotion to the Lord. By following His commandment to house the homeless, feed the poor, and protect the children, we are truly role models for generations to come. Hands-on service allows us to see the miracles that occur when smiles return to children's faces and the hearts of parents are healed. It is a true miracle to watch the light return to a family when they are welcomed into the Lord's house and they receive compassion, understanding, safety, shelter, and nourishment.

Family Promise of Skagit Valley could not function at the capacity that it does without the time, treasures, and talents that your congregation brings to our Promise. This last year alone, your church has contributed an estimated in-kind donation of \$42,916.00 and \$2,000.00 in financial contributions for a total value of \$44,916.00. Regardless of what these numbers add up to for your church, there is no dollar amount that can equal the importance of the love of Christ that has been distributed to our families through the individuals in your congregation. There is no way to measure the growth and change that occurs in the hearts of volunteers as they are offered such a hands-on opportunity to live the Gospel. There is no way to truly measure the power of these ongoing acts of Love. We cannot adequately express how grateful we are for all you have provided our families in 2017. We look forward to a continued and growing partnership in 2018 and for many years to come. Each year we are expanding and serving more and more families. We have been a role model for Whatcom county who will launch their Family Promise this spring. I speak with them often about our wonderful churches and volunteers. We truly could do nothing without you. Together, through Christ, we can forever change the lives of homeless families. Together we truly are making a difference. Together we are spreading the Love of Christ. Again, thank you for being a part of the Promise.

Melisa Aalem, Director Family Promise of Skagit Valley

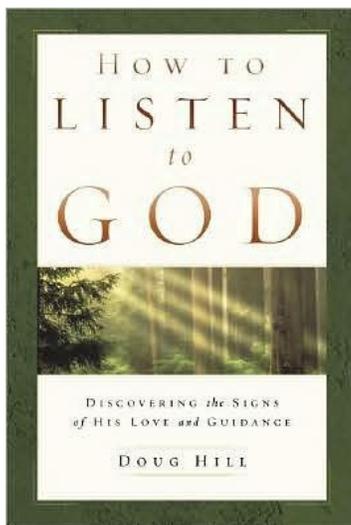
Save the Date

You are invited to a MVPC Baby Shower for Brian and Mackenzie Anderson on Saturday, March 3rd at 10 am in the Fireside Room!



FOUND in the library, a brand new, boxed, Rainbow Bible, leather bound. Text is in different colors for kind of content. If it is yours, find it on a bottom shelf.

NEW: A check-out space on a shelf. It includes a place to sign up as a volunteer to write book reviews of our collection. Also, look for a suggestion box for dropping in your ideas for new books.



Notes from the Library



Book Review by Lou Cheney

How to Listen to God by Doug Hill

Here is a good book to prepare you for a meaningful Lent. Author Hill brings together stories of people who sought God and tells them in a way that feel like a conversation. Without being shallow, he brings a vital spirituality within reach of the reader. Check it out, read a story a day, and see if you agree. Find it in the "spiritual" section of our library—alphabetically by author.



Prayer

Would You like to join our prayer group?

We have a small but dedicated group that meets to pray 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.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER The Contemplative Prayer Group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month from 6 to 8 pm to learn and experience a variety of contemplative prayers as a way to grow deeper in our relationship with God. Everyone is welcome! Please talk with Pat Papadopolus or Rebecca Holland if you have any questions or would like to find out more.

-March 8th: Stations of the Cross

-March 22nd: Taize Prayer



The **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**, which meets the fourth Saturday at 9 am in the Fireside Room, is exploring how we can help women of Haiti to support themselves and their children. The program called "Starfish" is part of a post-earthquake recovery mission, Touch of Hope. Starfish is already helping women develop creative industries, such as, jewelry, cards and salsa that provide an income. We will be gathering more information about this mission possibility for us. Two sources are the blog, "Rice, Beans and Love" and "Touch of Love". Loretta VanderPol brings us this mission outlook via her friend, Mrs. Groten, who has worked in Haiti since the earthquake. Thank you Loretta, for sharing the enthusiasm that your friend has given you,.

As we move forward with our plans, there will be updates. All the women of the church, members or friends, and friends of friends, are invited to our **fourth Saturday** gatherings.

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.

MVPC Knitting



Bring your craft project and enjoy fellowship with other MVPC knitters, crocheters, and more on the 4th Tuesday of every month from Noon to 1 pm in the Fireside Room. Questions? Talk with Patti Allen.

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.

Our Vision Statement

Encounter The Hope

of the living God through Jesus Christ

Engage One Another

in authentic friendship

Embrace The World

with the heart and hands of Jesus



With great appreciation to **Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church** for all your ongoing support with Bloodworks NW and for giving the opportunity for donors to give at a convenient place and give the gift of life – blood.

It is great to have a community that comes together to help others in need! You can donate every 8 weeks.

We will be back here at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 and on June 6, 2018 so please mark your calendar! If you are unable donate on these dates, please visit our website at www.bloodworksnw.org or call [800-398-7888](tel:800-398-7888) to find a blood drive near you.

Thank you all for your gift of life!
Donor Resources Representative
Snohomish, Island & So. Skagit County
Bloodworks Northwest

Birthdays & Anniversaries



March

2-Ruth Haines

Lucy Nash

5-Jim Byron

Don Schlumberger

Katie Weeks

8-Barbara Hazelwood

Marjorie Riedel

10-Margo Wortham

11-Ryan Daut

Reid Kostek

15-Brad Vardy

16-Jacquie Gwaltney

19-Kurt Swanson

22-Ron & Rita

VanderStoep

25- Brian Anderson

27-Pete & Pat Papadopoulos

29-Jim Ervine

Wayne Yerigan

29-Martin & Joanne

Thomas

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!

Tea @ 2
Will resume
March 8th, 2018

Regular February time moved due to cold weather. The next Tea will be **Thursday March 29th, 2018.**

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
Contemplative Prayer:	2nd and 4th Thursdays 6-8 pm in the Great Room
Small Groups:	Call the church to get connected to a small group!
Family Night:	Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at MVPC
Friendship House:	First Thursday and second Tuesday @ Friendship House
Creative Kids:	Sundays, 9:30 to 10:15 am in the Great Room
Youth Group:	2nd & 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 at 2 p.m. in Fireside Rm
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.
Worship Team Meeting:	1st Wednesday at noon
Finance Committee:	2nd Tuesday at 5 p.m.
Mission Team Meeting:	4th Sunday at 12:30
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 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 9:30 to 10:15 am

Kids of all ages express their faith creatively in the Sapling Room.

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.

SAPLINGS 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.**



Breaking News!

Volunteers are needed for feeding our Family Promise guests the week of March 11 through March 18. Please let Ruth Neal know if you are able to help with this ministry of MVPC.

This page is intentionally not filled. We want to know how the work of the church is impacting you. If you have articles that can be used for future Grapevines, please send or bring them to the office.

