



# 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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A few weeks ago I preached a sermon that I titled "Cast the Net" based on the resurrection appearance recorded in John 21:1-14. It's few and far between that people quote my sermons back to me as often as they have with this one... so I thought I'd trim it down a bit in a reprise for this season's grapevine. And if you'd like to listen to the original, here's [a link](#) (All of the sermons I preach end up on our website!).

The disciples were on their way home after a night of fishing without any luck. A stranger told them to cast their nets on the right side of the boat and their response to this stranger was a little surprising to me. If you didn't know it was Jesus (and the text tells us they didn't) this stranger didn't have any discernible authority. The disciples did this for a living. They were fishermen who had been on the lake all night and who, presumably, had fished these waters before. They knew what they were doing. The stranger had his feet firmly planted on the shore. There would have been a million reasons to say "no" (We already tried that, it's a waste of time, I'm tired, it might not work) and on the Sunday I preached this, there were only two reasons the congregation shared of why to try it: we're desperate and it might work?! We don't get to know the motivation of the disciples but something made it so they were willing to throw the nets in one more time. And when they did... they were rewarded with an incredible catch of fish. 153 of them according to the scripture.

Over the years in my role as a pastor, I've had a number of people say to me something along the lines of "If I only knew what God was calling me to do, I'd do it in a heartbeat. But how can I be sure?" I'll admit it's not always easy to know. There's rarely a stranger calling out instructions. Life's generally more complicated than that. And we are creatures of mixed motives. There are all sorts of reasons why we do or don't do all sorts of things. In reality there are very few things we can be absolutely sure about; and if we feel like we need to be 100% sure before we act, it's a pretty safe bet we won't do much in this lifetime. And to be honest with you, when the question of what God wants is posed in a way that suggests "I won't be able to act until I'm sure," most of the time it seems to me that mindset is a delaying tactic, or perhaps even an attempt to avoid the responsibility of action altogether.

The disciples, however, went for it. They didn't wait for the stranger's credentials, they didn't wait until they were sure there was going to be a benefit for them. They cast the nets. They followed the inconvenient suggestion of a stranger even though it probably would have been easier to just keep going on their way. And I believe that they were able to see Jesus precisely because they acted in hope where all they were able to see was potential!

There's something about stepping out in faith that makes it possible to see how Jesus is at work in a situation. And the point I'm trying to make today is that we don't have to be 100% sure that we're doing the perfectly perfect thing. We just need to be faithful in our decision making and faithful as we do our best to follow the commandments and the invitations of Jesus.

It seems like we might all do well to sit with the question: What is God asking, or inviting, me to do right now? What "strangers" (or out of the box ideas) am I dismissing too quickly that may actually be an invitation to cast my nets? There may be a million reasons to say no, but don't let that stop you. When there's a nudge, respond! Even if there aren't 153 fish, we'll learn something of God's grace and we'll see something of God's faithfulness. And as we say "yes" to God's invitation, our efforts will be used to build up God's kingdom within and among us...

Blessings on your journey,  
Pastor Dan

**Sunday Worship** 10:30 am in person and on Zoom, Meeting Room 1  
Go to [zoom.us/j](https://zoom.us/j) enter Meeting ID: 360 424 7675 Passcode: MVPC

## Discipleship

### Get Involved in Children, Youth, and Family Ministries at MVPC!

We will be training in June to prepare for the 2022-2023 Program Year over the summer and we would love to have you join the team or even just come and check out the possibility. **We need more volunteers to help these ministries happen.**

Please let Rebecca Holland, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, know if you plan to attend any or all of the trainings (so I have enough supplies and food):

**-Nursery Team Training** (and Coffee and Treats) Sunday, June 5th at 9 am in the Great Room.

**-Godly Play Team Training** (and Lunch) Sunday, June 5th at Noon in the Great Room.

**-Youth Group Team Training** (and Lunch) Sunday, June 12th at Noon in the Great Room.



### MVPC Discipleship Ministries are in need of your time and talents!

Please talk with Rebecca Holland, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, if you have an interest in getting involved with any of the following programs at MVPC or even if you simply want to find out more (we will provide training as well as ongoing support and encouragement):

**-Seniors Ministry Volunteers** are needed to help prepare, serve, participate, and clean up a Seniors Ministry Lunch and Program on the first Thursdays of every month at Noon.

**-MOPs Mom's Ministry Childcare Team Volunteers** are needed to play with MOPs kids on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 am. We are hoping for enough team members that there will be a flexible schedule for all the volunteers because we know you have a lot going on!

**-Small Group Leaders or Co-Leaders** are needed to add a few more small groups this Fall!

**-The MVPC Discipleship Team** is re-forming after the chaos of Covid and is looking for a team of people who have a heart for God and for MVPC's discipleship programs to help prayerfully discern discipleship ministries at MVPC. We will figure out a monthly time to meet that works for everyone who is interested in participating.

# Children, Youth, and Family Summer Fun

**-Sundays:** MVPC Families are encouraged to attend Sunday Worship during the summers with before and after playground and gaga ball fun on sunny days, as well as nursery care from 10 am to Noon, and fellowship in Good Shepherd Hall after worship.

**-2nd and 4th Thursdays at 5 pm:** MVPC families are encouraged to attend the fun MVPC family events happening in June, July, and August.

## MVPC Families June Events

**Sunday, June 5th** - Appreciation Sunday: A great time to thank all the church volunteers!

**Thursday, June 9th** - Bring your own picnic to MV's Kiwanis Park at 5 pm (wear swimsuits).

**Sunday, June 12th** - Graduation and Bible Sunday (Bibles for everyone heading into Kindergarten, 3rd, 6th, 9th, College, and Life after College - please let me know if your students will be able to attend to receive their Bibles) PLUS the Dedication of the Kids and Youth heading to Tall Timber Camp this Summer.

**Sunday, June 19th** - Donuts for Dad's Fellowship after Worship!

**Thursday, June 23rd** - Family Picnic and Fun at MVPC with Family Promise Families (families experiencing homelessness who are being hosted at MVPC June 19th to 25th). Prep at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm, and Games at 7 pm. All ages are invited to help prep the dinner!



## MVPC Families July Events

**July 14th to 16th** - Tall Timber Mini Camp (1st to 3rd graders).

**Thursday, July 14th** - Bring your own picnic to MV's Hillcrest Park at 5 pm.

**July 17th to 22nd** - Tall Timber Jr. High Camp (6th to 9th graders).

**July 24th to 28th** - Tall Timber Junior Camp (4th to 6th graders).

**Thursday, July 28th** - MVPC Family Campout - Come for a Potluck Campout Dinner at 5 pm, Games at 7 pm, and/or Overnight Camping Fun from 9 pm to 9 am.

## MVPC Families August Events

**July 31st to August 6th** - Tall Timber Sr. High Camp (9th to 12th graders)

**Thursday, August 11th** - MVPC Family Fun at the Skagit County Fair (meet up at 5 pm).

**Sunday, August 14th** - Tall Timber Camper Thank You Lunch and Program after Worship!

**Thursday, August 25th** - MVPC Family Picnic Potluck at 5 pm, Games at 6 pm, and Movie Night at 7 pm, followed by a Youth Group Lock In Overnight from 9 pm to 9 am (if I can get enough volunteers to help with the fun).

Please let Rebecca Holland, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation know if you have any questions.







### “Forward To A Bright Future” Capital Campaign Update

#### WHAT'S NEXT?

Our “Forward to a Bright Future” Campaign projects have achieved not one, but two campaign priority objectives: Renovation and upgrading of the exterior of the building and its security, and a complete makeover of our glorious Sanctuary and Fireside Room.

The highly anticipated vision of a renovated MVPC was finally and enthusiastically received as we entered the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday where we all experienced the joy of our Sanctuary dedication. Many hours of work and hands went into completing this challenge. **Thank you** to the many dedicated members and friends of MVPC who shared their talents, time and continuing resources towards this successful endeavor.

So, what's next and where do we go from here? Two things: First, paying off our loan by the end of 2023. Second, do we simply enjoy our safe, bright, beautiful structure, or do we reach out and share God's love with others?

**Goal:** To better understand where we are today, we are providing you with a summary (below) of our financing. **We have 1-1/2 years left to achieve the goal of paying off the loan by 12-31-23.**

Initial loan amount:	\$600,000 (mortgage payments started 1-1-21)
Current interest rate:	4.25% (to be adjusted effective 12-1-23)
Term of loan:	15 years (to control payout while contributions are received)
Monthly payment:	\$4,513
Total interest paid to date:	\$34,139
Total additional principal paid:	\$115,000 beginning 1-1-22 (decreased interest paid by ~\$650/month as of 5-1-22)
Current loan balance:	\$442,407

As part of the loan, we were required to deposit 10% of the loan amount into CD investments with MDC-NW as “collateral” [my term]. We invested \$60,000 of our on-hand operational funds into three CDs in a step-ladder fashion as follows: (Note: To date, we have accumulated \$1,499 in interest.)

\$15,000	1-year - converted in June 2021
\$15,000	2-year - matures in June 2022
\$30,000	3-year – matures in June 2023

**Share God's Love with others:** Now that we have a safe and secure place from which to “step”, are we willing to 'step out of the boat' and be the hands and feet of Jesus? It is great to hear of someone's rewarding experience by getting involved in a project or trying something 'outside their comfort zone', but are you willing to 'step out of the boat' and be the hands and feet of Jesus? This is now a challenge of truly moving “Forward to a Bright Future”.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your campaign Co-Chairs, Bruce Lavers and Mary Ellen Byerly.

## The JULIA GRAY COOK Fund

Julia Gray Cook was a member of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church who passed away July 1, 1985. The provisions of her will set up a charitable remainder trust that named five beneficiaries: four of her relatives and the church. Initially the trust was worth about \$254,000. The growth of the trust annually, after attorney's and accountant's fees, was split equally among all parties. When the four individuals passed, the church was to become the trustee.

For some time now due to changing economic conditions the trust functioned sub-optimally. Over 10 years ago the single remaining beneficiary (other than the church) asked that the trust be dissolved. It wasn't feasible at that time, but in April of 2021 Session decided that the time was right to pursue a plan to dissolve the trust and disburse the funds to that one individual and the church. We were able to find an attorney who could handle the proceedings legally and appropriately, and in fairness to everyone involved. It was a long and sometimes arduous process, but we finally received a check May 10 of this year for our portion: \$263,598.04. Attorney's fees were just over \$1,600.00.

It is very important for all of us to understand the stipulations of Ms. Cook's will. She was very adamant and clear that all of the money is to be used to help and support the needy and elderly of Skagit County. Under no circumstances are any of the funds to be "used for church repairs, purchases, additions, capital projects or refurbishment." In the document we signed dissolving the trust we covenanted to abide by those provisions.

The agreement stipulates that the Endowment Committee is responsible (under the provisions of Session investment policy) to invest the funds in a fiscally prudent manner. Annually they will decide on a distribution amount, depending on how well the fund is doing. That amount will then be distributed in our community by the Mission and Service Ministry according to where they feel God is directing.

Over the years the proceeds from the trust have enabled MVPC to be part of founding and supporting many of our current mission partners. Just last month these funds enabled us to be a major sponsor for the Family Promise annual fundraising event. It is an awesome gift and responsibility to steward these funds both for the current needs and the future possibilities of the mission programs of MVPC. Wisdom, discernment, and guidance are needed so please keep the decision makers in your prayers.

Maybe this is a good time to think about what you might want to do in terms of leaving a legacy for the on-going mission of the church. Any member of the Endowment Committee (Kitty Willis, Sandy Ball, Bill DeHon, Bob Wygal, Dave Gale, and past member Mary Ellen Byerly) would be happy to point you in the right direction to do that. For sure it is a good time to praise and thank God for the memory and legacy of Julia Gray Cook and her desire to be a positive influence in our community. If you know any of her relatives, please give them our most heart-felt thanks.

Praise be to God!

## MVPC Community Pantry

The MVPC Community Pantry (located as you enter the parking lot on the south side of the church) has been a wonderful ministry to those in need over the last year. Thank you to everyone who has left food! And a HUGE THANK YOU to the amazing team of Doug Catton, Dave Gale, and Bruce Lavers who built the beautiful pantry last summer and have continued to fix it as it has been loved and used this year. What a wonderful ongoing ministry! Please continue to leave items in the pantry throughout the summer keeping in mind that people in need are mostly interested in **easy complete meals** (like soups, stews, canned pasta, and cereal) or very easy to prepare meals (like boxed mac n cheese or pasta noodles and sauce). Please leave items directly in the pantry, or if the pantry is full, please leave items in the box under the welcome center in the narthex. Thank you!

## Worship Report



We are so glad to be back in our newly renovated sanctuary. The chairs are so comfortable and we have a nice new carpet and leak-free roof. We have a permanent set up for bell choir and our choir is back, better than ever. We are still getting the glitches out of our new technology, but it's sounding better all the time.

We have great opportunities for volunteers in Worship. We have openings for singers and musicians (see Josh), bell ringers (see Barbara K.), help in ambience, including flowers, candles, and banners (see Patti A.), and liturgists and communion servers and preparers (see Gail). Or write a note to the office. There is training available in all these areas, just ask!

## Pause Contemplative Prayer Group

Thursdays at 9 am in Zoom Room One

Grow in Your Prayer Life this Summer!

Do you have a desire to connect with others while you deepen your prayer life? Everyone is welcome at the Pause Prayer Group on Thursdays at 9 am in MVPC Zoom Room One. We spend time welcoming and checking in with each other, learning and practicing various contemplative prayers, and then close by sharing prayer requests and praying for the congregation, community, and the world. Come check it out. Contact Rebecca Holland, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, with any questions and to find out more.



## Women's Fellowship

We meet on the LAST Saturday of each month at 9 AM in the library. Bring along a friend, whether part of our church or not. No lesson preparation is required. We typically base our conversation on a Bible passage and follow where it leads us. Our hope is for more women to join us in meaningful discussion, shared laughter, and appreciation of each other.

Meetings are like a morning retreat—refreshing, thought-provoking, friendly, and supportive. Join us on June 25th, July 23rd and August 27th. Make it a gift to yourself. Questions: contact Lou Cheney or the church office 360-424-7675.

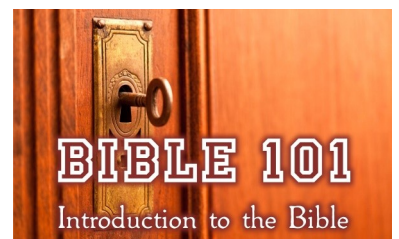
## CRAFTING...



meets on first and third Tuesdays in the Great room from noon to 1:15 pm or join online in Zoom room one. All are welcome with or without projects for fellowship and conversation. We share our current work in progress (wip), patterns, finished and wish projects. We have found a quilting community project and need fabric and batting if you have some to share, contact Rosemary Gale through the church office.

## Summer Bible 101 Class

Do you want to connect with others and learn more about the Bible, refreshing your Sunday School knowledge this summer? Rebecca Holland, MVPC's Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation, will be offering a **Bible 101** Class on **Sundays from 9 to 10 am July 24th to August 28th** in the Great Room. Coffee and treats will be provided. Everyone is welcome to come whenever they are able, but please let Rebecca know if you plan to attend.



## MVPC Art Wall

Thank you to everyone who contributed artwork to the MVPC art wall this Spring. We are hoping to rotate the Art Wall every few months. We would love to start collecting art for the next installation! If you like to create art, we would love to display your art work along with a short description of why and how you created the art, as well as your inspiration for creating the art. Please call the MVPC church office or talk with Rebecca Holland, Director of Christian Education and Spiritual Formation if you have a piece of art you would like to share.

## Friendship House Women and Children's Shelter Gets a New Roof!

Over the years the tendency has been, reserve spending, be cautious in budgeting and be resourceful to meet the needs every step of the way.

Obviously, as a nonprofit, the goal is to conserve and stretch every dollar donated to ensure people are fed with their immediate needs met in daily services and shelter provisions. So accordingly, one roof layer was added atop another, and another. Finally, we let the structure breathe. The three composition layers have successfully been removed and revealed other needs which were timely in being accessed and corrected to provide the greatest health and wellness of the residents and structure itself.

This property has seen many people in and through its doors, its held the dreams of the beautiful souls who aim for a brighter future through accomplishments within our shelter support services. Right now, the Women and Children's shelter residents are pleased to see a fresh deck of sheathing, all new soffit lumbers and flashing that will keep it water tight for years of shelter service to come, under a brand new finished composition shingle roof.

## Friendship House Highlights from 2021

Men Housed: 300

Women Housed: 188

LGBTQ+ : 21

Children Housed: 19

Total Bed Nights: 17,537

Meals Served: 36,026

Showers provided: 560

Countless individuals provided with clothing, laundry use and other essential needs



## Family Promise

Family Promise of Skagit Valley, a mission to support homeless FAMILIES in Skagit county, is returning to 'in church' care, after a 2+ year Covid driven absence! MVPC's week coming up is June 19-25. Guests arrive daily, for our week, at 5pm and are provided with dinner and overnight accommodations. (Grab and go breakfast and lunch supplies are provided as needed.)

This is an excellent opportunity to get involved, in a small way, (once every 12 weeks) with a community/ church related mission, right here at MVPC! Volunteers are needed to make a meal one night, stay overnight at the church and/or hang out with guests in the evenings.

Contact Patti: 360-840-9911

Bob: 206-849-8865

Tammy: 425-652-7855

ARE YOU A MORNING PERSON?

DO YOU LIKE AN EVENING DRIVE?

DO YOU LIKE GETTING TO KNOW GUESTS?

DO YOU HAVE AN HOUR TO SPARE?

Talk to our Volunteer Coordinator about becoming a Van Driver!

millie@familypromiseskagit.org  
360-854-0743



### Care Pals Update

Thanks to your prayers and encouragement Care Pals ministry now has 3 new volunteers.



Louise Cheney has been using her music to entertain residents at Where The Heart Is. Louise plays older classics on her violin during our activity time. Residents sing along, tap their feet and really appreciate the music.

Two other volunteers recently joined, Joyce Hamilton and Pat Schlecht. Their efforts have made quite a difference. They just took charge and fit right in. Pat is even providing her card making skills and will conduct an activity from time to time. We greatly appreciate their donation of time and talents to this ministry. Prayers are indeed answered.

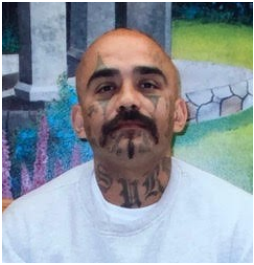
I would also like to thank Leslie Braun. She joined us one day and assisted the residents. This gave her an idea of what we do on a weekly basis. She has also donated craft items. Thank you Leslie.

We still can use additional assistance if you would like to join us. Any help you may be able to provide is greatly appreciated. It doesn't have to be each week but rather when you have time. We are flexible. There are many ways to assist our ministry. If interested please contact Linda Ream or Kitty Willis.



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### Calling All Men



“In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, ‘Ananias!’ Yes, Lord, he answered. The Lord told him, ‘Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight.’

‘Lord,’ Ananias answered, ‘I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name.’ But the Lord said to Ananias, ‘Go!’” Acts 9:10-15

As a church family we have made a commitment to the One Parish, One Prisoner program of Underground Ministries. We are trying to follow the example Jesus talked about in Matthew 25 -

“When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you? And the King will reply ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

It astounds me that Jesus was willing to call folk in prison “these brothers of mine”. Among those “brothers” are Leroy and Joe Ray. We all are hoping that Joe Ray gets released soon. But his brother died this last year. The only family he has is his 21 year old daughter. He needs family. He needs brothers. We’re not sure how to do that but I’m hoping that this loving, generous, creative church family can figure it out. God knows what we need to do. Maybe it’s just a phone call or a cup of coffee. Maybe it’s a short hike. Maybe it’s a visit, a note. I hope we can believe God will show it to us. It’s scary; it might be messy, but let’s somehow “know God’s love and share it with others.



## The Library at MVPC

While the sanctuary was being remodeled, the church library was in make-over mode as well. The collection of books, with outdated items removed, is newly organized by topics to help you find just what you need. For teachers, learners, parents, historians, church builders, and group leaders, there are resources. For everyone, there are books to guide your spiritual growth and daily devotions. Alternatively, anyone can enter the library just to sit with your thoughts.



In case you don't know where the library is, it sits at the intersection of Good Shepherd Hall and the education wing. The Office Administrator, Barbara, is happy to give you the key on week days when it is locked. The book check-out is simple—take a book home and bring it back later. There is a sign-out sheet on display, which is there to help library organizers learn what users are interested in, not to track user's names.

Come in and explore this treasure, your library. Stretching the mind feels so good.

### MVPC Church Leadership 2022—2023



Session		Class Year	Board of Deacons		Class Year
Joe	Seabott	2023	Arlene	Andersen	2023
Becky	Goodell	2023	Rosemary	Gale	2023
Bruce	Lavers	2024	Ward	Ernst	2024
Sarah	Maas	2024	Kitty	Willis	2024
Jan	Eerkes	2025	David	Lorente	2025
Rob	Hall	2025	Dave	Reamer	2025

### Thank you to:



- ♥ Thank you to everyone who helped lead and participate in MVPC Discipleship Ministries during the 2021-2022 Program Year. Whether you helped lead a Class, Bible Study, or Small Group or you volunteered with the Nursery, Godly Play, Youth Group, or MOPs Mom's Group - THANK YOU!!! Your time, energy, and love are appreciated, especially during this year as we adjusted back to hybrid ministries both online and in person. These ministries couldn't happen without you!
- ♥ Rebecca, Gail, Josh & Ward for sharing your stories about the meaning of your favorite hymns for you!
- ♥ Thank you to all the great bakers that have supplied the 'goodies' for Birthday Sundays, Easter breakfast and Mothers day cake and coffee. And many thanks for the monthly fellowship teams that prepare the after worship coffee each Sunday. It's great to have a cup of coffee and share with each other. Many hands make light the work.
- ♥ Bruce and Leslie for organizing an "All Church Work Party".
- ♥ My sincere thank you for all the prayers, meals, flowers and visits while recovering from my accident. I am making good progress and appreciate your continued prayers. You are all very much appreciated. Blessings, Doris Wygal
- ♥ To everyone who helped out with Aaron and Monica's wedding. It was beautiful!

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. [mvpc@mountvernonpres.org](mailto:mvpc@mountvernonpres.org)

## Farewells



Loretta VanderPol moved to Federal Way over Memorial Day weekend. She will send contact information soon.

Sometime this summer I will be moving south to be closer to my family, and I wanted to express my gratitude for the people at MVPC who have made me feel so at home and cared about. Connie Bowser is a saint, she has called me faithfully for the last 2 1/2 years. Right before covid I was attending the membership class at MVPC, and Pastor Dan asked us to write a statement of faith. The class was canceled because of the pandemic, but this is what I wrote.

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

In three parts by Pat Born

<p>I</p> <p>God the Father Almighty, I believe. You are my Rock, my King. My soul's safe shelter. You are everything I need. From you I continually receive Life and health, all-encompassing reprieve. The truth within me has always been God the Father Almighty.</p> <p>Bread of Heaven, you are growth and peace, I take refuge in the shadow of your wings. In all creation praise and glory ring. Day after day the Heavens speak. God the Father Almighty.</p> <p>II</p> <p>Found before I knew I was lost, I came To know the Son. My freedom bought with blood. My brokenness and darkness brought Into the light of grace and love. Your name, How sweet! The counterpoint refrain To everything the world has taught. Found before I knew I was lost.</p> <p>Bright Morning Star! The blazing flame that burns the snares where I am caught And sets me free. Now every thought Is free to leave behind the pain. Found before I knew I was lost.</p>	<p>III</p> <p>Poured upon me from on high. God's breath Turns my desert places into fertile fields and flowing streams. It is the shield I need to save me from the fear of death. The source of pardon the instant I confess. The love with which my heart is sealed. Poured upon me from on high.</p> <p>Sacred Spirit! With beauty you bless My Life, my being. Because I am healed By you, God manifest in me, I kneel Under your steadfast hand of righteousness. Poured upon me from on high.</p>
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AKK!!

My eyes are all puffy, my nose is all stuffy,  
It's allergy season, I fear.

The pollen—intently, the kleenes box empty,  
My pills are not working, oh dear.

The flowers of summer, my sneezes a bummer  
My wish is that winter were here.

A cruise on the ocean, no pollen or potion,  
To breathe again—passages clear.

When summer is over, no flowers or clover,  
Such misery gone...

"Til next year. AKK!!

By Al Berger (on a Sunday evening, July 5, 2009)

### MVPC "Wanted Corner"

**Wanted:** Self propelled lawn mower in good condition to use where riding mover can't be used.

**Wanted:** Information and/or contacts for a self propelled commercial 21" or larger vacuum cleaner to use in the large spaces of the church.

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

#### JUNE

5-Betty Washer  
7-Jan Eerkes  
*Bill & Jan DeHon*  
8-CarolAnn Ross  
9-Mabel Long  
*Don & Margo Wortham*  
10-Ron Vander Stoep  
11-Lynn Grobschmidt  
Don Riedel  
*Howard & Barbara Koozer*  
*Bob & Colleen Higbee*  
*David & Ruth Neal*  
12-Bavon Olwete  
15-Madeline DeLia  
18-Bob Higbee  
19-Miriam Cooksey  
*20-Bob & Glenda Mitchell*  
*Larry & Carol Peterson*  
24-Dick Johnson  
25-Linda Walser  
26-Colleen Higbee  
Tom Long  
*29-Jim & Jean Byron*

#### JULY

1-Gary Jones  
*7-Ken & Sandy Ball*  
Annie Rogers  
11-Wendy Bartholomew  
12-Tonnie Boer  
*13-Don & Danya Wolf*  
14-Abram Hoke  
14-Jean Byron  
*19-Tom & Molly Howard*  
Barbara Koozer  
20-Elaine Melvor  
21-Sue Farrar  
Don Semrau  
26-Malik Sumareh  
27-Debbie Parker  
29-Josh VerHalen  
30-Doris Wygal  
Larry Peterson  
31-Bev Helton

#### AUGUST

1-David Reamer  
*3-Brad & Barb Clure*  
4-Toni Hulbert  
*5-Jim & Chris Johnson*  
*Karen Lorente*  
9-Seaver Milnor  
11-Mim Ambrose  
Sarah Maas  
*Don & Margaret Semrau*  
*12-Rob & Tracy Hall*  
14-Vicki Jones  
15-Chris Hoke  
*15-Paul & Laurel Coalwell*  
18- Collie Ridgeway  
19-Douglas Catton  
Jessica Jasper  
20-Paula Rutledge  
21-Tracy Hall  
Brian & Mackenzie  
Anderson  
22-Pat Skelton  
25-Ross Anderson  
26-Ted Langrehr  
Mike Weeks  
Dave & Rosemary Gale  
*27-Don & Marjorie Riedel*  
30-Britt Swanson  
Daniel Jasper  
31-Chris Johnson



# *The Grapevine*

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*MVPC is...and is becoming...a caring, welcoming and graciously safe community.*

**Know God's Love**

*Deepening life of prayer and discernment*

*Growing understanding of the Bible*



**Share it with Others**

*Caring for one another, the church and the community*

*Unified mission with the marginalized*

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**WHEN:** Saturday June 4, 2022; 8:30 ~ 1 pm

**WHERE:** Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

All ages welcome. Come when you can and stay as long as you can.

Bring whatever you like and need to do the tasks. Bruce and Dan will be there to direct. There is inside work and outside work to accomplish.