



# 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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## Youth Return from Tall Timber Camp

This year we sent 11 youth to camp at Tall Timber Ranch in the Cascades. They, along with 102 other 6th through 9th grade students, spent 5 nights in rustic cabins in a gorgeous setting featuring a calm meadow surrounded by dramatic mountain peaks, a wandering river, dense woods, open wetlands, and the undeniable presence of the Creator. Each morning included worship and devotion. The afternoons were filled with activities—high and



low ropes courses, a zipline, crafts, group games, archery, hikes and lots more to keep them active and engaged. The days closed each night at the fire circle with songs, a message, and memories being made. Many of us at MVPC have memories of attending a Christian summer camp during our youth—memories that we hold on to as a key part of our adolescence. The chance to gather with a peer group of other Christian teenagers, disconnect from everything else in our busy world, and poignantly sense the amazing massiveness of God’s creative ability and the love that He has built into our world helps us understand our place in the world and appreciate fellowship with nature and other Christians.



**Sunday September 8th**  
**Kickoff of Fall Program Year**  
**Followed by a Salmon BBQ**  
**After Worship**

**Chancel Choir Practice**

**August 28th**

**6:15-7:30pm**

*Music*  
*is the voice of the soul*

## **A Message from your Deacons**

The primary task of the Board of Deacons is to provide care for the congregation. We want to make sure that meaningful care is provided, while at the same time facilitating a life-giving experience in ministry for those who serve.

We recognize that many of the members and friends of MVPC are connected to a variety of groups. It is often within those groups that close relationships form and the care of the church is expressed. As deacons, we want to celebrate and encourage those caring relationships where they already exist. We want to focus our care efforts towards helping all the rest of our members and friends to have such caring relationships.

To best enable us to accomplish this goal, some established groups within the church will have a deacon liaison assigned who will establish regular communication with a "point person" from within the group. That point person will help to notify the deacons of any specific needs that arise. In effect, for those groups, the deacons will provide supplemental care, rather than the primary care of the church

The MVPC members and friends who are not participating in the groups with an assigned deacon will have a deacon individually assigned to be in regular contact and to extend the care of the church.

In this way, we hope that the available time and energy of the deacons can be used where the care is most needed. If you know of someone who needs the caring ministry of the deacons, or if you yourself need such care, please communicate with the church office, the deacon assigned to you or your group, or with any of the deacons.

In addition to listening and praying with you, the deacons are available to:

- \* arrange for meals to be provided in the case of illness, hospitalization, recovery, or baby arrival
- \* visit in hospital, home, or extended care facility
- \* provide Extended Communion to those unable to attend worship
- \* other assistance as determined on an individual basis

We sincerely hope that this model of care will help everyone in the congregation to feel loved and embraced by the church. It is our heartfelt desire that every member and friend of MVPC

### **Thank you to:**

- \* All who are leading during the vacation of Pastor Dan, Rebecca and family.
- \* For all who are volunteering their time and talent to the Capital Campaign.
- \* To the many volunteers for Vacation Bible School reaching out to children of the community.
- \* To those volunteers manning the office during Barbara's vacation time.
- \* To the drivers of youth to and from Tall Timber Camp.



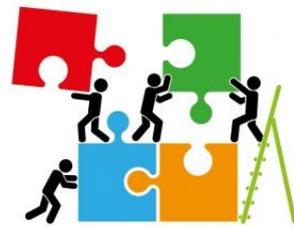
## Update from the Capital Campaign Planning Team

God is guiding us as we move forward to establish a clear and understandable foundation from which to facilitate a Capital Campaign. The Session has selected Mr. Marc Rieke, of The Enrichment Group, as a consultant to help guide us through a positive process. He presented to the congregation the results of the feasibility study for MVPC and with that information, we are moving forward. Many hands will help the result of this campaign in continuing to move MVPC forward in God's calling; **To reach out and serve the community.**

The process involves the work of 'sub-teams' which makes possible the involvement of many people. The following members have accepted the call as Directors of these teams and help to make up the leadership of the Capital Campaign Team:

Enrichment Gatherings:	Gary Jones
Bible Study:	David Reamer
Commitment Visits:	Bob Wygal and Bob Mitchell
Planned Giving:	David Gale
Prayer Vigil:	Colleen Higbee
Children and Youth:	Patti Allen
Resource/Promotion:	Sandy Ball
Banquet:	Laurie Parker
Hospitality:	Toni Hulbert
Continuation:	Bruce Lavers and Mary Ellen Byerly
Audio/Visual:	George Ridgeway

**1st Capital Campaign  
Leadership Team Meeting**  
Saturday, August 24th, 2019  
9:00 am to 3:30 pm



Others of you will soon have the opportunity to lend your talent and time to one of these teams. The campaign team commissioning will be Sunday, September 15 during Worship.

Mary Ellen Byerly, Chairman

### Planning for Youth Retreat

Volunteers are needed to help plan and conduct our

#### 3rd Annual Youth Retreat

**Saturday, August 24th**

Please contact Jodie if you would like to...

- Share your faith story
- Lead a break-out group
- Lead worship music
- Plan or help with art or activities
- Provide food

**September 28th, 2019 7-9 pm**

**A free choral concert**

**At North Creek Presbyterian Church**

**To benefit Tall Timber Camp**



BREATH OF AIRE

**Breath of Aire** is not just a choir, it's an Experience! During this benefit concert hear from Executive Director, Dave Saugen, about camp news and from special guests about the impact of Tall Timber on their lives! It will be an evening of fellowship, camp spirit, music, and community!

### Women's Christmas Dessert Coordinator & Co-coordinator opportunity

If you feel called to help plan and coordinate this event please let the office know. There are notes from previous years to help you.



## MVPC Church Leadership 2019-2020



Elders		Class Year	Ministry Area	Deacons		Class Year
Patti	Allen	2020	Hospitality	Brian	Anderson	2020
Becky	Goodell	2020	Hospitality	Sarah	Catton	2020
Bob	Rauch	2020	Discipleship	Colleen	Higbee	2020
Bob	Higbee	2020	Ministry Support	Toni	Hulbert	2020
Lou	Cheney	2021	Worship	Danya	Wolf	2021
Chris	Hoke	2021	Discipleship	Ruth	Neal	2021
Bruce	Lavers	2021	Ministry Support	Connie	Bowser	2021
Anne	Long	2021	Membership/ Evangelism	Tracy	Hall	2021
MaryEllen	Byerly	2022		Tom	Howard	2022
Bill	DeHon	2022	Mission	Chris	Johnson	2022
Gail	LaFleur	2022	Worship	Sandi	Seabott	2022
		2022		Sumiko	Shinozaki	2022

### Notes from July 16th Session meeting

The meeting was opened with prayer.

- Received the Finance committee report showing the Year to Date difference through June 30, 2019 of \$21,953.00.
- Building and grounds reported completion of the GAGA Ball Pit, 2 “Cutting (flower) Gardens outside the Admin/Office windows, rounding and re-seeding of smaller mounds, replacement of nine furnaces and a tour and report of roof, exterior and ground level visual inspection of the building. In process, is work on the long mound on the east side.
- The Deacon Ministry Update from Sarah Catton advised that ASANA (the deacon task management tracking program) has been worked on to make it more user friendly in tracking congregational care.
- Elected corporate officers as follows: President, Bruce Lavers; Vice President, Patti Allen; Secretary, Gail LaFleur; Treasurer, Beth Tacker and made the following appointments: Clerk, Ward Ernst; Finance Secretary, Leslie Braun; Assistant treasurer Anne Long; Assistant finance secretary, Dee Jobe.
- Discussed steps in implementing the goal of the Capital Campaign planning committee to have a safe, secure building in order to do the ministry God has called us to do.
- Approved a motion to do maintenance on both the North and South parking lots this summer/fall.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

### MVPC is Hosting

**The week of August 11-18**

We are in need of overnight Hosts. Check with Gary Jones for available spots.



**Did you know that Fred Myers Rewards card holders can have a % of their purchase donated directly to Family Promise of Skagit. Just go online and pick a community organization to link your card to. Thank you to the 19 households that chose Family Promise this month.**

# August 2019 Children and Family Ministries



## Church Nursery

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

*In August, school aged kids are welcome too!*



## THANK YOU TO ALL THE 2019 MVPC VBS VOLUNTEERS!

Patti Allen  
Mim Ambrose  
Arlene Anderson  
Tonnie Boer  
Sarah Catton  
Paul Coalwell  
Laurel Coalwell  
Madeline DeLia  
Soren Derrick (youth)  
Treagan Derrick (youth)  
Jan Eerkes  
Becky Goodell  
Cameron Hazelwood (youth)  
Courtney Hazelwood (youth)  
Rebecca Holland  
Pastor Dan Holland  
Gary Jones  
Gail LaFleur  
Sarah Maas  
Bob Mitchell  
Glenda Mitchell  
Margie Riedel  
Gavin St. Clair (youth)  
Josh VerHalen

Plus everyone who supported with prayer  
and snack donations! Thank you!  
VBS couldn't happen without you!

Kids are invited to remain in worship with their families or enjoy time in the nursery during Sundays in August as the Godly Play storytellers are "taking a break" to prepare for the coming program year!



Godly Play Volunteer Training: 8/26  
Godly Play Kick Off: 9/8

## MVPC Family Small Group

The Family Small Group will kick off again on August 25th (after a break for summer fun) with a potluck picnic at the Maas' Home. Please consider coming if your family might be interested in being a part of the family small group in the



2019-2020 program year. We will be deciding as a group on when we will meet and more!

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

# VBS • To Mars and Beyond



# Youth & Family Ministries

## August 2019



### Summer Youth Programs



**August 11:** Summer youth group, held during worship for middle and high school students. Food, fun and faith!

**August 23:** Youth Movie Night! Meet at 5:30pm at the home of our youth director for dinner and a movie. This month's movie: The Case for Christ.

**August 24:** 3rd Annual Youth Retreat! We will celebrate the end of a great summer and gear up for the new school year. The day long event will include devotion, music, games, swimming, an art/reflection project, stories and food. This event will be held offsite and requires registration. Please contact the church office for more information.

**August 25:** Summer youth group, held during worship for middle and high school students. Food, fun and faith!

### Memories Made at Tall Timber!



The youth would like to thank everyone at MVPC who helped them get to camp. Thank you to our Deacons for their financial support. Thank you to everyone who supported the youth fundraisers. Thank you to the members of the congregation that came to the Camper's Lunch to hear their stories and connect with their experience. And a special thank you to the parents of our youth, who made the time commitment for their students to go to camp, drove over the mountains to get them there and back, helped them with fundraising, and made sure sack lunches were made for the Camper's Lunch. None of our youth ministry efforts succeed without the support of our dedicated parents—thank you!!



### 2019/20 Kicks Off Sept. 8!

- Seekers (MS) & Explorers (HS) classes
- Youth Group
- Youth Movie Nights
- Bell Choir and other music programs
- Youth Missions
- Worship Service involvement
- Special Events

### Y&FM Discernment Team

The Discernment Team for Youth & Family Ministries will meet on Thursday, August 8 at 7pm in the Great Room. We have a growing group of teens that are looking for belonging, meaning, spiritual growth, fellowship, and a closer relationship with Jesus. We need parents, teachers, leaders, and general congregation members to serve our youth and their families the best we can. If you can't make the meeting, please hold us in prayer and email me your ideas, thoughts, and reflections.

Thank you!

## August Birthdays & Anniversaries

1-David Reamer

3-Brad & Barb Clure

4-Toni Hulbert

5-Jim & Chris Johnson

*Karen Lorente*

9-Seaver Milnor

11-Mim Ambrose

Sarah Maas

12-Rob & Tracy Hall

14-Vicki Jones

15-Chris Hoke

15-Paul & Laurel Coalwell

18- Collie Ridgeway

19-Douglas Catton

20-Paula Rutledge

21-Tracy Hall

22-Pat Skelton



25-Peggy Feller

26-Ted Langrehr

Mike Weeks

Gayle Vyskocil

Dave & Rosemary Gale

27-Don & Marjorie Riedel

30-Britt Swanson

Alexandra Yerigan

31-Chris Johnson

29-Josh VerHalen

### Women's Fellowship

Meets the fourth Saturday,  
August 24th 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, August 24th  
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  
[mvpcc@mountvernonpres.org](mailto:mvpcc@mountvernonpres.org)  
or call or text  
360-424-7675 so we can celebrate  
with you!

### Open House

Hosted by the Family

For a 100th Birthday Party and Celebration of 100 years and counting

### Honoring Pat Call

Sunday August 18, 2019 1 –3 p.m.

At Copia...on the Boulevard

1174 Burlington, WA 98233

Although Pat will not be able to attend, you are invited to celebrate her life while sharing stories and refreshments. No gifts please.

For more information, call 206-313-5698

# Prayer

Would you like to join a prayer group?

## PEOPLE OF PRAYER

A few years ago, members of MVPC gathered to clarify how prayer is used in our church. Our vision for prayer at MVPC at that time was to pray with love in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, that one day the entire church body will be involved in this ministry without fear, as it belongs to all of us.

The experience of prayer in our church is that our congregation trusts in the power of prayer, we share our burdens and we care for each other. And we celebrate as we see the many ways God answers our prayers.



We have many venues to present prayer requests.

- On Sunday, we have the Prayers of the People, during the service.
- Please feel free to write a prayer request on the Friendship Register form during worship. These requests are given to the deacons and Tuesday prayer gathering.
- Tuesday Intercessory Prayer Gathering - this takes place each Tuesday, at 10:30 in the library. Anyone who wishes to participate in group prayer is encouraged to come. It is a warm and caring experience, with huge rewards as we recognize all of the ways God has blessed us with answered prayer.
- Small Group Gatherings - sharing and praying together in our activities, requesting interaction with the rest of the church, as desired.
- Do you know about the EMAIL PRAYER MINISTRY? This is a place we can receive prayer during the week. There are two ways you can participate. 1) Sign up to be on the email Prayer Contact List (use the following email address) to receive prayer requests 2) Send in a prayer request to this same email address: [prayers.mvpc@gmail.com](mailto:prayers.mvpc@gmail.com). When you send in a request it will be reviewed by an individual for permission and confidentiality, and then sent out to those on the Prayer Contact List for immediate prayer. At this time about 30 people are participating in this ministry. Please sign up if you are interested. And if you have a friend that does not have email, sign up and then call that friend so they can pray along with you.

“Peace to you, and may we all become people of prayer”.

### MVPC Knitting/Crafts

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

Talk with Patti Allen

Knitting fills my days,  
not to mention  
the livingroom,  
bedroom, closets...



## Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church

*Growing followers of Christ*

### *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 10:30 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>	Kick Off on August 25th with a potluck picnic
<b>Summer Youth Group:</b>	2nd & 4th Sundays, during worship in the Great Room
<b>Youth Movie Night:</b>	4th Fridays @ 5:30 pm
<b>Chancel Choir:</b>	Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 pm
<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 2:30 p.m.
<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>Children &amp; Family Team:</b>	3rd week of Oct, Jan, April & July

## 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. **In August, school aged kids are welcome too!**

**GODLY PLAY** (K through 5th) Begins again in September.

**SEEKERS & EXPLORERS** Youth (MS & HS) Begins again in September.

**SUMMER YOUTH GROUP** YOUTH (MS & HS) on the 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship.

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

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