

# 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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Happy Fall! Fall is truly my favorite season with the weather cooling, the leaves changing, and all the delicious harvest flavors (yes, I'm one of those Pumpkin Spice people). I also love that it's when the church programs kick off again for the year and, with school starting again too, it always feels like the true beginning of the year to me. Yes, I know the church calendar starts with Advent and the yearly calendar starts with January, but we all know this is really the beginning of the year when we figure out our plan for the coming year (Fall, Winter, and Spring).

As you are figuring out your plans for the coming year, I hope that you will consider all of the opportunities to grow in your faith, get involved in mission and service, and build community at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. Please prayerfully look at the following possibilities.

**-Grow in Your Faith:** In addition to participating in Worship on Sundays at 10:30 am in person or through Zoom, I hope you might consider attending the ongoing weekly 9 am Sunday Bible Study led by retired Pastor Wayne Schneider and the 9 am Thursday Prayer Group led by Pastor Rebecca Holland. Feel free to visit and see if the groups might be what you are looking for to help you grow in your faith. Fall is also a great time to join a small group or get a new one going - please talk with Pastor Rebecca if you are interested in finding out more!

**-Get involved with Mission and Service!** There are so many ways to get involved with the mission and service teams at MVPC: serving food at Friendship House Cafe (talk with Laurel Coalwell), helping to host the rotating

Family Promise shelter at MVPC (talk with Craig and Tami Riggs), getting involved with One Parish One Prisoner ministry to those facing incarceration (talk with Sarah Catton and Madeline DeLia), spending time with those facing dementia and alzheimer's with the Care Pals Team (talk with Linda Ream), and so much more (talk with Missions Team Coordinator Dave Gale).



**-Build Community at MVPC:** In addition to participating in the after worship Fellowship and all church events, consider checking out the wonderful Men's Breakfast and Women's Fellowship ministries on the fourth Saturdays of every month at 9 am. You can also get involved with the teams keeping ministry and programs happening at MVPC whether that's with the Men's Breakfast, Women's Fellowship, Welcoming Team, Hospitality Team, Communications Team, Buildings and Grounds Team, and more! We are especially in need of more volunteers to work with the children and youth teams! The Mops VBS Style Kids Program and the Sunday Godly Play Program and we are also in need of more Mentors for Confirmation! The beginning of the year is a great time to get involved. Plus, it's a wonderful way to get to know others at MVPC!

Please let me know if you have any questions or want to find out more about getting involved at MVPC! We will be kicking the program year off with the Kick Off Sunday and Salmon BBQ on Sunday, September 10th. I hope to see you there!

Blessings, Pastor Rebecca Holland

### Sunday Worship 10:30 am

In person and on Zoom (Go to [zoom.us/j](https://zoom.us/j) - enter Meeting ID: 360 424 7675 Passcode: MVPC; or Meeting Room 1)

# Discipleship

## **Sunday Bible Study - Sundays 9 to 10:15 am in the MVPC Library**

Grow in your understanding of the Bible with the ongoing Sunday Bible Study led by retired Pastor Wayne Schneider. Bring your coffee and your thoughts as we explore the Bible together. All knowledge levels welcome! The Sunday Bible Study meets on Sunday mornings from 9 to 10:15 am in the MVPC Library. Come and check it out!

## **Godly Play Kid's Program - Most\* Sundays beginning in Worship**



The Godly Play Kid's Program is a wonderful gathering for elementary aged kids to grow in their faith. This year we will be exploring the stories of the New

Testament! Kids begin in the Worship Service with their families before being invited to head to the Godly Play Program where we share, wonder, and engage in our faith through stories and creative reflection.

\*Kids will remain in worship on the 1st Sundays of the month to help with a Godly Play Story during Worship and join with their families in Communion. Godly Play does not meet on holiday weekends.

## **Youth Group CONFIRMATION - Most\* Sundays from Noon to 1 pm**

The MVPC Youth in middle school and high school will be going through a Confirmation Experience this year! They will be exploring what they believe and are called to in life during Youth Group on Sundays after Worship from Noon to 1 pm

(\*except 1st Sunday when they will meet for the Mentor Lunch and holiday weekends when they will not meet).

They will be matched with a mentor from the church (WE NEED MORE MENTORS) for a once a month Mentor Lunch on the 1st Sundays of each month. Youth, Parents, and Mentors are encouraged to come to the Confirmation Information meeting on Sunday, September 17th from Noon to 1 pm after Worship to find out more and get started! Please talk with Pastor Rebecca to find out more or to become a Mentor!

## **Children and Youth are Welcome in Worship at MVPC!**

Families of all ages are invited to participate in Sunday Worship at 10:30 am in Person or on Zoom. Please help to welcome them!

Parents and Caregivers, please know:

~ For those joining on Zoom, gather where your whole family will be comfortable. Allow your youth and kids to color or draw while they listen and participate in worship.

~ For those of you coming to in person Worship, the kids and youth are welcome to use one of the worship activity bags. MVPC welcomes the joyful noises of families worshipping together in person.

Feel free to sit wherever is most comfortable for your family and know that there is a "kid's table" in the sanctuary if your kids would like a space to create and, if you need more room to run around, you can see and hear worship from the Fireside room right outside the sanctuary. There is a wonderful Nursery & Play Room open for birth through elementary school aged kids from 10 am to Noon. We have a Godly Play Kid's Program for elementary school aged kids that begins in Worship and then kids are invited to the Godly Play Program part way through. The youth often like to sit together on the Northwest side of the church and we have a Youth Group after worship from Noon to 1 pm for middle and high school youth. Plus, lots of programs for parents and a family small group for the whole family!



## **Nursery and Play Room - Sundays from 10 am to Noon**

Infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary kids are welcome to come and play with our Nursery and Play Room Team on Sunday mornings from 10 am to Noon while their adults enjoy worship.



## **Family Small Group - Most\* 1st and 3rd Sundays from 5 to 6:30 pm**

Families gather for a potluck and fellowship in homes or for a bring your own picnic at a park (\*except for holiday weekends). Please let Pastor Rebecca know if you would like to be added to the Family Small Group email list to find out details about the upcoming Family Small Group!

## **Prayer Group - Thursdays 9 to 10 am in the MVPC Library**

Everyone is invited to join the MVPC Prayer Group that meets on Thursdays from 9 to 10 am in the MVPC Library whenever you are able. We are a welcoming, gracious group that enjoys learning and practicing a variety of contemplative prayers as well as spending time praying for each other, the congregation, the community, and the world. Let Pastor Rebecca know if you would like to be on the list to receive a reminder email each week.

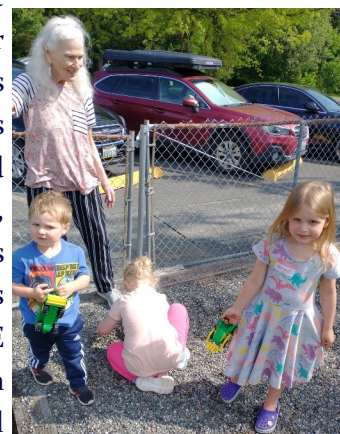
## **MVPC Small Groups**

Grow in your faith while building lifelong friendships! There are a number of small groups

formed and forming at MVPC who would love to welcome in new members. They decide as a group when, where, and how often they want to meet as well as if they want to participate in a devotional or bible study together or simply gather for fellowship and prayer. Please talk with Pastor Rebecca if you are interested in a small group for yourself, you and your spouse, or for your whole family

## **MOPs Moms Program and (VBS Style) Kid's Program**

On the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 am, moms of all ages are invited to connect with other moms and mentor moms through a Mops Moms Program of faith, food, and fellowship while their infants, toddlers, and preschoolers enjoy their own Mops Kid's Program (WE NEED MORE Mops Kids Program Volunteers!!!). It's a wonderful



time for everyone! Please talk with Pastor Rebecca if you are interested!

## **Craft Group - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from Noon to 1 pm in the MVPC Library**

The crafters of MVPC bring their own crafts and gather together in fellowship on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from Noon to 1 pm in the MVPC Library. We are a fun group that likes to laugh and would love to have you join whenever you are able. Come and check it out!



## All Church Pumpkin Party

Sunday, October 29th in Good Shepherd Hall following Worship. We will enjoy a fall food potluck and carve pumpkins together. Costumes are optional but encouraged. It's a wonderful annual gathering of ALL AGES at MVPC! Please bring your favorite fall food to share (you can drop it off before worship).



## MVPC's Men's Breakfast

Coming soon is the first fall Men's Breakfast on September 23rd. Family Promise facilitators will speak on their overall program and how MVPC can be involved.

October 28th will bring another interesting program as well as good food and great fellowship.

Watch for the invitation coming in your inbox through Mail Chimp.

## Women's Fellowship

The MVP Women's Fellowship Group will resume meeting on Saturday, September 23, 2023 in the Fireside Room at the church. Check-in and light refreshments will be served at 8:45 a.m. With the program beginning promptly at 9:00 a.m.

We will continue our Theme of "Getting to Know Each Other Better." Gail Trucker will interview Sumiko Shinozaki, who designs our floral arrangements each Sunday and attendees will be encouraged to participate if they have questions for Sumiko, during the interview.

Saturday, October 28 is the next meeting. We will be discussing alternate activities for November and December. We will resume again in 2024, with our Theme meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. Please check the MVP weekly email for more Women's Fellowship information as we continue to plan.



## Music Fellowship

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands...come before his presence with singing".

These are the beginning lines of Psalm 100 which is described in the KJV as "an exhortation to praise God cheerfully for his greatness and for his power". Notice, the psalmist does not suggest that you must sing a

beautiful, melodious, on-pitch song unto the Lord. It doesn't even have to be a song. He says, "make a joyful NOISE", asking only that it be done with joy and from the heart. Psalm 150 describes a myriad of options: trumpet, harp, lyre, timbrel, strings, pipe, cymbals. Even dancing!

The prolific hymn writer, John Wesley, echoed similar sentiments in his "rules for singing" found as a preface to the United Methodist Hymnal. "See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up and you will find a blessing." "Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan." If you enjoy singing, or playing an instrument, or just clapping your hands, don't worry about what it sounds like to others. Know that the Lord hears and cherishes your praises just the same.



As the program year begins at MVPC, we have many opportunities to express our love and praise through music: a bell choir, a traditional vocal choir and a praise band. And if you have even the smallest inkling of interest, no matter your skill, I would encourage you to seek them out this season. None of those feel quite right? We are open to any ideas you might have for special music and other new ways to praise God through music.

And if none of these options are in your comfort zone, that's fine too. I would simply encourage you to do as Psalm 135 suggests, "Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; [make music] to his name, for that is good".

Joshua VerHalen, Director of Music Ministries

## Communication & Evangelism

Pastor Linda reminded us at the last C & E meeting that communication is really a form of Evangelism. We strive in this ministry to keep our local community informed of events and also to arouse the interest of others in being the people Jesus wants us to be. The latest project is to encourage people to tell a portion of their story with a picture of an event from this past summer. Will you share some of your story with whomever walks the hallway?

## Building & Grounds

Here are a few descriptions and pictures of our major tasks with one very blessed outcome to the church.

Ron Pinaire took on re-painting the children's large toy storage cabinet.

Dan Long designed, is leading the effort and has done nearly all of the work creating the "Contemplative Walk" from the South parking lot, along the West end of the Sanctuary to the grassy area pointing to the "Prayer Garden"; a massive undertaking still in process.

Bill DeHon led and worked with folks and youth from Underground Ministries with some help from Sumiko to refurbish our Courtyard with new handrails for safety into the garden, freshly painted garden furniture and new potted and planted trees and flowers.

Bob Wygal and Bruce Lavers facilitated having our parking lot drains cleaned out after years since the last time and refreshing the lots by removing/replacing worn out concrete wheel stops, pressure washing all wheel stops and re-painting all striping and surface decals.

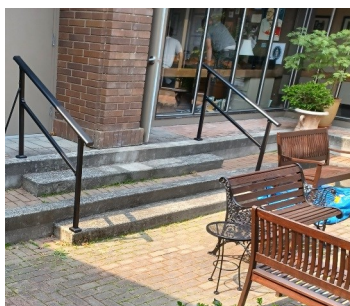
We are truly blessed to have these and so many others in service to our church. Praise God for their Time and Talents.

The last item above is where we have been blessed the most with the generosity from an unexpected source.

Brian and Damon Elbert of Northshore Exteriors are a father/son business that refurbished our parking lots. This is a side-business for them. Damon came to Barbara several months ago introducing their business with only a name and phone number. During the course

of bidding for the work, they became our contractor. The cost of the work came to \$6,900 + tax. When we received the email from Brian after the work was done, Brian said the he was donating \$6,000 of the bill to the church as a discount. His reasoning?...because of his and his son's favorable experience with Presbyterian Youth Groups. The glory goes to God.

Bruce Lavers, Ministry Support Coordinator.



## Hospitality

Get ready to break bread and fellowship around food and drink this fall. Coming soon! Salmon BBQ, on September 10, 2023. Yum! Celebrating the start of the church year.

Next "big" event is the Giving Thanks dinner on November 12, 2023. A time to express gratitude to God and church. On other Sundays, the opportunity to gather, visit, and have fellowship; coffee, tea, hot chocolate are available for your refreshment.

Your hospitality coordinator is looking for a person to co-partner with as kitchen organizer. If interested please call, text, or see me. BLESSINGS, WARD



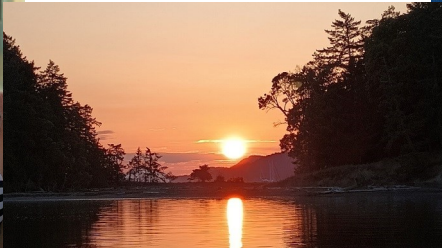
# From Pastor Dan



It's hard to put into words just how grateful I am: to God - for the renewal, refreshment and reconnection that I experienced during Sabbatical; to the church - for giving me the freedom and the time to make it happen and to my family and friends who made it all so special. Here are a few photos that give a bit of the flavor of some of the adventures. I look forward to catching up, sharing stories of my summer and hearing from you about yours too!



Blessings to You!  
Pastor Dan



**Pictures:** Top Left: Rebecca and I are learning to sail our “new to us” boat (Seattle in the background). Top Right: The whole fam sailing near Spieden Island on our trip to the San Juans and Gulf Islands, Center Right: Me and the biggest fish I’ve ever caught (maybe even the biggest fish I’ve ever seen!). Bottom Right: My kids enjoying time on a paddle board (how long do you think it was before they fell in?) Bottom Center: Sunset at Montague Harbor (we had a front row seat!). Bottom Left: My friends Zach and Amanda (with whom I journeyed up the coast of Mexico). Center Left: Our boat under sail

# Noteworthy

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### September

3-Anne Long  
Joe Ray Ortiz  
5-Megan Nash  
8-Liz Rogers  
9-Pete Papadopoulos  
13-Eden Cooksey  
Liz Cooksey  
14-Vicki McCarty  
15-Phanice Olwete  
21-Betty Rogers  
22-Val Smith  
23-Michaela Holland  
29-Claire Coalwell  
30-Dan Holland

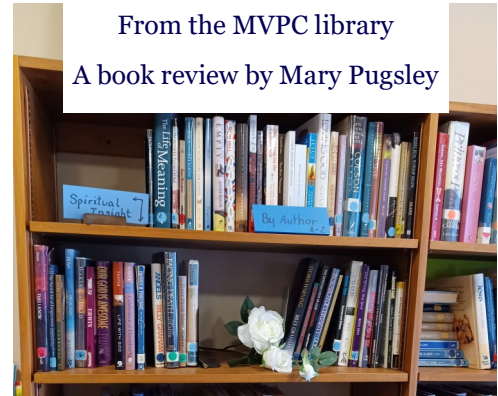


### October

1-Nathan Curtis  
2-Patti Allen  
4-John Shultz  
8-Cameron Hazelwood  
Courtney Hazelwood  
9-Ben Rogers  
10-Rose Cooksey  
11-Francis Oyamo  
13-Susan Schlumberger  
15-Darren Overby  
18-Matilda Maas  
20-Doris Hansen  
Rose Cooksey  
26-Sadie Rutledge  
28-Amanda Scoby  
Merlin Zimmerly

## Peacemaking Offering

As we approach World Communion Sunday (begun in 1933 by a Presbyterian minister), our national church asks us to prepare our hearts this month by thinking about our work toward peace and reconciliation personally, locally, and worldwide. Examples of peacemaking programs being supported this year, which you can read more fully about in the PCUSA website, are efforts to combat structural racism, to fight climate change, and to stop human trafficking and the exploitation of children. This is a great opportunity to think about the Matthew 25 call that Pastor Linda talked about with us a few weeks ago, and to contribute in whatever way you can toward the peacemaking efforts of our church. Best way to donate is by check to MVPC designating "Peacemaking offering". Thank you, on behalf of the recipients of this offering!



An atheist comes to church....

If you were a non-believer, what would you think of the Sunday morning church experience at MVPC? That's the premise of a thought provoking book in the church library: "**Jim and Casper Go to Church**", by Jim Henderson and Matt Casper. The authors (one a believer, one not) visit many different churches, including one Presbyterian, and two in the Pacific NW, and discuss the experiences. As the atheist, Matt Casper asks: "Is this what Jesus told you guys to do?". (Probably a good question to be asking about more than just church services, but I digress...). This is an engaging read, which has stuck with me. I strongly recommend it.

Mary Pugsley

PS On your way into GSH for fellowship after worship on Sundays, take note of the books standing up in the library hall windows. The titles alone are worthy of the "read".

Welcome to MVPC





# Why Go to Tall Timber Camps

Here are just some of the things students had to say about camp this year:

## ***What did you learn about God?***

"That he is everywhere"

"I learned that God loves us even when we sin."

"He will always forgive us no matter what"

"That you can worship him in many ways."

"That he REALLY DOES love and accept everybody."

"That God can look different for everyone and God loves us equally no matter what gender or sexuality you are."

"I learned that god is more forgiving than I thought"

## ***What did you learn about you?***

"I can show kindness to others"

"That I'm strong and don't worry a lot"

"That I can show my true self and nobody will make fun of me."

"I learned that I need to explore more and venture into Creation."

"I guess kind of I can do hard things"

"I can do difficult things if I start them."

"that I can do really challenging (things)"

## ***What did you learn about being a good neighbor?***

"Listening to others when they are talking"

"Be generous"

"To be respectful"

"always help people and offer to help."

"I learned that I'm calmer and less erratic when I'm enjoying the wonders of nature."

"I learned to respect people even if they have different opinions or beliefs than you"

"To be patient is the greatest way to improve my connections to people"

"I liked being able to communicate and know that I can

trust others"

"that leaving no trace is important for all things"

## ***What did you learn about Creation?***

"We are a part of creation"

"That nature is hard to take care of"

"that bugs even if you hate them they're still good"

"how to whistle with grass"

"That everything that was created, except mosquitoes, is beautiful & well designed"

"Everything has a purpose."

"It's Beautiful"





# Sabbatical Farewell



This newsletter article is the final farewell I share as your sabbatical pastor, a privilege I have had in our ministry together for these last 3 months.

Sometimes a newsletter is a way to celebrate something that has already occurred in the life of our community of faith. Your MVPC depth of leadership and caring means that there are far too many people to be named one by one in our newsletter, yet Barbara's ever kindness and depth of knowledge, and Rebecca's wise pastoral presence must be lifted up for specific mention. Bruce's ways of keeping everything humming along and doing this with caring and effectiveness. Gail, Josh and your musicians, and the tech crew also have made it possible for the work of worship to be offered through this summer in ways that were in continuity with your long tradition and the collaborative needs during this sabbatical season.

I have been blessed and cared for within this community through our daily contact. As we practice a new pattern in our "post sabbatical" journeys, we will continue to be held together by our prayers for one another. Your ministry to me, and with me, have been so great a gift. No words or expression is sufficient for

the gratitude I feel. We are often given the gift of song at times such as this. In the fourth verse of The Servant Song we sing:

**I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.**

**I will share your joy and sorrow till we see this journey through.**

And then the final verse concludes:

**When we sing to God in Heaven, we shall find such harmony,**

**born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

As we continue the work of releasing each other from this yoke of shared ministry, I give thanks that the connectional nature of our prayer life will keep us close. I know I will look forward to seeing you around the Skagit Valley. It has been a wonderful part of getting to know my new home! I am forever in your debt for the love you have given in the laughter and the tears of our journey together.

Continued blessings as we travel in the Spirit,

Linda Stewart-Kalen,

Sabbatical Pastor Summer 2023



Scenes from the beach hike in July at Fort Ebey



# Mission Partners

## New Earth Recovery

New Earth Recovery loves, strengthens, and accompanies people in recovery from addiction through faith-based healing community.

During 2022

- 37 reported starting or deepening their faith
- 31 restored relationships with family
- 23 found employment or attended college while in residence, while the rest volunteered in the community

- 18 completed the Genesis relapse prevention program
- 10 regained their driver's licenses
- 4 who had unresolved court issues became free from justice system involvement
- 11 found secure housing upon departure

New Earth Recovery has served 240 people since opening their first house in 2011!



### Dales Story: A testimony

I was married before and I was clean for 12 years and then I lost my wife to cancer. I went out on the streets using again for eleven years after her death. I was homeless for 5 years of that and then my girlfriend, Chelsea, and I got really sick from the drugs and how we were living. We were put into a hospital in Bellingham for 30 days. We almost died.

After they let us out we were homeless and were trying to get help so we wouldn't go back on the street while living in a motel in Bellingham trying to figure things out. I came back to Mount Vernon to work and ended up doing drugs again and got arrested. I spent some time in jail and started talking to Chelsea. She had got into Faith House, her friend told her about it, and she told me I needed to do some real soul searching.

When I was leaving jail, I told the judge that I wanted to go to treatment and the judge said, "If Mr Henry wants help, we're going to get him help." They sent me to Tukwila for treatment. When I got out of treatment, Randall (director of The Foundation house) picked me

up and took me to The Foundation house. I stayed there and went through the Genesis process, basically just worked on myself. When I finished Genesis, I moved over to The Trust. And then, Chelsea and I were able to get married! We had the wedding at Faith House. That was quite a deal!

We're members of Radius church now for three years. When I tried church out, I knew it was the place for me. Before this, I didn't know the Bible, I didn't know Jesus, I hadn't turned my life over to him. When I lost my wife, I gave up on God, but NER has given me a new outlook. I knew I could talk to Randall or Alan if I had questions about the Bible. I built a good foundation with NER and now I'm carrying it on through my life. I've been clean three and a half years now and it's great! I help with an outreach program through my church, I've got a job with the Sedro Woolley school district, and Chelsea and I moved into our own apartment in January. We try to tell people about NER because they did such a great job. If I can point somebody in that direction and help them to get clean and sober, that's what I do.



A thank you letter arrived from Friendship House thanking MVPC for the \$1000 donation to help

with the purchase of a working refrigerator for the Friendship House Café which allows them to continue to feed and shelter those experiencing food and shelter crisis in the community.



## Love Inc

From the website of Love Inc a story that makes use of the programs offered by Love Inc.

“As you know, we are extremely fortunate to own a residential duplex that is used for Transitional Housing. This is not meant to be long-term low-income housing. Rather, it is a program designed to provide housing to struggling local families. This program helps them regain stability and become self-sufficient.

This relational ministry uses the proven resource of our Loving Hope Mentoring Program, while providing clients with housing for 6-12 months, for very little rent. As clients begin to “get on their feet” financially, they are surrounded by Christian volunteers from local churches who help them with mentoring and life skills.

John and Mary came to Love INC after being released from prison. They had nothing!



It

started with a visit to our “Lets... Dress For Your Success” boutique. She needed clothing for a job interview. She got the job. Soon after, so did John.

This was just the beginning! They moved into our Transitional House and began to really do the work. As required, they attended our Budget Mentoring class and began working with their mentor and implementing what they had learned. They saved money to pay off debt and began saving for a down payment for their own home.

With commitment, determination, and hard work, they achieved their goal and bought their first home! They went from homelessness to homeownership!”

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## CROP Hunger Walk - Ending Hunger One Step at a Time!

Mount Vernon Presbyterian along with others in the community in walking in the Skagit CROP Hunger Walk this year! The walk will be on Sunday Sept 24 and will start at 2:00pm at Mount Vernon Christian School on Blackburn Street. The walk is 3.4 miles (with a 1 mile family-friendly route available.)

The significance of the 3.4 mile distance is that is how far (mostly) women and girls throughout many third-world countries have to walk every day to get water for their family needs.

Dogs on leashes and strollers are welcome. Money raised from this event will go towards ending hunger locally and globally. Small hygiene items will be collected for walkers to drop off at the Friendship House during the walk.

Walkers are encouraged to register and donate online at [events.crophungerwalk.org/2023](https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023).

Also, checks may be made to MVPC and marked for the "Crop Hunger Walk". We are hoping for a great turnout - bring the whole family and the dog! Many of us "more senior" will probably only make the 1 mile route, but it will be a fun time of fellowship and for a very good cause.

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## Family Promise's "Night Without a Bed"

MVPC is excited to host Family Promise's "Night Without a Bed", formerly know as "Homeless for a Night". This year's program is being called, "DREAM BIG"

The program begins at 6:00 with entertainment from a local bluegrass band, followed by testimonials and a speaker or two. After the program those who wish to, will be spending the night in the cars in solidarity with folks who have no bed to call their own. There will also be space to sleep on the floor if that works better for you. Church will be open for restroom use and there will

be coffee and donuts in the morning.

We would love to see a large turnout from MVPC even if it is only for the program. We understand that for many of us,

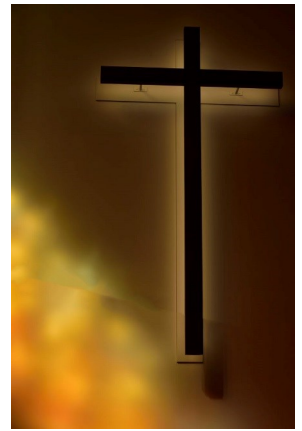
our camping out days are in the past.

Mark your calendar: October 21st!



## Fall Kickoff at MVPC

- ◇ September 10th ~ Kick Off Sunday & Salmon BBQ
- ◇ Sept 10th ~ Godly Play Kids Program begins in Worship
- ◇ Sept 17th ~ Youth Confirmation Program begins
- ◇ September 19th ~ MOPS Moms & Kids Programs begin
- ◇ September 24th ~ Crop Hunger Walk (Join the MVPC Team)
- ◇ October 8-15 ~ MVPC Family Promise Host Week
- ◇ October 21st ~ Night Without a Bed hosted at MVPC
- ◇ October 29th ~ All Church Pumpkin Party after Worship



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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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