

Ministry & Discipleship Opportunities

Helping Hands: Soup, Crackers, TP, \$\$	Today!
UMM Meeting	8am 4/13
UWF Meeting	9am 4/13
Palm Sunday Worship	10:30am 4/13
Maundy Thursday at Bellflower Christian Church	6pm 4/17
Good Friday Worship at Mt Vernon	7pm 4/18
Easter Vigil	7:30pm 4/19
Easter	4/20
Sunrise Service	5:30am
Breakfast	9am
Egg Hunt	9:45am
Worship	10:30am

Recent and Upcoming Birthdays

Scott Jones, Abby Bailen, Rob Dickinson

For more information about these and other activities, check your email for *This Week at Mt. Vernon*. If you don't receive *This Week at Mt. Vernon*, please let us know.

You can view this week's bulletin at <https://tinyurl.com/4h8tzuyyp>. If you use the electronic version, please let Pastor Rob know.



God calls Mt Vernon UMC to:

Love God & neighbor as Jesus taught
Learn together of God's love and grace
Serve others by using our God given gifts and talents
Be witnesses of our faith in God through Jesus Christ to all the world!
To learn more, visit facebook.com/MtVChamp

If you would like a prayer, a visit, a meal, to have Holy Communion brought to your home, or have any other need, please contact any church member or Pastor Rob ([217-751-4400](tel:217-751-4400), pastor@mtvernon-umc.org).



Doodle Through The Bible

Mt Vernon UMC

*Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 6, 2025*

ENTRANCE

GATHERING¹

Welcome to a time of reunion, respite, and renewal.

GREETINGS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Christ, who is always worthy of praise, is with us!

Praise the Lord!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PRELUDE & CANDLE LIGHTING

**2006. Lord, God, Almighty, Savior, redeemer,
only true God to be worshipped and praised.**

How can we tell you how much we love you?

Take now our lives, Lord, and teach us to love.

PRAYER²

**Creator God,
you prepare a new way in the wilderness
and water the desert.**

**Help us to recognize your hand
working miracles beyond our imagining.**

**Open our hearts to be transformed
by the new thing you are doing,
so that our lives may proclaim
the extravagance of your love for all,
and its presence in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

¹ Covert art © Tara D., with text from NASB © The Lockman Foundation

² Revised Common Lectionary Prayers © 2002 Consultation on Common Texts
admin. Augsburg Fortress.

In Search of Wisdom

In 2025, we will focus on the Book of Proverbs. Inspired by Joyce Meyer's *In Search of Wisdom*, for 31 Sundays we will consider each book of Proverbs, in turn. Books are available in the narthex or you may purchase them on Amazon.

Jan 19	Prov. 1	Apr 27	Prov. 12	Aug 03	Prov. 21
Jan 26	Prov. 2	May 04	Prov. 13	Aug 10	Prov. 22
Feb 02	Prov. 3	May 11	Prov. 31	Aug 31	Prov. 23
Feb 16	Prov. 4	May 18	Prov. 14	Sep 07	Prov. 24
Feb 23	Prov. 5	Jun 08	Prov. 15	Sep 14	Prov. 25
Mar 02	Prov. 6	Jun 15	Prov. 16	Sep 14	Prov. 26
Mar 09	Prov. 7	Jun 22	Prov. 17	Oct 05	Prov. 27
Mar 23	Prov. 8	Jun 29	Prov. 18	Oct 12	Prov. 28
Mar 25	Prov. 9	Jul 20	Prov. 19	Oct 19	Prov. 29
Mar 30	Prov. 10	Jul 27	Prov. 20	Oct 26	Prov. 30
Apr 06	Prov. 11				

Church Vitality

Average Sunday Attendance in March: 33.2

Average Sunday Attendance, year-to-date: 29.2

Average Sunday Offering, year-to-date: \$1609

Average Offering, compared to budget: +\$196

Recent Ministries:

Helping Hands, Ash Wednesday, Breakfast & Blessing of the Tractors, Pi Day w/ Lunch & Games, Zahnd funeral & meal, Smithson/Compton wedding, Spring Cleaning, Humane Society Noisy Offering

... the fragrance of perfume.



Hayley helps a St. Jude patient

