



God First

**2010 Stewardship Campaign
Commitment Sunday
October 18, 2009**

Welcome New Members

Stephanie Mathis, who sings in the Epworth Choir. She is transferring from a Methodist church in Pfafftown, North Carolina. (Her address: 119 Marshall Terrace, Danville, VA 24541).

Timothy Navis, our organist and director of music ministries, and his wife, **Leslie Navis**. They bring two young sons, **Evan** and **Jaden**, and are transferring from a Presbyterian church in Bristol, Virginia. (114 Mount Vernon Avenue, Danville, VA 24541).

Marlyn Sigmon, who has been visiting with us at Mount Vernon Church for some time. She is transferring from a Methodist church in Mount Airy, North Carolina. (154 Clarendon Circle, Danville, VA 24541).

Fellowship Opportunity



As we continue to offer programming opportunities for fellowship, how about joining one that involves exercise? Mount Vernon is going to attempt to put a basketball team together. There is

no minimum/maximum age for this team and games will NOT conflict with church programming. Unfortunately this is presently only for men; however, opportunities for fellowship will also exist for spouses and kids during games. If you are interested, please let Tim Navis know by November 1.

CROP Walk

Sunday, October 18 • Check-in - 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Walk begins at 2:30 p.m. at West Main Baptist Church

If you would like to walk in the 1K or 5K walk, please register with Tobias Lutz at (540-820-6497) or lutztb@yahoo.com

If you would like to make a contribution, your gift will be used to fund hunger projects throughout the world through the ministry of Church World Service, an ecumenical organization of which the United Methodist Church is a part. Twenty-five percent of your gift will go to God's Storehouse.

Succoth Booth

Please bring canned or other non-perishable food items to place in the booth in the Fellowship Hall made by our Younger Youth Fellowship. This food will be delivered to God's Storehouse.

ASP Letter of Appreciation

Frank Cuthrell and members of his team each received individual "thank you" letters from a homeowner in Saltville, Virginia. Frank and his team assisted Mrs. Barrett with home renovations last July on the youth ASP: Crossroads mission trip.

"Dear Frank:

I really appreciate you and your group for taking time out of your busy schedule for me. It really looks good now compared to the mess you all saw it in. I wish I could pay all of you in a special way. I know the Lord will repay all of you. I pray the Richest Blessings on you and your family and church family. Lots of thanks and love," [Signed] Mary Barrett

OUR RECORD Worship Attendance			
Date	8:30 am	11:00 am	Offerings
Sep. 27, 2009	46	108	\$ 5,321.00
Oct. 4, 2009	44	95	\$ 8,555.00
<i>[Growing in Faith..GOD FIRST!]</i>			

Top Ten Reasons to Give Blood

10. You will get free juice and cookies
9. You will weigh less – one pint less when you leave than when you came in
8. It's easy and convenient – it only takes about an hour and you can donate at the donor center or at a mobile drive
7. It's something you can spare – most people have blood to spare. Every 2 seconds in the U.S., someone needs blood
6. Nobody can ask you to do any heavy lifting as long as you have the bandage on. It's your badge of honor.
5. You will walk a little taller afterwards – you will feel good about yourself
4. You will be helping to ensure that blood is there when a member needs it. Every month, there is at least one need
3. It's something you can do on equal footing with the rich and famous – blood is something money can't buy
2. You will light another candle on our 125th anniversary cake on the bulletin board in the hallway – only 2 weeks left!
1. It's the right thing to do



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, November 8, 2008 is the big day to celebrate 125 years of ministry at Mount Vernon. Make your plans now to attend. Invite former members and friends of Mount Vernon to join us. All former ministers and staff have been invited.

Make your presence known as we *“Embrace the past and hope for the future”*.

Mount Vernon members will be preparing the food therefore reservations need to be made by October 18.

You may use this means of making your reservation.

Name _____ Number _____

Drop in the offering plate, contact the church office by telephone - 793-6824, mail, or e-mail (mtvernonumc@comcast.net)



A Challenge from United Methodist Women

For the 125th Anniversary, the UMW is challenging the membership to collect items for two of our long-time mission areas.

For Henry Fork Service Center, to help them purchase a new van:

125 Campbell's Soup labels

For House of Hope (formerly the Homeless Shelter):

125 pounds of sugar

125 family-size tea bags

125 individual toiletry items

(soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush)

125 individual cereal boxes

All items may be deposited in the appropriate boxes in the hall outside the Fellowship Hall.

Let's meet their challenge! We have four weeks until **November 8** to do it.

Thought for the day
*“Learning is a treasure which
accompanies its owner everywhere.”*

Sunday, October 18, 2009

- Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Barry Foster
Crucifer: 11:00 a.m. – Newton Ray
Acolyte: 11:00 a.m. – Matthew Parrish
Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Fred Duncan*, James Bucklew, Steve Daniels, Paul Stanfield, Alt. Dave Johnston
11:00 a.m. Tom Leggett*, Andrew Farley, David Fuquay, Tommy Hodges, Kelly Brande, Alt. Steve Jones
- Altar Flowers: Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William H. Jefferson, Jr. by Nell Jefferson and children.

Sunday, October 25, 2009

- Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. – Barry Foster
Crucifer: 11:00 a.m. – Josh Southward
Acolyte: 11:00 a.m. – Max Brande
Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Randy Handy*, Steve Daniels, David Johnston, Butch Dalton, Alt. Tom Savastano
11:00 a.m. Tom Leggett*, Budge Kent, J.G.Hurt, Steve Jones, Gene Saunders, Tom Underwood, Alt. Frank Grogan
- Altar Flowers: Given in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Schoolfield, Jr. and their daughter, Jane Tappero by their family.

Oct. Altar Guild: Jan Sutherland*, Beth deAristizabal, Martha B. Hylton, Betty Turner

The Eleventh Decade 1984-1994

This decade (and second century) began with the continued outstanding leadership of **Dr. Wasena (Buddy) Wright**. The pulpit ministry, church programming, and community involvement highlighted his tenure at Mount Vernon. Wright's doctoral dissertation dealt with suicide, and he truly ministered to the community with his expertise. At one juncture he conducted a class on the subject for public school teachers. Mount Vernon probably would have kept him forever, but the Bishop had other plans, so Wright moved in 1986.

Other Ministers

Douglas Wilson served for a two-year term following Buddy Wright. Donald Seely followed for four steady years from 1988-1992. **John LeGault** began his Mount Vernon ministry in 1992.

During the LeGault years there was a passion for fellowship and outreach. Wednesday night dinners were very popular with well-planned programs for all ages. John was frequently heard to say, "We should have five-hundred people here every Wednesday night." Five-hundred never attended, but on some occasions the stage had to be used to seat everyone.

The Mount Vernon Foundation

Having its incorporation in 1984, the Foundation began with funds from the estate of J.T. Christopher, long-time principal of George Washington High School and a member of Mount Vernon. Lewis Roach was primarily responsible for creating the Foundation, and he was assisted by many others, especially Budge Kent.

During the nineties John LeGault strongly supported the Foundation and stated that it should have a goal of reaching one million dollars before the end of the millennium.

Having reached that amount (but not before the end of the millennium), the Mount Vernon Foundation has contributed thousands of dollars in scholarships, gifts to colleges (particularly Ferrum and Averett), mission projects, music ministry support, and youth assistance.

Music

The late nineties was an important time for music at Mount Vernon. In 1988 the church bought a tracker organ that was built in 1860 by Simmons and Willcox for the First Church Congregational in Cambridge, Massachusetts. It was later moved to St. Philip's Roman Catholic Church and remained there until that church closed its doors.

From that time until the purchase by Mount Vernon, the organ was put in storage in Texas by the Organ Historical Society. Following the purchase, George Bozeman and Company restored the organ to its present condition at Mount Vernon. Eugene Stryker, prominent city musician and a member of Mount Vernon, headed the organ search committee.

David Bowen was the minister of music at the time of the installation of the organ and was followed by Bob Capen, who had a very successful fifteen-year tenure. *Sunday Afternoons at Mount Vernon* began under the leadership of Capen.

Youth

Under the dynamic leadership of Renee Edwards, the youth program soared in the middle years of the decade. Similar to our present situation at Mount Vernon, our church was the place to be for youth on the southside. Regretfully, after several years she left to go to Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina.

In Summary

The eleventh decade was a successful time in the church's history. While there were moments when the church did not soar, it was steady in its ministry. A new organ proved to be a catalyst for the music program, and the youth experienced a vital time for Christian growth and ministry.

October Birthdays

16	Sally Lea Burton	20	Carolyn Smith
17	Ben Caldwell	21	Julia Gibson
	Jesse Mayhew	24	Skipper Morton
	James Swain	26	Barry Foster
18	Kristin Fuquay		Peggy Handy
	Lesley Harden	27	Frank Grogan
			Helen Henderson
19	Jennifer Ashby DeSanto	29	Nathan Payne
	Jim Cheyney		Diane Wall
	Robyn Dalton	30	Abby deAristizabal
	Hayward Majors		Helen Jones
	Art McMillan	31	Patricia Wyatt
	Ken Miller		
20	Meredith Ray		