



Mt. Vernon News Blast

Week of January 3 – January 9, 2025



Announcements/Missions

- **Fellowship Time:** Fellowship Time will be held every third Sunday of each month, after worship service in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Trustee Meeting:** A Trustee meeting will be held January 6, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- **Jewell Bryant Circle:** The Jewell Bryant Circle will meet on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Admin Council/Finance Committee:** Finance Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Administrative Council meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 2:30 p.m.
- **Mt. Vernon Church Christmas Cards:** Although the holiday season is over, it isn't too late to purchase Mt. Vernon Christmas cards to send to family and friends in December 2025!!! There are two designs: 1) One of the church at night taken on Christmas Eve; and 2) one of the church on a snowy day enhanced by a cardinal and the word PEACE. Each pack has 8 cards with verses & envelopes and sells for \$10. To see pictures of the cards and the verses within, please go to the church website at <https://mtvernonoano.org>. Then scroll down to the pictures and click to enlarge. We are also selling packs of note cards that feature a sketch of the church on the cover. The note cards are blank inside and also sell for \$10 a pack. Envelopes are included. If you would like to purchase cards, they will be available to pick up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings after the worship service. Proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the church's general fund. Please support our church by purchasing a pack of beautiful cards!!!
- **PGO:** If anyone is interested in seeing how the PGO foodbank operates, contact Jesse Rowe.
- **FISH:** FISH is in need of certain food for their food pantry The food items needed are: Rice, Oatmeal, Sweet Cereals (for kids), Canned Mixed Vegetables, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni (No Spaghetti), Canned Chicken, Peanut Butter, Jelly, and Canned Tuna. There is a donation box in the Fellowship Hall marked FISH. Everything donated will be in honor of Jewell Bryant who encouraged Mt. Vernon's participation in FISH. FISH is a volunteer-operated, non-profit organization that provides food, clothing, and small housewares to persons in need who live in Williamsburg, James City County and York County.
- **S/PPR Committee:** For those interested in becoming a member of the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee. There is a training session coming up, Saturday January 25, 2025 at Williamsburg, UMC. It will be an all-day event. We would be happy to have you in the group. Russ H., SPPRC Chair
- **Cereal. Cereal. Cereal:** We will continue to concentrate on collecting ONLY cereal donations to St. Olaf's & PGO Food Pantries. Please consider picking up an extra box or two of cereal each week and deposit it in the basket in the narthex. It's a need that we can help to fulfill. Thanks!
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.
- **UMCOR:** Please consider donating to UMCOR US Disaster Response and Recovery. The funds will help those suffering from Hurricane Helene and other natural disasters. Donate online here <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670/> You can also donate by sending a check made payable to **Mt. Vernon U.M.C. with UMCOR written on the memo line.**

- **Church Directory:** The New Church Directories are here!! If you are unable to pick up your Church Directory, please call Theresa at the Church office at (757) 566-0162 and the Church will arrange for your family to receive one.

New Year Reflection

Saints -

At the end of 2012, in the small meeting room off of the kitchen, a group of us met for Sunday School and to reflect on the coming year. We gave serious thought to creating a resolution or two on which we would focus in the coming year. I'm sharing this list with you now and asking that we re-commit ourselves to these resolutions:

1. Study the Word daily for life guidance
2. Pray daily
3. Listen for God's still, small voice/ meditate
4. Perform acts of kindness
5. Be the salt and light of the world - witness
6. Reflect love
7. Praise God with thanksgiving

I invite you to think carefully about each of these resolutions and to plan how you might keep them on your mind and in your heart! We'll talk more about these throughout the year!

Happy New Year to us all!

/pastor dennis

Thank You

Susan M. sent a thank you note to Mt. Vernon U.M.C. She wrote:

Dear Church,

I wanted to send a donation to thank you for all your hard work on our behalf! I rarely get out to church, but enjoy your postings and emails.

God Bless You!

Scripture Lessons for January 5, 2025 Matthew 2:1-12

**To be on the prayer list or One Call Now,
please call church office 757-566-0162 or
Rev. Dennis Morgan**

**The ongoing prayer requests will stay on for 2 months
unless requested to stay on longer.
If there is anyone who needs to be taken
off the prayer list, please call church office.**

The Church in Ministry and Mission

- † **Name Tags:** As you enter for church, please stop in the fellowship hall and pick up your name tag to wear so visitors can address you by name. After worship service, please place your name tag in a basket by the Exit door.
- † **Name Badge Basket—**Please place your name badge in a basket by the Exit door as you leave the service.

Mt. Vernon Stewardship – December 29, 2024

Worship Attendance	Offering
In Person: 34 Streaming: 112	\$2702.00 Needed Weekly \$2,899.15
Total: 146	12/1: \$3905.00 12/8 \$764.00 12/15: \$20,872.15 12/22: \$2167.00 12/29: \$2702.00 Monthly amount needed: \$12,563.00