

# Welcome!

We welcome you to today's worship celebration service. We are happy you are here and pray that your spirit is refreshed. Please fill out the attendance registry with your name, address and phone number...so we can keep in touch.



## NURSERY

We have a nursery available for your children in Rainbow Hall.

## FINANCE COUNTERS July

01 Randall Byrd	Stan Silva
08 Linda Barnhart	Nancy Craig
15 James King	Steve Wright
22 Mike Fisk	Gail Reed
29 Nancy Craig	Linda Moore

## FINANCE UPDATE

June Opening Balance	\$ 45,636.83
Income thru June 30	\$ 27,488.83
Expenses thru June 30	\$ 54,534.22
June 30 Closing Balance	\$ 18,591.44

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## This Week

**Sunday, July 1**  
 8:30 am Worship Service  
 9:30 am Refreshments  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Worship Service  
 4:00 pm Youth

**Monday, July 2**  
**Senior High Bridgeport Camp**  
**July 2nd - 6th**

**Wednesday, July 4**  
**FUMC Office and Rainbow Connection Closed**



## Administrative Meetings

**Rainbow Board Meeting**  
Monday, July 9 @ 5:15 pm

**Trustees Meeting**  
Monday, July 9 @ 6:00 pm

**Church Council**  
Tuesday, July 10 @ 6:00 pm

**Finance Meeting**  
Monday, July 16 @ 6:30 pm

## MINISTRIES

MINISTERS	THE CONGREGATION
CHILD CARE DIRECTOR	Ellen Leslie
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Marilyn Joyce
MUSICIAN	Tony Johnston
MEDIA DIRECTOR	Stephen Marshall
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR	Kathy Byrd
ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT	Lynne Overstreet
FACILITY MANAGEMENT	Cody Bradford
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	Ashley Trantham
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR	Pam Greenberg
YOUTH DIRECTOR	Cindy McDonald
PASTOR	Rev. Stephen Cotten



## “Everything You’ve Ever Wanted Is Sitting On The Other Side of Fear”

“Help, God - the bottom has fallen out of my life!  
 Master, hear my cry for help!  
 Listen hard! Open your ears!  
 Listen to my cries for mercy.”  
 Psalm 130:1

Can you hear the Fear in the Psalmist voice above? Goodness...I sure can! I believe I've said those exact words a thousand times to God.

So, what do you Fear the most? As for me, I fear grasshoppers, skin cancer and the possibility of floods. I fear ignorant neighbors who shoot their fireworks inadvertently at my house on 4th of July and I fear not loving the Lord enough.

Fear is a big deal in the story of us and God. The commandment repeated the most in the Bible is “Fear Not”. I read somewhere that someone once added them all up, and apparently there are 366 “fear nots” in the Bible — one “fear not” for every day of the year — including Leap Year. Like a parent, **daily**, telling their child “Don’t do that”..... God is constantly, **daily**, rolling His eyes, shaking His head and reminding us, yet again, that Fear is the opposite of Him.

Remember; Fear is the “go-to” tool of Satan.....a tool Satan pulls out **DAILY** and drops on our path. It’s one of his most powerful tools....and it has the power to kill, discourage, destroy, and crush any thread of confidence we have left. It grips us by the throat and chokes the very breath out of us.

So what do we do when Fear gets thrown on our path? What do we have in our tool bag that is bigger and stronger and will overcome Satan’s most powerful tool? Our tool is called Jesus. Fear trembles in the presence of Jesus. It’s equal to a good soldier fighting with a silver bullet against an enemy using rubber bands.

And no matter how fearful we may become, we have the promise....the glorious promise.....that nothing in this world lasts forever (my Dad’s favorite saying). Our time on this earth is a minute-in-time compared to the lifetime of eternity in Heaven. We have nothing to fear.....we have the promise of forever as we head for Home, and Home is right around the corner, Friends.

Lock-and-load Jesus in your life....and the tool of Fear will be rendered useless.



Liz Etheridge

July 1, 2018

*Learning to Wait*

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**Sunday, July 1, 2018**  
**8:30 AM & 11:00 AM**

**POCKET VERSE**

O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
 For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is  
 great power to redeem.  
**Psalm 130:7**

**PRELUDE** (8:30) Tony Johnston  
 (11:00) Lisa Lowry

**WELCOME**

**\*HYMN** *God of the Ages* UM 698 (vss. 1,2,4)

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*HYMN** *Battle Hymn of the Republic* CH 804 (vss. 1,2,4)

**\*HYMN** *Give Thanks* CH 170

**SCRIPTURE** Psalm 130:1-8 (8:30) Judy Kirby  
 (11:00) Becky Arterbury

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

*"For God so loved the world, that God gave ... !"*  
 John 3:16 (adapted)

**\*DOXOLOGY** UM 95  
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
 praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**ANTHEM** *You Are the Bread* Chancel Choir

**MESSAGE** *Learning to Wait* Pastor Stephen Cotten

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*HYMN** *Change My Heart, O God* CH 654

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**  
*Change My Heart, O God* CH 654

**POSTLUDE** Tony Johnston

\*Please stand as able \*CH: Celebration Hymnal \*UM: United Methodist Hymnal



The FUMC office and Rainbow Connection will be closed Wednesday, July 4th. We will resume business on Thursday, July 5th.

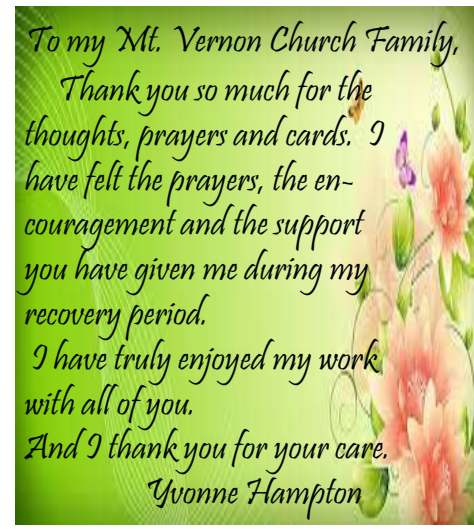
**Mowing Update**

Still welcoming individuals who are willing to help the Mowing Teams. There are 4 Team Captains committed to making our grounds look nice: Billy Jordan, Cody Bradford, Erik Law and Brad Floyd. Other team members are Rex Norris, James King, Mike Griffith, Bruce Morris, Stan Silva, Becky Arterbury, Liz Etheridge, Meghan Law and Patti Brewer.

One team is not complete. Can **YOU** Help?  
**Appreciation Breakfast** - July 14th @ 8:30am for those on the mowing teams. Sign up and be a part of them.



Altar flowers for Sunday, July 1st are provided by Flowerland of Mt. Vernon and funded by Ellen, Ray, Larry and J.J. Leslie in memory of Sid Leslie.



**Prayer List**

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|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Larry Adams     | Carolyn Dalton       | Robert Jones    | Lena Mae Reeder      |
| Tara Allen      | Norma Jean Draper    | Samantha Massey | Don Rose             |
| Mary Bane       | Kenny Duck           | Lou Gene Maxton | Chris Shelton        |
| Wade Bradshaw   | Joanna Earl          | Dennis McBride  | Sarah Shelton        |
| Jenny Bergman   | Sharron Meek Elliott | Kenneth McGee   | Peggy Stutts         |
| David Bergman   | Chuck Etheridge      | Susan McGee     | Brant Tracheil       |
| Betty Bogue     | Victoria Fletcher    | Jessie Mills    | Grant Watson         |
| Marvin Bradford | Jan Banman Gracia    | Lanny Moore     | Dorothy Weaver       |
| David Brewer    | Richard Haynie       | Marla Nolley    | Charlotte Whitesides |
| Janie Bynum     | Jean Lowry Hays      | Blaine Nordin   | Dorothy Winfield     |
| Patty Cheatwood | Nadine Jennings      | Dawn Parsons    |                      |
| Tim Clipson     | Jolynn Johnson       | Dorothy Price   |                      |
| Terri Coleman   | Blake Jones          | Helen Price     |                      |

Please Note: Names added to the prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days if needed. They will be relisted by request.  
 If you would like to have a prayer request emailed out or would like to add someone to the prayer list, please email the Church office at [office@fumcmv.org](mailto:office@fumcmv.org)

Upcoming Events to put on your Prayer List  
**Sr. High Bridgeport Camp, July 2-6**  
 Lunches of Love, July 9 - August 9  
 Vacation Bible Camp, July 23 - 26

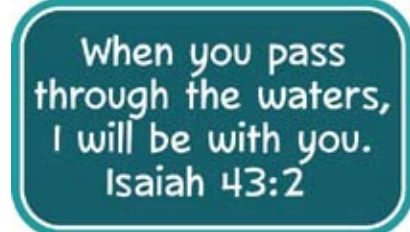
**Vacation Bible Camp (VBC)**



Where? - FUMC Family Life Center  
 What? - VBC 2018  
 When? - July 23<sup>rd</sup> - July 26<sup>th</sup>  
 What time? - 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, Lunch served immediately following  
 For more information, call/contact Pam Greenberg, 214-236-4894 or [children@fumcmv.org](mailto:children@fumcmv.org)

Come and join us for "the ride of a Lifetime with God" at VBC July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. We need you to help the students find Adventure, Acceptance, Joy, Rest and Peace on the river by helping us in any or all of the following roles:

- River Guide (Small Group Leader)
- Crafts
- Recreation
- Storytelling
- Science Leader
- Decorating



Please contact Pam Greenberg at 214-236-4894 or [children@fumcmv.org](mailto:children@fumcmv.org) to let us know how you would like to share your time and talents so our children can see the love of Christ through you!



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