



Dear Vernon Church,

I hope and pray that you had a great summer! Now let us grow deeper in faith and discipleship through our Small Group Ministry.

Here at the Vernon Church we have put together a great variety of small groups to satisfy the needs and interests of many.

My prayer is that you will take time to read each one of them to help you discern the areas where God is inviting you to grow deeper.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at the church office with any questions.

In Christ,

Pastor Eunice

Vernon United Methodist Church

2015 Fall Small Group Offerings

OF GENERAL INTEREST

Membership Class



If you are interested to know more about what it means to be a member in full connection of the United Methodist Church, if you think that the Vernon church is the congregation that God is calling you to belong to in order to grow in faith, discipleship and leadership, please join us in this class!

Starts: Sunday, September 6th for 3 weeks
Time: 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Place: Church Library (upstairs)
Led by: Pastor Eunice

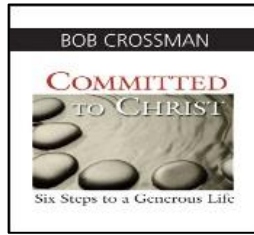


Adult Watercolor

The sessions are geared more towards beginners and intermediates; more proficient artists are welcome to join us, perhaps using the time as "studio" time. Participants are required to supply their own paints, brushes, and other miscellaneous supplies. I will bring paper and offer it at my cost. Participants are also asked to bring a few items each week for the food pantry. Other than that, there is no cost.

Starts: Thursday, September 17th (weekly)
Time: 7:00- 9:00 p.m.
Place: Fellowship Hall
Led by: Robin Niemis, tel. (973)-764-7957, email: robinlabeurniemis@yahoo.com





Committed to Christ

This study gives us steps to a generous life. It's a holistic discipleship emphasis that places financial giving within the context of what the Lord expects of those who seek to be faithful disciples.

Group I

Starts: Sunday, October 11th for 3 weeks

Time: 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Place: Church Library (upstairs)

Led by: Sam Perez (samperez134@optonline.net)

Group II

Starts: Tuesday, October 6th for 3 weeks

Time: 11:30-12:30 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Led by: Pastor Eunice & Bobbie DeGraaf

Email: pastoreunice@vernonmethodist.org

EMMAUS REUNION GROUPS

(All are welcome at groups and gatherings)

Reunion groups are a follow up to the weekend experience and meet regularly.

Date: Every Sunday

Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Place: Vernon's Burger King

Leaders: Sharon and Fitch – tel. (973) 764-8765 or check out the video at www.swte.org

Monthly "Gatherings" are the fourth Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at various churches throughout our Skylands area.

OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO WOMEN

Tuesday Bible Study

This is a wonderful mid-day Bible study for those who enjoy faith development, fellowship and fun. We will be doing various topics through the year.

Starts: Tuesday, September 22th (weekly)

Time: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Hall

Led by: Pastor Eunice and Bobbie DeGraaf

email: pastoreunice@vernonmethodist.org



The Knitting Club

If you knit or do any other type of handmade items such as needlepoint, embroidery, quilting, etc. we would love you to stop by and take part. The fellowship is priceless!

Starts: Tuesday, September 22th (weekly)

Time: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

For more information contact: Bobbie DeGraaf, tel. (973)-764-7963



Mommy and Me Play Group

This is a ministry for moms, mostly, but we also have dads, grandparents, aunts, and nannies attend with any young child. The ages of the children range from birth thru pre-K. Playgroup is focused on the opportunity for the children to learn to play and share with other children, but even more so, for moms to socialize and make connections with other moms. We support each other, share ideas, and offer solicited advice.

Starts: Thursday, September 10th (weekly)

Time: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Contact person: Katie Lally, tel. (973)-271-1836, email: klallyrn@ptd.net



We follow the Vernon Township School District calendar. If there is a delay or closing we cancel.

Women Bible Study- Book Study -"He Still Moves Stones" by Max Lucado

"It's what happens when obstacles prevent you from seeing what God has done for you ... He still moves stones. People with questions. The Bible is absolutely full of them. On every page of this powerfully moving book, Max Lucado reminds us, the God who spoke to Moses at the burning bush still speaks loudly to you today. The God who forgave King David still offers you forgiveness. The God who helped men and women in ages past still comes into your world, and he comes to do what you can't, to move the stone away so you can see his answer.

To order a used copy, follow this link: <http://product.half.ebay.com/W0QQprZ675617>

Also, the 1999 reprint is available to make copies, as needed.

Starts: Monday, September 14th (weekly)

Time: 6:30 p.m. - Dinner and Fellowship

7:00 p.m. - Study

Place: Burger King in Vernon

Led by: Anne Spear, email: raggedyanne7@yahoo.com

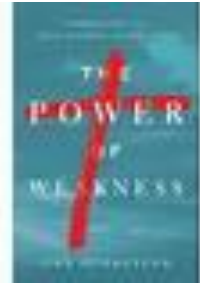


OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO MEN

The Power of Weakness by Dan Schaeffer

This book encourages men and women alike to grasp the biblical truth that God longs to use your limitations and weaknesses through which He will display His greatness.

Starts: Monday, September 21st for 7-8 weeks
Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Place: Youth Room
Led by: Barrie Beaver
email: blbcbeaver@embarqmail.com



ADVENT STUDIES

Not a Silent Night!

Imagine Jesus from Mary's point of view- proud of her son, in awe of his gifts and missions, guided by love for him as a person and so much more. This study will recount Mary's story, ending on Christmas with the birth of Jesus.

Group I

Starts: Sunday, November 22 for 4 weeks
Time: 9:15-10:15 a.m.
Location: Church Library
Led by: Sam Perez
email: samperez134@optonline.net

Group II

Starts: Tuesday, November 17th for 4 weeks
Time: 11:30-12:30 a.m.
Location: Fellowship Hall
Led by: Pastor Eunice and Bobbie DeGraaf
email: pastoreunice@vernonmethodist.org

Group III

Starts: **TBA** for 4 weeks
Time: 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Location: The Winzer's Home
Led by: Glenn Winzer
Email: wfracing@embarqmail.com



ONGOING CYBER MINISTRY

Email Devotional

Do you need a pick-me-up or a glimpse of Christ's presence in the midst of your day? Email Devotional is a daily reflection from different sources aimed at helping you to get closer to God as you deal with your daily routines.

Cyber-led by: Sam Perez, tel. (862)-579-1647 email: samperez134@optonline.net

Facebook Ministry

"VUMC Family"
"VUMC Youth Ministry"
"VUMC Mommy & Me Playgroup"



ADULT TRAININGS AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

Laity Leadership Academy presented by the Annual Conference Laity Board

Theme: Empowering laity to lead in vital congregations

Purpose: The Laity Leadership Academy was created to support a culture in which laity throughout the Annual Conference will be engaged, equipped and empowered to be effective partners with clergy to lead the church as disciples of Jesus Christ.

The 2015 Laity Leadership Academy has been designed to provide the tools and skills required for lay leaders, in concert with their clergy leaders, to empower their churches for the challenges of the 21st century. Specifically, the Academy will provide expert assistance and guidance in aiding lay leaders in three critical areas: 1) Creating vital and growing small group ministries, 2) Creating inspiring worship experiences and 3) Creating Evangelism Ministries 4) Creating Social Media Ministry

Date: September 11-12, 2015

Place: Haddonfield UMC, 29 Warwick Road, Haddonfield, NJ 08033



College Support Ministry

You are invited to come and explore the possibility of being part of the Vernon UMC College Support Ministry. This can become an incredibly valuable ministry for you and youth members of our congregation who are away in college.

Date: Sunday, September 13th

Time: 12:20 p.m. after 10:30 a.m. Worship service

Place: Church Sanctuary



My Will Be Done!

5 Rules for Responsible Estate Planning in 15 Minutes

Presented by Mark J. Hontz, Esq.

This brief, energetic seminar reviews the basic information and documentation every responsible person should understand in planning for themselves and their loved ones.

Mr. Hontz is licensed to practice law in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and the United States Supreme Court.

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40 Park Place, Newton, New Jersey 07860 / 973-383-3233 / mark.hontz@embarqmail.com

Date: Sunday, September 20th
Time: 12:20 p.m. after 10:30 a.m. Worship service
Place: Church Sanctuary



Visitation Ministry Training & Information Session

You are invited to come and explore the possibility of being part of the Vernon UMC Visitation Ministry. This is an incredibly valuable ministry and a blessing to those who are visited and those who do the visiting

Date: Sunday, September 28th
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Place: Church Sanctuary
Presenter: Pastor Eunice



Red Bird Mission Trip

You are invited to come and explore the possibility of being part of the Red Bird Team in July 2015... The Red Bird Mission Trip is a week-long, intense and intentional experience of Christian community and mission shared by youth and adults.

For 3 years now, our Vernon Church has joined hands in the repair and renovation of homes to make them safe, more comfortable and long lasting for their owners in the Appalachians Mountains of Kentucky. The participants will truly make a difference in the lives of the people there by using their God's given skills and bringing the love of Jesus with action.

Date: Sunday, November 8th
Time: 12:30 p.m.
Place: Church Sanctuary
Presenter: Sam Perez and other members of the 2015 Red Bird Team



SKYLANDS DISTRICT "WALK TO EMMAUS" RETREAT

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders. The program's approach seriously considers the model of Christ's servanthood and encourages Christ's disciples to act in ways appropriate to being "a servant of all."

The Walk to Emmaus experience begins with a 72-hour short course in Christianity,

comprised of fifteen talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church.

Dates: November 5-8, 2015 for men

November 12-15, 2015 for women

(Sponsorship is needed to attend a weekend walk). VUMC has several active members. For details see www.SWTE.org.

