

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Welcome to 2022 and I'm worried that it will be like that old song, "I'm Henry the Eighth I am," where the second verse is same as the first, or in our case, the third verse may be the same as the first. Our COVID numbers around the nation are beginning to rise and I'm seeing that several parts of the country are going back into quarantine or mandating masks again. Fortunately, I haven't heard of our numbers in Wilbarger County rising...yet. Here at the church, we are gearing up for the brand-new year by beginning to get our Rainbow Room ready to launch, beginning a new 4th and 5th grade youth program on Wednesdays (led by Melissa Inman, who is now our Children's Minister), and the Church will participate in a Conference program called Innovation Labs.

Innovation Labs is a conference-sponsored program that will last at least 11 months. This program will take specific churches and their teams through a process to determine how to identify the needs of their community, find the people and resources within their church to meet those needs, and then launch new ministries in response to the findings. We were the first church asked to participate. The conference leaders asked us first because of the new ministries we already have, and our willingness to try new things to bring people into the Kingdom of God. I will be putting together a team of 3 to 6 people during January. I ask that you will pray for the right people to be on the team and that we will be able to take what we learn and use it to build FUMC Vernon for God's glory.

I am excited for 2022 and all the things that God has instore for us. In the next few weeks, I will be reaching out to many of you to flesh out what I call Mary and Martha teams. If you looked at the list of committees and officers, you saw that we already have committees called by these names. But, I would also like for many, if not all of us, to be part of those teams as they function on a weekly basis at the Church. The Mary team will be a host of people who will greet new people in worship and on Wednesday nights and invite those visitors to sit with them. This team will introduce new people to people who attend the Church. They could aide Mildred in sending cards to visitors. In essence, the Mary team will help people feel comfortable sitting at the feet of Jesus. The Martha team will be those people who like "doing." They will be part of the Mission Kitchen team, the Funeral Meal team, and the people who make sure the church is ready to be hospitable to all who enter its doors. The Martha team will be the ones doing the "work" of preparing things for any ministries, events, worship services, etc. that happen within the church. Both teams will be vital to what we do as a church here at FUMC Vernon. So, pray that God, if he hasn't already, will lead you to the team that best fits your gifts and talents.

Blessings,  
Pastor Anthony

**LOOKING AHEAD**

January 30 will be a fifth Sunday! We will have Sunday School at 10am and a combined service at 11am (no 9am service). We will have a pot luck meal at noon.

**DECEMBER MEMORIALS**

**In Memory of FRANCES QUIETT**

Britt and Missy Mayfield (to Frances Quiett Scholarship)

**In Memory of DONNA TERRELL**

J.R. and Kay Fullerton, Challenger's Class, Horace and Janice Tabor,

**In Memory of MARIA CASTRUITA**

J.R. and Kay Fullerton, Challenger's Class

**In Memory of JON TOWNSON**

Ted and Betty Williams, Bob and Alta Armstrong, Elaine Houston

**In Memory of MARY MCLEAN**

Bob and Alta Armstrong

**In Memory of VICKI PENNINGTON, PETE GUNN, DENZEL RYERSON, ALENE DUFFIE, MARIE HOFMANN, WANZA HOWELL**

Bob and Alta Armstrong

**In Memory of SMITH AND MARY LOUISE KILLEBREW, A.C. AND ILA ASHLEY**

Joyce and Charles Ashley, Chris and Joelee Ashley

**In Memory of BENNIE AND SHIRLEY SNEED**

Joelee and Chris Ashley

**In Memory of CAROL HANSARD**

Jean Clark, Mildred Speer, Paul and Sunny Hawkins, J.R. Owen, Elaine Houston, Claudette Owen

**In Memory of BOBBY ARNOLD**

Terry and Gloria Bourland (to youth)

**In Memory of PAT LUTTRELL**

Paul and Sunny Hawkins

**In Memory of PETE GUNN**

Bob and Alta Armstrong, Elaine Houston

**HONORARIUMS**

**In Honor of PASTOR ANTHONY INMAN**

Joyce and Charles Ashley and Chris and Joelee Ashley

**In Honor of PASTOR ANTHONY INMAN AND MELISSA AND**

**CHURCH STAFF**

Mildred Speer

**In Honor of MILDRED SPEER**

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**OUR ATTENDANCE**

**DECEMBER 5**

Sunday School—51

Worship—100

**DECEMBER 12**

Sunday School—73

Worship—113

**DECEMBER 19**

Sunday School—79

Worship—128

**DECEMBER 24**

Carol and Candlelight—157

**DECEMBER 26**

Sunday School—NA

Worship—68

**GIVE ONLINE**

Now you can give contributions online using our easy online payment system. It's easy, fast, and secure. There's no need to mail in your checks. Simply go to the Church's web site (vernonfumc.org) and click on the link GIVE ONLINE and you will be directed to our Web giving page.

This is the easiest way for you to make a contribution. Please be advised that there is a small (1%) third party processing fee.



**Mission Kitchen:  
No one in Vernon should eat alone**

Mission Kitchen is our Wednesday night meal program. We will invite the entire community to this meal and use it to introduce Christian fellowship and our church to the community. Please invite your friends and neighbors.

- January 5: Chili and beans
- January 12: Chicken and sausage gumbo
- January 19: Mexican stack up
- January 26: King Ranch casserole

We would like to thank the following for sponsoring our radio broadcast each week on KVWC Radio AM 1490: Igou Appliance, George's Aircraft Repair, and the Challengers' Class.



Dear Members of FUMC,  
What a wonderful gift you have given the Vernon Salvation Army unit. The check was an unexpected blessing to start 2022. Thank you for your generosity and support for our program. Your servants' hearts are such an amazing blessing for our work.  
May your 2022 be filled with love, joy, and peace.  
The Salvation Army

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

.....FAMILY OF CAROL HANSARD (Sandy Conkling's sister)

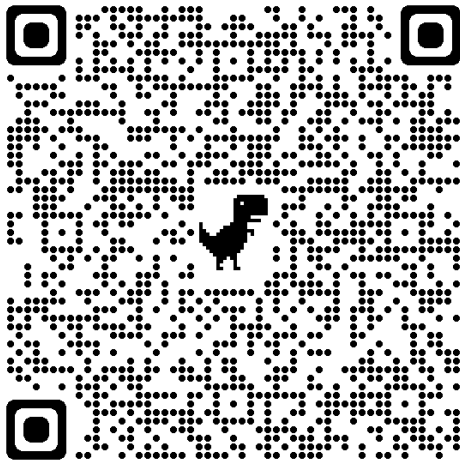
.....PASTOR ANTHONY INMAN, IVY CHILDREN (death of cousin), KAY LYNN WHITE, JOE BOB GRAY, BILLY TALBOT, LISA TORRES, CATHIE BRISTO, JIM WEIGLE (in-law of the Agans), JACK TOW (Teresa Whitehead's cousin), HOLLY NEWBERRY (Heather Ham's sister), AUSTIN WEAVER (the Talbot's grand-son), RICKY TAYLOR, JAN WORRALL, BOB KESSEE, CHRISTINA EDMONDS, JAMES LACY, HATTIE HOUY (Dan and Sheila White's great-granddaughter), BARBARA MEADOR, BOBBY COOPER, TELITHA ROBL AND FAMILY (Tina Borchardt's sister), STANTON AND TREVA TUCKER, JORDAN RICE (MELISSA'S INMAN'S COUSIN), WELLS MIDDLETON, BRENDA CHAPMAN, MIKE OWENS, CARA AGAN, MISSY STONE, AMY MYERS, RANDY CRISMAS (Pastor Anthony's friend), MICHELLE HUGHES, BETTY WILSON REXROAD, TROY SMITH, SHIRLEY AGAN, AUDEN BUTLER, FISK FAMILY, DON PEGGRAM, PAT SHEPARD, KASEY YOUNG, JOELEE ASHLEY

**CONTINUED PRAYER**

.....ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMT, FIREMEN, POLICE OFFICERS, DPS TROOPERS, ALL TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS

**MILITARY PERSONNEL**

.....ZAKARY CAYLOR WRIGHT, DAYLON O'CONNER WRIGHT, CALEB CAMPOS, NATHAN MINTS, HECTOR REYNA, JAKE CAUDELL, SCOTT AND TRISTAN SLATER, CHARLIE WATSON, LYLE RAINWATER, CHANCE HARLING, DEVIN BEATTY, LANCE MACON, DAVID JOHANSEN, DEREK BATES, DANIEL SYMONDS, SEAN BELL, ROBERT WHITEHEAD, CASEY WHORTON, TRAVIS POWELL, BROOKE MARTIN, CALEB INMAN



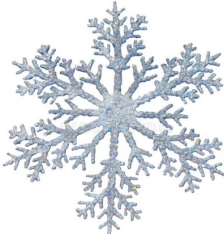




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**Sun                      Mon                      Tue                      Wed                      Thu                      Fri                      Sat**

# JANUARY 2022

						1 Happy New Year
2 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 11am-Traditional service	3	4 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	5 9am-Salvation Army office open After school-Children's activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (chili and beans) 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	6 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:30pm-Camp Fire group (Room 106) 6pm-First Praise practice	7 	8 9am-Prayers and Squares (Quilt Room)
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30 10am-Sunday School 11am-5th Sunday combined service Noon-Pot luck meal (Wesley Hall) 6pm-Leadership Team (Parlor)	31					



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM—DECEMBER 15