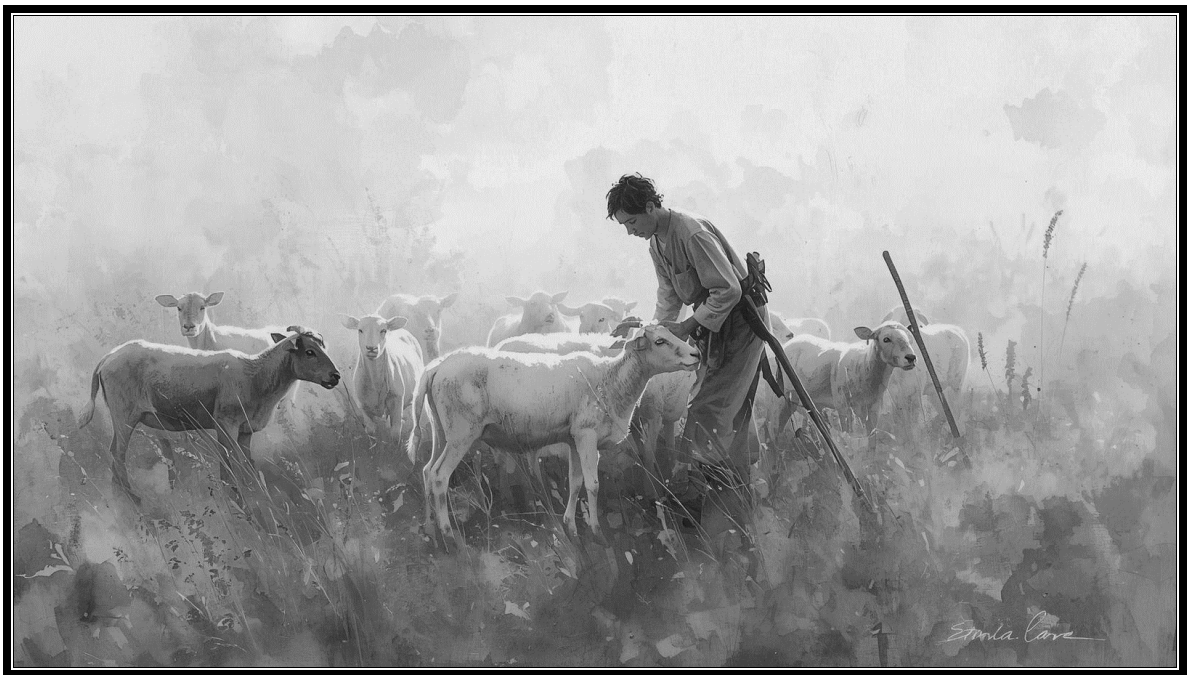


Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church

Where All the People are Ministers of Christ

Our vision is to seek to live and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to nurture persons of all ages and circumstances for faithful discipleship, and to transform faith into service to others.



“The Good Shepherd”

November 23, 2025

Guest Pastor Charlie Moore

7801 Church Lane, Toano, Virginia 23168

757-566-0162

Adult Sunday School begins at 9:15am.

Welcome to our worship service! Mt. Vernon has been worshipping our Lord and serving the Greater Williamsburg Community since 1887. If we can be of any assistance to you, please let us know.

*** Please stand, as you are able.**

Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex

Christ the King Sunday

November 23, 2024

10:15am

“The Good Shepherd”

Worship Leader

Theresa Kaufman

*Please stand as you are able. Please read in Unison in **Bold**.

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude and Meditation

Organist, Carol Kendall

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection

What suffering are we facing in our lives and in the lives of our families, neighbors, and friends? God calls us to be good shepherds. Would you leave the ninety-nine sheep to retrieve the one that is lost? Can we commit to being good disciples of Christ and share the grace that God has bestowed on each of us?”

*Introit

UMH #174

“His Name Is Wonderful”

*Call to Worship:

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Psalm 23 (unison):

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Children's Message

Prayers of the People and the Church

*The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Praise

UMH #131

"We Gather Together"

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Special Music

The Choir

"Give Me a Servant's Heart"

Gospel Lesson

Read by Russ Hobgood

John 10:1-11,14,15 (See Insert)

The Message

Pastor Charlie Moore

"The Good Shepherd"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Special Music

David Sharp

Passing of the Peace/Offertory Prayer: (Unison)

We, and our descendants seek God's peace for now and eternity. Therefore, we pass the peace of Christ as we greet one another.

Blessing of Operation Child Boxes (Responsive, See Insert)

*Doxology:

UMH #95

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Celebration

UMH #694

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

*Benediction (responsive):

Leader: The gatekeeper opens the gate for the (shepherd) and the sheep hear His voice, He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out.

People: Lord, increase by faith, so that I can recognize your voice and follow you. AMEN

Postlude

➤ **Please join us after the service today in the Fellowship Hall for a Thanksgiving Luncheon.**

Stewardship for week of November 16: \$1,489

*We sincerely hope you have felt the presence of the
Lord in our Worship Service.*

We appreciate your attendance and support.

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Announcements/Missions

- **Scam Texts/Calls:** Please be very wary of any text or call you receive asking for help. The Church/Pastor Dennis will not contact you by text asking for anything that would involve spending money (cash, gift cards, etc). Do not respond to these types of text. If you are ever in doubt, call the Church directly at 757-566-0162.
- **Office Closed:** The office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 & Friday, November 28 for Thanksgiving break.
- **Winter Coat Drive:** We are collecting new and gently used winter coats that will be distributed by Operation Love. All sizes and types are needed (Men's, Woman's, Teens, Childrens). Please bring coats to the Church Office or Church Library.
- **Choir:** Choir practice meets each Thursday at 1pm in the Sanctuary.
- **Bridge Group:** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.- 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall.
- **Pastor's Office Hours:** Pastor Dennis' office hours are Monday 3p-6p and Tuesday 10a-1p. In addition, Pastor Dennis can meet *by appointment* at other times throughout the week.

Save This Shopping List for Quick Reference

Proclaiming Grace Outreach/St. Olaf's Food Pantry

- ☐ **Box of Cereal**
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FISH Food Pantry

- ☐ **Canned Tomato Products**
- ☐ **Pasta/Spaghetti**
- ☐ **Canned Tuna, Beef Stew**
- ☐ **Pancake Mix/Syrup**
- ☐ **Peanut Butter/Jelly**
- ☐ **Canned Fruits**
- ☐ **Canned Vegetables**
- ☐ **Canned Soup**
- ☐ **Laundry Detergent**
- ☐ **Shampoo**
- ☐ **Feminine Products (pads, tampons)**
- ☐ **Deodorant**
- ☐ **Toothpaste**
- ☐ **Diapers**
- ☐ **Pull Ups**

John 10:1-11,14,15

1. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ 6. Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. 7. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. 11. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them...14. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15. just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep.

Prayer of Dedication for the Shoeboxes (Responsive)

Loving God, we pray for your blessing of these shoeboxes for the mission of "Operation Christmas Child."

Loving God, we ask for your blessing.

We pray for the hurting children and their families whose lives will be impacted by these boxes and the contents we've packed with love.

Loving God, we pray for your touch of compassion.

We pray especially that through these gifts the hearts of the children and their families will be opened to your love and the message of your grace through Jesus Christ.

Loving God, we pray for your grace to be made known.

We pray for children and families who are suffering in the desperate circumstances of poverty, sickness or war, that you will meet their physical needs.

Providing God, we pray for your bounty.

We pray that these shoeboxes will be useful tools to open doors for the proclamation of the gospel.

Providing God, we pray for open doors.

We pray, also for all those who are participating in some way in the mission of Operation Christmas Child, and for the process of collecting, processing, transporting and delivering of the boxes to their destinations.

Providing God, we pray that you would open the way for these shoeboxes to be delivered to people who need to know of your love for them. To this end, in faith, we ask for your blessing. Amen.