

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 Gift of Faith”

July 5, 2026

Reverend Jan Prentace-Commander

7801 Church Lane, Toano, Virginia 23168

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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

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 5, 2026

10:15am

“The Gift of Faith”

Worship Leader

Suzanne Latimer

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

THE PEOPLE GATHER

Prelude & Meditation

Lila O’Sullivan

Pastor’s Address

Welcome & Announcements

Centering and Reflection (leader):

You are a blessing simply because you are God’s beloved child. No person created by God is without worth, and all are created to share in the Glory of God.

*Introit

UMH #696

“America the Beautiful”

*Call to Worship (responsive)

O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

Declare God’s glory among the nations, and God’s marvelous works among all the peoples!

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; God’s name endures forever.

We rejoice in the gift of your Spirit and seek your righteousness.

Come, bring your thanksgiving to God, who supplies all our needs. Let us worship God!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Almighty and gracious God, we come before you with hearts full of praise. We thank you for the wonder of life, the beauty of this world, and the steadfast love that surrounds us on every side. We are deeply grateful for your unending grace, your mercy that never runs dry, and the gift of your Son, who walks with us in our daily journey.

*Hymn of Praise

UMH #697

“America (My Country, ‘Tis of Thee)”

Children’s Message

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Gospel Lesson

Rev. Jan Prentace-Commander

Ephesians 2:8-10

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 Meditation

UMH #717

“The Battle Hymn of the Republic”

The Message

Rev. Jan Prentace-Commander

“The Gift of Faith”

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The Abingdon Worship Annual 2026, Abingdon Press
The Spiritual Wisdom of the Gospel for Christian Preachers and Teachers, Liturgical Press
The Daily Study Bible commentary series, Westminster Press
The New Interpreter’s Bible commentary series, Abingdon Press

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Passing of the Peace:

Blessed with God's love, let's share signs and blessings of love with one another, now in this time of worship and in the week ahead.

Service of Communion:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Offertory Prayer (unison):

With gratitude for blessings received, we present our tithes and offerings. May God guide us to give generously of our time, talent, service, and treasure, that we may be blessings for our church, our community, and the world beyond. AMEN

*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 #431

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"

*Benediction (pastor):

As you leave this place, go forward as a blessing to others. May the Lord grant you the courage to stand firm in faith, the wisdom to protect the freedom and dignity of all people, and the grace to walk in peace. May God bless your families, your communities, and this nation. Amen.

Announcements/Missions

- **Memorial Service for Alan Palmer:** A memorial service for Alan Palmer will be held this Thursday, July 9 at 2:00 pm here at Mt Vernon UMC.
- **Volunteers Needed:** We need 2-3 volunteers for a short project. Each year the financial records need to be audited for both The Church and Cemetery Association. Our volunteers cannot be on the Finance Committee. This is a great way to serve your Church without a huge commitment.
- **Membership Directory:** We are still working on the updated membership directory. If you would like to be added or need to update your information please contact Ellyn in the office.
- **Bridge Group:** Bridge meets at 10 am and 6:30 pm, Tuesdays, Fellowship Hall all are welcome.
- **Cereal/Food Donations:** Food donations are encouraged year round! Food such as cereal are needed even more during the summer months as children don't have access to school provided breakfast/lunch. Consider picking up a box on your next shopping trip.

**Is your birthday or anniversary missing or incorrect from our list?
Please contact the office so that we can fix it.
office.mtvernon@gmail.com or 757-566-0162**

Please Welcome Our Guest Pastor
Rev. Jan Commander



Rev. Jan has served in various capacities of ministry all over the state of Virginia. She retired after serving as an ordained elder in the VA Annual Conference for over twenty years. She also served as the Chair of the Religion Race Commission for the VA Annual Conference for six years, promoting racial reconciliation.

After receiving her B.A. in 1992 from Virginia Wesleyan University, she continued her studies at Candler School of Professional Theology, Emory University, in Atlanta where she received her Master's in Theology in 1996. Also completing additional studies in Clinical Pastoral Education, and travelling to Israel, Costa Rica, Japan, and South Korea to further her educational and spiritual studies.

She has a passion for missionary work which has taken her many places both foreign and domestic. From building stoves and planting trees in Guatemala, building fresh water wells and schools Haiti to Red Bird Mission Kentucky and more local work such as the outreach and food ministry at Chesapeake Ave UMC.

In her home life Rev. Jan is married to Joseph Commander and, and together they have six adult children and nine grandchildren.

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**