



We envision
Mt. Vernon Christian Church
as a friendly, growing congregation
thirsty for righteousness,
experiencing God's love and kindness,
***sharing Jesus* with those He places in our lives, both next**
door and around the world,
and *developing vibrant ministries*
that engage people in personal growth and
expand God's kingdom.

Please email resume to: apply@mtvernonchristianchurch.com

4. Occupational Profile of Active Members – Totals

Business manager/proprietor	3	Homemaker	21
Educator	2	Clerical/Sales	4
Construction/Craftsman	4	Student	1
Driver/Mechanic	3	Technology	4
Medical	6	Farmer/Agri-Business	11
Other Professional	11	Minister/Church Admin	3
Retired	20		

5. Racial or ethnic composition of the congregation – Mostly Caucasian

C. COMMUNITY

Mt. Vernon is located in rural southern Lancaster County, next to the Octorara reservoir, which divides Chester and Lancaster Counties. It is also a mid-point between the towns of Oxford and Quarryville, and has congregants from both areas. Though still primarily Caucasian, there is a growing Hispanic population in both towns. There is also a large Amish population in the area. Agriculture plays a big role in our community, but businesses such as Herr Foods employ many from the area as well.

D. CHURCH ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM

1. Elder Board

Mt. Vernon is an Elder-led, pastor-guided church. The Elder Board is comprised of 3-5 men, in addition to the pastor. They typically meet once a month. The Elder Board makes decisions on spiritual matters, vision for Mt. Vernon, sets policies, and provides pastoral oversight.

2. Sunday School

Number of children's classes	5
Number of youth classes	2
Number of adult classes	4
Average total Sunday School attendance	83

The children's Sunday School classes use the Heart Shaper curriculum by David C. Cook. Several of the adult classes utilize the Standard Publishing curriculum.

3. Youth Fellowship

We have active Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. Both meet two Wednesday evenings a month at the church, plus have something extra once a month for fun. They typically have their own lesson during Wednesday meetings, but will occasionally have activities together. Currently there are about 12 students in Jr. High and six in Sr. High. The Sr. High takes an international missions trip once every four years, with local and in-country trips the years in between.

4. Small Groups

Mt. Vernon currently has eight very active small groups that meet throughout the week in member homes. We encourage all who attend Mt. Vernon to become part of a small group and see it as a vital part of healthy church life.

5. Men's & Women's Organizations

The men have a monthly breakfast which includes a focused prayer time and Bible study. The women have organized Bible studies at least once a year, meeting every other week for a period of several months.

6. Evangelism & Outreach to the Community

Mt. Vernon has a growing Bible School program that is offered each summer to the church and community. Many people from our congregation are highly involved in some local ministries as well, including the Lighthouse Youth Center, Celebrate Recovery, and Black Rock Retreat.

7. Worship

Our worship in song time is led by various individuals or groups. There is a mix of hymns and contemporary songs, with lyrics typically projected onto the front wall. Prior to the sermon, the pastor dismisses the children to their own Children's Worship time for the remainder of the service. This is for ages three through second grade; nursery is available throughout the service. The worship service begins at 10:15 AM and typically ends by 11:40 AM.

8. Children's Musical

In the past three years, the children of the church have had a Christmas musical, which they perform in early December.

9. Sports Ministry

Mt. Vernon is part of a church sports league and has a softball, basketball, and bowling team.

E. CHURCH BUILDING AND PROPERTY

1. Seating capacity of sanctuary Approximately 220



2. Date of construction of building 1986
3. Recent renovations – The nursery was recently moved downstairs to the old education wing, with new carpeting and paint for the updated space. The HVAC system has been replaced throughout the building, and a new roof was put on a few years ago. The sanctuary was also completely re-carpeted and painted in 2016.
4. Fellowship/Recreational Facilities – Our facilities include a small kitchen and spacious Fellowship Hall. The Hall is used for fellowship meals, meetings, men’s breakfasts, ladies Bible study, and other activities. Outside there is a large playground, as well as basketball courts.



5. Church office and equipment – There is a modest-sized church office with several computers, a small color copier, and mid-size commercial copier. The current pastor has a small office beside it. Another larger potential pastor’s office sits adjacent to it as well.
6. The church is situated on a beautiful, large property in Southern Lancaster County overlooking the Octorara reservoir. It has more than adequate space for many current and future programs.

F. CHURCH FINANCES

Total Income/General Church Budget 2018 \$254,000

The Elder Board makes decisions regarding staff salaries and salary changes. The Treasurer and Bookkeeper present a draft of the budget to the Elders. The Elder Board then formulates a budget, which is recommended to the membership for approval. Mt. Vernon currently has no outstanding debt.

G. STAFF

1. Senior Pastor

Our current pastor is retiring after eleven years of service.

2. Other staff

Office Manager	16 hours a week
Administrative Assistant	12 hours a week
Worship Coordinator	2 hours a week

H. MISSIONS

1. Local Missions – Some local organizations that we support regularly are: Young Life, Solid Rock Youth, Onesimus Prison Ministries, New Hope, Lighthouse Youth Center, Immerse International, Black Rock Retreat, Community Life Ministry
2. Global Missions – At the present, we regularly support Children’s Fellowship of India, Boys & Girls Christian Home, and Eastern Mennonite Missions.
3. Missions Committee – In the past couple of years, Mt. Vernon has had an active missions committee. They have hosted Missions Weekends the last two years, which exposed the congregation to various missionaries and global ministries. We routinely send out a team to serve with Mennonite Disaster Service. The Missions Committee is planning an overseas adult mission trip for early 2020.

I. HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

Mt. Vernon was founded in 1946 by David High, a mission-minded pastor who re-opened a small chapel that was originally part of the Presbyterian Church of Oxford. The bishop of the Willow Street-Strasburg district (of the Lancaster Mennonite Conference) sought to send missionaries to the onetime bustling village of Mt. Vernon. A handful of families moved to the area and planted this new church, pastored by Lloyd Kreider for many years.

Mt. Vernon was one of the first churches in the area to offer Vacation Bible School to community children, and at one point had over 300 children who attended the program. It also offered woodshop and sewing classes to boys and girls in the area. It focused on mission work, both locally and globally. The congregation grew and in 1986, then pastored by Vernon Myers, purchased a tract of land across the lake and broke ground on the current facility.

Currently Mt. Vernon strives to live out its tagline, “neighbors multiplying God’s kindness,” to those both next door and around the world. In recent years we have seen a significant increase in young families, the future of our church.

