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10:30am - 2:30pm.
Email or call by Wednesday
10am to place order for curbside.

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Mt. Vernon Post Office Hours
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Mon- Fri 7 a.m. - 10 a.m.
11:00 a.m.—2 p.m.
Sat: 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

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www.mtvernonme.org
September 2020 Edition
Select Board’s Desk

Hello Everyone!

We are off and running in the new fiscal year. I am please to be back sitting on the Select Board and look forward to… it all!

Fall brings many good things. This year we have the over shadowing of Covid-19. But while we remain vigilant to thorough hand washing, practicing six-foot distancing and wearing a face covering (mask) when social distancing is not able to be achieved, we need to remember all the things we love about Fall. Apple picking, leaf peeping, raking leaves, cleaning the gardens and so on. We also need to remember that children will be going back to school and while I’m not sure what that fully looks like at this moment I encourage us all to watch for school bus’s and our children near the road side. Please drive carefully.

Speaking of driving. Some news to share. Soon, in September “Traffic calming features” will be installed in the areas of entering the village center. The features are 3 white delineators along each side and 3 yellow poles placed on the center line. These additions are to help slow motorist to the 25mph posted speed. Thank you to the Aging in Place Committee, CPC group and interested citizens for participating in a walk of the downtown area with Maine DOT. As a result, the Bicycle Coalition of Maine staff conducted speed studies on the approach to the town center. They cited regular excess speed, which I am sure the residents of the village will confirm. The Maine DOT and BCM designated the placement locations as per the study results. If the program provides good results this fall, they can be re-installed in the fall.

After months of board meetings at the Community Center the Select Board decided to move meetings back to the Town Office. We felt that the citizens had been unable to view the meetings for too long and we needed to get back to utilizing the TV to keep the citizens informed on real time events. So, we all put on our masks and sit apart as best we can. We realize this decreases the number of people that can attend the live meeting, but we ask to have one person at a time join us to talk, and others to remain distanced by waiting in the lobby. Mask are required. Additionally, we are going to also use ZOOM for people that want to talk with us but are uncomfortable wearing a mask or attending in person. We are trying to be accessible to the largest number of citizens. Like much during these Covid-19 times we will try it and change again if it does not work.

Be well and stay safe,
Sherene Gilman
On Behalf of the Mt. Vernon Select Board
Mount Vernon Select Board Meeting:
To view entire meeting minutes visit www.mtvvernonme.org
The dog licenses are available in October. They will need to bring proof of updated rabies. Female/Male will be $11.00 and the spay/neutered are $6.00. The deadline before late fees apply is December 31, 2020. Election is November 3, 2020—During these uncertain times, you can request an absentee ballot. You can do it electronically through the state, calling the office @ 293-2379 or by stopping by the office!
We are going to be closed
- September 7 for Labor Day
- November 11 for Veterans Day
- November 25-closing at noon for Thanksgiving
- November 26 for Thanksgiving
- December 24 for Christmas

Synopsis of Minutes for August 03, 2020
RSU38 Update
Hardy discussed and presented an update letter from Alexander Wright, local School Board Representative. The Selectboard reviewed the letter.

Municipal Goals Discussion
Hardy presented the Selectboard a list of goals from the departments. Hardy asked the Selectboard on the goals put together by Wright. Sherene discussed the possible goal of revamping the webpage and also including having a municipal Facebook page. Hardy mentioned he’s going to work with Wright to develop the Website and Facebook. Hardy asked Casey her goals, she mentioned working on inhouse purchases and a bidding and purchasing policy. Hardy mentioned he discussed with Wright about some policy’s Wright would like to propose. Casey also mentioned she would like to have an article for the newsletter. Gilman proposed a one-time printing of an informational type to the residents of Mt Vernon. Hardy asked Casey, streamlines budget reporting, Casey highlighted exporting to excel.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to move Agenda items 5 and 6 and take up by before adjournment.
Motion passed: unanimous

Executive Session pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A)
Motion by Hardy seconded by Gilman pursuant to 1 MRSA 405 (6)(A)
Motion passed: unanimous
No Action Taken

Executive Session pursuant to 22 M.R.S.A. § 4306
Not Action Taken

Synopsis of Minutes for August 17, 2020
Noise Ordinance Issue with random Fireworks in Village area Hardy, spoke about a complaint about fireworks going off in the village district, neighbors were upset along with animals involved.

Kerry Casey and Becky Seel Speaking to Board
Casey, introduced Becky Seel to the Selectboard, mentioning working together on a proposal between a resident and the town of Mt Vernon. Casey spoke of the history of the property, including abatements for the liens. Also mentioning working with the Becky Seel to make sure the resident and the town can come to an equitable solution. Becky Seel

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to approve the agreement MT Vernon Treasurer and Becky Seel formulated

Motion passed: unanimous

Lee Dunn-Roads and Paving Bid
Hardy, spoke about his meeting with Lee about the Roads, discussing the upcoming projects, and the work that needs to be done. Outlining Cottle Hill Rd, where there is erosion and losing the curve of the road. Continuing about the All-State quote could be used for the Plains rd. and not the Bean Rd.

Motion by Crockett seconded by Gilman to accept All-State quote up to $39,396.60 for the Plains Rd
Motion passed: unanimous

Hardy spoke about his meeting with the MDOT and Road Commissioner about the closing of the Blake Hill rd bridge. Further, Hardy said they will post a load limit of 10 tons for the bridge. School buses and heavy construction trucks will not be able to pass, looking to closing the bridge in the next 3-4 years and removing it.

Hardy mentioned having all department head meeting one day next month.

Synopsis of Minutes for August 31, 2020
Code Enforcement Officer, discussion
Andrew Marble, CEO for Mt Vernon, discussed a violation on Hanes Drive, about a cutting happening there. Mable explained how he determined how he determined sloped and he used to google earth. Remedies, hearth stone violation, proportional to the amount of money made form the harvest. Reasoning behind the clearing was to build a cabin on the property. Hardy asked Marble what would he recommend? Marble deferred to the Selectboard. Hardy asked Damen what would be an appropriate fine? Damen explained it was his responsibly for know better.

Community Center Update, Rental Agreement
Cauldwell presented to the Selectboard her recommendation of an addendum for the community center. She got her recommendations from Dan Onion. Hardy mentioned adding CDC recommendation and the governor’s recommendations, Cauldwell mentioned sees it in compliance. Cauldwell will remove case by case clause. Add “according to Maine CDC” instead of CDC. To be approved at next meeting.

CPC Sandy Wright, Downtown Discussion
Wright presented to the Selectboard the MDOT Plan for installing rods in the Village district to mitigate speeding. Hardy mentioned his concern about the change in traffic flow and trucks using the Blake hill road will now go through the village district. Crockett asked how much mitigation would be changed if they remove the triangle?

Discuss and potential approval of the Bid Policy
Wright and Casey presented the Bidding and Procurement policy explaining sections of the policy. Casey mentioned the need for having a handle on who can charge to the town of Mt Vernon. Gilman mentioned we might need to step into controlling charging to the town. Add department signatures of individuals signature and printed name to signify incurred cost. Revisit at next meeting.

Administrative Assistant job description, discussion
Motion to accept the edits to administrative assistant job description by Gilman.
Motion passed: unanimous
Help the town of Mt. Vernon and ecomaine kick off single-sort recycling in our community!

FREE recycling bins to the first 100 households!

FREE pencils made of RECYCLED NEWSPAPERS for kids (of all ages) and raffles for sustainability giveaways every hour!

Talk with staff to learn about Mt. Vernon & ecomaine's NEW recycling program - what can and can't be recycled - now including glass bottles & jars!

Saturday, October 3, 2020
8:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
Mt. Vernon Transfer Station
Mooar Hill Road
The **Belgrade Transfer Station** will host a document-shredding event from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. Mount Vernon residents are invited to participate at a cost of **$5 per vehicle**. **Coupons** are available for purchase inside the **Mount Vernon Town Office**. There is no limit on how many documents you may bring.
2020 Long Pond Watershed Survey

On September 22-23, 2020, the Belgrade Lakes Association (BLA) will be conducting a survey of the developed land areas in the Long Pond watershed which includes portions of land within the towns of Mount Vernon, Belgrade, Rome, Vienna and New Sharon. The purpose of the survey is to identify and prioritize sources of erosion and stormwater runoff that may affect the water quality of the lake, which is considered impaired for not meeting state water quality standards due to a decline in water quality over the past 30 years. The last survey of the Long Pond watershed was conducted in 2002, 18 years ago. Current information is needed to help develop a watershed management plan that will protect and improve water quality. A new survey is also a necessary step for applying and receiving grant funding from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). These funds can provide cost-sharing opportunities landowners, road associations, and towns to complete improvements identified during the survey. Acquiring grant funding is a 2- to 3-year process that begins with the volunteer assisted watershed survey, followed by updating the watershed management plan. Town of Mount Vernon residents owning land in the Long Pond watershed will receive a letter from BLA the week of August 17th requesting permission to survey your property. Participation in the survey is voluntary and landowners do not need to be present to participate. All survey work will be completed in compliance with state COVID-19 guidelines to ensure the safety of survey volunteers and landowners. For more information contact the BLA at: (207) 512-5150 or email info@BLAmaine.org.
Neighbors Driving Neighbors
PO Box 142, Mt. Vernon, ME 04352
Neighborsdrivingneighbors.org

Do you live in Mt. Vernon, Fayette, Vienna, Belgrade or Rome? Are you unable to drive and need a ride to medical appointments, the grocery store or other errands?

Neighbors Driving Neighbors can help!

Volunteer drivers can take you where you need to go. Call to find out more.
207-860-0677
ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

What’s a non-profit in Maine like Neighbors Driving Neighbors (NDN) do when its mission is to provide free rides to people who don’t drive in the five towns it serves (Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Rome, and Vienna) and the Corona virus arrives?

Since 2015, NDN has provided transportation using a cadre of volunteer drivers. In March of 2020, due to COVID-19, NDN had to re-think their approach and find a way to keep both drivers and riders safe. They still wanted to help, so NDN offered to pick up medicine and groceries for the riders. As time went on, the virus began to be minimized by the efforts of most Mainers to follow the medical guidelines to keep the virus from making our citizens sick and some sick enough to lose their lives.

NDN recently returned to driving riders to medical appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores and other stores that require masks. Drivers have a plastic barrier installed in their cars to separate the front seat from the backseat and will wear a face mask and clean the inside of their cars before and after each ride. Riders will be asked to respond to some screening questions about their health, to wear a mask (provided) and to follow other safety measures. This is in addition to NDN’s existing service of pick–up and delivery of prepaid orders for food and medicine.

NDN is glad to be back “ON THE ROAD AGAIN”!

For more information about Neighbors Driving Neighbors or to become a rider or driver, go to www.neighborsdrivingneighbors.org or call 207-860-0677.
Gardening Column

Gardening, September 2020

Submitted by Anna Libby

August is a beautiful time here in Maine, and in the garden. I hope you're taking your morning coffee or evening tea with you as you go out for a walk to the garden each day to admire your hard work, check on the ripening vegetables, and of course scout for pests like the tomato hornworm (In my personal experience, they are able to know the exact day you are too busy to go check your tomato patch and time their arrival perfectly). I hope you're also dining often on fresh tomatoes, cucumbers, corn, and all the other good food you grew.

If you find you have too much to eat, it's always good to store some food away for the winter. Canning can feel intimidating if you haven't done it before, but grab a Ball canning book and call a more experienced friend for support and you'll be able to start filling the pantry shelves in no time. If work and school and all of your other responsibilities make canning feel like too big of a task, don't forget about some less time consuming possibilities like dehydrating and freezing. Check out the Cooperative Extension website for resources https://extension.umaine.edu/food-health/food-preservation/preserving-the-harvest/, or grab a book from the local library. We'll be feasting all winter long!

Have fun, eat well, enjoy the late summer sun, and go ahead and share some of those extra tomatoes with the neighbors.
Submitted by Mary Anne Libby

“Libraries are reservoirs of strength, grace and wit, reminders of order, calm and continuity, lakes of mental energy, neither warm nor cold, light nor dark...In any library in the world, I am at home, unselfconscious, still and absorbed.” Germaine Greer We will be opening for a few more hours each week, starting September 9, by appointment only on Wednesdays, between 3:30 and 6PM. This would be a good, quiet time to come explore and browse our shelves. Appointments will be for family groups no larger than five people, or for single individuals, and will be scheduled for 30 minutes each. Our public access computers will be available for use. Please call or email us to reserve a time slot. The best time to call us would be Mondays between 3:30 and 5:30 while we are usually catching up on work, but if you leave a message at other times, we will check our email and phone messages on Mondays and Wednesdays, and get back to you. Our guidelines for coming into the library for appointments are the same as our Saturday hours, regarding public health precautions: all patrons are asked to wear a mask at all times in the building, use hand sanitizer when entering the building, touch as few surfaces as possible, and keep at least six feet physical distance from others. The bathroom is currently unavailable for public use.

Besides the Wednesday appointments, we will still be open Saturdays from 10-3, for five people at a time (each patron is allotted a twenty minute time period), and curbside will continue 10:30-2:30 on Saturdays, after you have placed your order by 10AM on the previous Wednesday via email (DrShaw@shaw.lib.me.us) or phone (293-2565). Each stage of reopening is a test run. We are listening to recommendations from other libraries and the Maine State Library, and figuring out what works best for our own building and community. We thank you for your patience and suggestions – and please stay tuned for further changes as we piece this together!

The Story Walk at the Ezra Smith conservation area out on Pond Road will be up till the end of September, if you want a chance to take a quick hike during these beautiful, cool days. Don’t forget to look at both sides of each story board – the front side has the pages of Lynn Plourde’s lovely picture book, At One In a Place Called Maine, and then the flip side provides a few fun facts about our environment.

Many thanks to all the wonderful folks in our community who volunteer to help us in all sorts of ways. Thank you, Ann Gibbs and Ellen Ellis for being our garden elves this summer, keeping the landscaping on the hill looking so lovely and weed-free! And thanks to Dan Holman for painting the new picnic table, and organizing a great group of young folks to decorate it with some fun and creative artwork. We have lots of people come to use our wifi each week, and it is so good to have George’s porch and the picnic table as beautiful spots to sit and get a bit of work done.

If your household worked on completing some of the summer reading tasks on the list we sent out in June, now is the time to let us know what you accomplished! The list included reading various types of books, writing blackout poetry, helping neighbors with chores, trying a new recipe, keeping a nature journal of what you see when you go outside for a walk or to explore, walking the Ezra Smith conservation area, and even inventing a new game. Email us with a list of ten items from the list that you completed, and your name will be added as a donor to our food donation to the PALS animal shelter in Winthrop!

We have mentioned these three online resources to access free books before, but given our need to continue staying home as much as possible, it might be good to review them once more: The Download Library (or CloudLibrary) at Maine State Library is accessible by signing in as a patron of our library. You type click on the Dr. Shaw Memorial Library in the search options, and you will need the four-digit number that is handwritten on your library card when you sign up. This resource has both ebooks and audiobooks to download once you are signed in! Because of heavy use in recent months, many of their books do have long reserve lists, but you could get on the list for one of those, and still download one of the less well-known books to read while you wait! They have been adding many titles lately. You can learn how to sign up for this state resource and download books onto your device here: https://www.maineinfonet.org/download/downloadlibrary/

LibriVox offers free public domain books to listen to, all read by volunteers – you can even sign up to be a volunteer reader! Search their catalog by author, title, or genre, and then download the book you want. They include books from all around the world! You can link to their main page here: https://librivox.org/

Project Gutenberg has been a go-to site for readers for quite a while. They are in the middle of updating their website, so access might be somewhat limited for a little while. This is another site that offers many books from around the world that are in the public domain. They provide ebooks, and work with LibriVox on audiobooks. Their website is: http://www.gutenberg.org/

We’ve been so busy at the library, there hasn’t been much time for reading, but I just finished Tracy Chevalier’s The Last Runaway, and Ann Napolitano’s Dear Edward. What are you reading in between canning tomatoes, stacking firewood, and checking on the fruit trees? Be well, everyone.
Changes at the Food Bank

Food Bank Closed July 4

The First Baptist Mt. Vernon Food Bank will be closed on Saturday, July 4. If you are in need of food, please come on June 27 (even if it has been less than 4 weeks since your last visit) or wait until July 11.

We will continue to provide curb-side service for the foreseeable future with pre-packed boxes. If you have any specific needs, please let the volunteer know and we will do our best to serve you. We are currently well stocked with both liquid and powder laundry detergent so be sure to ask for some.

Except for the holiday, our hours remain the same: Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30.

The First Baptist Food Bank is helping to slow the spread of COVID-19 by enacting policies that will continue until the virus is no longer a concern.

Only one person from the household (the driver) should come to the food bank. When you arrive at the food bank, please remain in your vehicle and leave all windows closed. A volunteer will get your name, address and phone number. New customers will not be asked to fill out an application at this time. Pre-packed boxes and bags will be brought up to the vehicle. If you have a specific need, please mention it to the volunteer and we will do our best to accommodate you.

If you are ill and can not get to the food bank, please use your emergency bag before asking for someone to deliver food to you. If you live in Mt. Vernon, Vienna or Fayette, please call Neighbors Driving Neighbors at 860-0677 by Wednesday to see if they can deliver on Saturday. Otherwise, call the food bank (293-2141) on Saturday between 8 and 10 a.m. and we will try to arrange a delivery.

We understand that these changes may be inconvenient and we thank you for your patience. Stay Safe.

Tax Assistance

Haven't paid your 2019 income tax yet? The free AARP Tax-Aide service will not resume before the new July 15 filing deadline, but there are no-cost options you can pursue. If your Adjusted Gross Income is less than $69,000 you can go to this AARP web page to link to one of two free do-it-yourself tax services:

https://signup.aarpfoundation.org/preparing-your-taxes-online/?key=sitelocator_web_taxaide002&utm_source=sitelocator&utm_medium=web&utm_content=taxaide002

Or you can go to the IRS web sit and download Form 4868, the application for an automatic extension of time (to October 15, 2020) to file your return (it covers both the federal and Maine returns). The link: https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f4868.pdf

This is an extension to file, not pay. If you think you will owe taxes, you should pay an estimate of what you owe by July 15. Read the instructions carefully!

AARP Tax-Aide services may restart before October 15, but don’t count on it.
THE MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP WANTS YOU TO VOTE ON JULY 14TH WHEN, WHERE, AND HOW

MOUNT VERNON TOWN OFFICERS, MARANACOOK SCHOOL BUDGET, STATE BOND REFERENDA, FEDERAL/STATE/COUNTY PARTY PRIMARIES = TUESDAY, JULY 14TH

You can avoid going to a polling station on July 14th by requesting an absentee ballot. The State of Maine requires no excuse to vote absentee. Request an absentee ballot online at the Secretary of State’s office (https://www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absent.html) or call the Mount Vernon Town Office (293-2379). Absentee ballot will be mailed to you and you mail it back.

If you wait to vote in person on July 14th, the polling station at the Community Center will be open 8 am to 8 pm. Because of the coronavirus, voters in line outside will wait 6 feet apart, poll workers and voting booths will also be spaced 6 feet apart, the number of people allowed into the building will be limited, sanitizing methods will be available, and shields will be in place to protect poll workers.

ITEMS ON THE BALLOT:
- Approval of bond issues on high-speed internet and transportation infrastructure.
- Budget approval for Maranacook Area Schools/RSU #38 Budget.
- Election of Mount Vernon Select Person, Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector
- Party primary selections (Democrat and Republican separately) for US Senate & US House of Representatives, Maine State Senate & House of Representatives, and Kennebec County offices.

YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE UP TO AND INCLUDING THE DAY OF THE ELECTION. Call the Town Office in advance of Election Day or register on Election Day at the Mount Vernon Community Center.

ALSO, DON’T FORGET

MOUNT VERNON TOWN MEETING = SATURDAY, JULY 18TH
WHERE: Outdoors. Call the Town Office (293-2379) or check the town website www.mtvernonme.org.
ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED: 2020-21 Budget; warrant for Town Meeting will be published in advance.
VIRTUAL THE LOON LAP
MOUNT VERNON, MAINE

JOIN US FOR A WEEK LONG LOON LAP!!

AUGUST 2ND - AUGUST 9TH

CHOOSE YOUR OWN COURSE - YOUR FAVORITE HIKING TRAIL, ON THE TREADMILL, OR IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

REGISTER @ EVENTBRITE
FIND US ON FACEBOOK

A LOCAL EVENT TO SUPPORT THE GREATER MINNEHONK LAKE ASSOCIATION AND THE MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP CORPORATION’S EFFORTS TO PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE COMMUNITY OF MOUNT VERNON AND ITS LAKES.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED? ASK US HOW TO BECOME A SPONSOR.
NEIGHBORS DRIVING NEIGHBORS ON-LINE AUCTION

Neighbors Driving Neighbors provides transportation to those who need it in the towns of Belgrade, Fayette, Mt. Vernon, Rome and Vienna. All drivers are volunteers and all rides are free.

In lieu of an in-person auction this year, NDN is doing an auction on-line! Go to BiddingOwl.com. It is fun, easy and a great way to support the work of Neighbors Driving Neighbors!

https://www.biddingowl.com/neighborsdrivingneighbors

Don’t miss this FUNdraiser that you can attend from the comfort of your own home!

You can find art, quilts, homemade items, desserts, adventures, gift cards and many other treasures.

Items will be added throughout the course of the auction.

Neighbors Driving Neighbors
PO Box 142
Mt. Vernon, ME 04352
Neighborsdrivingneighbors.org
207-860-0677

Auction runs from July 1 to August 1, 2020
NEW ITEMS ADDED FREQUENTLY!
News from the
30 Mile River Watershed Association

Enter Today! Summer Photo Contest

Do you enjoy taking photos on and around the lakes, ponds and streams that make up the 30 Mile River watershed?

Share your favorites with us in our summer photo contest! The categories are Fun Times, Watershed Wildlife, Flourishing Flora and Spectacular Scenes.
The deadline to enter is August 31st. Learn more at www.30mileriver.org.

LakeSmart

30 Mile is a regional coordinator of LakeSmart, a statewide program led by Maine Lakes. This education and reward program helps lakefront homeowners manage their properties in ways that are lake-friendly and protect water quality. The program is free, non-regulatory, and voluntary.

How does it work?
First, a homeowner requests a free site visit. Trained volunteers then perform a property assessment to help homeowners understand what is working well and what could be improved. Homeowners receive individualized suggestions for keeping pollutants in stormwater and septic systems out of lake waters. Sites that score well earn the coveted LakeSmart Award and distinctive signs that can be posted at the waterfront and driveway, identifying the homes of good stewards and illustrating what lake-friendly living looks like.

30 Mile currently works with volunteer teams on Androscoggin Lake, Parker and David Ponds, and Lovejoy Pond. We hope to soon have teams that cover every lake and pond in our watershed.

To learn more about this statewide program, visit www.lakes.me/lakesmart.

To request a free site visit or to learn about volunteering, please contact Lidie at lidie@30mileriver.org.

Pictured Above: 30 Mile’s Lidie Robbins and Androscoggin Lake volunteer Patt Koscinski conduct a LakeSmart evaluation on Pocasset Lake.
Belgrade
Union Church of Belgrade Lakes
Main St, Belgrade Lakes
(United Methodist)
Church Office: 495-3599
Rev. Bill Meyer
9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
(nursery care provided)
Children’s Sunday School during Worship
Wednesday – Adult Bible Study

Mt. Vernon
Dunn’s Corner Baptist Church
Wings Mills Road, Mt. Vernon
Church Office: 320-5902
Pastor Daniel Johnston
9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes
toddler to adult
10:30 a.m. Worship service,
Nursery is available
Jr. Church for children up to age 10 during worship service.

North Vienna
United Methodist Church
572 Tower Road, North Vienna
Laura Church, Pastor
Church Office: 293-3710
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
Sunday School

Readfield
United Methodist Church
1564 Main St., Route 17
Pastor Myung Eun Park
Church Office: 685-4211
office@readfieldchurch.net
“...extending God’s open arms in fellowship and mission.”
10 a.m. Sunday Worship
10 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery Care

Vienna
Vienna Baptist Church
116 Main Street, Vienna
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship
Pastor Everett Maxim
293-3061

Winthrop
St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church
Friends Meeting House
219 Winthrop Center Rd. (Rt 135S)
Winthrop
Rev. Susan Berry Taylor, Vicar
AmmaTaylorSt.Andrews@gmail.com
Church Office: 395-2015
Sunday Eucharist 10:30 a.m.
coffee hour fellowship afterwards