



Thursday

Connection

Building the Community,
One Light at a Time



March 28th, 2024

Contact the VSUMC Church Office at: 217-222-7468 or Office@vsumc.org

Calendar of Events

Tonight—Thursday, March 28th

7:00pm Tenebrae

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Sunday

9am—Classic Worship Service

Reception of New Members

11am—Connection Worship Service

Monday, April 1st

9am—Care Team

3pm—Worship Team

Tuesday, April 2nd

9am—Quilters

9:30am—Staff Meeting

7pm—Cooperative Ministry Meeting
at Chaddock

Wednesday, April 3rd

10am—Coffee and Conversation

5pm—Book Study

6pm—Bell Choir

7pm—Chancel Choir

7pm—Youth Group

Sunday April 7th

9am—Classic Worship Service

10:15am—Sunday School

11am—Connection Worship Service

March 24th, 2024

Easter Sunday

9am Greeters

Ruby Erwin

9am Ushers—March

Carla & Kelly Kielsmeier

11am Greeters

11am Ushers

Don Larson & Jim Weede

Gathering Place Host

Alan & Judy VanDeBoe



Sunday Worship Scripture — March 24th, 2024

Sermon Title: He's Alive!

John 20 : 1– 18

Wednesday Evening Study: Reaching Out” by Henri Nouwen

5 PM each week

Books cost: \$5.00

Rather than returning to our Bible Study of the lectionary texts for each week, the group has decided on another book study. This time we will be reading “Reaching Out” by Henri Nouwen. The book will help us explore the question: “What does it mean to live a life in the Spirit of Jesus Christ?”

We Hope that you will join us!

Easter Offering

Our 2024 Easter offering will be divided between VSUMC’s Unmet Needs and Shepherd’s funds and UMCOR’s “As needed” fund.

Our Unmet Needs fund is used to fulfill our pledges to cases presented at Unmet Needs, to assist those within our community that are “falling through the cracks” of available community resources.

Our Shepherd’s fund is used to assist those connected to VSUMC who need assistance.

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) offers assistance around the globe following natural disasters, as well as in war zones and refugee camps. The “As Needed” fund allows UMCOR to direct the aid to where it is most needed.

New Members

This Sunday we welcome three new members. Please welcome

Carol Gilliland, Judy Sparks, and Laura Hampsmire

To Vermont Street UMC

“Mask” Sunday



You will recall that last year, on the Sunday following Easter, your pastors came to church dressed as flamingos. Well, turnabout is fair play! This year we are encouraging each of you to wear a mask, even a full costume if you want. We offer no other theme, then to say that we hope everyone will wear a mask. And, no worries if you don’t have a mask, we will have a variety of masks for you to select from on that Sunday morning.

You might wonder why we want everyone to wear a mask, but we’re not telling! Come to church April 7 and find out for yourself!

If you are unable to join us in person, you may also worship with us on air at 9 am on WGEM radio at FM 105, and 9 am will be live streamed at our web site, vsumc.org, and on our [YouTube channel](#). The recording will be available later at those sites.

- March Birthdays

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Brian Barnes

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Don Larson

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Breanne Rischard

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Jana Priepot

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Pam Davis

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Alyssa Livesay

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Jennifer McCaughey

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Ava Barnes

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Samantha Barnes

10

Mary Schardon

11

Brad Billings

12

Chuck Mahon

13

William Heaton

- 15

Todd Buckley
- 16

Bonnie Billings
- 16

Emily Lewis
- 18

Cinda Barnes
- 18

Candy Scott
- 20

Leslie Hamm
- 21

Eva Adele
- 22

Jennifer Brown
- 24

John Staff
- 27

Laina Turner
- 27

Eric Sieck
- 28

Mick Hultz
- 29

Trish Crane
- 31

Carolyn Brown

- March Anniversaries

10

Dan & Evie Conrad
- 12

Tony & Trish Crane
- 13

Eric & Jennifer McCaughey
- 24

Ryan & Carla Fierge
- 25

Marvin & Darlene Kerber
- 30

Terry & Jana Priepot

Meal Train for the Youth Group
Information:
Link :
<https://mealtrain.com/1v5yn3>
Or
Pastors Rachel and Kathy

The Views

If you have anything that you'd like in the views please make sure that Information is to the secretary by
April 1st

Mission Minute: Personal Hygiene kits

Through the month of April, we will be collecting items for personal hygiene kits to be distributed locally. We are looking for: shampoo (12-19 oz), toothpaste, toothbrushes (individually packaged), bar soap (3-4 oz), deodorant (2-3 oz), lotion, disposable razors, feminine hygiene products, wash cloths, and microfiber cloths. We are looking for full size products, not travel size, please.
On April 28, between services, we will pack the products into kits.

Bright Start Preschool

Happy Easter From Bright Start Preschool!

Connect With Us!

We will soon begin using a communication tool that will allow us to utilize text messaging more effectively. Please use this information to indicate we may contact you by text!

If you have prayer requests that you would like to have lifted on Sunday mornings during worship, please send them to Pastor Rachel at pastor@vsumc.org or 222-7468 by the day before, Saturdays at noon.