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Birthday and Anniversaries

March Birthdays

- **Brian Barnes**
- Don Larson
- **Breanne Rischard**
- Jana Priepot
- Pam Davis
- Alyssa Livesay
- Jennifer McCaughey
- 10 Ava Barnes
- 10 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



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March 2024

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9 am Classic Worship (Listen LIVE on WGEM 105 FM or LIVE stream online)

10:15 am Sunday School

11 am Connection Worship **In-Person ONLY**

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Rev. Rachel Stockle, Pastor Rev. Kathy Crozier, Assoc. Pastor

Deadline to submit information for the upcoming issue is the 20th of every month.

Pastors Corner

I'm writing this on one of our unseasonably warm days. It is so lovely to feel the sunshine and enjoy the breeze, even the wind, without having to bundle up in winter gear. But I see the forecast, I know what's coming. It's too early to put away the winter coat!

I'd love to rush the season along. I love spring days with sunshine and greening lawns. It's delightful to watch the flowers come alive. I enjoy seeing folks outside again. (Students from the music school are practicing outside today!)

But despite the warm sunshine, winter isn't done with us. No matter how much I want to rush into spring, I must wait for the calendar to move along and the warmer, growing season to arrive.

This happens to me all too often. I want to rush things along until God reminds me to slow down. God's timing is not my timing! I need to wait for life to unfold, for God's plans to bear fruit. Many times in my life had I rushed head-long into things, I would have missed some of God's greatest blessings.

There are things at VSUMC that might not be happening as quickly as we would like. I hear frustration over folks who have not returned since Covid & our attendance figures, concern about our finances, questions about growing our Sunday School and Youth Group. These are all things that are happening but happening slowly, much slower than we would like.

Once more God says, "Wait." We wait for God's unfolding grace; the blessings God will provide that are far greater than what we asked for or imagined. As we wait to see how God will move. join me, as always, in praying for VSUMC to be a beacon of God's love in our community.

Blessings, Pastor Rachel



March 6th—10am Coffee and Conversation has been cancelled

March 10th—Time change. Spring forward a hour!

March 17th- Lenten Fellowship Dinner. 5pm at Melrose UMC March 28th—Tenebrae Service at 7:00pm

March 29th—Good Friday Services: 6pm at the Kroc Center, 7 pm at Union UMC

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Leadership Report

Summary of the February 2024 Leadership Board Meeting

Leadership Board members for 2024 are:

Brad Billings Luke Gittings Fae Jones

Susan Kissick

Kim Larson Steven Maxwell Nancy Ogle

Jim Sours (Chair) Clif Weisinger Pastor Rachel Stockle



Marian Sorenson serves as secretary Susan Kissick serves as Lay Leader

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Tommy House. Brad Billings was elected to the Leadership Board to fulfill the term of Tommy House.

Pastor Rachel announced that a membership class would be held Sunday, March 3.

There are currently three people committed to attending with the possibility of four additional people attend-

The 2024 Leadership Covenant was signed by those members who had not previously signed in January.

Committees were refined for each Church and Leadership Goal:

Church Goals for 2024

- 1. Explore and develop a plan to combine the worship services (Luke Gittings, Kim Larson, Steven Maxwell, Nancy Ogle, Worship Committee)
- 2. Explore cooperative ministry among the three UM churches in Quincy (Pastor Rachel Stockle, Susan Kissick, Fae Jones, Jim Sours)
- 3. Fully fund mission and ministry priorities and end the budget year in the black (Brad Billings, Fae Jones, Nancy Ogle, Clif Weisinger, Pastor Rachel Stockle)

Leadership Committee Goals for 2024

- 1. Create effective communication systems between Leadership Board and church teams and committees. (Jim Sours, Susan Kissick)
- 2. Enhance and maintain communication between Leadership Board and Congregation (Jim Sours, Brad Billings)
- 3. Continue to review and revise the Guiding Principles and create new principles as needed (Pastor Rachel Stockle, Susan Kissick)

John Staff and Ryan Fierge were elected to the Building and Grounds Committee

The Cooperative Ministry Committee Update:

- 1. The progressive dinner will be held at Melrose Chapel on March 17th before the Lenten Service.
- 2. Participation in the Dogwood Parade will be decided at the next committee meeting. All three churches must agree to participate.

A job description and goals for a Music Leader for Children position needs to be created. Anyone willing to work on this should contact Pastor Rachel.

Travis Brown has agreed to look in to the technology needs of Café Vermont and Fellowship Hall.

A QR Code for giving and another for attendance will be created and put on the website and a new card with these codes will be created for the pews.

The neighborhood youth have been attending Sunday services and Wednesday night youth group. Kathy Crozier is concerned that the momentum will diminish when she's not here in the summer. Pastor Rachel suggested hiring an intern through the conference. The church would be responsible for finding the intern a place to live. Pastor Rachel would serve as mentor and work supervisor. An additional mentor would be required. The deadline to apply is Friday, March 1. The next meeting of the Leadership Board is March 18. The change of date is due to Holy Week.

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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 World Day of Prayer	2
	3 3rd Sunday of Lent 9am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 10:15am New Member Class 11am Connection Worship 6:30pm—Lenten Service at Vermont Street UMC	4 9am Care Team 2pm Lenten Study	<u>5</u> <u>9am</u> Quilters <u>9:30am</u> Staff Meeting	6 5pm Lenten Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	7	<u>8</u>	9
SPRING FORWARD	10 UMCOR SUNDAY 4th Sunday of Lent 9am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 6:30pm—Lenten Service at	11 9am Care Team 11:30am Horizons Team 2pm Lenten Study 5:30pm Missions/Health Mtg 6:30 Discipleship Team 6:30pm Evangelism/Fun & Fellowship meeting	12 9am Quilters 6pm WOW at Sprouts	13 10am UWF Meeting 5pm Lenten Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	14	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>
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	31 EASTER SUNDAY 9am Worship 11am Connection Worship		March 10th Daylight Savings March 17th St. Patrick's Day	One Minute Missons March 10th and March 17th To stuff eggs for the Easter Egg hunt	minus Mission		





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United Women in Faith News



Mark your calendars Our March meeting will be moved to the 13th due to conflicts in our usual date. We will meet in Café Vermont at 10 am. We would love to have you be present to hear all our plans for future projects.

March 20th we will be attending a West District Personal Growth Retreat at Roseville UMC. This will be the first combined meeting of LaMoine and Spoon Districts. The speaker is Sarah Auqustine and her subject is her book, "The Land Is NOT Empty." It explains the Doctrine of Discovery and its relationship to Indigenous Peoples around the world. Bring finger food to share. Call Loretta Hyslop at 217-223-7137 to let us know if you are interested in attending. We will carpool if there are enough people who want to go.

Bright Start Preschool News

Bright Start Preschool students have enjoyed a busy winter season! At the end of January students celebrated the letter "R" with our annual Rodeo Day.

In February we celebrated friendship on Valentine's Day with ice cream sundaes. We are looking forward to March and the spring weather.

The outdoor playground and tricycles are always a favorite activity!







Now Enrolling for 2024





217-222-6586 Sara Bange, Director

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Sunday Worship

Sunday March 3, 2024 Communion 3rd Sunday of Lent

Words of Life & Freedom Exodus 19: 4-6; 20: Various

Sunday March 10, 2024 4th Sunday of Lent

An Eternal Covenant 2 Samual 7: 8-13,16

Sunday March 17, 2024 5th Sunday of Lent

The Covenant of the Heart Jeremiah 31:31-34

Sunday March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

Jesus & the New Covenant Luke22: 15-20: Corinthians 11: 23-26

Sunday March 31 2024 Easter Sunday

Lenten Study

Mondays at 2:00pm Wednesdays at 5:00pm

> It's not too late to join us!



Greeters & Ushers Schedule

March Communion Stewards

Brad Billings & 9 am Ruby Erwin

11 am Luke & Emily Gittings

9 am Greeters

3rd	Jim Worrell, Clif & Karen Weisinger
10th	Jim Worrell
17th	Jim Worrell, Carolyn Brown, Peggy Morey
24th	Jim Worrell

31st

Greeters Needed!

Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space!

9 am Ushers

Carla & Kelly Kielsmeier

11 am Ushers

Siu	Jim Weede
10th	Charlie Jones Rob Hernandez
17th	Justin & Nathalie Messan
24th	Maxine Paluska Pixie Sharkey
31st	Don Larson

Gathering Place Hosts

Jim Weede

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3rd	Steven & Sara Maxwel	
10th	Dikki Anderson	
17th	Suzi Duker	
24th	David & Emily Lewis	

Alan & Judy VanDeBoe

January

Budget Fur	nd Report
Income	23,415.00
Expenses	-42,760.28
Difference	-19,345.28

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Easter Offering

Unmet needs Youth group meals fund UMCOR, As Needed

Worship Attendance

February				
	9 am	11 am	Total	
4th	80	39	119	
11th	84	24	108	
18th	68	39	107	
25th	79	34	113	

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Building and Grounds February 20th, 2024

In attendance: Dan Hayden, Charlie Jones, Kelly McElroy, Alan VanDeBoe, Ryan Fierge, Jim Sours, Gary Livesay and Jerry Carnivale



Phase 1 and 2 of Window replacement discussed, totaling \$84,000 to date. Phase 3 to be completed this summer 2024. Approved \$46,432 for this as order must be placed by March 1. Reviewed purchase of new mower with snow blade, approved and paid. (\$6,000)

Future projects with approval:

Window coverings on new windows, paid for from Memorial Fund, discussed and approved by committee. Install new light and new door on shed. Seemed pricey but approved, \$571.00 and \$1,537.00 respectively. Cleaning of air ducts throughout building. \$4,000.00

Futures considerations:

Discussion of the following ensued: Install windows on the south side of the church.

Concrete work on near circle drive.

Landscaping around the church, more bids required.

Gutters and downspouts, Bid received for \$35,000 to be discussed with Leadership Board.

New wooden doors.

Security options for east side door.

Tree removal, front of church.

Next meeting will be on April 15th at 6:30pm



Sunday Evening Lent Services and Locations

3/03/2024 — Vermont Street UMC - Shawna Bunnell 3/10/2024 — Bethel AME - Rachel Stockle 3/17/2024 — Melrose Chapel UMC - Carl Terry 3/24/2024 — First Baptist - Tara Hayes All services will be at 6:30 pm, We hope to see you there!



Lenten Fellowship Dinner

We were unable to have our progressive dinner in January due to the weather, so we are going to have a fellowship meal together prior to the Lenten service on Sunday March 17. We will have good food and good conversation around tables before we worship together. Please plan to join us! Please help us prepare by signing up to attend by Sunday March, 10. See you there!



WOW Information

Remember, ladies, that March 12 is our next WOW meeting at Sprouts at 6:00pm. Our project for March is collecting socks for the kids at our Junior High School. It's hard to concentrate when your feet are cold or wet. Hope to see you there for a fun evening of food and fellowship. -Karen Weisinger

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New Member Class

On Sunday, March 3, at 10: 15 AM, there will be a New Member Class for anyone interested in joining the church. If you have never taken the time to make your membership "official" this is a good to time to talk to Pastor Rachel about doing just that!

This in intended to be a one-time session about church membership, but if we discover that folks want to learn more about being United Methodist prior to joining, we will have a longer class. (If you are already a member, but want to learn more about being United Methodist, let Pastor Rachel know you'd like to join that class!)

Please contact the church office or Pastor Rachel if you wish to be a part of the March 3 class. We will meet in Pastor Rachel's office, unless the group outgrows that space!



Easter Egg Hunt Information

The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 23rd at 1:00pm. Set up at 12:00pm

Volunteers needed: We will need assistance at the Easter Egg Hunt. If you are available, please join us for the fun!

Donations: We are taking donations individually wrapped candy for Easter Eggs. (We have the eggs!) There is a collection box near the chapel for your donations.

One-Minute Mission: Sundays, March 10 & 17, between worship services, we will have a one-minute mission to put the candy in the eggs! Stop by and help for a few minutes!

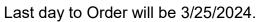






🏶 Easter Lilies Information

Easter Lilies are just around the corner! The price this year will be \$12.00 a lily.



They will be available for pick-up after the 11:00 am Easter Service until the 2nd of April.



Members of Vermont Street United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the abundant supply of gloves and hats for our lles students. The children are happy to have these items! We are very appreciative of your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Sincerely, Darla and Brenda

Iles School Nurses Office



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