

Vermont Street Views

April 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. Kathy Crozier, Assoc. Pastor

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

Pastors Corner

Every four years the General Conference of the United Methodist Church meets to consider the future of the denomination, including any legislation that has been submitted. Due to the pandemic, it has been eight years since the General Conference met and much has happened in that eight years!

Because only the General Conference can officially speak for the United Methodist Church, this year's meeting will be eventful! It will be held April 23- May 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina.


Our Annual Conference website has some helpful information about what is being considered this year at [Countdown General Conference 2024 \(igrc.org\)](https://www.igrc.org)

This link provides some basic information about what General Conference is. [General Conference \(umc.org\)](https://www.umc.org)

The official website for General Conference is [General Conference 2020 \(resourceumc.org\)](https://www.resourceumc.org)

Don't be confused by the date, because the 2020 conference was delayed, you will see this year's General Conference referred to as the 2020 or the 2024 Conference, depending on where you are getting your information.

Pastors Rachel and Kathy would also be glad to answer any questions or concerns you might have about General Conference.

Blessings,
 Pastor Rachel 

"Mask" Sunday, April 7

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, than 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!

Other Upcoming Dates

- April 9th - WOW @ Sprouts Inn 6pm
- April 14th - Native American Ministries Sunday
- April 15th - Taxes Due!
- April 24th - Administrative Professionals Day
- April 25th - World Malaria Day
- April 25th - World Penguin Day
- April 28th - One Minute Misson—Personal Hygiene products

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April Birthday and Anniversaries

3 Chris Livesay	23 George Messan
3 Harold Pickinpaugh	24 Bill Dean
4 Bruce Tode	24 Peter Behrens
4 Paige Heady	24 Franklin Scibilia
5 Abigail Barnes	26 Chris Larson
8 John Read	27 Fae Jones
8 John Basinger	27 Clair Morrison
10 Cindy Haxel	28 Tony Crane
11 Alexis Barnes	29 Curtis Bennett
12 Nancy Elliott	30 Larry Embree
14 Jim Shoemaker	30 Jessica Cornwell
16 Clif Weisinger	
19 Will Klingner	
19 Dan Brothers	

April Anniversaries	
1	John & Stacey Edwards
4	Richard & Laura Ehrhart
10	Randy & Sebby Fierge
18	John & Greta Read
19	Harold & Loretta Hyslop



Leadership Report

Pastor Rachel announced that three new members would be welcomed on at the 9:00 service on Easter Sunday: Carol Gilliland, Laura Hampsmire, Judy Sparks

Goals Committee meetings were scheduled and reports will be given at the April meeting.

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)

No word has been received about the summer intern. All paperwork has been submitted. Gary Livesay has agreed to serve as the intern's mentor.

Housing Solutions has reached out to VSUMC about selling the empty lot at 9th and Vermont for a 22-unit complex managed by the YWCA.

The members of the Church Goal #3 committee will investigate and report back in April. Union UMC will coordinate the participation in the Dogwood Parade on May 4. A VSUMC contact person is needed.

The idea of year-round stewardship was introduced. This idea requires us to think of stewardship as part of our spiritual life, and not a once-a-year endeavor. The 3rd Church Goal committee will analyze pattern in church giving and report back to the Leadership Board.

The Accessibility Audit required by the Conference is due at the end of April. It needs to be completed by members of the Leadership Board and the Building / Grounds committee.

Pastor Rachel will meet with Adam Adrian from Connect Child and Family Solutions learn what is needed from the church in order to provide daycare for families with foster children.

Website Update:

- 1) Changing the Connect tab to Contact Us
- 2) A new tab will be added before Easter – What to Expect When You Visit
- 3) The Connection Card link will be added and the pew card will have QR codes
- 4) Please let the church office know what other information is needed on the website

The Leadership Board approved adding a second internet line for guests. After completing an assessment of the technology in Café Vermont, Travis Brown said that only the correct adapters are needed. He will assess the needs for Fellowship Hall soon.

The Leadership Board approved transitioning Christina Kaufman's part-time contract from Manpower to VSUMC.










Joyce and the late Ed Dlugopolski have given a monetary gift to the church. This money was given in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McFarland. The money is being used for the new windows and to update the organ.

The Easter offering will be divided between Unmet Needs, Shepherd's Fund, UMCOR – as needed fund.

There was consensus from the Leadership Board to have Pastor Rachel investigate two programs that will allow the church office and both pastors to text from their computers / tablets / phones without having to use their personal phone numbers. The information will be brought to the April meeting.

The next meeting of the Leadership Board is April 22.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9 am Care Team 3 pm Worship Team 	2 9 am Quilters 9:30 am Staff Mtg	3 10 am Coffee & Conv. 5 pm Book Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Youth Group	4	5	6
7 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Conn. Worship	8 9am Care Team 11:30 am Horizons 6:30 pm Evangelism / Community Connection Team and Fun & Fellowship Mtg	9 9 am Quilters 6 pm WOW at Sprouts	10 5 pm Book Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Youth Group	11	12	13
14 Native American Ministries Sunday 9 am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11 am Conn. Worship	15 9 am Care Team 6 pm Building & Grounds	16 9 am Quilters	17 5 pm Book Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Youth Group	18	19	20 
21 9 am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11 am Conn. Worship	22 9 am Care Team 6:15 pm Leadership team 	23 9 am Quilters 7 pm Cooperative Ministries Meeting	24 10 am UWF mtg 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Youth Group Administrative Professionals' Day	25 World Malaria Day World Penguin Day 	26	27 
28 9 am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11 am Conn. Worship Minute Mission	29 9 am Care Team	30 9 am Quilters				

WOW Information

WOW comes early this month, ladies, on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:00p.m. Be thinking of an idea for our April project. We'll use our collection that night for whatever we come up with as our project. Hope to see you there for a fun evening of food and fellowship.
-Karen Weisinger



One Minute Ministry—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.



1 minute
Mission

A Thank you



My heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported me during the illness and death of my husband Richard.

To Pastor Rachel for her prayers, counsel, and concern. To Ann and the Chancel Choir, who provided beautiful flowers for Richard's visitation. They graced our chancel for several days afterwards.

To those who sent food, and messages of sympathy and love, along with their prayers. I am truly blessed to be a part of this church family.

- Barbara Fry

A note of appreciation

The Tenebrae Service was so special. From the sun setting behind the window, the lighting of the altar cross, the wonderful performance, to the departure in silence and darkness, it was so beautifully done. Thank you to everyone involved in giving us a memorable event. Your talents and time are so appreciated.

- Greta Read



Sunday Worship

Sunday April 7th, 2024—Communion

- The Great Unmasking
Mark 16:1-13

Sunday April 14th, 2024

- Yes, There Are Rules!

Sunday April 21st, 2024

- The Uneven Quadrilateral

Sunday April 28, 2024

- Grace Before All

Sunday May 5th, 2025

- Guest Pastor Kyle Frink

Sunday May 12th, 2024

- Grace After All

Sunday May 19th, 2024

- What a Character!

Evening Book Study

5 PM Each week

"Reaching Out"
by Henri Nouwen

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?"

Books cost: \$5.00



Greeters & Ushers Schedule

April Communion Stewards

9 am Clif & Karen Weisinger

11 am Charlie & Fae Jone

9 am Greeters

7th Carolyn Brown & Peggy Morey

14th Ruby Ervin

21st —

28th —

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

9 am Ushers

April Tim Dennis & Jim Worrell

11 am Ushers

7th Don Larson
Jim Weede

14th Charlie Jones
Rob Hernandez

21st Justin & Nathalie Messan

28th Maxine Paluska
Pixie Sharkey

Gathering Place Hosts

7th Maxine Paluska

14th Betty House

21st Charlie & Fae Jones

28th Beth Buckley

February

Budget Fund Report

Income 26,813.94

Expenses 33,692.44

Difference -6,878.50

Year to date 2024

YTD Income 50,229.42

YTD Expenses 78,271.84

YTD Differences - 28,042.42

Worship Attendance

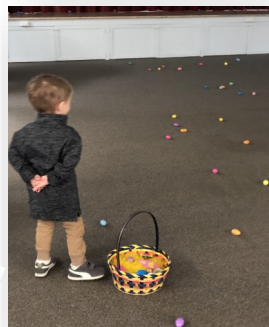
March

	9 am	11 am	Total
3rd	68	33	101
10th	65	28	93
17th	82	34	116
24th	84	27	111
31st	117	44	161

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Vermont Street UMC Easter Egg Hunt

This year due to the rain we had our egg hunt inside but, that didn't dampen our spirits! We had so much fun finding eggs, reading stories, and celebrating Easter. Here are a few pictures! A huge thank you for everyone who volunteered and helped out!



United Women in Faith News

During her retirement party we presented a gift basket to Becky Albert, who is retiring from the Teresa Adams House after a 10 year career.



Pictured from left to right
Kristi Sloan, Keely Schaffer, (Twin daughters of Becky) Loretta, (Holding the basket) Becky, Diane Sloan, and Kathy Emerick

Graduate Recognition

It's getting to be that time again! If you have graduates in your family, please send the information to the church office. We don't want to miss anyone!



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New Members

Last Sunday we welcome three new members please continue to welcome:

We're so glad YOU'RE HERE!



Carol Gilliland, Judy Sparks, and Laura Hampsmire to Vermont Street UMC



Dogwood Parade

VSUMC is joining with Melrose Chapel and Union UMCs in the Dogwood Parade, coming up on May 4. We need volunteers to be in the parade. We will need folks to sit on the truck or trailer, as well as folks to walk and toss out candy. We are also seeking donations of individual wrapped candy – tootsie rolls, hard candies, etc.

Probably not chocolate – if the weather is warm and sunny it will melt in the heat! What a great opportunity to get to know some folks from the other churches, as well as making our names visible in the Quincy community! If you want to be a part of the parade contact the church office or Jim Sours.

Text Messaging

We are just starting to utilize a program that will allow us to communicate more effectively using text messaging. Initially we will send meeting and event reminders but hope to expand to sharing prayer requests and other information. If you would like to be a part of our text messaging communications, please use the QR code below or text "Connect" to 217-673-0012.



Lenten Fellowship Dinner

The Lenten Fellowship Dinner was such a blessed opportunity to interact and meet with our fellow Methodist churches in our area. Thank you to all who came.

