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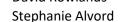
May Birthdays

- Phoebe Fierge
- Ted Berhorst
- Carina Epperley
- Kim Morrison
- 10 Duane Robinson
- 10 Ginger Russell
- 10 Wyverne Penn
- 12 Linda Groves
- 12 Wesley Lindgren
- 13 Peggy Morey
- 14 Sasha Betz
- 15 Temprance Berhorst
- 16 Tim Beth
- 16 Dan Conrad
- 16 Justin Barnes
- 17 Lane Morrison
- 17 Ruby Maxwell



Birthday and Anniversaries

- 21 Beth Buckley
- 22 Ezra Gittings
- 23 Matt Russell
- 23 Mark Russell
- 24 Steven Prater
- 26 Kent Stevenson
- 27 Rick Godman
- 28 Suzi Duker
- 29 Kim Larson
- 30 Ramona Larner
- 30 David Rowlands
- 31 Stephanie Alvord



May Anniversaries

- 14 Luke & Emily Gittings
- 20 Robert & Nancy Elliott
- 21 Wayne & Pam Elston
- 23 John & Linda Groves
- 31 Mark & Sara Betz



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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

Pastors Corner

In honor of Mother's Day, I share a poem that ALWAYS makes me think of my own Mother. I pray that all children have someone like this in their life!

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator and I wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake just for me and I knew that little things are special things.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.

> When you thought I wasn't looking I felt you kiss me good night and I felt loved.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes and I learned that sometimes things hurt but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.

- by Mary Rita Schilke Sill (C)1980

Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall meeting on May 5th at 10:15am to discuss the property next to the church and bring this information to the congregation.



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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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Leadership Report

Summary of the April 2024 Leadership Board Meeting

A. The church has been approached by Housing Solutions of Quincy to build a low-income housing development on the 9th and Hampshire vacant lot. The development would consist of 24 one-bedroom units.

Windsor Development Group of Springfield would obtain funding, develop the property, then transfer it to the YWCA to oversee the tenants. Housing Authority of Quincy would deal with the government subsidies.

A committee was formed in March to investigate all aspects of this idea. Committee members are Brad Billings, Clif Weisinger, Fae Jones, Alan VanDeBoe, Charlie Jones, Rachel Stockle

Brad Billings, committee chair, suggested three action items which were approved:

- 1) have a commercial appraisal of the property completed
- 2) hold a Town Hall meeting to introduce this idea to the congregation and a Church Council meeting to have the congregation vote on whether or not to move forward.
- 3) permission to hire Hal Oakley to represent VSUMC. Hal was the lawyer who worked with the church when the land was purchased in 2003.

It was suggested that the Town Hall informational meeting be held between worship services (10:00) on May 5 and the Church Conference to be held at the same time on May 19.

- **B.** Chris Larson gave an update on the church's investments.
- **C.** Goals Committee meeting reports were submitted.

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
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- **3.** Continue to review and revise the Guiding Principles and create new principles as needed (Pastor Rachel Stockle, Susan Kissick)

Recommendations were given by the committee for Church Goal #1:

- 1. Combine services for the Sundays before July 4th between Christmas and New Years.
- 2. Concentrate on finding musicians for the 11:00 service.

D. No summer intern was available from the conference. Pastor Rachel and Pastor Kathy will begin the search to find someone to hire for the summer (6-10 hours per week @ \$20 per hour) whose focus will be on children and youth activities.

E. Cooperative Ministry Update:

- 1. Dogwood Parade May 4.
- 2. Jason Gray and Nedy concert June 28 at Kroc Center.

Volunteers will be needed for both events.

- **F.** Pastor Rachel met with Adam Adrian from Connect Child and Family Solutions to walk through the building and learn what is needed from the church in order to provide daycare for families with foster children. There has been no communication since that time
- **G.** The second internet line for guests is now available. The password is: VSUMCGuest1
- **H.** The Leadership Board requests that the Building and Grounds Committee arrange a meeting with a security company / person to determine the needs of the church and the options available
- I. The next Leadership Board meeting will be May 20 due to the Memorial Day holiday



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	9		1 10am Coffee & Conversation 5pm Book Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	2	3	4 Dogwood Parade
5 9am Worship (Kyle Frink Preaching) 10:15 Town Hall 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship	6 9am Care Team 9am Counters	7 9am Quilters	8 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	9 Ascension Day	10	<u>11</u>
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WOW Information

WOW will meet Tuesday, May 14th at Sprouts Inn, at 6:00 PM. I suggest we use our collection of monies collected for camping scholarships for church, family, and kids. If you have other ideas, please let me know. See you there!

Karen Weisinger 217-653-3690



Local Graduation Dates

Quincy Senior High— Sunday, May 19th

Quincy Notre Dame— Sunday, May 12th

Quincy University— Saturday. May 11th

John Wood CC— Friday, May 17th



Local Events Coming Soon

The Three Methodist Churches of Quincy present:

Jason Gray with special guest Nedy

We are looking for volunteers to help with this event!

More Information can be found in the Gathering Space.



Bright Start Preschool News

Bright Start Preschool held Special Persons Day on Thursday, May 2nd. Students invited one special person to spend part of the morning with them. Everyone had a wonderful time enjoying doughnuts, a craft project, and bingo!







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Sunday Worship

Sunday May 5th

Rev. Kyle Frink Preaches

"The Limit of Grace"

Sunday May 12th - "Grace After All "

Sunday May 19th-"What a Character"

Sunday May 26th-

Wednesday

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?"

Upcoming Dates

- May 5th Kyle Frink Preaching
- May 5th—Town Hall @ 10:15am
- May 4th—The Dogwood Parade
- May 12th—Mothers Day
- May 14th—WOW @ Sprouts
- May 19th—Pentecost
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- May 27th—Memorial Day Offices are Closed.

Greeters & Ushers Schedule

May Communion Stewards

9 am Laura Hampsmire & Diana Calvert

11 am Emily & Luke Gittings

9 am Greeters

5th Jim Worrell

12th Carolyn Brown,
Peggy Morel,
& Jim Worrell

19th Jim Worrell

26th Jim Worrell

Greeters Needed!

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

9 am Ushers

May Cliff Weisinger & Jim Weede

11 am Ushers Don Larson

Jim Weede

12th Charlie Jones
Rob Hernandez

19th Justin & Nathalie Messan

26th Maxine Paluska
Pixie Sharkey

Gathering Place Hosts

5th Betty House12th Sue Carnivale / Rylander19th Grad. Reception

Stephen & Sara Maxwell

March

Budget Fund Report

Income \$25,539.31

Expenses \$29,333.45

Difference - \$3,794.14

Year to date 2024

Differences

YTD \$66,436.73

YTD \$107,605.29

YTD - \$41,168.56

Worship Attendance

April							
	9 am	11 am	Total				
7th	68	33	101				
14th	69	35	104				
21st	76	32	108				
28th	58	35	93				

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!

Text "Connect" to 217-673-0012



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5th

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Building and Grounds Report

Building & Grounds Committee Meeting Monday, April 15, 2024

Attendees:

Ryan Fierge Charlie Jones John Kissick Kelly McElroy

Alan VanDeBoe Jerry Carnivale

Completed Projects:

- 1.) Barnard Elevator has installed door stops on all elevator doors
- 2.) Barnard Elevator has installed required signage at elevator doors
- 3.) Received a bid from Adams County Glass to install security doors. The bid was for \$12,675.

The bid included 2 aluminum doors with transom frames, dark bronze.

Muntin in glass to form a cross, Low E glass.

Keyless entry door on east side of the education building and removal of current doors included in bid. Card reader and buzzer supplied by others.

After much discussion, the door project was tabled due to a lack of a seconded

- 4.) The committee would like to get a bid to plant new shrubs, grass on the north side of the building from 8th to 9th Streets
- 5.) To have a stained-glass evaluation performed.

Fun & Fellowship Report



Fun & Fellowship Committee Minutes – April 8, 2024

In attendance were Rachel Stockle, Tim Dennis, Sarah Maxwell, Fae Jones, Sebby Fierge and Erin Fierge.

Rachel opened the meeting in prayer.

The first order of business we discussed was the Dogwood Parade, which will be held Saturday, May 4, 2024. Union UMC is entering a float and would like volunteers from other UMCs to assist with the float & walk in the parade. Fae said there were a few volunteers from VSUMC that have agreed to walk in the parade. We do need non-chocolate candy donations, as well as buckets to hand out the candy at the parade. Fae has ordered a skirt for the float. We will have fliers to hand out at the parade as well.

We would like to encourage our congregation to attend the Park Band's Summer Concert Series and thought we could have our church sign in a designated area, so we could all meet up & enjoy the Park Band together. Wearing our VSUMC T-shirts is also encouraged!

Summary of the Easter Egg Hunt:

Everyone thought it went well. It was noted the crafts worked well inside, as it was more contained indoors. We thought it might be a good idea to have crafts inside in the future, then move outside for the Easter egg hunt, weather permitting. Sebby bought more plastic eggs to replenish our stock. It was also brought up it might be a good idea to have a sign & container if people would like to leave the plastic eggs after they open them.

June 28th there will be a concert at the Kroc Center and we will need volunteers to move equipment, run errands, sell tickets at the door, sell merchandise, and provide a meal & snacks.

June 30th is the swimming party for VSUMC & neighborhood kids. We will have lunch at VSUMC and then take them to Spring Lake to swim for the afternoon.

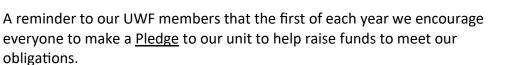
Sept 19th is the Wototo Children's Choir. We will plan more details in future meetings.

Oct. 19th is the Fall Festival. Sebby is going to contact the Park District to reserve a shelter house.

We will have a meeting on Mon. April 29th at 6:30 to finalize plans for the Dogwood parade and our next scheduled meeting is Monday, June 10th at 6:30pm

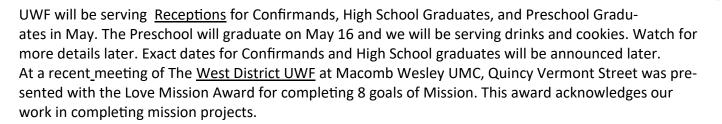
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United Women in Faith News





Our local unit has so far this year provided two funeral meals and made donations to Hope House, Chaddock, Matt Hermsmeier, Sunday youth breakfast, a Gift Basket, Easter Egg Hunt, Dogwood Parade, and the Mini-Mission. Just leave a check in our drawer in the church office with our appreciation.

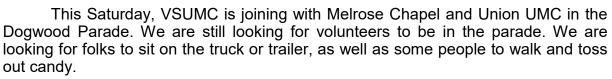


Our <u>UWF Monthly Meeting</u> will be May 22. We will be nominating our officers for 2025. A carry-in salad bar will be served for lunch. This will be our last meeting until Fall as there are no meetings in June, July and August. But we have several projects planned for the summer to keep us busy. Vacation Bible School meals are always an item on our calendar.

We have scheduled our <u>Rummage Sale</u> for June 22. It's time to start your Spring Cleaning and remove all those unused items from your closets and garage. If you need someone to haul your items, call Loretta Hyslop, and someone will pick them up.

<u>IGRC Mission u</u> is being held in Springfield on July 21-23. If you are interested in attending, let Loretta Hyslop know and she will give you a copy of the registration form. The deadline to register is June 30. The cost, with hotel room, is \$190.00 if sharing a room. UWF has some funds in our budget to help those attending.

Dogwood Parade





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.

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