

August, 2024

Vermont Street Views

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Pastor's Corner

Pencils sharpened to a point with erasers still intact and notebooks with no doodles on the cover – the start of the new school year always seems like a fresh clean start. Anything seems possible – straight A's, every paper turned in on time, no missed classes or assignments.

It's a lot like our relationship with Jesus. The sins of the past are forgiven, we are given a fresh clean start, and anything seems possible, even perfection. Sadly, the idea of perfection doesn't even last as long as the erasers on my pencils! No matter how hard I try, I stumble, and find myself again in need of Jesus' grace and mercy.

Here we find the difference. Once I doodle on the front of my notebook, I'm stuck with that doodle until the class is over or I run out of paper. I can try to erase it, alter it, or cover it up, but it is still there.

Asking Jesus to forgive us, means that sin is removed from us "as far as the east is from the west." We are forgiven and God doesn't keep score. Of course, we will still face any of the natural, earthy consequences of that sin, but the blot on our soul is gone. Forgiveness wipes it clean and restores us to God.

Let's rejoice together in that fresh clean start. I can't promise straight As but I can promise God's eternal love given through Jesus Christ Our Savior!

Thanks be to God!
Blessings,
Pastor Rachel



Other Upcoming Dates

- August 1st—Tenant Workshop from 5:00 pm—7:00 pm @ Café Vermont
- August 3rd—Back to School Fair from 8:00am—11:00am -@ Iles Elementary School
- August 5th—Worship Team at 3:00pm
- August 6th—Staff Meeting at 9:30am
- August 7th—Coffee and Conversation at 10:00am
- August 12th—Evangelism & Community Care and Fun and Fellowship Team Meetings 5:30pm
- August 13th—WOW at Sprouts at 6:00pm
- August 15th—Leadership Board Finance sub committee at 9:00am
- August 18th— Serve at Horizons at 3:30pm
- August 19th—Building and Grounds team meeting at 6:00pm
- August 20th—Nominations at 1:00pm
- August 26th—Leadership Board at 6:15pm
- August 27th—Bright Start Preschool Open House—4:30pm—6:00pm

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Birthday and Anniversaries

August Birthdays

2	Taylor Sloan	14	Leah Hanlin
4	Chip Hyslop	16	Shirley Tode
6	Esther Strosaker	16	Nadya Hayth
6	Jessica Koscielski	17	Andrew Sloan
7	Barbara Fry	18	Ron Howell
8	Donald Smith	19	David Eadie
8	Darrin Fierge	21	John Duker
8	Alan Sieck	25	Kim Seeber
11	Andrew Brown	27	Randy Fierge
12	Jan Quintero	27	Randy Brown
12	Gwynn Eadie		

August Anniversaries

4	Don & Sue Altheide
12	David & Gwynn Eadie
14	Hubert & Deb Staff
15	Brad & Bonnie Billings
16	Doug & Kim Seeber
17	Wyverne & Bernita Penn
21	John & Candy Scott
26	John & Rhonda Basinger
28	Bill & Linda Dean



Sunday Worship Schedule

9 am Classic Worship
(Listen LIVE on WGEM 105.1 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 26th of August.



Leadership Report

Summary of the July 2024 Leadership Board Meeting

Pastor Rachel Stockle
Marian Sorenson serves as secretary
Susan Kissick serves as Lay Leader
Lee and Leah Hanlin were approved as new board members replacing Steven Maxwell. They will share the responsibilities for one position on the board. Lee was present at this meeting.

The Leadership Board approved the use of the Cory Fund to subsidize expenses related to the music program as needed.
It was approved that the Financial Secretary can transfer up to \$10,000 per month as needed to pay for church expenses. Any transfer of funds must be noted on the next financial statement given to the Leadership Board.
The Board approved a document outlining the Germann Fund and clarifies the use of these funds.
It was suggested that the Money Market funds which are dormant (i.e. puppet, labyrinth) be used for other purposes (i.e. radio broadcast). Additional discussions will be held to determine if this is a viable use of these funds.
A question was raised about missing out on cash donations due to a collection not being taken during worship. The Worship Committee meets in August and will discuss this issue.
A quarterly financial update is to be given to the congregation.
There will be a Town Hall meeting before Consecration Sunday. (Date TBD)
A new line item in the worship section of the budget will be created for the licenses required for live-streaming.
The spire has been repaired
The work of the Ad-Hoc committee for building security is moving forward.
The cleaning for the kitchen has been completed at a cost of \$1125. The cost will be split between the UWF and the church.
The Internal Accounting Controls document was presented. It will be reviewed by the Board at the August meeting.
The Jason Gray concert did not break even. Each of the three UMCs owes \$2167.06. It was approved to take this money out of the Cory Fund.
The Board approved a bridge loan of \$5000 for the Bright Start Preschool.
The Nominating Committee has recommended the following slate of members for the Leadership Board
2025: Nancy Ogle, Jim Sours, Lee / Leah Hanlin
2026: Fae Jones, Clif Weisinger, Julie Brink
2027: Dikki Andrews, Brad Billings, Cathy Staff
There will be only one worship service on September 8 at 10:00. At 11:00 there will be a Back-to-School party with food, games, crafts, etc.
Charge Conference will be held at 1:30 on October 27 at Melrose Chapel.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Tenet Workshop @ Café Vermont 5:00pm—7:00pm	2	3 Back to School fair @ Iles Elementary 8:00am—11:00am *Volunteers Needed*
4 9:00am—Worship 10:15am—Sunday School 11:00am— Connection Worship	5 9:00am—Care Team 3:00pm—Worship Team	6 9:00am—Quilters 9:30am— Staff Meeting	7 10:00am—Coffee and Conversation	8	9	10
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Bright Start Preschool News

Bight Start Preschool at Vermont Street United Methodist Church is now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year!

For more information or to print your own registration form, please visit the church website: <https://www.vsumc.org/bright-start-pre-school/>

If you have any additional questions please call 217-222-6586.

We have two classes available!

- 3 Year olds - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- 4 Year olds - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- Both Classes meet from 8:45 am to 11:15 am

Students must be 3 or 4 by September 1st, 2024!



A Thank you!

Dear Vermont Street United Methodist Church,
Thank you for the kind card in sympathy of my mother. She valued this church and I have many fond memories from my childhood! She was blessed to have all of you as her church family!

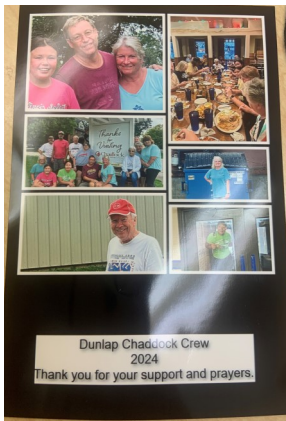
-Adam Magliari, son of Peggy Magliari who passed away on June 20th, 2024

The card will be in the Gathering Space.

A Thank you!

We received a beautiful thank you card in the mail from the Dunlap Chaddock Crew. for Serving lunch when they were here to work at Chaddock.

-The Card will be in the Gathering Space.



Sunday Worship

Sunday August 4th
Remember Who's in Charge
2 Samuel 5: 21-5, 9-10, 6:1-5, 12b-15, 17-19
2 Samuel 7: 1 – 14a

Sunday August 11th
You Are the One!
2 Samuel 11: 1 – 15, 26- 27
2 Samuel 12: 1 – 13a

Sunday August 18th
It Please the Lord!
1 Kings 2: 10-12, 3: 3 – 14

Sunday August 25th
In God's Own Time
1 Kings 8: 1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

No Bible Study for the Summer

Greeters & Ushers Schedule

August Communion Stewards

- 9am Barb & John Wooleyhan
- 11am Justin & Nathalie Messan

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

9 am Greeters

- 4th Jim Worrell, Barb Fry, Eleanor and Timothy Dennis
- 11th Jim Worrell & Lori Kruse
- 18th Jim Worrell
- 25th Jim Worrell, Alan & Judy VanDeBoe
- 1st Clif & Karen Weisinger

9 am Ushers

- August Kelly McElroy & Ryan McElroy

11 am Ushers

- 4th Don Larson
Jim Weede
- 11th Charlie Jones
Rob Hernandez
- 18th Justin & Nathalie Messan
- 25th Maxine Paluska
Pixie Sharkey
- 1st Don Larson
Jim Weede

Gathering Place Hosts

- 4th Dikki Andrews
- 11th Sue Carnivale & Charlotte Rylander
- 18th Chris & Kim Larson
- 25th Alan & Judy VanDeBoe

June

Budget Fund Report

Income	\$37,738.12
Expenses	\$32,393.54
Difference	\$5,344.64

Year to date 2024

YTD Income	\$167,620.99
YTD Expenses	\$212,219.05
YTD Differences	-\$44,598.06

Communion Sign-up

Communion servers are *needed* to sign up 2024—2025 . Sign up is in the gathering space.

Please consider helping out one Sunday of the year.

Worship Attendance

July			
	9 am	11 am	Total
7th	89	-	89
14th	63	19	82
21st	72	21	93
28th	76	29	105

VSUMC & UWF Kitchen Policy



**IF you use the kitchen at any time, please follow
VSUMC & UWF KITCHEN POLICY**

Food Safety is essential at all times.
Wear gloves when preparing and serving food.
Use dishwasher or 3-sink sanitation method.
Date and label leftover food carefully.
Clean kitchen properly after each use.
Put everything away.
Return cleaned laundry within 2 days.

Thank you!



Back To School

Back to School at Iles School. We need folks to help man the tables, pass out school supplies and to escort small groups to keep things orderly. Meet at Iles Elementary at 7:30 Saturday morning for prayer, instruction and the head to our stations.

Thanks so much for volunteering!

If you can help contact Pastor Brent Gosteli at
pastor.brett@lmcquincy.org.

Confirmation

We are considering a confirmation class for this Summer or Fall.

This is a time for young people to consider the faith they have been taught, claim it for themselves, and take on the joys and opportunities of church membership. The class will be open to youth from grades six and up.

Please contact Pastor Rachel if you are interested.

Confirmation Class

United Women in Faith News



Jars, rings and new lids: Canning season is in full swing.

You can help out. If you have canning jars and rings, bring them to the kitchen and put the north counter. Donations of new lids are needed too since they cannot be reused.

A cleaning service company was contracted to deep clean our kitchen. Stop by and see our sparkling kitchen. We ask everyone who uses the kitchen, please clean the area, utensils, equipment and supplies you used so that it is ready for the next group.

It will soon be apple butter time. We need your help to prepare our annual batch of apple butter. In the past, we had discussed the purchase of an electric Foley Mill to make the task easier. And then Covid hit so the food mill was put on hold. But no longer. We now have not 1 but 2 electric Foley Mills to process the apples.

Join us on **September 24th** for apple butter making and have a turn to use the new Foley Mills.

WOW Information

WOW will be Tuesday, August 13 at 6:00 at Sprouts. Our project for August will be collecting cash for the Kindergarten teachers at Iles School. The teachers will divide up our donations so they can buy what they need or want for their classroom. This will be easier than trying to guess what they might need.

See you then.

Karen Weisinger. My phone number is 217-653-3690.



Gathering Place Hosts

September 1st begins a new schedule for Gathering Place Hosts

Could you help? If we get enough Volunteers (Singles or Pairs) you would only be asked to serve four times a year and you may avoid any inconvenient days. **EASY!**

How much time does it take? Less than two hours on your assigned Sundays. We set up before 10:00 am and clean up at 11:00 pm. It is easy to switch days with someone else when conflicts occur. You can be part of the worship service. **Easy!**

What would you be doing? (Everything is provided!) Make a pitcher of Lemonade and a pot of cappuccino. Both are just "mix with water" products. Make a pot of Coffee. Serve Donut holes. Clean up. There are clearly written instructions and a mentor will work with you on your first Sunday. **Easy!**

Please Consider joining this important ministry.

Call Suzi Duker (217-257-3213) to volunteer/get questions answered.

Thank you!

