



Vermont Street Views

July 2024

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Pastor's Corner

*Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
for the spiritual blessings that Christ has brought us from heaven!
Ephesians 1: 3*

When is the right time to praise God? Well, there is no wrong time! But perhaps the best time is when we don't feel like praising God. When we are going through difficult times, when we feel like God and/or our friends have abandoned us, or when we are simply having a pity party, that is the perfect time to praise God.

If we make praise a choice rather than waiting for a good feeling to make it happen, we will notice something amazing: we will discover even more reasons to praise God!

God does not bless us more because we praise Him. But when our hearts are tuned to praise, we notice more and more the blessings God has bestowed upon us.

In the same way, if we focus on what is going wrong, the events that stress or distress us, or the negative aspects of life, we will continually see more things that are wrong.

The truth is both good and bad happen in life. There is no avoiding that. Learning to praise God at all times, helps us see God's blessings, and reminds us of God's presence.

Start and end your day with praise, and you'll be surprised what God shows you in between!

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Other Upcoming Dates

- July 3rd: Coffee and Conversation at 10:00am
- July 4th: **Building Closed For the 4th of July**
- July 7th: Faith and Freedom service at 10:00am
- July 8th: Horizons Team at 11:30am
- July 8th: Missions and Health Meeting at 5:30pm
- July 8th: Discipleship team at 6:30pm
- July 9th: WOW at Sprouts at 6:00pm
- July 18th: Tenet Workshop from 5-7 pm in Café Vermont
- July 21st-July 28th: Youth Work Trip
- July 22nd: Leadership Board meeting at 6:15pm

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Birthday and Anniversaries

July Birthdays

2	Erin Sieck	16	Ryan Fierge
2	Elaine Sours	17	DiAnne Hughes
4	Kaitlyn Beth	17	Brock Penn
4	Betty House	17	Adelyn Penn
5	Elise Lindgren	18	Kennedy Cornwell
6	Lillian McCaughey	18	Charlotte Behrens
6	Sue Wiseman	19	Karen Weisinger
8	Jerid McCaughey	20	Sissy Speak
9	Debra Wellborn	22	Alex Hanlin
10	Katie McCaughey	23	Robert McDonough
11	Laura Ehrhart	23	Rick Parise
12	Anna Mugerditchian	23	Hailey Behrens
12	Kae Blecha	24	Barney Bier
13	Sharon Duesterhaus	24	Luke Gittings
14	Richard Ehrhart	25	Harold Hyslop
15	Katie Brown	25	Jesse Heaton

July Anniversaries

12	Ryan & Lexi Brumbaugh
19	Steve & Jill Failor
21	Logan & Ashley Buckallew
24	Chick & Diane Sloan
26	Jim & Karen Weede



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 22nd of July



Leadership Report

Summary of the June 2024 Leadership Board Meeting

A. Goals Committee meeting reports were submitted.

Church Goals for 2024

- 1. Explore and develop a plan to combine the worship services
Work completed
- 2. Explore cooperative ministry among the three UM churches in Quincy
Jason Gray concert
Future collection of medical supplies for
A fall date is scheduled to build beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace
- 3. Fully fund mission and ministry priorities and end the budget year in the black
Meeting scheduled

Leadership Committee Goals for 2024

- 1. Create effective communication systems between Leadership Board and church teams and committees.
Report from Fun and Fellowship – Swimming on June 30
- 2. Enhance and maintain communication between Leadership Board and Congregation
No report
- 3. Continue to review and revise the Guiding Principles and create new principles as needed
There is a draft of a Building Use policy which has been sent to the Building / Grounds committee. It outlines parameters for use and cost.

- B. An Ad-Hoc committee was approved to work on building security. Members will include John Kissick, Luke Gittings, Chris Larson, in addition to others yet unnamed.
- C. Technicians from WGEM were here to work on the equipment. Wes Lindgren was included and was able to solve problems that arose the next Sunday.
- Pastor Rachel will choose a previous service to use as a backup if the current service is not able to be broadcast.
- The fund for the radio broadcasts will run out of money in October. The cost per Sunday is \$102. It was determined that the family who started and maintained this outreach be contacted to see if they wish to continue to fund it.
- D. Wedding Policy
- It was learned that the conference has no plans to offer guidance on this matter.
- Union Church is having District Superintendent Nic Showalter come on July 21 to help them make a decision. Several members of the VSUMC Leadership Board have asked to attend this meeting just to listen. It was suggested that we hold a Town Hall meeting in September and ask the District Superintendent to attend. Pastor Rachel will check on his availability.
- E. Discussion was held regarding a Spiritual Formation leave for Pastor Rachel. This leave is outlined in Paragraph 350 *Continuing Education and Spiritual Growth* of the Book of Discipline.
- F. A bid from Adams Network to supply internet access to the entire building was presented. This was tabled until more information was available regarding cost of fewer places being accessed and the entire monthly cost.
- G. It appears that the metal flashing on the church spire has come loose. Full-Service Roofing will use their drone to investigate and give an estimate to repair the spire. They were the only roofing company to agree to give a bid.
- H. Landscaping on the north side of the church is in desperate need of work. The memorial garden is overgrown. A sump pump will be placed in the Music Room to help with the continuing water problem.
- I. Susan Kissick is seeking bids to deep clean the kitchen.
- J. Brad Billings gave an update on the UWF’s request for internet / TV for Café Vermont.
- Internet needs to be available. A 75” television would cost between \$1000-\$1600.
- The location for installation would require moving electrical outlets, so an alternative plan is being developed. The bid from Adams to install internet is discussed above.
- K. Jim Sours reported that John Staff completed an inspection of the retaining wall and recommended that no action was be taken. It is stable.
- L. July 7 is the Faith and Freedom service. There is only one service that day at 10:00.
- M. Pastor Rachel asked that we check out the “Do unto Others” campaign from Adam Hamilton’s church. (campaignforkindness.com)
- N. Dikki Andrews is teaching the youth Sunday School class. Nothing is being done on Wednesday nights.
- O. The dates of the Mission Trip at July 21-28.
- The next Leadership Board meeting will be July 22.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u> 9am Care team	<u>2</u> 9am Quilters 9:30am Staff Meeting	<u>3</u> 10am Coffee and Conversation	<u>4</u> Building Closed 	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>7</u> 10am Faith and Freedom Service 	<u>8</u> 9am Care team 11:30am Horizons Team 5:30pm Missions/Health Mtg 6:30 Discipleship Team	<u>9</u> 9am Quilters 6pm WOW at Sprouts	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u> 9am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship	<u>15</u> 9am Care team Quilters—Fellowship Hall All day	<u>16</u> 9am Quilters Quilters—Fellowship Hall All day	<u>17</u> Quilters—Fellowship Hall All day	<u>18</u> 5-7pm Tenet Workshop Café Vermont Quilters—Fellowship Hall All day	<u>19</u> Quilters—Fellowship Hall All day	<u>20</u>
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Bright Start Preschool News

Bright 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!



Back to School Backpacks

The back to school fair (to be held Aug 3) is in need of jr high and high school backpacks. The item list is below. They ask the churches to provide filled backpacks. Individuals can fill a backpack, bring supplies to help fill a backpack, or they can buy a backpack, of course!



Junior High/High School

- _____ 2 binders (1" or 1 1/2")*
- _____ 10 mechanical or wooden pencils (#2)
 - _____ 6 blue or black pens
 - _____ 3 composition notebooks
 - _____ 3 two-pocket folders
- _____ 2 wide-tip dry erase marker (Expo brand preferred.)
- _____ 1 pack of Crayola colored pencils
- _____ 1 pack of loose-leaf paper
- _____ 1 zippered pencil pouch
- _____ Ruler (12")

We are taking cash donations for backpacks

Please do not purchase individual boxes of Kleenex/facial tissues for backpacks this year. The United Way will be providing these to all Back-to-School Help Fair participants. Thank you!

A Thank You

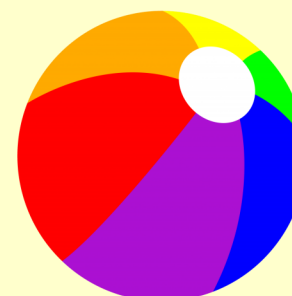
Dear Church Fam,
Thank you so much for supporting me while I've grown up and at my grad party. - Wes Lindgren

Thank you!

Sunday Worship

July 7th—Freedom Service

No Bible Study for the Summer



Greeters & Ushers Schedule

July Communion Stewards

10 am Diana Calvert & Lori Kruse

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

9 am Greeters

7th Greta Reed, Barb Fry, Bernita Penn

14th Lori Kruse

21st Clif & Karen Weisinger

28th Jim Worrell

4th Jim Worrell

9 am Ushers

July Don Altheide & Travis Brown

11 am Ushers

7th Don Larson
Jim Weede

14th Charlie Jones
Rob Hernandez

21st Justin & Nathalie Messan

23rd Maxine Paluska
Pixie Sharkey

4th Don Larson
Jim Weede

Gathering Place Hosts

7th Maxine Paluska

14th Betty House

21st Beth Buckley

28th Charlie & Fae Jones

4th Dikki Andrews

May

Budget Fund Report

Income \$27,182.35

Expenses \$41,254.75

Difference **-\$14,072.40**

Year to date 2024

YTD Income \$129,882.81

YTD Expenses \$179,825.51

YTD Differences **-\$49,942.70**

Communion Sign-up

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

Please consider helping out one Sunday of the year.

Worship Attendance

June			
	9 am	11 am	Total
2nd	81	29	110
9th	69	32	101
16th	61	38	99
23rd	65	31	96
30th	74	32	106

Building and Grounds Report

Vermont Street United Methodist Church
Building and Grounds Meeting

JUNE 17, 2024

In attendance: Dan Hayden, Charlie Jones, Alan Van De Boe, Ryan Fierge, John Staff, Jim Sours, Pat Dillon and Jerry Carnivale

Current Projects:

- A. Stained Glass Evaluation, done every 6 years, currently in good shape.
- B. Window project proceeding for 3rd floor. Beginning July 5.
- C. Discussion of garden removal, looking for someone to take on.
- D. Steeple repair, contractor coming to look at this week.
- E. Discussion of need regarding the wall between Post Office and Church. John Staff described the need for tuck pointing, will investigate a quote, otherwise cont. Continue to monitor.
- F. Elevator and Alarm Systems were checked out.
- G. Future projects:
- H. A lengthy conversation was had regarding the doors of the church, particularly the east side door and how secure it is. The wooden doors of the church have significant wear as well. No action recommended at this time, however, will continue to be on the agenda of the B&G committee.

Next meeting to be August 19, 2024

Notes taken by Dan Hayden



United Women in Faith News



We will be serving a luncheon on July 16 for the mission team from Dunlap UMC that works at Chaddock. Come help with this project and meet some wonderful sisters and brothers.

WOW Information



WOW will be Tuesday, July 9th at 6:00pm at Sprouts. Our July project will be collecting money for work on the Lincoln-Jackson pool. The pool is used primarily by people on the north-west portion of town. Hope you can join us. Karen Weisinger. My phone number is 217-653-3690.

Some Summer Fun!



WORD LIST

AUGUST
BASEBALL
BEACH
CAMP
FISHING
FLIP FLOPS
HOT
ICE CREAM
JULY
JUNE
LEMONADE
OCEAN
PICNIC
POOL
SAND
SHORTS
SPRINKLER
SUMMER
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SUNSHINE
SWIM SUIT
SWIMMING
TOWEL
UMBRELLA
VACATION
WATERMELON

SUMMER WORD SEARCH

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P	U	V	A	C	A	T	I	O	N	I	M	M
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Faith and Freedom Service



Please join us for the Faith and Freedom service on July 7th at 10:00. This service explores the six themes of Freedom, Faith and Community, Service and Honor, Life and Liberty, Justice and Mercy, and Peace through Scripture, the words of our Founding Fathers, and hymns based upon those themes. We also celebrate Communion this Sunday.

This is a very meaningful service. We hope to see you there.

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.

