

October, 2024

# Vermont Street Views

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## 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**

**Vermont Street  
United Methodist Church  
818 Vermont St.  
Quincy, IL 62301**

217-222-7468 [www.vsumc.org](http://www.vsumc.org)

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

Deadline to submit information for the upcoming issue is the

**October 28**

## Pastor's Corner

### Town Hall on Church Finances and Consecration Sunday

During the month of October, we will take some time to focus on church finances.

Sunday, October 13 members of the Leadership Board will be available at 10:15 AM in the sanctuary to address current church finances, the challenges we face and how we plan to move into the future.

Sunday, October 27 will be Consecration Sunday when each of us will have the opportunity to turn in a commitment card regarding our own plans to financially support the ministries of the congregation. There will be an all church brunch that Sunday also.

We hope that all who participate in the ministries of VSUMC, will be present at these events. It takes all of us together to do the work of the congregation!

Rev. Rachel Stockle



## Other Upcoming Dates

October 6: Messan Family Service at Noon  
October 8: WOW at Sprouts at 6:00 pm  
October 19: Sleep-in-Heavenly Peace build at Melrose Chapel UMC 9:00am  
October 19: Fall Community Carnival at 3:00pm  
October 19: Soup in the Woods at Jensen Woods at 3:00 pm  
October 20: Soup in the Woods at Jensen Woods at 11:00 am  
October 27: Charge Conference at Melrose UMC at 1:30pm  
October 31: Happy Halloween!  
November 2: UWF Bazaar  
November 3: All Saints Sunday  
November 16: Leadership Board Retreat  
November 24: Confirmation—One service at 10am only.



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## Birthday and Anniversaries

### October Birthdays

8	Stephenie Sloan	19	Kent Embree
8	Tim Dennis	19	Cathy Harbourn
9	Ruth Bennet	22	Mike Crawford
10	Paul Behrens	23	Gary Livesay
10	Rhonda Basinger	23	Sebby Fierge
12	Linda Dean	23	John Simon
12	Robert Sohn	25	Jan Cory
14	Cassidy Brown	28	Kayla McElroy
14	Pat Sohn		
14	Care Simon		
15	Jean Murray		
15	Brian McIntyre		
15	Sarah McIntyre		
15	Dora Dyer		

### October Anniversaries

1	Tyler & Jamie Olson
7	Gary & Melissa Penn
20	Chip & Becky Hyslop



Leadership Report

Summary of the August 2024 Leadership Board Meeting

Leadership Board members for 2024 are:

Brad Billings                      Fae Jones                      Nancy Ogle  
Luke Gittings                      Susan Kissick                      Jim Sours (Chair)  
Lee / Leah Hanlin                      Kim Larson                      Clif Weisinger

Pastor Rachel Stockle

Marian Sorenson serves as secretary

Susan Kissick serves as Lay Leader

The Leadership Board planning retreat will be held on November 16 from 9:00 am through lunch. The location is still TBD.


- There will be a Town Hall meeting between services on October 13 to discuss church finances.

Consecration Sunday will be October 27.

Charge Conference will be held at 1:30 on October 27 at Melrose Chapel.

- The Sleep in Heavenly Peace building date is October 19 from 8:00 – 12:00 at the Melrose Chapel parking lot.
- The Fun / Fellowship Committee will hold a Fall Carnival on October 19 from 3:00 – 5:00. Pastor Rachel received a \$500 grant from the imprinting company which she used to purchase nylon backpacks and flashing lights.
- The Board approved a bid for a facial recognition security system from United Systems.
- Adams Fiber will begin upgrading the internet access in the remaining areas of the church –i.e. Fellowship Hall, Café Vermont - the week of September 30.
- The Board approved 2025 salary increases for the staff.
- Union UMC, Payson UMC, and VSUMC have joined to hold a confirmation class which consists of ten young people. They will be confirmed at a joint service at VSUMC on November 24 at 10:00. There will be a cake / punch reception following the service.
- The Cooperative Ministry group will be collecting medical equipment (walkers, bath seats, etc.) from January – April.
- There will be a joint worship service of all three UM churches on April 27, 2025 in Upper Moorman Park.
- The Mission Committee is collecting money for the Heifer Project. There is a jar for donations in the Gathering Area each Sunday



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> 9am Quilters 9:30am Staff Meeting	<u>2</u> 10am Coffee and Conversation  5pm Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u> 5pm-9pm Field of Miracles	<u>5</u> 5pm-9pm Field of Miracles
<u>6</u> Word Communion Day 9am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 12pm Memorial Service for Justin Messan's Father  No Confirmation	<u>7</u> 9am Care Team  3pm Worship Team	<u>8</u> 9am Quilters  6pm WOW at Sprouts	<u>9</u> 5pm Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>13</u> 9am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 12pm Confirmation  Town Hall between Services	<u>14</u> 9am Care Team 11:30am Horizons Team  5:30pm Evangelism/Fun & Fellowship meeting  Columbus Day!	<u>15</u> 9am Quilters  7pm Cooperative Ministries at Chaddock	<u>16</u> 5pm Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> 8am Sleep In Heavenly Peace Build at Melrose UMC 3pm Fall Carnival 3pm Soup in the Woods
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<u>27</u> Consecration Sunday 9am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 12pm Confirmation  1:30 Charge Conference At Melrose Chapel UMC	<u>28</u> 9am Care Team  6:15 pm Leadership Board	<u>29</u> 9am Quilters	<u>30</u> 5pm Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	<u>31</u>  Happy Halloween		



## A Thank You to our Gathering Space Hosts

We owe a huge thanks to our Gathering Place Hosts who volunteer to serve and clean up four Sundays each year.

Our current team includes: Colleen Anderson, Dikki Andrews, Beth Buckley, Suzi Duker, Carol Gilliland, Charlie and Fae Jones, Chris and Kim Larson, David and Emily Lewis, Carol and Mimi McKinney, Maxine Paluska, Esther Strosaker, and Alan and Judy VanDeBoe.

It is not a difficult task, but these folks are the willing ones who help in this capacity. When you see them, thank them!

Those leaving our team this year who have served faithfully in the past include: Sue Carnivale, Charlotte Rylander, Betty House. and Stephen and Sara Maxwell (moved out of town).

If you would like to consider joining us, we have the following dates open this year with no one currently scheduled to serve:

**2024**  
Dec 22  
Dec 29

**2025**  
Feb 16  
May 18  
July 6  
Aug 24



Swapping dates with others is easy.  
Call Suzi Duker (217-257-3213) with questions or to volunteer!  
Thank you!

## Bright Start Preschool

Bright Start Preschool is back in session after a long summer break!

We welcomed many returning families and a few new faces to the preschool on Tuesday, September 3rd. We've spent the last month getting familiar with each other, learning classroom expectations and having lots of fun along the way. Students learned about the Letters A, S and T, the color red and about circles. We ended the month with "Superhero Day" after studying the Letter S. The students and staff are looking forward to the year ahead!



## Sunday Worship

### Sunday, October 6 Communion

World Communion

Sunday—

Hebrews 1: 1-4; 2: 5-12

“For Everyone”

### Sunday, October 13

Hebrews 4: 12-16

“To Boldly Go”

### Sunday, October 20

Mark 9: 30-37; 10: 35-45

“You Don’t Know”

### Sunday, October 27 Consecration Sunday

Mark 12: 38-44

## Book Study

*Context: Putting Scripture  
in Its Place*  
by Josh Scott

If you’d like to join us, we  
meet on  
Wednesdays at 5pm.

You can find copies of the  
book outside of  
Pastor Rachels Office.



## Greeters & Ushers Schedule

### October Communion Stewards

**9am** Laura Hampsmire &  
Diana Calvert  
**11am** Justin & Nathalie Messan

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

### 9 am Greeters

6th Jim Worrell  
  
13th Peggy Morey, Carolyn  
Brown, and Jim Worrell  
  
20th  
  
27th

### 9 am Ushers

October Dave Brown &  
Brad Billings

### 11 am Ushers

1st Don Larson  
Jim Weede  
2nd Charlie Jones  
Rob Hernandez  
3rd Justin & Nathalie Messan  
4th Maxine Paluska  
Pixie Sharkey

### Gathering Place Hosts

6th Maxine Paluska  
13th Charlie & Fae Jones  
20th Carol Gilliland &  
Esther Strosaker  
27th Consecration Brunch

## August

### Budget Fund Report

Income	\$27,538.62
Expenses	\$29,202.34
Difference	-\$1,663.72

### Year to date 2024

YTD Income	\$235,448.20
YTD Expenses	\$277,525.77
YTD Differences	-\$42,077.57

## 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

September			
	9 am	11 am	Total
1st	78	13	91
8th	81	-	81
15th	70	32	102
22nd	60	32	92
29th	74	33	107

## United Women in Faith News

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR, NOVEMBER 2, 9 am – 2 pm

- Food Court, featuring our homemade Apple Butter, Bread and Butter Pickles, and Lime Pickles
- Many other homemade treats offered
- Christmas Booth displays our Red Bird ornaments
- Crafts Booth all items handmade by our members
- Kitchen Booth features linens and Rada Knives
- Quilts Booth all skillfully handmade with pride
- Baby's and Kid's Booths will have blankets and toys
- Jewelry Booth has many beautiful Christmas Gifts
- Silent Auction displayed for bidding in Café Vermont
- Homemade frozen Chicken Pot Pies, \$7.50 each, Ready to bake at home, on sale Oct. 23– Nov. 2  
*Order from Kathy Emerick or Christina in the Office.*



Bazaar Prep will start October 28 through November 1. Come to Fellowship Hall to help decorate and set up each booth. Any homemade treats would be welcome for our Food Court. We want to convey our Christmas Spirit and Love to all our visitors.

October 14 we will get together in the kitchen to make chicken pot pie filling. October 15 we will make the pie crust, fill the pans and freeze. We will begin taking orders October 23.

Our UWF Meeting will be held October 23, 10 am, in Café Vermont. We will be making plans for the Annual Holiday Bazaar and other events coming up.

## WOW Information

Tuesday, October 8, will be our next WOW meeting. We will be collecting money for one of our church families that's in need of some assistance. Hope to see you at Sprouts at 6:00 for good food and fellowship. Karen Weisinger 653-3690

## Heifer International Project

Did you notice the large bucket on the cart outside the sanctuary on Sunday morning? The one with money in it. If you didn't, please look for it each Sunday the rest of this year as we collect change, bills or whatever you want to put in the bucket to benefit the Heifer International Project and support their efforts to end hunger around the world, including the U.S. and Mexico.

Every penny, nickel, dime, quarter or dollar helps. If you are interested in learning more about this amazing organization, go to <http://www.heifer.org>.

Thank you, Missions and Health Team.

## Memorial Service: Richard Kouevi Messan

Richard Kouevi Messan, father of Justin Messan (Nathalie) and Alphonse Messan. Grandfather of Georges, Glory, Grace, Gospel, and Boniface Messan, passed away last month.

There will be a service held for him in their home village in Africa October 4-6.

Since the Messan family will be unable to travel for that service, there will be a memorial service here at VSUMC at noon on Sunday, October 6. The church family is invited to be a part of this service to celebrate the life on earth and in heaven of Justin's dad.

## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

**The date has changed to 10/19/2024**

Build a bed / Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be on **October 19** in the Melrose UMC parking lot. Sanders will meet at 8:00 am and Volunteers at 9:00 am.

In case of rain, we will be meeting at the Serv-Pro warehouse.  
2808 Ellington Road, Quincy IL 62305

We are collecting twin bedding donations outside of the chapel.

### **Donations needed:**

Pillows	Comforters or a Bed in a bag
Twin sheet sets	Mattress Protectors

We are asking that all bedding be twin sized and new.

Thank you!

## Fall Community Carnival— Help Wanted

We are in need of some helpers for the Fall Carnival.

There is a Sign-up Sheet in the Gathering Space.

We still need a couple of game leaders, craft table helpers, prize table workers, and set up help prior to the event. We would also like to have someone doing face painting, if you or someone you know might be able to do that. The Carnival is October 19 from 3:00pm to 5:00 pm. Please let Pastor Rachel know if you would like to help.

### **Donations Needed**

Snack cakes	Books
Snack-Sized Chips	Balls
Full-sized Candy Bars	Jump Ropes
Juice Boxes and Capri Sun	Suckers
Small (travel-sized) Games and Puzzles	Halloween Candy
Sidewalk Chalk and Similar small items.	8oz Water Bottles
Soda or sports drinks – bottles of all sizes (please no energy drinks and no Mountain Dew)	

Thank you!