

June, 2025

# 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

Rev. Rachel Stockle, Pastor  
Rev. Kathy Crozier, Assoc. Pastor  
Rev. Annelle Ruemeller, Director  
of Praise Team

## Pastor’s Corner

One of the best surprises of being appointed to Vermont Street UMC has been the gift of ministering alongside Pastor Kathy Crozier.

I’ve known Kathy (and her husband, Jim) since our days with Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis in the Quad Cities area more than 25 years ago. We’ve both changed quite a bit since then, but the shared faith, laughter and friendship has remained golden!

When we knew each other all those years ago, Kathy was not yet a pastor but was on that journey. I never imagined that one day we would serve on staff together, nor did I realize how well our divergent gifts would complement one another. It has been a blessing to work alongside someone with such great gifts for ministry, not to mention her joy, wisdom, compassion, and commitment to sharing the love of Christ.

Pastor Kathy will be leaving the staff of VSUMC the end of June, when her husband’s retirement from ministry will be official. Kathy is not yet sure where she will land next in ministry, but wherever that is, she will continue to share Christ and bless others, because that is just who she is!

Often in itinerant ministry, I find change difficult. This is one of those times. I will very much miss working side by side with my dear friend, not just because we will feel a “hole” in the work of VSUMC, but because my soul is fed each time I spend time with Kathy, Des Moines is 3 ½ hour away!

I know you join me in wishing Pastors Kathy and Jim the best for the next chapter of their lives. Because God has used them so well already, we know God will continue to bless others through them.

Godspeed to you, my friend!

Pastor Rachel

*Join me also in praying for both Jim and Kathy as doctors continue to work towards a diagnosis and treatment for Jim.*



## Vermont Street Views

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### June Birthdays

2	Gene Simon	17	Anna Crane
2	Ryan McElroy	17	Christie Behrens
5	Karen Weede	18	Lori Kruse
6	Avery Hemming	18	June Redman
7	Carla Fierge	19	George Elliott
8	Bob Chamberlain	19	Everly Gittings
9	Gary Penn	20	Dennis Everly
9	William Hanlin	20	Cathy Staff
11	Barb Klingner	21	Vicki Hayden
12	Colleen Anderson	22	Danielle Thompson
15	Carl Rylander	22	Blair Klingner
15	Nick Foster	23	Lynn Cameron
15	Conor Koscielski	27	Janelle Fuller
15	Colin Kelly	28	Judy VanDeBoe
16	Suzanne Lanchester	30	Ann Behrens
		30	Cooper Larson



### June Anniversaries

6	Bruce & Shirley Tode	18	Chuck & Susan Mahon
6	Alan & Judy VanDeBoe	18	Kelly & Carla Kielsmeier
8	Philip & Rosanna Nowell	19	John & Susan Kissick
12	Stacy & Debbie Taylor	19	Stephen & Sara Maxwell
14	Kevin & Jan Cory	22	Edward Willing & Vicki Blackwell
15	Lee & Lollie Johnson	23	Gary Livesay & Valerie Vlahakis
16	Scott & Kristi Sloan	23	Travis & Jennifer Brown
16	Jim & Elaine Sours	25	Caleb & Jennifer Arnsmann
17	Brian & Cinda Barnes	29	John & Barb Wooleyhan
18	Rick & Taunua Godman	30	BJ & Lisa Berhorst



Leadership Board

Summary of the May 19, 2025 Leadership Board Meeting.  
Leadership Board members for 2025 are:

- Dikki Andrews

Lee / Leah Hanlin

Jim Sours (Chair)

Brad Billings

Fae Jones
- Cathy Staff

Julie Brink

Nancy Ogle

Clif Weisinger
- Pastor Rachel Stockle

Marian Sorenson serves as secretary

Cathy Staff serves as Lay Leader

Minutes of Leadership Board  
Monday May 19, 2025 @ 6:18 pm

Goal and Accountability  
There were no committee meetings.

- Church Goals:
1. Continues in cooperative ministry among the three United Methodist Churches to strengthen each church and increase community awareness. (Fae Jones, Jim Sours)

2. Reimagine and relaunch the 11:00 AM Service (Dikki Andrews, Fae Jones, Nancy Ogle)

3.Improve Marketing to the community to foster public identity ( Brad Billings, Clif Weisinger)

- Leadership Board Goals:
1. Investigate reimplementing the Sunday steward position. (Lee Hanlin)

2. Continue stewardship of the church’s financial resources (Brad Billings, Julie Brink, Nancy Ogle, Clif Weisinger )

3. Enhance and maintain communication between the Leadership Board committees, and the congregation.

Utility Rate Increase – Pastor is working with Paul Koscielski who informed Pastor there would be a non-contractual rate increase that cannot be circumvented. It is not at the company level but is required by the electrical grid.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace - VSUMC will host the event. The cost is \$8000.00 that will be split between the Three United Methodist Churches through the fundraising events.

Conference Intern – There was no intern available for this year. Pastor Rachel has some candidates she is considering for next year. Discussion of considering local colleges for interns in the marketing tract to help increase VSUMC’S community presence.

Door/Security – The interface was set up. Initial activation of a few members is beginning. The East door will have the name of the church in the top window with the lantern logo, tentatively chosen for the door.

Youth Mission Trip: need adults to attend as Pastors Kathy and Jim Crozier are not available.

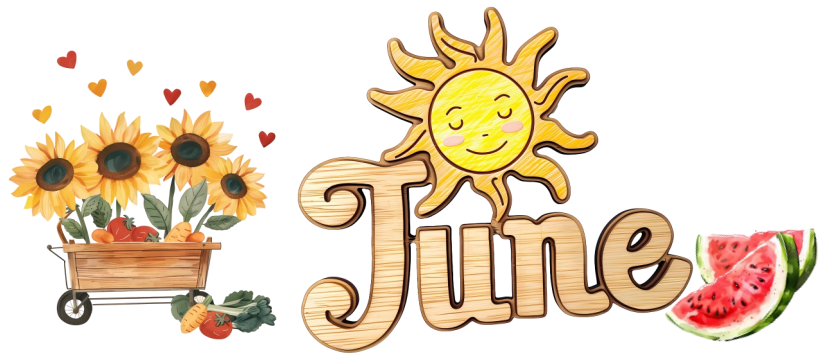
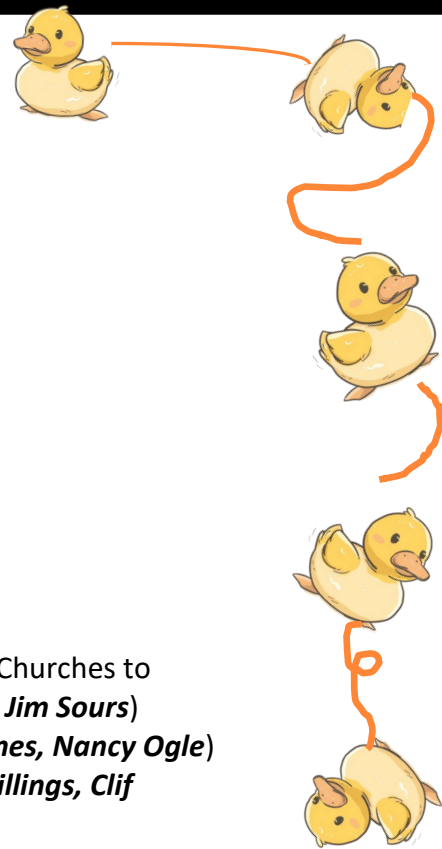
- Staff: A Finance manager has been hired and will begin in mid-June.
1. Custodian candidates are being interviewed.

2. Tech- Continue to look for candidates.

3. Reception between services will be held the end of June for Pastor Kathy.

4. Reception/open house will be held on a Sunday afternoon in July for Al Jones.

Next Meeting: Monday June 23, 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1. 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship	2. 9:30am Care Team 10:00 am - Noon Bible Explorers  3:00 pm Worship Team	3. 9:30 am Quilters 9:30 am Staff Meeting	4. 10 am Coffee & Conversation  4:45 pm Praise Team	5. Annual Conference	6. Annual Conference	7. Annual Conference  Melrose Chapel UMC Strawberry Festival 
8. Pentecost Sunday 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 	9. 9:30am Care Team 10:00 am - Noon Lunch & Lesson  5:30pm Evangelism and community / Fun & Fellowship	10. 9:30am Quilters  6pm WOW @ Sprouts	11. 4:45 pm Praise Team	12.	13.	14.
15. Father's Day 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 	16. 9:30am Care Team 10:00 am - Noon Lunch & Lesson  6pm Building and Grounds	17. 9:30am Quilters	18. 4:45pm Praise Team	19. Juneteenth 	20. 5:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal	21. 4:00 pm Wedding  
22. 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship	23. 9:30am Care Team 10:00 am - Noon Lunch & Lesson  6:30pm Leadership Board  Rummage Sale set up	24. 9:30am Quilters  Rummage Sale set up	25. 10:00 am UWF Meeting 4:45pm Praise Team  Rummage Sale set up	26.  Rummage Sale set up	27.  Rummage Sale set up	28. UWF RUMMAGE SALE 8am–1pm  
29. 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship  1:00–3:30 pm Swim Event at Spring Lake	30. 9:30am Care Team 10:00 am - Noon Lunch & Lesson	9				

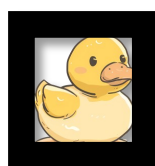


## Bright Start Preschool Graduation



Bright Start's graduates walked across the stage here at Vermont Street on May 8th, 2025. It was bittersweet as not only did the older children graduate, this was also Ms. Debbie's last year with Bright Start as she moves to be closer to her children. We are so thankful that Ms. Debbie could be a part of our program here and we will miss her! Thank you to the UWF ladies for the drinks and snacks. We enjoyed them all. Next year will be the final year for Bright Start. If you know any 4 year olds that would be interested in such an amazing preschool program please contact Sara Bange or Christina in the office!

Wyatt absolutely loved preschool more than anything this year; he learned so much and is excited to learn some more next year. Wyatt and I highly recommend the program! - From Christina



Wyatt & Ms. Debbie



Wyatt  
Christina's Son



## A.V Tech

**We are still looking for anyone who would be interested in assisting as a Worship Tech.**

**If you have questions about what that may entail please reach out to the office!**

## Oh no! Ducks on the Loose!

Mother Duck has lost some of her baby chicks! How many can you find?

This is this week's duck find!

There were 6 in last weeks Connection! Were you able to find them all!?!

Anyone that submits an answer is automatically submitted for the Prize Drawing!



## Greeters & Ushers Schedule

### June Communion Schedule

**9am** Clif & Karen Weisiger

**11am** Luke & Emily Gittings

### 9 am Greeters

**June 1st** Jim Worrell & Karen Weisinger

**June 8th** Jim Worrell, Carolyn Brown & Peggy Morey

**June 15th** Jim Worrell

**June 22nd** Jim Worrell

**June 29th** Jim Worrell

### 9 am Ushers

**June** Don Altheide & Travis Brown

### 11 am Ushers

**June 1st** Don Larson & Jim Weede

**June 8th** Dikki Andrews

**June 15th** Justin & Nathalie Messan

**June 22nd** Maxine Paluska & Pixie Sharkey

**June 29th** Don Larson & Jim Weede

### Gathering Place Hosts

**June 1st** Chris & Kim Larson

**June 8th** Maxine Paluska

**June 15th** Suzi Duker

**June 22nd**

**June 29th** Alan & Judy VanDeBoe



## Greeters Sign-up

Greeters are **needed this year.** Sign up is in the Gathering Space.

Please consider helping out one Sunday of the year.

## Worship Attendance

### April

	9 am	11 am	Total
6th	71	33	104
13th	97	25	122
20th	111	59	170
27th (Park)	48	-	48

### May

	9 am	11 am	Total
4th	71	27	98
11th	99	34	133
18th	75	37	112
25th	68	26	94

## Book Study

We take the summer off so we will see you in the fall at book study!



## BIBLE EXPLORERS

Monday, June 2, 10 AM-Noon – including lunch!

On May 18 we presented Bibles to five children in our congregation. Our Bible Explorer's class will be a time to learn more about how to use those Bibles and to enjoy lunch together at Cassano's Pizza.

While we planned this event for those who just received their Bibles, older children may also attend. Please contact the church office so we know to expect you!

**Don't forget to bring your Bible!**

Congratulations again to everyone who recived a Bible!



Phoebe Fierge  
Ezra Gittings  
Everly Gittings  
Addison Koscielski  
Davney Livesay



## LESSON AND LUNCH BEGINS JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup>

Young people entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above are invited to "Lesson and Lunch" on Mondays this summer beginning June 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to noon.

Our pastors are preparing to lead discussions about Scripture, about Jesus, and about God in our world.

Following the lesson, we'll enjoy a kid friendly lunch.

Sign up sheets will be available during Sunday worship services or call the office at 217-222-7468.

Need a ride? Just let us know!

## Children & Youth Swim Party

**When:** Sunday, June 29, 1 – 3:30 PM **Where:** Spring Lake Country Club

Meet at Spring Lake at 1 PM. If you need a ride, meet at the church at 12:30 PM.

We say "Children & Youth" but the whole family is invited, and we aren't checking ages of some "big kids" who want to join us!

Sign up at church or by calling or emailing the church office or Pastor Rachel.



## Pastor Rachel and Pastor Annelle

Pastor Rachel, Pastor Annelle, Pastor Kathy, Cathy Staff, Elise Lindgren, Grace Messan, and Pastor Gary will be at Annual Conference on these dates

**June 5th—June 7th.**

If you have any questions or concerns during this time, please reach out to the Church Office. Thank you!

## Vermont Street Graduate Recognition

Congrats to all the 2025 Graduates! You did it!  
Now it's time to look forward and start a new chapter on your journey!



Congrats! We are so proud of you!

## A Thank you from the Messans

We want to thank the congregation for the Graduation party for Grace & Glory, for the gifts, the support, and the prayers. We are so thankful for the amazing people in this church. God bless everyone for their love. We appreciate and are so grateful for our church family.





## Security Door—Frequently Asked Questions

### ♦ **When will we start to use the system?**

The system is in place and operational. Beginning **Monday, June 9**, the building will only be accessible using the security system or a key.

The church will be unlocked as usual on Sunday mornings and other times we have public events. but throughout the week, the doors will remain secured.

### ♦ **How does it work?**

Ours is a facial recognition system. Once you are in the system, the camera by the door will “read” your face and grant you admittance.

### ♦ **How do I get into the system?**

You will receive an invitation from “Anavio” by text and/or email. There will be instructions in that invitation on how to proceed. Christina is sending out invitations a few at a time over the coming days and weeks. Contact the church office to receive your invitation sooner.

Currently, you need to have both a phone number and email address to be added to our system. We are consulting with the company for a possible workaround and will keep you posted.

### ♦ **What if I need help?**

Christina has set aside **Monday and Tuesdays from 10 am to 12 pm** for folks to stop by the church office for assistance with the security system.

### ♦ **What if I don’t want to be in the system?**

You don’t need to be in the system to enter the church. There is a doorbell that alerts the staff, who will be able to see you, talk to you, and unlock the door for you.

### ♦ **Why do we need to take this step?**

Securing the door has become necessary because of the danger inherent in a neighborhood like ours. Keeping staff, volunteers and members safe outweighs the ease of keeping the doors unlocked. (Yes, we have had to call the police.)

### ♦ **What if I have more questions?**

Feel free to contact the church office or Pastor Rachel, if you have further questions.

## United Women of Faith

Centenary UWF in Jacksonville is having their 2025 Garden Walk on June 8 from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Tickets are a donation of \$10.00 with proceeds going toward missions. Maps are available at each stop, 11 Wadsworth Drive, 1317 S. Clay Ave in Jacksonville, 1618 S. Clay Ave., and 9 Jacobs Lane and 2 other rural locations. Relax and enjoy the beauty of God’s Creation.

June 28 will be our Rummage Sale, 8 am to 1 pm. Setting up tables and pricing will be the week before on June 23 – 27. Start now to clean out your closets and garage and bring your items to help us with our fundraiser.



United  
Women  
in Faith

## UWF Rummage Sale

June 28, 8 am – 1 pm Fellowship Hall.

**Let us help you finish up your Spring House Cleaning!**

Bring all your donations to Fellowship Hall starting June 23—June 27.

There will be carts in the elevator entrance and by the Café Vermont entrance to help you move your boxes in. If you need a helper to pick up your donations, call Loretta, 217-223-7137.

We will need lots of volunteers to help us sort, set up and price all the items for our annual fundraiser and also to work the day of the event, June 28. See you there!

Don’t forget UWF will have a short meeting Wednesday, June 25 at 10 am in Café Vermont to clear up some new business that we didn’t take care of at our last regular meeting.



## Summer Liturgists

We are looking for Liturgist’s for over the summer, from June to August.

*If you are interested please contact the office.*

## Faith and Freedom Service

On Sunday **July 6** there will only be one Service. It will be held at 10:00 a.m.

Thank you!

## Other Upcoming Dates

June 5– 7 Annual Conference

June 7—Melrose Chapel UMC Strawberry Festival

June 8—Pentecost Sunday

June 10—WOW @ Sprouts

June 15—Fathers Day

June 19— Juneteenth

June 20 & 21—Wedding Rehearsal and Wedding

June 23—27—Set up for Rummage Sale

June 28—Rummage Sale from 8—1pm

June 29—Spring Lake Swim Party

July 4— Fourth of July—Offices are Closed

July 6—Faith and Freedom Service 10 am (only one service)



2025 Altar Flowers

Sign up sheet is in the  
Gathering Space

