



Thursday

Connection

Building the Community,
One Light at a Time



June 19, 2025

Calendar of Events

- Sunday, June 22**

9:00 am— Worship

10:15 am—Sunday School

11 am— Connection Worship

- Monday, June 23**

9:30 am—Care team

6:15 pm - Leadership Board

- Wednesday, June 25**

10 am—UWF Meeting

4:45 pm— Praise Team

- Saturday, June 28**

8am—1pm—UWF Rummage Sale

- Sunday, June 29**

9:00 am— Worship

10:15 am—Sunday School

11 am— Connection Worship

1 pm—3:30pm—Swim Party

Summer Liturgists

We are needing Liturgist's for over the summer, from June to August.

*If you are interested
please contact the office.*

Sunday Worship Scripture —Sunday June 19, 2025

Sermon Title:

"Serving the World"

The World is my parish.

- John Wesley

Scripture:

Acts 16: 16-40

Faith & Freedom Service

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

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.

United Women of Faith

The next meeting of United Women of Faith will be held on June 25, 2025 at 10:00 am.

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. 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!



Al Jones Retirement!

After 44 years in our service, Al Jones is retiring as VSUMC custodian.

We are recognizing that retirement in two ways.

We will be presenting Al with a financial gift from the congregation. You may give towards that gift between now at July 13. Please make sure your gift is clearly marked.

We will also hold an Open House in Al's honor on Sunday, July 20, 2- 4 pm in Café Vermont.



If you are unable to join us in person, we also offer online streaming services of our 9:00 am service on our website vsunc.org and our [YouTube Channel](#). Our 9:00am service is also broadcasted on FM 105.1. The live stream will be available afterwards at those websites.



June Birthdays

1	Mildred Seger
2	Gene Simon
5	Karen Weede
7	Carla Fierge
8	Bob Chamberlain
9	Gary Penn
9	William Hanlin
12	Colleen Anderson
15	Carl Rylander
15	Conor Koscielski
16	Suzanne Lanchester
18	Lori Kruse
18	June Redman
19	Everly Gittings
20	Dennis Everly
20	Cathy Staff
23	Lynn Cameron
26	Gospel Messan
27	Janelle Fuller
28	Judy VanDeBoe
30	Ann Behrens
30	Cooper Larson

June

9 am Greeters :

9 am Ushers—June

Don Altheide & Travis Brown

11 am Greeters:

11 am Ushers:

Maxine Paluska &

Gathering Place Host:

Suzi Duker



June Anniversaries

6	Alan & Judy VanDeBoe
12	Stacy & Debbie Taylor
15	Lee & Lollie Johnson
16	Scott & Kristi Sloan
16	Jim & Elaine Sours
17	Brian & Cinda Barnes
18	Rick & Taunua Godman

18	Kelly & Carla Kielsmeier
19	John & Susan Kissick
19	Stephen & Sara Maxwell
22	David & Phyllis Self
22	Edward Willing & Vicki Blackwell
23	Gary Livesay & Valerie Vlahakis
23	Travis & Jennifer Brown
29	John & Barb Wooleyhan

Hospitalizations

If you are admitted to the hospital, during the admission process please indicate that you are with VSUMC so we see your name on our list.

If you know of someone from the church family who is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Rachel.

Pastor Rachel would rather get a dozen notifications about one person being hospitalized, than not get any! Please help us stay up to date!



Juneteenth

Today marks the 160th anniversary of Juneteenth. Which only became a Federal Holiday recently. To help celebrate this important part of American History I’d like to share little bit of information on the Holiday and why this date is so significant. This was sourced from Britannica.com.



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“In 1863, during the American Civil War, Pres. Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared more than three million enslaved people living in the Confederate states to be free. (Chattel slavery remained legal in border states loyal to the Union

—such as Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, and West Virginia—and was not officially abolished in the United States until the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment.) More than two years passed, however, before enslaved African Americans living in Texas (some 250,000) were freed. It was not until Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, on June 19, 1865, and were able to enforce the edict that the state’s residents finally experienced freedom. For some—enslavers and the enslaved alike—it was through Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger’s General Order No. 3 that they first learned that slavery had been abolished in the Confederate states.

The order read, in part: “The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, ‘all slaves are free’.”

Reactions to freedom from the formerly enslaved ranged from silent disbelief and shock to celebrations filled with prayer, feasting, song, and dance. Those celebrations formed the basis of an annual holiday that would come to have many names, including Emancipation Day, Jubilee Day, and Juneteenth.”

Source: The Editors of Encyclopaedia Britannica. "Juneteenth". Encyclopedia Britannica, 19 Jun. 2025, <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Juneteenth>. Accessed 19 June 2025.

If you have prayer requests that you would like to have lifted on Sunday mornings during worship, please send them to Pastor Rachel at pastor@vsumc.org or 222-7468 by the day before, Saturdays at noon.