



Thursday

Connection

Building the Community,
One Light at a Time



June 5, 2025

Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, June 8**

Pentecost Sunday

9:00 am— Worship

10:15 am—Sunday School

11 am— Connection Worship

- **Monday, June 9**

9:30 am—Care team

10 am to Noon—Lesson & Lunch

5:30 pm—Evangelism &
Community Connection Team

5:30 pm—Fun & Fellowship

- **Tuesday, June 10**

9 am—Quilters

6:00 pm—WOW @ Sprouts

- **Wednesday, June 11**

4:45 pm— Praise Team

- **Sunday, June 15**

Fathers Day

Peace with Justice Sunday

9:00 am— Worship

10:15 am—Sunday School

11 am— Connection Worship

Annual Conference

If you need Pastor Rachel
during Annual Conference on
these dates:

June 5th—June 7th.

please reach out to the
Church Office. You can text
Pastor Rachel,
who will return your call
when possible.

Sunday Worship Scripture —Sunday June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday



Sermon Title: “How Is This Even Possible?”

Scripture: Acts 2: 1 – 21 & John 14: 8-17, 25-27

Remembering Emily Lewis—Bell Choir

A message from Jean Murray

Emily and David Lewis joined the Bell Choir in the 1990’s soon after I started directing the choir. They were faithful ringers and rang for over 20 years.

The choir, along with Ann on piano, will be playing “Hymn of Promise” in memory of our friend Emily at the 9:00 am service on June 15th.

You will hear a beautiful arrangement featuring Hymn of Promise as well as Amazing Grace. These were 2 songs that were special to Emily.

You might want to wear something pink as we remember Emily.

Lesson and Lunch Begins June 9th

Young people entering 6th grade and above are invited to “Lesson and Lunch” on Mondays this summer beginning June 9th 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!

Love Gift For Pastor Kathy

We are inviting you to participate in this love offering. You can give your gift to the church . Please make sure your gift is clearly marked so it is directed properly. We are asking that any gift have written that it’s for Pastor Kathy and the Shepards Fund.

Pastor Kathy was given part of the gift on Sunday, June 1, because we do not know when she will be back to worship with us, while he husband remains hospitalized. But we will make sure that she receives all gifts.

The deadline for these gifts is June 11.

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.

If you are unable to join us in person, we also offer online streaming services of our 9:00 am service on our website vsumc.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 :

Jim Worrell, Carolyn Brown & Peggy Morey

9 am Ushers—June

Don Altheide & Travis Brown

11 am Greeters:

11 am Ushers:

Dikki Andrews

Gathering Place Host:

Maxine Paluska



June Anniversaries

6	Alan & Judy VanDeBoe	18	Kelly & Carla Kielsmeier
12	Stacy & Debbie Taylor	19	John & Susan Kissick
15	Lee & Lollie Johnson	19	Stephen & Sara Maxwell
16	Scott & Kristi Sloan	22	David & Phyllis Self
16	Jim & Elaine Sours	22	Edward Willing & Vicki Blackwell
17	Brian & Cinda Barnes	23	Gary Livesay & Valerie Vlahakis
18	Rick & Taunua Godman	23	Travis & Jennifer Brown
		29	John & Barb Wooleyhan

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. 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.

Ducks

For the month of May and the recent Views there were yellow ducks to find! I will be drawing for the prize, which will be a Gift Card on Monday, June 9. Please let me know if you’d like to continue the hunt. If so next time it will not be ducks!



WOW @ Sprouts

Wow @ Sprouts is Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:00pm. The project for the month of June is a collection for Bible school.

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.