



July, 2025

Vermont Street Views

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Al’s Retirement Information

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 and **July 13**. Please make sure your gift is
clearly marked. **Shepards Fund—Al Jones**.

We will also hold an Open House in Al’s honor on Sunday,
July 20, 2- 4 pm in Café Vermont. Come join us in celebrating Al.

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July Birthdays

2	Elaine Sours	17	Brock Penn
4	Betty House	17	Adelyn Penn
4	David Self	19	Karen Weisinger
5	Elise Lindgren	20	Sissy Speak
6	Sue Wiseman	22	Alex Hanlin
9	Debra Wellborn	23	Rick Parise
11	Laura Ehrhart	24	Barney Bier
12	Kae Blecha	24	Luke Gittings
13	Sharon Duesterhaus	25	Harold Hyslop
14	Richard Ehrhart	25	Jessie Heaton
16	Ryan Fierge	26	Nathalie Messan
17	DiAnne Hughes	27	Dan Hayden
		27	Erin Fierge
		27	Rev. Rachel Stockle
		28	Pat Dillion
		29	Kathy Emerick
		29	Ellen McIntyre



July Anniversaries

24	Chick & Diane Sloan
26	Jim & Karen Weede

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

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

Welcome to Vermont Street

We want to extend a warm welcome to our new staff members here at
Vermont Street United Methodist Church.

Glenda Cox, who used to work at Vermont Street in the late 1990’s, has
kindly offered to help us through the summer as our new Finance
manager.

Carl “Rob” Davis, has joined the Vermont Street as our
new custodian. Although his name is Carl, he prefers to
go by his middle name Rob.



If you happen to see our new staff members please
introduce yourself and say hi!

Other Upcoming Dates

July 12—Rummage Sale 8 am—1pm. Goodwill or Donation!
July 14—5:30 pm Missons and Health Team meeting.
July 14—6:30 pm Discipleship Team meeting.
July 15—Noon Dunlap Work Team Luncheon
July 20—10am and Noon Town Halls
July 20—2-4pm Al Jones Retirement Open House.
July 22—6 pm Square Dance Event
July 28—6:15 pm Leadership Board Meeting
August 3—1 pm—3:30 pm Swim Party at Springlake Country Club

Leadership Board

Summary of the June 23, 2025 Leadership Board Meeting.
Leadership Board members for 2025 are:

Dikki Andrews	Cathy Staff	Pastor Rachel Stockle
Lee / Leah Hanlin	Julie Brink	Marian Sorenson serves as secretary
Jim Sours (Chair)	Nancy Ogle	Cathy Staff serves as Lay Leader
Brad Billings	Clif Weisinger	
Fae Jones		

- Goal Review:**
- A) Sept. 21 – Church in the Park with the other UMCs
 - B) During Sept. we will be collecting bedding for Sleep in Heavenly Peace
 - C) Brad Billings is going to contact QU and Culver to ask for assistance to aid in the formation and implementation of a marketing plan.
 - D) There will be an Estate Planning seminar on September 7 at noon presented by Ed Weston, Development Director of the Preacher’s Aid Society.
 - E) VSUMC Town Hall meetings will occur on July 20 at 10:00 and at 12:00 to discuss operating income and expenses.

Generative and Strategic Work

- Annual Conference Reports:**
Cathy Staff and Pastor Rachel reported on Annual Conference. Four main issues Pastor Rachel identified were:
- 1. A standing rule that provides clergy receiving new appointments to be granted the last two weeks (including two Sundays) a release from all pastoral responsibilities
 - 2. The Conference approved the budget for 2026, a reduction of \$408,853 from 2025
 - 3. The annual conference also approved an increase to the health insurance allowance to \$20,000 paid to full-time pastors for 2026
 - 4. The new clergy retirement plan, Compass, will be implemented Jan. 1, 2026.
- A summary of Annual Conference can be found at [2025 IGRC Annual Conference Summary](#)

- Radio Ministry:**
All money from the Labyrinth Money Market fund will be transferred to the Radio Ministry. This was previously approved at the August 2024 meeting.
The contract for WGEM to broadcast the late-night Christmas Eve service was approved by consensus. \$849 covers broadcasting from 10:30 – midnight, and a number of promotional spots

- Insurance:**
The Building and Grounds Committee recommended and the LB approved that VSUMC change insurance companies to Brotherhood Mutual. The premium will be \$45, 894, a savings of \$10,335 this year.

- H. Staffing:**
Rob Davis has been hired through Man Power for 30 hours per week. He started June. 23
Glenda Cox, the new financial manager will begin work on June 30.
Al Jones will continue to work one or two days a week at his current hourly wage.
Still needed are a youth minister, tech support, and a drummer for the 11:00 service

- I. Roof Repair:**
Building and Grounds Committee recommended and the LB approved the contract with Kerberg Roofing to repair the sanctuary roof.



	1. 9:30 Staff Meeting 9:30 Quilters	2. 10 am Coffee and Conversation	3.	4. 4th of July <u>Offices Closed</u>	5.
6. 10 am Faith and Freedom	7. 9:30 am Care Team 10 : 00 am Lesson & Lunch Views Deadline	8. 9:30 am _Quilters 6:00 pm WOW @ Sprouts Christina Out of Office	9. 4:45 pm Praise Team	10.	11.
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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!

Bright Start Preschool News

Bright Start Preschool at Vermont Street United Methodist Church is now enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year! This will be the last year of this program.



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.

There will be one—4 year old class.

4 Year olds - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Class meet from 8:45 am to 11:15 am

Students must be 4 years old by September 1st, 2025!



A.V Tech

We are still looking for anyone who would be interested in assisting with Worship Tech.

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

No Bible Study for the Summer

Security Door Questions or 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.

Greeters & Ushers Schedule

August Communion Schedule

- 9am Jim & Elaine Sours
- 11am Chris & Kim Larson

9 am Greeters

- July 13 Jim Worrell & Barb Fry
- July 20 Jim Worrell
- July 27 Jim Worrell

August 3 Jim Worrell

August 10 Jim Worrell

9 am Ushers

- July Clif Weisinger & Dave Brown
- August John & Candy Scott

11 am Ushers

- July 13 Dikki Andrews
- July 20 Justin & Nathalie Messan
- July 27 Maxine Paluska & Pixie Sharkey

August 3 Don Larson & Jim Weede

August 10 Dikki Andrews

Gathering Place Hosts

- July 13 Carol Gilliland & Esther Strosaker
- July 20 Beth Buckley
- July 27 Charlie & Fae Jones
- August 3 Dikki Andrews
- August 10 Carrol & Mimi McKinney

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

June			
	9 am	11 am	Total
1st	69	32	101
8th	69	41	110
15th	91	34	125
22nd	61	49	110
29th	60	43	103

May 2025

Budget Fund Report

Income	\$31,549.48
Expenses	\$36,675.89
Difference	-\$ 5,126.41

Year to date 2025

YTD Income	\$158,724.86
YTD Expenses	\$193,302.80
YTD Differences	-\$34,577.94

Town Hall

On Sunday July 20,2025 There will be the same town hall at 10:00 am and Noon. This way no matter which Worship service someone attends they will be able to also attend the town hall. The Town Hall is a update of the church finances.

Bicentennial VSUMC Church Honored

Honoring Bicentennial Churches at the Adams County Fairgrounds, 2010 E 1250th St, Mendon, IL on **Saturday, July 27 at 1:00 .**

Please celebrate with us as we are presented special plaque.
County Fair entrance is \$10 with children under age 12 free.

SUNDAY, July 27, 2025 Fair Schedule

7:00 AM Kids Volleyball Tournament
9:00 AM Union Church Service
10:00 AM Jackpot Rabbit Show
10:00 AM Garden Tractor Pul, Team Roping, Open Pee Wee Calf Show
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Ham & Bean Dinner
12:30 PM Open Beef Judging
1:00 PM Presentation to Adams County Churches (Heritage Farm Pavilion)
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Los Moralitos Circus
2:30 PM Olde Tyme Parade
3:00 PM 4-H Fight To Finish, Carnival Opens
4:00 PM Los Moralitos Circus, Sawing and Threshing
6:00 PM Tractor Pull, Los Moralitos Circus
8:00 PM Teen Dance

We will be meeting at the Church at 12:15pm that Sunday if anyone would like to ride together.
Contact Susan Kissick if you are interested.

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!



United Women in Faith News



We will be serving a luncheon on Wednesday, July 15 at noon for the work team from Dunlap UMC that works at Chaddock.

Come help with this project and meet some wonderful sisters and brothers.

Children & Youth Swim Party

The Original date of June 29th was Postponed due to the rain.

The Swim Party will be now held on Sunday August 3rd 1:00 pm—3:30 pm

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.

Square Dance Event

A Fun & Fellowship VSUMC event will held on Tuesday July 22, from 6:00—9:00 pm.

We are looking for volunteers to help.

6:00pm meal -

If you would like to help with the meal please contact Susan Kissick

7:00pm -

Two City Squares monthly dance group

8:00 pm -

Open dance for all ages and abilities for friends, family, and church members led by Two City Squares.

Please reach out to the office or organizer Tim Dennis if you would like to help.

Lesson and Lunch Continues on July 14th

Young people entering 6th grade and above are invited to “Lesson and Lunch” on Mondays this summer 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. Please bring \$5.00 to help defray the cost of lunch. Thank you!

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!