



# Thursday

## Connection

Building the Community,  
One Light at a Time



August 7, 2025

Contact the VSUMC Church Office at: 217-222-7468 or [office@vsumc.org](mailto:office@vsumc.org)

### Calendar of Events

- **Sunday August 10th**

**9 am** – Classic Worship Service

**10:15 am** – Sunday School

**11 am** – Connection Worship Service

- **Monday, August 11th**

**9:30 am**—Care team

**10:00 am** - Lesson & Lunch

**5:30 pm**—Evangelism & Community Care and Fun & Fellowship

- **Tuesday August 12th**

**9:30 am**—Quilters

**6:00 pm**—WOW @ Sprouts

- **Wednesday, August 13th**

**4:45 pm**—Praise Team

- **Sunday, August 17**

**9 am**—Worship Service

**10:15 am**—Sunday School

**11:00 am**—Connection Worship

### Sunday Worship Scripture —Sunday August 10

Sermon title: “Do You Know Him?”

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28

### Sunday Steward

The Leadership Board is considering whether we need to bring back some revised version of a Sunday Steward. We are seeking input from the congregation. What tasks or opportunities are falling through the cracks on Sunday morning that might be addressed by a Sunday Steward?

If you have any suggestions, please contact Pastor Rachel or Lee Hanlin.

### WOW @ Sprouts

Remember, Tuesday, August 12, will be our next WOW meeting at Sprouts at 6 p.m. With all the severe weather the United States has endured this spring and summer, well have UMCOR as our monthly project.

### Views Information

If you have any information that you would like in the Newsletter please have it sent to Christina by Wednesday August 20.

### Staff Out of the Office

Pastor Rachel will be out of the office from August 7th through August 12th. Christina will be out of the office from Thursday August 14 Through August 19th.



### Back-to-school blessing

Bless my paper and my pen.  
Guide my spirit deep within.  
Help me think and help me play,  
This whole school year, day by day.

As I move from class to class,  
Guide my footsteps; clear my path.  
Keep my tongue to speak your words.  
Let your will for me be heard.

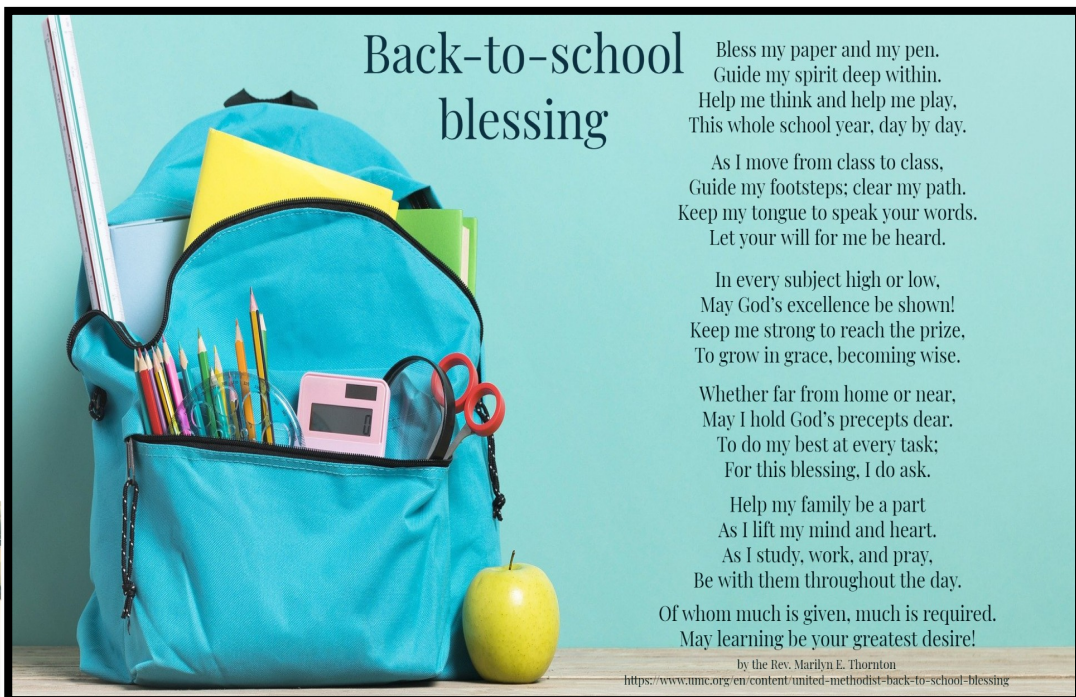
In every subject high or low,  
May God's excellence be shown!  
Keep me strong to reach the prize,  
To grow in grace, becoming wise.

Whether far from home or near,  
May I hold God's precepts dear.  
To do my best at every task;  
For this blessing, I do ask.

Help my family be a part  
As I lift my mind and heart.  
As I study, work, and pray,  
Be with them throughout the day.

Of whom much is given, much is required.  
May learning be your greatest desire!

by the Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton  
<https://www.ume.org/en/content/united-methodist-back-to-school-blessing>



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](https://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.



August Birthdays

2	Emma Staff
4	Chris Hyslop
6	Jessica Koscielski
6	Esther Strosaker
7	Barbra Fry
8	Donald Smith
8	Darrin Fierge
9	Boniface Messan
11	Andrew Brown
12	Jan Quintero
12	Gwynn Eadie
14	Leah Hanlin
16	Shirley Tode
16	Nadya Hayth
17	Andrew Sloan
18	Ron Howell
19	David Eadie
21	John Duker
27	Randy Fierge

August

Anniversaries

4	Don & Sue Altheide
12	Davd & Gwen Eadie
14	Hubert & Debbie Staff
15	Brad & Bonnie Billings
17	Wyverne & Bernita Penn
21	John & Candy Scott
26	John & Rhonda Basinger
29	Bill & Linda Dean

August 10

9 am Liturgist

Jean Murray

9 am Greeters :

Clif & Karen Weisinger,  
And Jim Worrell

9 am Ushers—August

John & Candy Scott

11am Ushers

Dikki Andrews

Gathering Place Host:

Back to School Donations

With your help, Vermont Street UMC was able to donate 20 backpacks for the Back to School fail last weekend. Thank you to everyone who donated. We would not have been able to help support our community without you!



Bright Start

As you know, this school year will be the last for our Bright Start Preschool. There will only be one class this year and this lowered enrollment means we will need to supplement the preschool budget for the year.



Would you like to contribute to this ministry? Bright Start Preschool and Mom’s Day Out have been important ministries for VSUMC. Perhaps you would prayerful-ly consider a contribution to honor that history!

Please make sure your contribution is clearly marked for Bright Start Preschool.

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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!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

Year 2025 - 2026

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!

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](mailto:pastor@vsumc.org) or 222-7468 by the day before, Saturdays at noon.