

November, 2025

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Pastor's Corner

I always feel like "Pastor Appreciation Month" ought to be followed by a "Congregation Appreciation" event. Your kind words and generous spirits always touch my heart. Thank you for every card, note and gift. Thank you for every word of encouragement. Thank you for the prayers, love and support I feel every day! I'm so grateful that God brought me to Vermont Street!

Blessings and much love,
Pastor Rachel

This was read at Rosalie Jacob's memorial service.

I've been asked to share it here:

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say "I".*

*You cannot pray the Lord's Prayer
And even once say "My".*

*Nor can you pray the Lord's prayer
And not pray for another.*

*For when you ask for daily bread
You must include your brother.*

*For others are included
In each and every plea;*

*From beginning to the end of it
It does not once say "Me."*



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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of Praise Team

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November Birthdays

6	Debbie Taylor
7	Nathalie Keirn
9	Sheila Stevenson
9	Darlene Kerber
12	Greta Read
13	Marvin Kerber
13	JD Speak
13	Allyson Hayden
21	John Kissick
25	Lollie Johnson
28	Don Altheide
28	Lou Quintero Sr.



November Anniversaries

12	Barney Bier & Debra Wellborn
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UMCOR Donations

With Hurricane Melissa making a historic landfall in Jamaica we will be pausing our collection for Sleep in Heavenly Peace and Collecting for UMCOR to help with Hurricane relief in places that were affected by this historic storm.

Leadership Board Notes

Summary of the September and October 2025 Leadership Board Meetings



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

- A.) Chris Larson from Wells Fargo presented the board with a VSUMC Portfolio Snapshot. The investments are 80% in equity funds and 20% in fixed income. He recommended no changes at this time.
- B.) Ian Mehaffy has been hired as the Financial Manager. He is currently updating and streamlining the organization and processes used. An internal audit is scheduled.
- C.) Debris and broken bottles have been found in the east parking lot on Sunday mornings that require clean-up. Pastor Rachel has spoken with the police department who gave her some suggestions. This has been referred to the Building / Grounds Committee.
- D.) The new projector has arrived and has been installed in the sanctuary.
- E.) Quincy Society of Fine Arts has produced a Monopoly game using local businesses – **Quincy-opoly**. VSUMC and Union UMC are included. The game was created to raise funds for arts education in local schools, specifically for field trips.

The Leadership Board retreat will be held Saturday, November 8 at the Debbie Reed Center at Chaddock.

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet from 4-6 on Sunday. Come hungry! We're meeting in The Loft before lighting up the bonfire for **hot dogs and marshmallow roasting!** Bring a friend, we'll see you there!



**YOUTH
MINISTRIES**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 All Saints Sunday Daylight Savings 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship	3 9:00 am Care Team	4 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Staff Meeting	5 10 am—Coffee & Conversation 4:45 pm Praise Team 5 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	6	7	8 Leadership Board Retreat
9 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 10am—2pm —UWF Kitchen Sale	10 9:00 am —Care team 5:30 pm Missions & Health Team 6:30 pm Discipleship Team	11 9:00 am Quilters 6:00 pm WOW @ Sprouts	12 4:45 pm Praise Team 5 pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	13	14	15
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Bible Study & Advent Study

We are studying the book *Disciplines from the Upper Room*.
Books are \$12.00 a copy.
It's not too late to join us!

The next few weeks of Bible Study Scripture will be:

Wednesday October 29th

Hab 1:15b-2:9; Ps 145:1-5, 17-21; 2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke20:27-38

Wednesday November 5th

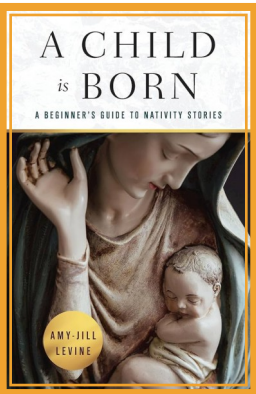
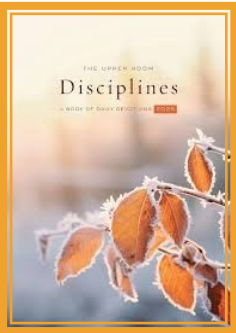
Isa 65:17-25; Isa 12; 2 Thes 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19;

Wednesday November 12th

Jer 23:1-6; Luke1:68-79; Col 1:11-20; Luke 23:33-43;

Advent Study Beings on November 19th

We will be reading *A Child is Born*
Books are \$14.00 a copy.
We hope to see you there.



Thanksgiving Dinner at Union United Methodist Church

Union United Methodist Church would like to invite and your family to our
Annual Old Fashioned Turkey Dinner at Noon on Thanksgiving Day.

Please Join us for some good foods and fellowship.

Other Upcoming Dates

- November 2nd— All Saints Sunday
- November 8th—Leadership Board Retreat at Chaddock
- November 9th—UWF Kitchen Sale— 10 am—2pm in Café Vermont
- November 19th— Advent Study Starts
- November 27th—Thanksgiving—Offices are closed
- November 28th—Thanksgiving Friday— Offices are closed
- November 30th—Advent begins
- December 1st—Leadership Board meeting
- December 7th— Cookie Walk



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.

Worship Attendance

October			
	9 am	11 am	Total
5th	61	37	98
12th	50	38	88
19th	72	50	122
26th	74	34	118



Greeters & Ushers Schedule

November Communion Schedule

- 9 am John & Barb Wooleyhan
- 11 am Luke & Emily Gittings

9 am Greeters

- November 2nd Jim Worrell
- November 9th Jim Worrell
- November 16th Jim Worrell
- November 23rd Jim Worrell
- November 30th Jim Worrell

9 am Ushers

- November Steve Prater
- December

11 am Ushers

- November 2nd Don Larson & Jim Weede
- November 9th Dikki Andrews
- November 16th Justin & Nathalie Messan
- November 23rd Maxine Paluska & Pixie Sharkey
- November 30th Don Larson & Jim Weede
- December 7th Don Larson & Jim Weede

Gathering Place Hosts

- November 2nd Mark & Pat Davis
- November 9th Chris & Kim Larson
- November 16th Charlie & Fae Jones
- November 23rd Carol Gilliland & Esther Strosaker
- November 30th Beth Buckley
- December 7th Suzi Duker

Greeters Sign-up

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

Please consider helping out one
Sunday of the year.

September 2025

Budget Fund Report

Income	\$44,980.26
Expenses	\$28,298.54
Difference	\$16,681.72

Year to date 2025

YTD Income	\$274,402.46
YTD Expenses	\$353,240.13
YTD Differences	-\$78,837.67



Gathering Place Hosts

We are in need of volunteers to sign up
as hosts for the Gathering Space.

Please consider joining this mission.
You are needed if we are to continue the
same as we currently do. Thanks in advance!

Suzi Duker 217-257-3213
dukeremail@gmail.com

All Saints Sunday

All Saints will be held on November 2, 2025. We are honoring those we have lost this year.



Jerry Carnivale	Robert Elliot
William Heaton	Harold Pickinpaugh
Emily Lewis	John Inman
Charles Menke	Esther Wartick
Robert McDonough	Rosalie Jacobs



Santa Express

Yep! It's time for Christmas!

Each year Chaddock provides Christmas for over 400 children and families in their residential, foster and adoption, and educational programs. You can be a part of that by "adopting" a child for Christmas. The typical gift amount for each child is approximately \$200.



Pastor Rachel needs to know by **Sunday, Nov 2, 2025** if you wish to adopt a child at Chaddock. Contact her at pastor@vsumc.org or 217- 222-7468, letting her know how many children you wish to adopt and if you have a preference for age or gender. Information and gift lists for each child will be available soon.

If you do not wish to adopt a child, you may give gift cards or monetary donations to be used for Santa Express. There is also a list of general gifts; Pastor Rachel has that list available. Let's help provide some love and cheer at Chaddock this year!

Daylight Savings Time

Daylight savings time is on Sunday, November 2, 2025. Don't Forget to turn your clocks **back** 1 hour!



Vermont Street UWF Country Kitchen Sale



On Sunday, November 9, 2025, from 10 am—2 pm in Café Vermont, the UWF is having a, food booth & "kitchen items" sale in Café Vermont. We are still looking for donations of baked goods, pickles, jellies, jam, etc., and kitchen items. We hope to see you there!

Chicken pot pies will be on sale for \$7.00!

WOW

Ladies: November WOW will be Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00 at Sprouts. We decided at our last meeting to adopt a Chaddock child for Christmas for our November project. Please text or call Jan Quintero at (217) 430-3100 to let her know if you're coming so she can make an accurate reservation for that night. Thanks, Karen

Music Notes from Ann

Our church has a long history of supporting a strong and vibrant music program. Whether the music is a choral anthem, an organ prelude, a bell choir anthem, or a vocal or instrumental solo, the purpose of music in worship is to honor God.

Within the church service, music functions as prayer, praise, or reflection and invites the congregation to focus on God, rather than the musicians themselves. When applause follows, it can unintentionally shift attention away from worship and towards performance. It risks turning the experience into a concert rather than a sacred act of devotion. Help us preserve a spirit of reverence by refraining from applause within the service. Instead, focus on the important role that music has in deepening your relationship with God in whatever way the music speaks to you during worship. Bach and Handel often notated their compositions with Soli Deo Gloria – Glory to God alone. Our hope is that the music in worship does bring glory to God and not to ourselves.

