



January 15, 2026

### Calendar of Events

- Sunday, January 18th

9 am — Worship Service

10:15 am — Sunday School

11 am — Connection Worship

Noon — 2 pm — Neighborhood  
Soup Fellowship

- Monday, January 19th

*Offices are Closed*

*For Martin Luther King Jr Day*

6:15 pm — Leadership Board

- Tuesday, January 20th

9:00 am — Quilters

9:00 am — Care Team

7:00 pm — Cooperative  
Ministries

- Wednesday, January 21st

4:45 pm — Praise Team

5:00 pm — Bible Study

6pm — Bell Choir

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir

- Sunday, January 25th

9 am — Worship Service

10:15 am — Sunday School

11 am — Connection Worship

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

### Sunday Worship:

Sermon Title: “**Service of Baptismal Remembrance.**”

Scripture: Luke 15: 1- 10

### Bible Study

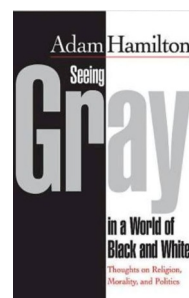
Meets every Wednesday at 5 pm

We are reading

*Seeing Gray in a World of Black and White*

By Adam Hamilton

Books are \$6.00 We hope to see you there!



### Neighborhood Soup Fellowship

**This Sunday**, January 18th, from noon to 2pm we will be having a neighborhood soup fellowship & a chance to meet neighbor's. All food will be provided by church as we recognize Horizons no longer offers Sunday meals. So we will be reaching out to our neighbors. Come enjoy hot soup, cornbread and dessert with us!



### Collecting for Sleep in Heavenly Peace

We are still collecting for the Sleep in Heavenly Peace event that Vermont Street UMC is Co-Sponsoring with Melrose UMC and Union UMC. Our goal is to raise \$2,700 to pay for VSUMC's part of the building supply costs. The donation bucket can be found throughout the year in the gathering space. Please share your loose change with us. Thank you.



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](http://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.

## January Birthdays

- 3 Glory Messan
- 3 Grace Messan
- 4 Addison Koscielski
- 6 Jim Weede
- 7 Jeff Kerkhoff
- 8 Stacy Taylor
- 9 Sue Altheide
- 11 Ethan Barnes
- 18 Isabella Alvord
- 19 Edward Willing
- 19 Jennifer Altheide
- 23 Diane Sloan
- 24 Marilyn Vincent
- 24 Melissa Penn
- 28 Chick Sloan
- 28 John Deemer
- 30 Venora Deemer

## January

- 10 Tom & Bonnie Ranson
- 17 Rick & Carol Parise
- 29 John & Venora Deemer

### **Sunday, January 18th**

#### **9 am Greeters**

Jim Worrell

#### **9 am Ushers**

Dave Brown & Gary Hemming

#### **11 am Ushers**

Justin & Nathalie Messan

#### **Gathering Place Host**

Maxine Paluska

## **View's Information**

There will be no January Views. There will be a February Views. Deadline for articles is January 26th.

## **2025 Year Contributions**

Ian has prepared a total number of our contributions and our total expensive for the year 2025 and we wanted to share it:

Total Contributions \$ 432,735.72  
Toal Expenses \$ 429,021.76

## **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!



## **Misson Committee News**

Your Mission Committee has been preparing meal kits for our mini pantries using the grant funds we received in late 2025. The kits are for one meal for one person and generally include a main dish, side or vegetable, a fruit cup, crackers, and cookies. These kits have been well received. The Mission committee is willing to continue to prepare these kits if funds are available. If you would like to make a financial contribution towards making these kits, you may do so. Please make sure your contribution is clearly labeled for our counters!



## **Star Words**

If you were unable to receive a star word, please contact the church office and we will send one to you. Thank you



Church Offices will be **closed** on January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

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**I HAVE A DREAM**  
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY



## **Flower of the Month—January 's Flower is the Carnation!**



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.