



February, 2026

Vermont Street Views



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

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the entire Vermont Street staff, we would like to thank the many church members who took the time to offer us special greetings, to spend time with us in fellowship, and to present us with gifts of appreciation during the Christmas season. We are blessed to serve a very kind, generous, and loving congregation!

We look forward to new adventures in the coming months as we continue to share Christ's love in our community and beyond. With so much need in the world, what an exciting time it is to be a Christian! Thank you for being a part of this innovative, joy filled congregation!

With many blessings,
Pastors Rachel and Annelle



ASH WEDNESDAY – February 18

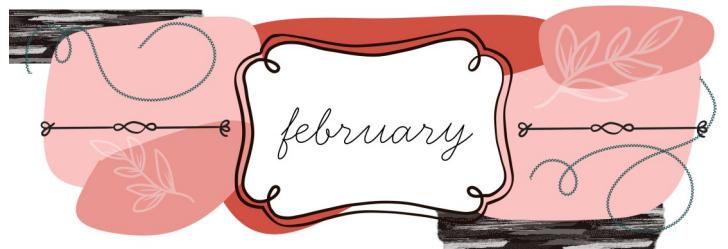
As is our tradition, ashes will be available in the Chapel throughout the day. You may come in as you wish and spend as long as you'd like. Along with the ashes, you will find a guide for your time of meditation.

We will have the east door and the elevator doors unlocked from 8 AM to 8 PM for folks to access the building.



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February Birthdays

- 2 Bernita Penn
- 5 Pat Wallace
- 6 Tom Ransom
- 7 Julie Brink
- 12 John Scott
- 13 Gary Hemming
- 14 Jim Sours
- 20 Maxine Paluska
- 22 Valerie Vlahakis
- 22 Cole Stephenson
- 27 John Wooleyhan

February Anniversaries

No Anniversaries for the month of February



Summary of the January 19, 2026 Leadership Board Meeting

Leadership Board members for 2026 are:

Dikki Andrews	Fae Jones	Cathy Staff (chair)
Brad Billings	John Kissick	Clif Weisinger
Julie Brink	Gary Livesay	John Wooleyhan



Pastor Rachel Stockle

Marian Sorenson serves as secretary

New Board members John Kissick, Gary Livesay, and John Wooleyhan were welcomed.

Officers for 2026 were elected:

Chairperson: Cathy Staff

Vice-Chair: Brad Billings

Secretary: Marian Sorenson (ex officio)

Ian Mehaffy presented the 2026 budget which was approved.

It was approved to consolidate our funds in one bank, First Bankers Trust

A new computer is being purchased for the finance office. The current desktop will no longer update.

The 2026 Church and Leadership Goals were approved. If you would like to serve on a committee to help implement these goals, please contact either Cathy Staff or Pastor Rachel.

Church Goals:

1. Implement aspects of the marketing plan
2. Expand cooperative UMC ministry work to increase visibility in the community
3. Determine the best way to increase children and youth ministry

Leadership Board Goals

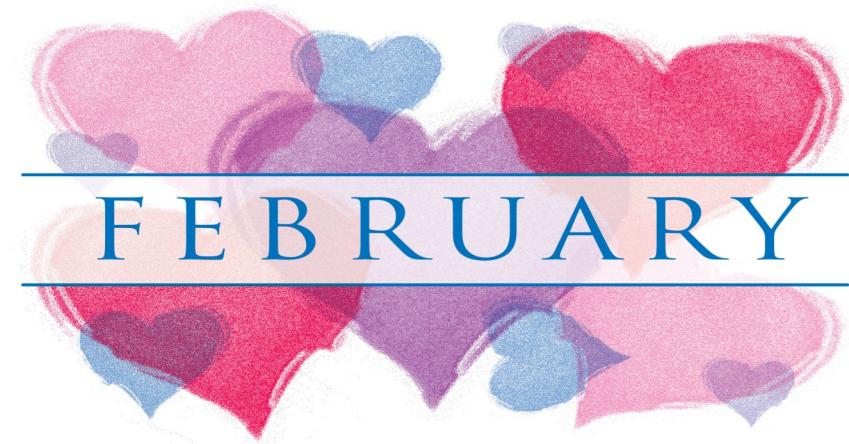
1. Restructuring of Sunday Steward position
2. Vision of potential building use i.e. preschool rooms
3. Enhance and maintain communication between the Leadership Board, committees, and the congregation.

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

Total Expenses \$ 429,021.76



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 	2. 9:00 am Care Team 3:00 pm Worship Team 9:30 am Staff Meeting	3. 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Staff Meeting	4. 10 am Coffee & Conversation 4:45pm Praise Team 5pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	5. 6 pm Leadership Board	6.	7. 4-7 pm Union United Methodist Church Supper
8. 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship	9. 9:00 am Care Team 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 5:30 pm Evangelism and community / Fun & Fellowship	10. 9:00 am Quilters 6 pm WOW @ Sprouts	11. 4:45pm Praise Team 5pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	12.	13.	14. <i>Valentines Day</i> 
15. <i>Transfiguration Sunday</i> 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 	16. <i>Presidents Day</i> <i>Church Offices are Closed</i> 6 pm Building & Grounds 	17. 9:00 am Quilters 9:00 am Care Team 6 pm Building & Grounds <i>Ashes are available all day</i> 	18. <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 4:45pm Praise Team 5pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	19.	20.	21.
22. <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i> 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship <i>Eleanor Dennis's 100th Birthday Party in between Services</i> 	23. 9:00 am Care Team 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship <i>Deadline for March Views</i>	24. 9:00 am Quilters 6:15 pm Leadership Board	25. 10 am UWF Meeting 4:45pm Praise Team 5pm Bible Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	26.	27.	28.

Celebrating our friend, Eleanor

Our good and faithful friend, Eleanor Dennis, is celebrating her 100th birthday in February! We invite you to join us for a birthday party on February 22nd between the services at 10:00. Her favorite color is pink, so you might want to wear some pink on her day. Feel free to send her a card this month or bring one to the reception. Her birthday is the 28th and it is fun to celebrate all month!



United Women of Faith

Traditionally, VSUMC UWF, formerly UMW, has been responsible for women's fellowship in small group settings in conjunction with global UWF to support women, children, and youth. Members provide support for UWF programming and missions, VSUMC church-wide receptions, stewardship of kitchen and supplies and loving support to each other through spiritual growth, fundraising and organization. As long as we are UWF, we continue to support Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood Home in East St Louis, and Mission U, but you may not see traditional activities such as Chicken Pot Pies, Pickles, Apple Butter, Rummage Sale, Bazaar, Cookie Walk so if you're curious and feel strongly about an event, contact one of us to volunteer. You can help. We are seeking women to serve as "contact person" for various activities.

Susan Kissick, chairman



United Methodist Church Joint Mission Project

This Fall, the three United Methodist Churches will be hosting Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Our goal is to raise \$2,700 to pay for VSUMC's part of the building supply costs. Our local chapter is based out of Liberty, and currently there are 13 children who have requested a bed.

The donation bucket can be found throughout the year in the Gathering Space. Please share your loose change with us.



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

Greeters and Ushers

This year we are trying something new. If you would like to sign up to be a usher or greeter for the 9 am or the 11 am worship services, please contact the church office at 217-222-7468. Thank you.

Greeters & Ushers Schedule

February Communion Stewards

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

March Communion Stewards

9am Clif & Karen Weisinger

11am Dikki Andrews & Maxine Paluska

9 am Greeters

If you would like to be a greeter please contact the church office.

We need Greeters for the month of February and March

9 am Ushers

February Laura Hampshire & Carol Gilliland

March Alan & Judy VanDeBoe

11 am Ushers

1st Don Larson
8th Jim Weede
15th Justin & Nathalie Messan
22nd Maxine Paluska & Pixie Sharkey

Gathering Place Hosts

1st Charlie & Fae Jones
8th Chris & Kim Larson
15th Maxine Paluska
22nd Eleanor Dennis's Birthday Party

Worship Attendance

January

	9 am	11 am	Total
4th	68	48	116
11th	64	43	107
18th	49	33	82
25th	0	0	0

Budget Reports

We are currently working on a new way to present the budget fund operations report. Please be patient, there will be an update in next Views.

A.V Tech

We are 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!

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

Flower of the Month—February

February flowers are Violets and Primroses



2025 Giving Statements

All 2025 giving statements are now in the mail as of 1/22/2026. If you do not receive your statement by January 30, 2026, please contact the office for assistance.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your giving statement, please email BusinessOffice@VSUMC.org for help. Email will be the best way for us to help as quickly as possible. If you are unable to email, please call the office (217-222-7468) for assistance. If I am unavailable, I will call back as soon as possible.

Please be patient and understanding as I work through processing, sending and helping with Giving Statements. In 2025, we had 4 different staff members acting in the role of finance manager. Due to that fact, it might take longer for corrections to be made to your 2025 Giving Statements.

Thank you,
Ian Mehaffy

Lent – Easter Offering

Our offering this year will be split three ways:

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

This fall we will join Union and Melrose Chape UMC's to sponsor a bed build. Our portion the cost will be approximately \$2700.

UNMET NEEDS

We help people in the Quincy area through our participation in this organization.

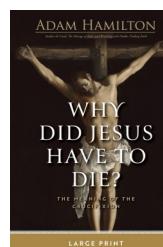
SHEPHERDS FUND

This fund is used solely to assist those in our congregation or connected to our congregation with need that might arise.



Lent Study

Through Lent we will be reading the book, "Why Did Jesus Have to Die?" by Adam Hamilton. We will meet at our regular time, Wednesday at 5 PM. If there is interest, Pastor Rachel will lead a group on Wednesday afternoon and/or a Zoom session in the evening. If you are interested in either of these options, please let Pastor Rachel know as soon as possible so plans can be made.



WOW Information

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 10, at Sprouts at 6:00.

Vermont Street currently has a family with some health problems and can use our help getting through this rough spot so we'll take a collection for them. Hope you can make it.

Call Karen at 653-3690 so I'll know how to make our reservation.



Union United Methodist Church

Annual Soup Supper



Saturday, Feb. 7, 2026
from 4-7 pm

Soups:

Chili, Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef,
Loaded Baked Potato, Ham & Beans,
and White Chicken Chili

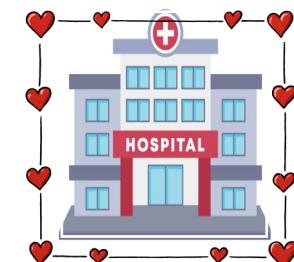
Also Serving: Hot Dogs, Maid Rites, and Desserts



Free will offering

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!



Other Upcoming Dates

February 16, 2026—Presidents Day, offices are **closed**.

February 18, 2026—Ash Wednesday—Ashes available all day.

February 22, 2026—First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026—Eleanor Dennis 100th birthday party in between services.

February 25, 2026—UWF meeting at 10 am

March 6, 2026—Rivers of Life Clergy Band Concert at Union UMC

