



Thursday

Connection

Building the Community,
One Light at a Time

February 12, 2025

Contact the VSUMC Church Office at: 217-222-7468 or office@vsumc.org

Calendar of Events

• Sunday, February 15th

Transfiguration Sunday

9 am — Worship Service

10:15 am — Sunday School

11 am — Connection Worship

• Monday, February 16th

Presidents Day

Church Offices are **Closed**

6 pm — Building & Grounds

• Tuesday, February 17th

9:00 am — Quilters

9:00 am — Care team

7:00 pm — Cooperative

Ministries

• Wednesday, February 18th

Ash Wednesday

Ashes Available in the Chapel

from 8 am to 8 pm

4:45 pm — Praise Team

5:00 pm — Lenten Study

6pm — Bell Choir

7:00 pm — Chancel Choir

• Sunday, February 22nd

First Sunday of Lent

9 am — Worship Service

10:00 am — Eleanor Dennis
Birthday Party

10:15 am — Sunday School

11 am — Connection Worship

6:30 pm — Lenten Service
At Bethel AME

Sunday Worship:

Sermon Title: *“SEEKING: Is this the fast that I choose?”*

Scripture: Isaiah 58: 1-12

Lenten Study

Wednesdays at 5 pm

Mondays at 3pm starting

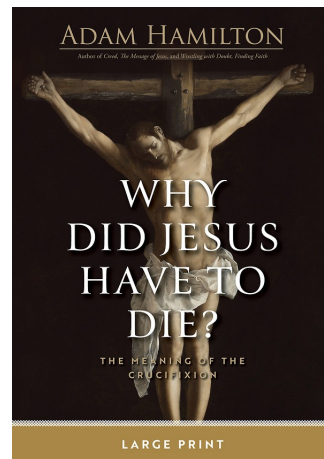
on Monday February 23rd at 3:00 pm.

Book & Video study.

“Why Did Jesus Have to Die?”

by Adam Hamilton.

Books are \$20.00



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.



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!



Flower of the Month—February

February flowers are Violets and Primroses



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 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.

February Birthdays

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

**No Anniversaries for
the month of February**

Sunday February 15th

9 am Greeters

9 am Ushers

Carol Gilliland &
Laura Hampsmire

11 am Ushers

Justin & Nathale Messan

Gathering Place Host

Maxine Paluska

March View's

Deadline

Deadline for articles is

February 23rd

All Articles must be
sent to the office if
you'd like them to be
included.

Lent – Easter Offering

Our offering this year will be split three ways:

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

This fall we will join Union and Melrose Chapel
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.



2026 Lent Services The Road to Calvary

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>	<u>Preaching:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
February 22	6:30 pm	Marty Pressey	Bethel AME
March 1	6:30 pm	Rachel Stockle	First Baptist
March 8	6:30 pm	Orville Jones	Melrose Chapel UMC
March 15	6:30 pm	Kyle Frink	Sunset Home
March 22	6:30 pm	Tara Hayes	Union UMC
March 29	6:30 pm	Carl Terry	Vermont Street UMC

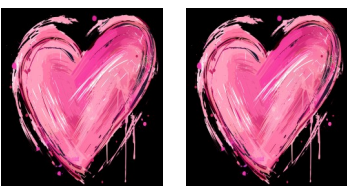
Introducing Vermont Street's new gift card fundraiser program!

- The gift card program lets you buy gift cards to your favorite stores, and in return, the church earns varying percentages back for the church and its ministries.
- Hy-Vee, Sam's Club, Walmart, Target, Starbucks, Home Depot, Dicks Sporting Goods & more are included in the new program.
- More information to come this Sunday and next week, stay tuned!

United Methodist Church Joint Misson 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.



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 or 222-7468 by the day before, Saturdays at noon.