



March, 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**

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

## Pastor's Corner

*As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!" Luke 19: 41 – 42*

Just after the triumphant entry into Jerusalem, just before he enters the temple and drives out the merchants, Jesus pauses as he looks out over the city and laments her fate because she does not recognize the things that make for peace.

These words seemed to jump off the page this week.

As war develops in the Middle East, as violence causes people to live in fear even in regions where we don't call it war, as humans fail to recognize one another's human rights and dignity in so very many ways, I weep with Jesus. If only we recognized the things that make for peace. If only we could find ways to love and respect one another despite our differences.

Perhaps that seems simplistic in the face of terrorism. Terrorism can be indiscriminate; terrorist can seem impossible to negotiate with. I don't have all the answers to achieving world peace, but I do know that Jesus did not negotiate, he was simply indiscriminate in his love for all people.

So, I pray for peace.

I pray world leaders will long for peace and find ways to make it happen. I pray for protection for those who live in war zones. I pray that law makers in the US and abroad will have the courage to seek peace and human dignity. I pray for God's will to be done.

And I pray that my own attitude and actions will reflect the love of Christ and the things that make for peace, that as I weep with Jesus, Jesus will have no cause to weep over me.

Will you pray with me?

Pastor Rachel



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### March Birthdays

<b>3</b>	Brian Barnes	<b>11</b>	Brad Billings
<b>3</b>	Don Larson	<b>15</b>	Todd Buckley
<b>3</b>	Breanne Rischar	<b>16</b>	Bonnie Billings
<b>4</b>	Jana Priepot	<b>18</b>	Cinda Barnes
<b>7</b>	Alyssa Livesay	<b>18</b>	Candy Scott
<b>10</b>	Ava Barnes	<b>22</b>	Jennifer Brown
<b>10</b>	Samantha Barnes	<b>24</b>	John Staff
<b>10</b>	Mary Schardon	<b>31</b>	Carolyn Brown

### March Anniversaries

24	Ryan & Carla Fierge
25	Marvin & Darlene Kerber
30	Terry & Jana Priepot



## Summary of the February 23, 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

A. Ian Mehaffy and Rebekah Ball from Balanced Business Solutions presented the new non-profit format of the financial statement. Discussion was held about the new format and suggestions were made to help the Board and the congregation more easily understand the new terms. Work continues to update the financial office to the new non-profit QuickBooks.

B. Pastor evaluation was approved

C. If anyone is interested in helping to implement the Church / Leadership Board goals, contact Pastor Rachel or Cathy Staff.

### Church Goals

1. Implement aspects of the marketing plan (*Brad Billings, Cathy Staff*)  
**Christina has been in contact with Faith Young regarding the marketing plan.**
2. Expand cooperative UMC ministry work to increase visibility in the community. (*Fae Jones, Gary Livesay*)

**June 7-11 -Vacation Bible School from 6:00-8:00; dinner at 5:30**

**May 2 – Dogwood Parade**

**June 14 – Church in the Park**

**October 17 – Sleep in Heavenly Peace build day at Melrose Chapel**

3. Determine the best way to increase children and youth ministry (*Dikki Andrews, Fae Jones*)  
**Youth Group is meeting every week with between 7-9 youth attending**  
**Valentines were distributed to the shut-ins**

### Leadership Board Goals

1. Restructuring of Sunday Steward position (*John Kissick, Clif Weisinger*)
2. Vision of potential building use i.e. preschool rooms (*Dikki Andrews*)
3. Enhance and maintain communication between the Leadership Board, committees, and the congregation. (*Pastor Rachel, Cathy Staff*)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1. Second Sunday of Lent</b> 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship 6:30 pm Lenten Service at First Baptist Church	<b>2.</b> 9:00 am—Care Team 3:00 pm—Lenten Study	<b>3.</b> 9:00 am Quilters 9:30 am Staff Meeting	<b>4.</b> 10 am—Coffee & Conversation 4:45 pm Praise Team 5 pm Lenten Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>5.</b>	<b>6.</b> Rivers of Life Clergy Band  6:00 pm At Union UMC	<b>7.</b>
<b>8. Third Sunday of Lent</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship  6:30 pm Lenten Service at Melrose Chapel UMC	<b>9.</b> 9:00 am—Care Team 3:00 pm—Lenten Study  5:30 pm Missions & Health Team 6:30 pm Discipleship Team	<b>10.</b> 9:00 am Quilters 6:00 pm WOW @ Sprouts	<b>11.</b> 4:45 pm Praise Team 5 pm Lenten Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>12.</b>	<b>13.</b>	<b>14.</b>
<b>15. Forth Sunday of Lent</b> 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Sunset Home	<b>16.</b> 9:30 am Care Team 3:00 pm—Lenten Study  5:30 pm - Evangelism & Community Care / Fun & Fellowship	<b>17. Happy St. Patrick's Day</b> 9:00 am Quilters 	<b>18.</b> 4:45 pm Praise Team 5 pm Lenten Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir	<b>19.</b>	<b>20.</b> First Day of Spring 	<b>21.</b>
<b>22. Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Union UMC	<b>23.</b> 9:00 am—Care Team 3:00 pm—Lenten Study 6:15 pm—Leadership Board Meeting	<b>24.</b> 9:00 am Quilters 7:00 pm Cooperative Ministries @ Chaddock	<b>25.</b> 10 am UWF Meeting 4:45pm Praise Team 5pm Lenten Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir	<b>26.</b>	<b>27.</b>	<b>28.</b>
<b>29. Palm Sunday</b> Labyrinth Available 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Vermont Street UMC  One minute Misson 	<b>30. Labyrinth Available</b> 9:00 am—Care Team 3:00 pm—Lenten Study	<b>31. Labyrinth Available</b> 9:00 am Quilters		*Daylight Savings Time Begins on 3/8/2025 Clocks Move forward one hour 	The Labyrinth will be available during Holy Week in Fellowship Hall from March 29th through April 5th 	

## Daylight Saving Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time Begins on **this** Sunday, March 8th.  
We Spring forward one hour!



## Time Change Song

The Chancel Choir warms up to this piece every year to remind us for Daylight Savings Time.

Perhaps this year you'd enjoy singing it at home as well!



### Sung to the Tune

God of Grace and God of Glory



God of sleep, and God of slumber, help us not be late, we ask:  
Changing clocks one forward number, may we not forget this task.  
Choir directors, preachers, teachers, all will bless your holy name,  
If to Sunday church on time we came.

## UWF INFORMATION

UWF meets Wednesday, March 26 at 10:00 am in the Gathering Space. We will collect money for "Call to Prayer and Self Denial". Phyllis will lead a discussion on Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood Home in East St. Louis and Cunningham Children's Home in Urbana. Both are IGRC West District missions. Contact Phyllis Self for more information.



## Other Upcoming Dates

- March 6, 2026 — Rivers of Life Clergy Band Concert at Union UMC
- March 8, 2026 — Time change
- March 8, 2026 — 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Melrose Chapel UMC
- March 15, 2026— 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Sunset Home
- March 22, 2026— 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Union UMC
- March 29, 2026—Palm Sunday, One minute Misson filling Easter Egg
- March 29, 2026— 6:30pm Lenten Service at Vermont Street UMC
- March 29, 2026—Labyrinth Available until Easter Sunday
- April 2, 2026—Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm
- April 4, 2026— Easter Egg Hunt
- April 5, 2026—Easter Sunday



## A Thank you

Thank you, thank you, thank you, for my 100th Birthday Party.

From the song. " Happy Birthday To You" to the pink cake, gifts, bouquets of flowers, phone calls and framed pictures for my gallery.

I really appreciate their efforts and I am ready for another 100.

Eleanor Dennis

## 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!

## Flower of the Month—March

March Flowers are Daffodils



## Greeters & Ushers Schedule

### March Communion Stewards

**9am** Clif & Karen Weisinger

**11am** Dikki Andrews & Maxine Paluska

### April Communion Stewards

**9am** Clif & Karen Weisinger

**11am** Dikki Andrews & Maxine Paluska

### 9 am Greeters

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.

### 9 am Ushers

March Alan & Judy VanDeBoe

April John & Barb Wooleyhan

### 11 am Ushers

1st Don Larson

8th Jim Weede

15th Justin & Nathalie Messan

22nd Maxine Paluska & Pixie Sharkey

29th Don Larson

### Gathering Place Hosts

1st Mark & Pat Davis

8th Chris & Kim Larson

15th Suzi Duker

22nd Alan & Judy VanDeBoe

29th

## Worship Attendance

### February

	9 am	11 am	Total
1st	55	32	87
8th	60	36	96
15th	60	42	102
22nd	58	36	94

## Budget Fund Cash Flow Summary

	January	Annual (YTD)
Cash Received	\$32,778.76	\$ 32,778.76
Cash Expended	\$32,702.44	\$ 32,702.44
	\$ 76.32	\$ 76.32

## Lenten Study

Wednesdays at 5 pm and Mondays at 3pm

Book & Video study.

*Why Did Jesus Have to Die?*  
by Adam Hamilton.

Books are \$20.00



## 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.



## Labyrinth

The Labyrinth will be available in the church Fellowship Hall starting Friday March 28th until after Easter. You may walk the Labyrinth anytime the Church building is open. A reminder, we are closed Good Friday.

Palm Sunday: 8 am—12 pm

Monday: 8 am—2 pm      Wednesday: All Day

Tuesday: 8 am—2 pm      Thursday: 8 am—2 pm      Easter: 8 am—12 pm



## Maundy Thursday / Tenebrae

Tenebrae will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 2nd, at 7:00 pm.

Please join us for a Service of Darkness.



*Rivers of Life*  
Clergy Band  
UNION  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
1101 State St. • Quincy, VT  
Friday March 6th at 6:00 pm at Union UMC

### 2026 Lent Services

#### The Road to Calvary

Date:	Time:	Preaching:	Location:
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

## Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4th at 1:00pm

Can you help?

We need individually wrapped candy as well as small toys and games (balls, bubbles, jump ropes, chalk). Please consider donating.

We will have a One Minute Mission between services on March 29, 2026 to fill the Easter Eggs and get them ready for the hunt!



## 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 **35** 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!**

## Vermont Street's gift card fundraiser Program Update

Thanks to you our gift card fund has already raised \$344! With your help this fund can grow even more to help our church and ministries. We are looking for volunteers to pass out gift cards after services on Sunday. Please contact Ian Mehaffy in the Finance office if you are interested in helping! Great News! We're happy to share that Hy-Vee gift cards are now available for purchase in the Finance Office Monday – Friday, 8am-12pm.

Submitting an order form is still the best way to guarantee you receive the gift cards you need. However, if you find yourself running low, we do have a limited supply available for immediate purchase on a first-come, first-served basis.

