



April, 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**

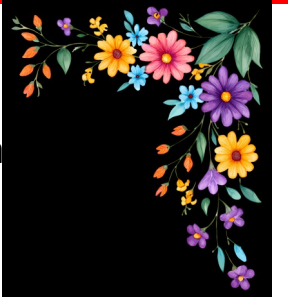
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Rev. Rachel Stockle, Pastor  
 Rev. Annelle Ruemeller, Director  
 of Praise Team

## Pastor's Corner

### Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter The Heart of our Belief



Though everyone loves our Christmas celebrations —including your pastors! —we know that the heart of our Christian belief is centered in the events of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter. We are excited about the special services we have planned to help you experience these most sacred days.

Palm Sunday offers you two totally different ways to learn more about the events which occurred during Holy Week. While both Palm Sunday services will celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem by the waving of the palms, we will also experience Christ's passion which culminates with his death on the cross. At the 9:00 AM Traditional Service, Pastor Rachel will ask you the question, "What Will You Do With Jesus?" You'll hear beautiful music provided by our wonderful choir and a special solo by Leah Hanlin. You will also hear a stirring piano-organ duet.

The 11:00 AM Connection Service will take you on a step by step journey with Christ as he walks the Via Dolorosa—the road which leads him to Calvary. Led by the V Street Band, we will bring you vividly into Christ's passion as we visit "The Stations of the Cross" through powerful music and specially selected videos and readings. Come and hear moving vocal solos by Kae Blecha and Thad Requet.

Accompanied by orchestral instruments, our choir will present a full Tenebrae service on Thursday at 7:00 P.M. A Tenebrae is a "service of shadows" — a candle lit service which movingly portrays Christ' sacrifice. And on Easter Sunday, the church sanctuary explodes with beautiful flowers, exciting music, and a powerful message from Pastor Rachel about our risen Lord at both our Traditional and Connection Services. Help us spread the Good News! Invite your friends and family to Vermont Street during Holy Week! He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Pastors Rachel and Annelle



## Vermont Street Views

April 2026

### April Birthdays

3	Chris Livesay
4	Bruce Tode
5	Abigail Barnes
8	John Read
8	John Basinger
10	Cindy Haxel
11	Alexis Barnes
12	Nancy Elliot
14	Jim Shoemaker
16	Clif Weisinger
19	Dan Brothers
23	Georges Messan
24	Bill Dean
26	Chris Larson
27	Fae Jones
30	Larry Embree



### April Anniversaries

4/10/1971	Randy & Sebbly Fierge
4/18/1964	John & Greta Read
4/19/1985	Harold & Loretta Hyslop
4/30/	Kent & Shelia Stevenson



# Leadership Board Meeting Notes

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. Paid Time Off (PTO)

Illinois labor law passed in 2024 states that all employees are entitled to one hour of PTO for every 40 hours worked. Up to 40 hours can carry over, and PTO must be paid out if the employee resigns. All VSUMC employees who qualify are owed money for unused PTO from 2024 and 2025. It was approved that the employees will be paid for unused PTO from 2024. They will be encouraged to use their PTO time accrued and unused PTO from 2025 and 2026 will be paid at the end of this year.

## B. Direct Deposit

The use of direct deposit for employee payroll was approved. The finance manager will oversee the transfer of funds. The church treasurer and check signers will have view only access.

## C. Phones

Two quotes for new phones were received from Adams. The Board requested that an additional quote from another company be obtained before any decision is made.

## D. Preschool

A yard sale is being considered for most of the materials from the preschool. The church nursery will be given first choice of anything that is needed / wanted. Money from the yard sale will be put in the children / youth ministry fund.

## E. Additional responsibilities

It was approved to allow Ian and/or Christina to serve as facilitators for work being done by the Building / Grounds committee. This is in addition to their other responsibilities, so they will be paid for the extra hours this work may require.

## F. Printed Prayer List

Pastor Rachel is working with the Care Team to compile a weekly prayer list. Information would need to be received by Thursday. Work is also being done to update address / cell phone / email contact information

## G. Annual Conference

Grace Messan and Elise Lindgren are delegates to annual conference. Our intern will also attend, but she will not be a voting member. VSUMC is eligible to send a third voting member to conference. If you are interested in attending Annual Conference, please contact Pastor Rachel.

## Church Goals

Implement aspects of the marketing plan (*Brad Billings, Julie Brink, Cathy Staff*)  
**Flyers for Easter activities (Tenebrae, Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Worship Services) are being distributed around town. The website will be looked at and refreshed**

Expand cooperative UMC ministry work to increase visibility in the community  
(*Fae Jones, Gary Livesay, Rachel Stockle*)

**Meetings have begun to plan for Vacation Bible School**

**Other combined events:**

**May 2 – Dogwood Parade**

**June 14 – Church in the Park**

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

Determine the best way to increase children and youth ministry (*Dikki Andrews, Fae Jones*)

**Easter baskets / cards will be 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*)  
**Ideas are being sought on how to use the preschool rooms**
3. Enhance and maintain communication between the Leadership Board, committees, and the congregation. (*Pastor Rachel, Cathy Staff*)



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1. 4:45 pm Praise Team 7:00 pm Chancel Choir  Peggy Morey Funeral Service: Visitation: 8:30 am Funeral: 9:30 am  Labyrinth hours All Day	2. Maundy Thursday  7:00 pm Tenebrae   Labyrinth hours 8 am–2 pm	3. Good Friday Vermont Street UMC Closed 12 noon–3pm Bethel AME Good Friday Worship Service 5:00 pm—Union UMC Good Friday Worship Service  Labyrinth hours 8 am–2 pm	4. Holy Saturday   1:00 pm—Vermont Street UMC Easter Egg Hunt
5. Easter Sunday  9:00 am — Sunday Worship 10:15 am — Sunday School 11:00 am Connection Worship  Labyrinth hours 8 am–12 pm	6. 9:30 am Care Team  3:00 pm—Worship Team	7. 9:30 am —Quilters  9:30 am — Staff Meeting	8. 4:45 pm — Praise Team 6:00 pm— Bell Choir 7:00 pm— Chancel Choir	9.	10.	11
12.  10:00 am—Worship Service	13. 9:30 am Care Team  5:30 pm— Evangelism and Community / Fun & Fellowship	14. 9:30 am —Quilters 6:00 pm WOW @ Sprouts  7:00 pm Cooperative Ministries	15. 4:45 pm — Praise Team 6:00 pm— Bell Choir 7:00 pm— Chancel Choir	16.	17.	18.
19. 9:00 am — Sunday Worship 10:15 am — Sunday School 11:00 am Connection Worship  Native America Ministries Sunday	20. 9:30 am Care Team	21. 9:30 am —Quilters	22. 4:45 pm — Praise Team 6:00 pm— Bell Choir 7:00 pm— Chancel Choir	23.	24	25. Cook Memorial Service in Sanctuary  Memorial Luncheon Café Vermont
26. 9:00 am — Sunday Worship 10:15 am — Sunday School 11:00 am Connection Worship	27. 9:30 am Care Team  6:15 pm Leadership Board	28. 9:30 am —Quilters	29. 4:45 pm — Praise Team 5:00 pm — Bible Study 6:00 pm— Bell Choir 7:00 pm— Chancel Choir	30.		

## Intern Assigned!

The Annual Conference has assigned us an intern for the summer! The intern will work with our children and youth ministries, as well as some neighborhood outreach. Watch for more info coming soon!

## MISSIONS

Hello, Vermont Street friends. It's Henrietta Heifer letting you know we all made it to our new forever homes and to say thank you once again for your generosity towards the Heifer Project.

There is a new mission project called Sleep in Heavenly Peace where you provide money for supplies to build beds for children in your area who don't have one. Currently there are 31 children on the waiting list to get one of those beds. Vermont Street needs to raise \$2,700 for our part, and although \$1,385.21 has been raised, we still need \$1314.79 more by the end of August. Come on Vermont Street friends, fill that bucket with bills, checks, change or whatever you can spare to do our part to give kids in the area a bed to sleep in. I know you can do this. Your friend, Henrietta Heifer.

## Save The Date! Vacation Bible School!

Melrose Chapel UMC, Union UMC, and Vermont Street UMC will hold a joint Vacation Bible School June 7th through June 11th, 6-8pm. If you want to help, please contact the church office at 217-222-7468.

## Other Upcoming Dates

April 2nd—Tenebrae Service at 7:00 pm  
 April 3rd—Vermont Street UMC is closed for Good Friday.  
 April 4th—Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00 pm  
 April 5th—Easter Sunday  
 April 12th—10 am service  
 May 2nd—Dogwood Parade  
 May 9th—Sebastian Manning Concert  
 May 10th—Mothers Day

Please check with the office on any dates you may need. Thank you.



## Children Musicians

We are looking for any children who can play musical instruments to play special music on Mother's Day on May 10th.

**Please contact  
 Pastor Annelle or the office  
 217-222-7468**

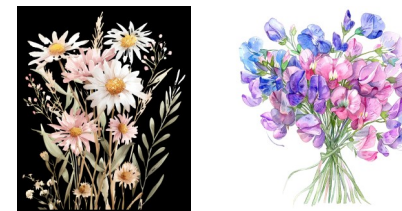
## Annual Conference Delegate

As Annual Conference is getting closer, we here at Vermont Street UMC are looking for someone who would be interested in being a Annual Conference Delegate. If you are interested. Please reach out to Pastor Rachel or the Church office at 217-222-7468.

Thank you!

## Flower of the Month—April

*April Flowers are  
 Daisies and  
 Sweet Peas*



## Greeters & Ushers Schedule

### April Communion Schedule

**Tenebrae** Diana Calvert & Brad Billings  
**9am** Laura Hampsmire & Brad Billings  
**11am** Charlie & Fae Jones

### 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. If you have already contacted the church, please let us know how many Sundays and times you are willing to be a greeter.

### 9 am Ushers

**April** John & Barb Wooleyhan  
**May** Clif Weisinger & Dave Brown

### 11 am Ushers

**April 5th** Don Larson  
**April 12th** Jim Weede  
**April 19th** Justin & Nathalie Messan  
**April 26th** Maxine Paluska & Pixie Sharkey  
**May 3rd** Don Larson

### Gathering Place Hosts

**April 5th** Maxine Paluska  
**April 12th** Carol Gilliland & Esther Strosaker  
**April 19th** Charlie & Fae Jones  
**April 26th**  
**May 3rd** Mark & Pat Davis

## Worship Attendance

### March 2026

	9 am	11 am	Total
<b>1st</b>	53	43	96
<b>8th</b>	59	36	95
<b>15th</b>	66	28	94
<b>22nd</b>	69	49	118
<b>29th</b>	67	33	100

<u>Budget Fund Cash Flow Brief</u>		
	Month	Annual (YTD)
<b>Money Received</b>		
Giving	\$ 38,434.75	\$ 71,042.51
Loose plate	\$ 95.00	\$ 171.00
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Paid Expenses	\$ (46,549.68)	#####
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ (8,019.93)</b>	<b>\$ (8,114.93)</b>

as of 2/28/26

## Peggy Morey Funeral Service Information

### Visitation

Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
 8:30AM - 9:30AM  
 Vermont Street United Methodist Church

### Service

Wednesday, April 1, 2026  
 9:30AM  
 Vermont Street United Methodist Church



## Holy Week Information

### Holy Week Events

#### Maundy Thursday—April 2, 2026

##### Tenebrae Services

First Baptist Church— 6 pm                      Melrose Chapel UMC— 6:30 pm  
Vermont Street UMC — 7pm

#### Good Friday—April 3, 2026

##### Good Friday Services

Bethel AME — 12-3 pm                      Union UMC — 5 pm

#### Holy Saturday

##### Community Events

Easter Egg Hunt at Vermont Street UMC — 1:00pm

#### Easter Sunday

Vermont Street UMC— 9am & 11 am

### Maundy Thursday / Tenebrae

Tenebrae will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Please join us for a Service of Darkness.

*Recalling the last 24 hours of  
Jesus' life on earth  
Join us in remembering the pain and suffering of  
Christ on the night he gave himself up for us*

There is a Facebook event on the Vermont Street UMC Facebook page. If you see it, please share it with your friends and family! There will also be hand out flyers in the Gathering Space.

### Tenebrae Service

A Service in Darkness.  
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## Holy Week Information

### Lent – Easter Offering

Our offering this year will be split three ways:

#### SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

Offering will go toward the Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build, which will be held in October 2026.

#### 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 needs 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, church offices are closed Good Friday.

#### Hours:

Palm Sunday: 8 am—12 pm                      Wednesday: All Day  
Monday: 8 am—2 pm                              Thursday: 8 am—2 pm  
Tuesday: 8 am—2 pm                              Easter: 8 am—12 pm



### Easter Egg Hunt

Don't forget this Saturday April 4th at 1:00 pm Vermont Street UMC will be hosting our annual Easter Egg hunt!

Hop on over and have a egg-cellent time!  
Don't forget the Easter Bunny will be here!

In the event of inclement weather, we will move the event inside to Fellowship Hall

