



May, 2026

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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
 818 Vermont St.
 Quincy, IL 62301**

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

Pastor's Corner



Sandra Sony, a graduate of Africa University who comes to us from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, is an MDiv student at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston. Her journey of faith has been deeply shaped by her upbringings and life experiences, especially the loss of her father which drew her closer to God and strengthened her desire to grow spiritually and to serve God's people. She is excited to be part of our community and looks forward to growing, serving, and connecting with you all. She also speaks 5 languages so she is bound to know yours!

Sandra will be joining us as an intern for 10 weeks this summer, beginning the last week of May. She will be focusing on children and youth ministry and neighborhood ministry, but you will see her active in many areas of congregational life. She will be living with Chris and Kim Larson, but I encourage you to consider inviting Sandra for dinner or coffee and getting to know and welcoming her to our church family! Sandra is coming to us without transportation. If you would be willing assist with her transportation on occasion, please let Pastor Rachel or the church office know.

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May 2026

May Birthdays

5	Phoebe Fierge	24	Steve Prater
10	Wyverne Penn	26	Vi Smoot
12	Linda Groves	28	Kent Stevenson
12	Wes Lindgren	29	Suzi Duker
16	Justin Barnes	29	Lee Hanlin
17	John Groves	30	Kim Larson
21	Beth Buckley	30	Ramona Larner
22	Ezra Gittings	31	Stephanie Alvord

May Anniversaries

5/14/2016	Luke & Emily Gittings
5/23/1986	John & Linda Groves



Leadership Board Meeting Notes

Leadership Board members for 2026 are:
 Dikki Andrews Fae Jones
 Brad Billings John Kissick
 Julie Brink Gary Livesay

Cathy Staff (chair)
 Clif Weisinger
 John Wooleyhan



Pastor Rachel Stockle
 Marian Sorenson serves as secretary

A. Parking Lot (716 Vermont)

The Board approved a motion not to sell the west parking lot at this time. It was suggested to contact Sunset Apartments about sharing the cost of maintain the parking lot as their employees park there. Discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

B. Phones

Quotes for a new phone service was received from Adams and from United Systems. Since the United Systems bid needs clarification, no action was taken.

C. Paid Leave Policy

The Paid Leave Policy was approved.

D. UWF

An email was received from Susan Kissick, president of UWF, which informed the Board that the rummage sale will not occur this year. Since no fundraisers are going to be held, the cost for items / events paid for by UWF (i.e. funeral luncheons) will have to come from other sources. Susan Kissick is working with Ian Mehaffy to determine other sources of funding.

E. Trespass Letter of Consent

The Quincy Police are reinstating their Trespassing Program. Completing the form and posting a No Trespassing sign are requirements. Pastor Rachel is uncomfortable posting the sign and wondered if there was other wording that could be used. She is going to check with QPD. She will email the Board with information she learns.

Church Goals

Implement aspects of the marketing plan *(Brad Billings, Julie Brink, Cathy Staff)*

No update

Expand cooperative UMC ministry work to increase visibility in the community

(Fae Jones, Gary Livesay, Rachel Stockle)

Upcoming Events: Dogwood Parade / Church in the Park / Vacation Bible School

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

No update

Leadership Board Goals

1. Restructuring of Sunday Steward position *(John Kissick, Clif Weisinger)*

Work is progressing

2. Vision of potential building use i.e. preschool rooms *(Dikki Andrews)*

No update

3. Enhance and maintain communication between the Leadership Board, committees, and the congregation. *(Pastor Rachel, Cathy Staff)*

No update



					1.	2. <u>Dogwood Parade</u>
3. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship	4. 9:30 am—Care Team 6:00 pm— Building & Grounds	5. 9:30 am—Quilters 9:30 am—Staff Meeting	6. 10 am—Coffee & Conversation 5 pm— Bible Study 6pm— Bell Choir 7pm— Chancel Choir	7.	8.	9.
10. <u>Mothers Day</u> 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship <i>Sebastian Manning Concert At 7:30 pm</i>	11. 9:30 am—Care Team 5:30 pm—Missions & Health 6:00 pm—Discipleship Team	12. 9:30 am—Quilters 6:00 pm—WOW @ Sprouts	13. 4:45pm—Praise Band 5 pm— Bible Study 5 pm—VBS Meeting 6pm— Bell Choir 7pm— Chancel Choir Bright Start Preschool Graduation - 9:30 am At Upper Moorman Park	14.	15.	16.
17. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship	18. 9:30 am—Care Team 6:15 pm—Leadership Board	19. 9:30 am—Quilters 5:30pm Evangelism and Community connection Team & Fun and Fellowship 7:00pm—Cooperative Ministries	20. 4:45pm—Praise Band 5 pm— Bible Study 6pm— Bell Choir 7pm— Chancel Choir	21.	22.	23.
24. <u>Pentecost</u> 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship	25. <u>Memorial Day</u> Church Offices are Closed	26. 9:30 am—Quilters 9:30 am—Care team VIEWS ARTICLES DUE	27. 10 am - UWF 4:45pm—Praise Band 5 pm— Bible Study	28.	29.	30.
31. <u>Peace With Justice</u> <i>Graduate Recognition</i> 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship 5-7 pm Neighborhood Meal			Notable Dates: • June 4th-6th - Annual Conference • June 7th-11th - VBS at Vermont Street UMC			

Dogwood Parade

This past Sunday, May 2nd. Vermont Street UMC was joined by Union UMC and Melrose Chapel UMC for the Dogwood Parade!

We had a blast! Handing out candy, flyers for VBS in June, and sharing in joint fellowship. Thank you to everyone that joined us from donating candy to being in the parade.



Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is June 7-11, 2026. Kids in kindergarten through fifth grade are invited to step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, we'll plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. We'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, our creator, a safe place in life's storms.

You can register here: [Vacation Bible School Tickets, Sunday, June 7 • 5:30 PM - 8 PM | Eventbrite](#) or scan the QR Code!

VBS
June 7-11
6-8 pm
Free Dinner @ 5:30 pm



Scan to register.



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Greeters Information

If you have shown interest in being a greeter for either the 9am or 11 am Worship Service, please email the church office at Office@VSUMC.org or call Christina at the office at 217-222-7468 with how many Sundays and the time you'd like to be a greeter.



Jim Venus Update

For those of you who recall our friend Jim Venus, Jim is currently in Decatur, IL and would love to hear from you. His address is: c/o Decatur Transitional Housing Complex PO Box 3332 Decatur, IL 62524. His phone is 217-521-5940.

Flower of the Month—May

*May flowers are
The Lilly of the Valley
&
Hawthorn*



Greeters & Ushers Schedule

June Communion Schedule

9am Clif & Karen Weisinger
11am Luke & Emily Gittings

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

May Clif Weisinger & Dave Brown
June Kelly & Ryan McElroy

11 am Ushers

May 5th Don Larson
May 10th Jim Weede
May 17th Justin & Nathalie Messan
May 24th Maxine Paluska & Pixie Sharkey
May 31st Don Larson

Gathering Place Hosts

May 3rd Beth Buckley
May 10th Mark & Pat Davis
May 17th Carol Gilliland & Ester Strosaker
May 24th Maxine Paluska
May 31st Graduation Reception



Worship Attendance

April 2026

	9 am	10 am	11 am	Total
5th	125	-	44	169
12th		88		88
19th	66	-	42	108
26th	60	-	31	91

Budget Fund Cash Flow Brief

	Month	Annual (YTD)
CASH IN		
Giving	28,627.50	101,236.64
Loose Plate	214.00	385.00
Other	15,000.00	15,000.00
CASH OUT	(43,366.28)	(137,419.38)
	\$ 475.22	\$ (20,797.74)

Neighborhood Cookout

Sunday, May 31st from 5-7 pm we will be having a cookout on the east parking lot for our neighborhood Family. Everyone is invited.

Faith and Freedom 10 am Worship Service

On Sunday July 5th, 2026 there will be one worship service at 10 am.



WOW Information

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, at Sprouts at 6:00. Our project for this month will be financial assistance for a family with a disabled daughter. Hayden was severely injured in an accident last year. The parents are totally responsible for her care. I can tell you more about this worthy family at the meeting. Hope to see you there for fun and fellowship. - Karen



Annual Conference

Pastor Rachel, Pastor Annelle, Elise Lindgren, Sandra Sony, and Grace Messan, will be at Annual Conference on these dates.

June 4th—June 6th.

If you have any questions or concerns during this time, please reach out to the church office or text Pastor Rachel, 217-710-2899, she will return calls as available. Thank you!



Graduation Information

We will be recognizing our high school graduates on Sunday May 31st. Our Graduates for the year of 2026 are:

Katelin Barnes and Elise Lindgren
Congratulations Graduates!



Other Upcoming Dates

- May 10th—Mothers Day
- May 10th—Sebastian Manning Concert
- May 13th—Bright Start Preschool Graduation
- May 24th—Pentecost
- May 31st—Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 31st—5-7pm Neighborhood Meal (cookout)
- June 4th—6th—Annual Conference
- June 7th—11th—Vacation Bible School



Bright Start Graduation

Bright start preschool will be having their final graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 13th at 9:45 am. It will be held at Upper Morman Park at the large shelter house. Everyone is invited; and we encourage you to arrive by 9:30am. If there is inclement weather, the graduation ceremony will be held at the same time but located in the Sanctuary at Vermont Street UMC. The church's offices will be closed that morning as the church staff will be attending the ceremony. Thank you for your understanding.



Sebastian Manning Concert

The Quincy Civic Music Association has announced a special free bonus concert on Sunday, May 10, at Vermont Street Methodist Church. Doors will open at 7 p.m., with the performance beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event is open to the public at no cost.



This special performance will feature Sebastian Craciun Manning & Friends, an exceptional group of young string musicians: Sebastian Manning, violin (Quincy, IL), Romeo Vashishth, violin (Evanston, IL) Neena Agrawal, viola (Chicago, IL), Callia Murray, viola (Vernon Hills, IL)

We invite everyone to come!

Link to article the information can be found.

<https://muddyrivernews.com/communities/illinois/quincy-civic-music-association-to-present-free-bonus-concert-featuring-sebastian-craciun-manning-and-friends-may-10/20260503061000/>

Local Graduation Dates

- Quincy Senior High— Sunday, May 17th
- Quincy Notre Dame— Sunday, May 17th
- Quincy University— Saturday, May 16th
- John Wood CC— Friday, May 15th

