



Thursday Connection

Building the Community,
One light at a Time.



Calendar of Events

- **Saturday, August 1st**
8 am – 11 am - Back to school Fair at Iles Elementary
- **Sunday, August 2nd**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am – Connection Worship
- **Monday, August 3rd**
9 am – Care Team
5:30 pm – Evangelism and Fun & Fellowship
- **Tuesday, August 4th**
9:30 am Quilters
- **Wednesday, August 5th**
10 am – Coffee & Conversation
4:45 pm – Praise Team
- **Saturday, August 8th**
4-7 pm – Union UMC Ice cream social
- **Sunday, August 9th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am – Connection Worship
1 pm - Swim Party at Spring Lake

Sunday Information: Sunday, August 2nd

9 am Ushers:

Brad Billings & John Staff

9 am Communion:

Jim & Elaine Sours

11 am Ushers:

Don Larson

11 am Communion:

Kim & Chris Larson

Gathering Space Host:

Kim & Chris Larson

Name Tags

Please wear your name tags! If you need a new one, please let the Church office know!

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

Sunday Worship

Worship Service:

9 am and 11 am

Scripture:

Exodus 6: 1-8 & Exodus 11: 4-8

Sermon Title:

“Then You Shall Know”

Children & Youth Swim Party

When: Sunday, August 9th

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Where: Spring Lake Country Club

Sunday!

Time: Meet at Spring Lake at 1 PM

If you need a ride, let Pastor Rachel or Sandra know by August 6th. We say, “Children & Youth,” but the whole family is invited, and we aren’t checking the ages of some “big kids” who want to join us!

Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 9th, we will bless the backpacks of the children at Vermont Street United Methodist Church. Please bring your backpack to church for worship that day.

Calling all Grandparents, Parents, & Teachers

After many years, Bright Start Ministries has closed its doors, leaving behind a treasure trove of books, activities, supplies, furniture, and so much more. We would love to see these amazing learning resources be given a second chance. If you are interested, don't hesitate to contact the church office to set up a time to come shop. Tell your friends!

Flower of the Month: August

August Flowers are
Poppies and Gladiolas



Church Offices Closed

Due to vacation days overlapping, everyone is out of the office on Friday, August 14. The Church offices will be closed. We will be open Thursday, August 13, and Monday, August 17. Thank you for your understanding.

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.

August Birthdays

2	Emma Staff
4	Chris Hyslop
6	Jessica Koscielski
6	Esther Strosaker
7	Barbra Fry
8	Donald Smith
8	Darrin Fierge
9	Boniface Messan
11	Andrew Brown
12	Jan Quintero
12	Gwynn Eadie
14	Leah Hanlin
16	Shirley Tode
16	Nadya Hayth
17	Andrew Sloan
18	Ron Howell
21	John Duker
27	Randy Fierge

August Anniversaries

4	Don & Sue Altheide
14	Hubert & Debbie Staff
15	Brad & Bonnie Billings
17	Wyverne & Bernita Penn
21	John & Candy Scott
26	John & Rhonda Basinger
29	Bill & Linda Dean

Upcoming Dates

Aug 9

- Blessing of the Backpacks
- Swim Day at Spring Lake Country Club
- Sandra's last day at VSUMC

August 14

- First day of QPS School
- Christina out of the office.

Sept 13

- Grandparents' Day



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SERVE.



LOVE.



REPEAT.

College Student Information

Help the church family stay in touch with our college students. If you have someone in your family starting this exciting chapter of their lives, or continuing the journey. Please make sure we have their new address and information so we can continue to support them.

Confirmation

We will be having a confirmation class this fall. This is for young people to consider the faith they have been taught, claim it for themselves, and take on the joys and opportunities of church membership. The class will be open to youth from grades six and up.

Please contact pastor Rachel if you are interested.

Share the Love - Food Pantries

Please help us continue sharing God's love, along with food and hygiene supplies, with our friends and neighbors by taking 1-2 items from the shelves outside the office and placing them in our mini-pantries.

These are purchased with Your financial donations.

Thank you for being so supportive!

When shopping, remember that school is out for the summer!





Back-to-school blessing

Bless my paper and my pen.
Guide my spirit deep within.
Help me think and help me play,
This whole school year, day by day.

As I move from class to class,
Guide my footsteps; clear my path.
Keep my tongue to speak your words.
Let your will for me be heard.

In every subject high or low,
May God's excellence be shown!
Keep me strong to reach the prize,
To grow in grace, becoming wise.

Whether far from home or near,
May I hold God's precepts dear.
To do my best at every task;
For this blessing, I do ask.

Help my family be a part
As I lift my mind and heart.
As I study, work, and pray,
Be with them throughout the day.

Of whom much is given, much is required.
May learning be your greatest desire!

by the Rev. Marilyn E. Thornton
<https://www.umc.org/en/content/united-methodist-back-to-school-blessing>



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