



Thursday

Connection

Building the Community,
One light at a Time.



Calendar of Events

- **Friday, July 17th**
5:00 pm - Wedding rehearsal
Hannah Connolly & Brodie Eddington
- **Saturday, July 18th**
3:00 pm – Wedding
- **Sunday, July 19th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am – Connection Worship
5-7 pm - Neighborhood Dinner
- **Monday, July 20th**
9 am – Care Team
- **Tuesday, July 21st**
9:30 am Quilters
7:00 pm - Cooperative ministries
- **Wednesday, July 22nd**
4:45 pm – Praise Team
- **Sunday, July 26th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am – Connection Worship

Sunday Information Sunday, July 15

9 am Ushers:

Don Althide & Travis Brown

11 am Ushers:

Justin & Nathalie Messan

Gathering Space Host:

Beth Buckley

Name Tags

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

Flower of the Month July



July flowers are the
Water lily and Delphinium

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

Sunday Worship

Worship Service:

9 am and 11 am

Scripture:

John 20: 19-29

Sermon Title:

“Peace Behind Closed Doors”

By Sandra Sony will be preaching

Neighborhood Dinner

This Sunday, July 19th, from 5-7 pm,
we will be having a dinner in the east parking lot for our
neighborhood family.

We need desserts! Finger foods, such as brownies or
cookies. We are also in need of another grill and
someone to grill.

Everyone is invited!

Children & Youth Swim Party

When: Sunday, July 12th,

Where: Spring Lake Country Club

Time: Meet at Spring Lake at 1 PM

If you need a ride, 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!

***Sign up at church or by calling or emailing the church
office, Pastor Rachel, or Sandra.***

Mid-Year Giving Statements

Mid-year Giving Statements have been mailed out.
Please keep an eye out for them. Any memorials made in
June may not be on your 6/30 giving statement; all
memorials made as of 6/30 have been posted to your
account as of 7/15. Sorry for any inconvenience. If you have
any questions, please contact the church offices. Thank you.

Calling all Grandmas, Moms, Teachers, and more!

After Many years, the 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. Tell your friends!

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.

July Birthdays

2	Elaine Sours
4	Betty House
4	David Self
5	Elise Lindgren
6	Sue Wiseman
9	Debra Wellborn
11	Laura Ehrhart
12	Kae Blecha
13	Sharon Duesterhaus
14	Richard Ehrhart
16	Ryan Fierge
17	Brock Penn
17	Adelyn Penn
19	Karen Weisinger
20	Sissy Speak
22	Alex Hanlin
23	Rick Parise
24	Luke Gittings
25	Harold Hyslop
26	Nathalie Messan
27	Dan Hayden
27	Erin Fierge
27	Rev. Rachel Stockle
28	Pat Dillion
29	Kathy Emerick
29	Ellen McIntyre

July Anniversaries

24	Chick & Diane Sloan
26	Jim & Karen Weede

Upcoming Dates

- June 28**
 – Children and Youth Picnic
- July 12**
 – Swim Party – 1pm
- July 19**
 - Neighborhood Dinner
 5-7 pm
- Aug 9**
 - Blessing of the Backpacks
- Sept 13**
 - Grandparents’ Day

Back to School Backpacks Collection

The annual Back to School Fair at Iles Elementary is to be held on
August 1, 2026, from 8 am to 11 am.
The deadline for donating items to the church is July 26th

Our help is needed in providing school supplies and backpacks for Jr and Sr High students. Below is the list of school supplies needed.

These
Supplies
Only!

Junior High/High School

- 2 binders (3")
- 10 mechanical or wooden pencils (#2)
 - 6 blue or black pens
- 3 composition notebooks
 - 3 two-pocket folders
- 2 wide-tip dry-erase markers
 - (Expo brand preferred.)
- 1 pack of Crayola colored pencils
 - 1 pack of loose-leaf paper
 - 1 zippered pencil pouch
- Corded headphones/earbuds



School Supplies!

20 backpacks have been purchased by the Committee. You may donate towards the cost of backpacks for school supplies, and the committee will shop for you.

Food Pantry Requests – Share the Love

We have received some requests for our food pantries. Silverware that is wrapped in plastic and hand wipes. Silverware is common in fast food and takeout orders. If you have extras at home or don’t use them, please consider donating them to our food pantry.

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 items are purchased with your financial donations. Thank you for being so supportive.



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