



Thursday

Connection

Building the Community,
One light at a Time.

Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, August 23rd**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am - Connection Worship
- **Monday, August 24th**
9 am – 4 pm Clergy Consultations
9 am – Care Team
- **Tuesday, August 25th**
9:30 am Quilters
- **Wednesday, August 26th**
7 pm – Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, August 27th**
4:45 pm – Praise Team
- **Sunday, August 30th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am – Connection Worship
5-7 pm – Neighborhood Meal

Sunday Information:

Sunday, August 23rd

9 am Ushers:

Brad Billings & John Staff

11 am Ushers:

Maxine Paluska

Gathering Space Host:

Charlie & Fae Jones

Name Tags

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

Neighborhood Dinner

Sunday, August 30th
from 5- 7 p.m.

We will be having a dinner in the east parking lot for our neighborhood Family.

Everyone is invited!

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

Sunday Worship

Worship Service:

9 am and 11 am

Scripture:

Matthew 14: 22-33

Message:

“Jesus, IF it’s You”

Carl Rylander’s Funeral Information

Visitation

Friday, August 21, 2026, from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Vermont Street United Methodist Church

Service

Friday, August 21, 2026, 11:00 AM at Vermont Street UMC

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.

Rivers of Life Clergy Band Concert

Rivers of Life Clergy Band Concert to Benefit
Sleep in Heavenly Peace on October 4th.

Mark your calendars to enjoy an evening of great music while supporting an equally great cause! Vermont Street UMC proudly presents the Rivers of Life Clergy Band in concert on Sunday, October 2nd at 6 PM. Proceeds from this concert will be donated to Sleep In Heavenly Peace, the charity that builds beds for children who have no beds.

The Rivers of Life Clergy Band has been presenting benefit concerts throughout the state of Illinois for the past 18 years. Composed of five Methodist pastors, the Band presents a varied mix of Christian music which includes contemporary, gospel, and hymns. Members of the group include Vermont Street’s own Pastor Annelle along with Dan Perry, Joe Scheets, Tim Pate, and Mark Doane.

Join us for a lively, fun-filled evening of music and, oh yes, bring along your checkbook to help build some beds for deserving children!



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

Flower of the Month: August

August Flowers are:
Poppies and Gladiolas



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!

Gathering Space Hosts

We owe a huge thanks to the following
Gathering Place Hosts for the past year:

**Beth Buckley, Mark / Pat Davis, Carol Gilliland,
Charlie & Fae Jones, Chris & Kim Larson,
Maxine Paluska, Esther Strosaker,
and Alan & Judy VanDeBoe.**

This faithful group has filled a special volunteer
spot that we all enjoy on Sunday mornings.

Now it is time to fill a new schedule for a year
that will begin in September.

As of now, we do not have enough people to fill 52 weeks, so
please consider talking with Suzi Duker or any current servers to
find out just how easy this task is!

Typically, people have worked 4-5 Sundays a year, and the group
is very good about trading days when conflicts arise. You do not
have to provide anything; just set up before 10:00 and clean up
at 11:00. Often, two friends work together to fill a slot.

Please consider joining this mission.

You are needed if we are to continue as we currently do.
Thanks in advance!

Confirmation Class

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.

