



Thursday Connection

*Building the Community,
One light at a Time.*

Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, August 30th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am - Connection Worship
5-7 pm - Neighborhood Meal
- **Monday, August 31st**
9 am - Care Team
- **Tuesday, September 1st**
9:30 am Quilters
- **Wednesday, September 2nd**
10 am - Coffee & Conversation
7 pm - Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, September 3rd**
4:45 pm - Praise Team
- **Sunday, September 6th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am - Connection Worship

Sunday Information:

Sunday, August 30th

9 am Ushers:

Brad Billings & John Staff

11 am Ushers:

Don Larson

Gathering Space Host:

Maxine Paluska

Name Tags

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

Altar Flowers

The 2026 flower sign-up sheet is available in the Gathering Space

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

Sunday Worship

Worship Service:

9 am and 11 am

Scripture:

Exodus 16: 2-3, 9-26 & Exodus 17: 1 - 7

Message:

"Into the Unknown."

Neighborhood Dinner - HELP WANTED

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

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

We need your help!

4 pm - Set up

5 pm - Serve Dinner

6:30 pm - Clean up

Some of our usual helpers are unavailable this weekend. Please consider stepping in to take their place!

Everyone is invited!

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.

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!

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.

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!

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!

**We have had requests for wet wipes and individually wrapped
silverware!**

