

Vermont Street Views

September, 2026

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Pastor’s Corner

As the calendar turns to September and the schedule starts to fill back up with Bible Study, Choir, Confirmation and a host of other activities, it reminds me to be grateful for the volunteers here at Vermont Street that keep the wheels moving.

Do you realize how many volunteers it takes to get us through the week? We have hospital visitors, the care team, gathering space hosts, communion stewards, ushers, greeters, musicians, and offering counters. We have folks who shop for and/or fill the food pantries and who donate and/or organize other supplies. We have a volunteer who keeps the pew racks filled and another who takes care of altar flowers. There are folks who serve on church committees or represent us to community organizations.

Each and every event requires helpers and it would be impossible to keep track of everyone who serves meals, bakes pies, moves chairs, and a whole host of other tasks. There is very little I or our staff can do without assistance. We count on each of you for whatever you can do.

So let me take this opportunity to say, “Thank you!” We couldn’t do what we do or be who we are without your service. You might think no one notices your hard work, but we do!

Thanks for all you do!
Pastor Rachel

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September Birthdays

3	Frances Koeller
6	Laela Hernandez-Jones
15	Cody Stephenson
17	Rob Hernandez
19	Katelin Barnes
21	Brianna Barnes
25	Norma Crossland
25	Paul Koscielski
26	Sally Doris
29	Susan Kissick
29	Pixie Sharkey

September Anniversaries

10	Patrick & Stephenie Sloan
17	John & Cathy Staff
18	Justin & Samantha Barnes
25	Lou & Jan Quintero



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

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Rev. Annelle Ruemmler,
Director of Praise Team

LEADERSHIP BOARD NOTES

Church Goals:

- 1. Implement aspects of the marketing plan (Brad Billings, Julie Brink, Cathy Staff) *no report*
- 2. Expand cooperative UMC ministry work to increase visibility in the community (Fae Jones, Gary Livesay, Rachel Stockle) *no report*
- 3. Determine the best way to increase children and youth ministry (Dikki Andrews, Fae Jones)
 - *Youth group plans for the year include one service event, one fun event and two devotional meetings each month; youth are encouraged to bring friends.*
 - *Work continues to find Sunday School teachers. Youth group is hoping to help work with Sunday School classes.*

Leadership Board Goals

- 1. Restructuring of Sunday Steward position (John Kissick, Clif Weisinger) *no report*
 - 2. Vision of potential building use i.e. preschool rooms (Dikki Andrews)
 - *Short-term / emergency day care for foster children is still being considered as an option for some of the former preschool rooms. Many questions need to be asked and answered about how this concept would work.*
 - *Javaux Music Studio will continue to use one room and the Fellowship Hall for their weekly group lessons.*
 - *The Quilters will moved to one of the available rooms.*
 - 3. Enhance and maintain communication between the Leadership Board, committees, and the congregation. (Pastor Rachel, Cathy Staff) Ongoing.
- Consent Calendar** The items from the Consent Calendar were approved (motion: Billings / Jones) Minutes from July 2026 Abbreviated Finance Report.
- Generative and Strategic Work**
- A. Chiller Update Peters Heating and Air determined there was a part burned out and when that part is replaced the chiller can be checked to determine its condition. The part has been ordered and will be installed soon.
 - B. Consecration Sunday Consecration Sunday will be scheduled for a Sunday in November.
 - C. Fall Leadership Board Retreat - Pastor Rachel is working on details.

Pastor’s Report

Confirmation classes will be scheduled for this fall in conjunction with Union UMC. A list of potential young people is being compiled.

Adjournment: The meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm



		1.	2. 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir	3. 4:45 pm – Praise Band	4.	5.
6. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship	7. <i>Church Closed For Labor Day</i>	8. 9:00 am—Quilters 9:30 am - Staff Meeting 6 pm – Wow @ Sprouts	9. 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir	10. 4:45 pm – Praise Band QHS Homecoming Parade 6:30 pm	11.	12.
13. Grandparents’ Day 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship Chaddock Rose Tea at 2 pm	14. 9:00 am Care Team 3:00 pm – Worship Team 5:30 pm Missions & Health Team 6:30 pm Discipleship Team	15. 7:00 pm – Cooperative ministries	16. 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir	17. 4:45 pm – Praise Band	18.	19. Bands and BBQ 3-7:30 pm At Washington Park
20. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship Norma Crossland’s 100 th Birthday Celebration 4-6 pm – Church Picnic	21. 9:00 am Care Team	22. 9:00 am—Quilters	23. 10 am – UWF Meeting 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir Hosting District Meet & Greet 10 am - 1130 am	24. 4:45 pm – Praise Band	25.	26.
27. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship	28. 9:00 am Care Team 6:15 pm – Leadership Board	28. 9:00 am—Quilters	29. 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir			

Hospitalizations

If you are admitted to the hospital, during the admission process please indicate that you are with VSUMC so we see your name on our list.

If you know of someone from the church family who is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Rachel. Pastor Rachel would rather get a dozen notifications about one person being hospitalized, than not get any! Please help us stay up to date!

Chaddock Rose Tea

The Annual Chaddock Rose Tea is back!

This year, Chaddock is hosting a spectacular event under the big white tent on their front lawn. Enjoy delightful food and tea as we come together to celebrate the incredible supporters and donors who champion Chaddock's mission.

Wear your Sunday best and join us for an unforgettable afternoon.

Sunday September 13th, from 2-4 pm.

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!

Other Upcoming Dates

Sept 9th—Bible study starts

Sept 20th— 4-6 pm Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park

Sept 20th— Norma Crossland's 100th birthday

Oct 4th— Rivers of Life Clergy Band Concert at 6 pm

Oct 11th—1:30 pm Charge Conference at Melrose Chapel UMC

Oct 17th—Sleep in Heavenly Peace at Melrose Chapel UMC

Oct 26th—Trunk or Treat at Melrose Chapel UMC

Nov 1st— All Saints Service



Flower of the Month – September

Aster and Morning Glory



Security Door Questions or Help

Christina has set aside
Monday and Tuesdays
from 10 am to 12 pm
for folks to stop by the
church office for assistance
with the security system.

WOW Information

Our next WOW meeting
will be Tuesday, Sept. 8th
at Sprouts at 6:00.

Our project will be
collecting money for The
Human society.

Hope to see you there.

RSVP Karen Weisinger
at 217- 653-3690.

Greeters & Ushers Schedule

September Schedule

9 am Ushers September

John & Candy Staff

11 am Ushers

September 6th

Don Larson

September 13th

Don Larson

September 20th

Justin & Nathalie Messan

September 27th

Maxine Paluska

September Communion Schedule

9:00 am Brad Billings &
Diana Calvert

11:00 am— Dikki Andrews
& Grace Messan

Gathering Place Hosts

September 6th:

Alan & Judy VanDeBoe

September 13th

Emily & Terry Lepper

September 20

Chris & Kim Larson

September 27

Suzi Duker

October 4th

Beth Buckley

Worship Attendance

August 2026

	9 am	11 am	Total
2nd	62	47	109
9th	74	42	116
16th	59	35	94
23rd	65	22	87
30th	59	53	112

Name Tags

Please wear your nametags!

If you need a new one, please
let the Church office know!

If you would like to sign up to
be an usher or greeter for the
9 am or 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 serve as a greeter.
Thank you.***



Rivers of Life Clergy Band

Vermont Street UMC proudly presents the Rivers of Life Clergy Band in concert on Sunday, October 4th 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!

Mark your calendars to enjoy an evening of great music while supporting an equally great cause!



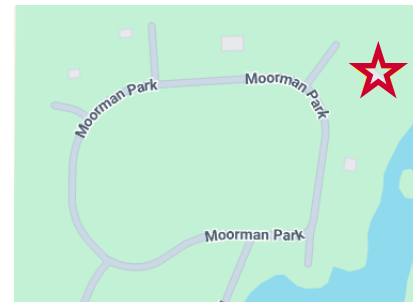
Confirmation Class

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.

Church Picnic

**The Church Picnic will be held on Sunday September 20, 2026
at the Medium Shelter House at Upper Moorman Park from 4—6 pm.**

We will provide pulled pork, chicken strips, table service, and drinks! We just ask that you bring a dish to share! If you'd like to bring a disc for frisbee golf, any yard games or lawn chairs we'd appreciate it! Upper Moorman park is also known for its walking path, mini golf, and boats.



We hope to see you there for food, fun, and merriment!
Upper Moorman park is located at 1608–1610 Moorman Park Road
(Moorman Park Drive),
Quincy, IL 62305, off North 39th Street.

Labor Day & Christina Off

The Church will be closed on Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.
Christina will also be out of the office on Monday, September 21st.

Norma Crossland's Birthday Party

On Sunday September 20th in between services, we will be celebrating Norma Crossland's 100th birthday! Plant to stay and greet Norma! A basket will be available for cards.

Newsletter Update

In October the program that we use for the Thursday connection and the Vermont Street Views will be retiring. We will be continuing to create and send the newsletters out, but they will look at little different. Please continue to send your newsletter articles to Christina at office@vsumc.org if you would like them included. Thank you!

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 but 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.

