



October 2026

Vermont Street Views



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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. Rachel Stockle, Pastor
Rev. Annelle Ruemeller, Director of Praise Team

Pastor's Corner

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6: 21

For four weeks during October and November, we will study the words of Christ from the Sermon the Mount, and in so doing consider how Christ's instructions impact how we use our earthly treasure. At the end of series, we will each be asked to prayerfully consider our financial giving to the church for the next year and be given the opportunity to turn in a commitment card.

It might seem an odd journey to move from the "Sermon on the Mount" to the "Sermon on the Amount", but our stewardship emphasis is always both an act of devotion on the part of the giver and a business plan that allows the church to set a realistic budget for the coming year.

In making a spiritual commitment to giving, we step out in faith, trusting God to meet every need and every commitment. We only know God has acted when the results are larger than we ever could have done on our own! We hope you will take a step up in your commitment this year, trusting God to lead the way!

Blessings,
Pastor Rachel

PS This series will take the place of our usual Consecration Sunday, so there will be no churchwide brunch this year!

All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday will be on Sunday, November 1, 2026. We are honoring those we have lost this year.

Patricia Smith	Peggy Morey	Ruth Bennett
Darlene Kerber	Carl Rylander	
Georgia Bunt	Rev. David Eadie	



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October Birthdays

6	Rob Davis	19	Kent Embree
8	Stephenie Sloan	19	Cathy Harbourn
8	Tim Dennis	22	Mike Crawford
10	Rusty Palauh	23	Gary Livesay
10	Paul Behrens	23	Sebby Fierge
10	Rhonda Basinger	23	John Simon
12	Linda Dean	25	Jan Cory
12	Robert Sohn	28	Kayla Crist
14	Cassidy Brown		
14	Pat Sohn		
14	Cara Simon		
15	Jean Murray		
15	Brian McIntyre		
15	Sarah McIntyre		



October Anniversaries

1	Tyler & Jamie Olson
7	Gary & Melissa Penn



Leadership Board Summary



New Copier: Bids were obtained for a new copier lease. Watts was chosen and the contract will begin in October.

VSUMC Investment Account Policy was approved.

Use of Preschool Rooms: The preschool materials have been sold, donated, or disposed. The two preschool rooms are being held for the possible use as emergency day care for foster parents. The quilters have moved to the carpeted room; Javaux Music students use the room at the other end of the hallway. The middle room will be used for storage for the food pantries. The QHS National Honor Society will be making meal kits and donating them to put in our food pantries.

Stewardship Drive: Pastor Rachel will be doing a four-week series with Stewardship Sunday on November 15.

Fall Leadership Board Retreat will be held November 7 at the Debbie Reed Center at Chaddock. Jim Sours will serve as facilitator.

Light Board: The light board has reached the end of its life. Bids have been received from GB Lighting, Sound, and AV. Accurate Home Audio will be contacted to offer another bid.

Property Deed: The new UMC Book of Discipline requires that we provide title information for each piece of property and affirm that the trust clause is written in the deed. It was approved to contact Staff & Staff Attorneys to research the deeds of church property to see if the trust clause is included.

No Trespassing Signs will be purchased to put at each east parking lot and green space entrance.

Motion Light: Rob Davis will be asked if a motion light can be added to the outside kitchen entrance.

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) no report

Leadership Board Goals:

- 1. Restructuring of Sunday Steward position (John Kissick, Clif Weisinger)
John Kissick is working to revise list of duties of the former Sunday Steward
- 2. Vision of potential building use i.e. preschool rooms (Dikki Andrews)
Dikki Andrews needs to contact the Fire Marshall to get questions answered
- 3. Enhance and maintain communication between the Leadership Board, committees, and the congregation. (Pastor Rachel, Cathy Staff) Ongoing



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4. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship Noon- Confirmation 6 pm – Rivers of Life Concert at Vermont Street UMC	5. 9:00 am Care Team	6. 9:00 am —Quilters 9:30 am - Staff Meeting 5:30 pm -Prayer Vigil at First Christian Church	7. 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation 4:45 pm – Praise Band 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir	8.	9.	10
11. 10:30 am Joint Worship at Melrose Chapel UMC 1:30 pm – Charge Conference at Melrose Chapel UMC	12. 9:00 am Care Team 5:30 pm - Community Care and Fun & Fellowship	13. 9:00 am —Quilters 6 pm – Wow @ Sprouts	14. 4:45 pm – Praise Band 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir	15.	16.	17. Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build Sanding starts at 8 am Volunteers are welcome anytime
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25. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship Noon – Confirmation	26. 9:00 am Care Team 6:15 pm Leadership Board	27. 9:00 am —Quilters	28. 4:45 pm – Praise Band 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir 10 am - UWF Meeting	29.	30.	31 Happy Halloween

“Light of the World” Bible Study

Light of the World Bible Study—Celebrating Advent Before Advent!
Four Weeks of Lively Learning Beginning November 2nd, 10:00 A.M.

Christmas—we all know the story backwards and forwards—or do we? Join Pastor Annelle as she leads us through the *Light of the World*, by renowned author, professor, and Biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine. How does the Christmas story found in Matthew differ from Luke’s version and why? How does the birth of John the Baptist relate to both the Old Testament and the birth of Jesus? Was Mary just an ordinary girl or was she a revolutionary? Were the “wise men” really wise or were they the beneficiaries of dumb luck? What’s the significance of all those angels in the Christmas story? What kind of a man was Joseph?

We’ll have a great time discussing these questions and more on four consecutive Mondays beginning on November 2nd at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Pastor Annelle and Larry Ruemmler, 2110 Aldo Boulevard. Each session will be one hour in length, but Larry and Annelle invite you to continue the discussion over a light lunch (which will no doubt include something chocolate) at their home.

The study will conclude one week before the start of Advent, so we will be ready to begin celebrating this important season! Sign up in the church gathering area outside the sanctuary or contact the church office to become a part of this new way of looking at the Christmas story.

Copies of *Light of the World* are currently available in the church office and can be purchased for \$20.00.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace
Build and Bedding Donations

Build a Bed / Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be on **October 17th** in the Melrose UMC parking lot. Sanding begins at 8 am, the build starts at 9 am and volunteers are welcome at any time.



We are collecting twin bedding outside of the chapel

Donations needed:

- Pillows
- Comforters or a Bed in a Bag
- Twin sheet sets
- Mattress Protectors

Sign up here!

<https://x.gldn.io/e/6RutbmK1S6b>

Security Door
Questions or Help

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

Worship Attendance

September 2026			
	9 am	11 am	Total
6th	55	21	76
13th	71	30	101
20th	70	31	101
25th	59	40	99

A Thank You

Thank you to my wonderful church family for the party to celebrate my 100th birthday. It was such a great day as so good to be in touch with everyone. Many good memories! It was very much appreciated.

Norma Crossland



Ushers
Schedule
November Communion
Schedule

9 am Clif & Karen Weisinger

11 am Luke & Emily Gittings

9 am Ushers

October Tim Dennis & Jim Worrell

November Dave Brown & Dave Lewis

11 am Ushers

October 4th Don Larson

October 11th Jim Worrell

October 18th Justin & Nathalie Messan

October 25th Maxine Paluska

November 1st Don Larson

Gathering Place Hosts

October 4th Beth Buckley

October 11th Join Worship Service

October 18th Maxine Paluska

October 25th

November 1st Chris & Kim Larson

Time Change

Sunday,
November 1st
don’t forget to
change your
clocks back a hour!



Staff Out of the
Office Dates

Wednesday, October 14th
Rachel and Christina are out
of the office.

Thursday, October 15th
Rachel and Christina will be
out of the office.

Friday, October 16th
Christina will be out of the
office.

Saturday, October 17th
Pastor Rachel will be
unavailable

Wednesday, October 28th
Pastor Rachel will be out of
the office.

Budget Fund Cash Flow Brief		
	Month	Annual (YTD)
CASH IN		
Giving	29,750.54	267,361.61
Loose Plate	370.76	1,937.01
Other	15,153.34	63,648.95
CASH OUT	(40,432.29)	(358,197.36)
	\$ 4,842.35	\$ (25,249.79)

Flowers of the
Month October

October Flowers are:
Marigolds and Cosmos



Joint Worship & Charge Conference

This Sunday, October 11th, at 10:30 am there will be a joint worship service at Melrose Chapel UMC.



Following worship, we will enjoy a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share. Table service and drinks will be provided. Weather permitting, worship will be outside. Remember to bring a chair!

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, October 11th at 1:30 pm at Melrose Chapel UMC.

Santa Express

Yep! It's time for Christmas!



Each year Chaddock provides Christmas for over 400 children and families in their residential, foster and adoption, and educational programs.

You can be a part of that by "adopting" a child for Christmas. The typical gift amount for each child is approximately \$200.

Pastor Rachel needs to know by Sunday, Nov 1, 2026 if you wish to adopt a child at Chaddock. Contact her at pastor@vsumc.org or 217- 222-7468, letting her know how many children you wish to adopt and if you have a preference for age or gender. Information and gift lists for each child will be available soon.

If you do not wish to adopt a child, you may give gift cards or monetary donations to be used for Santa Express. Let's help provide some love and cheer at Chaddock this year!

Other Upcoming Dates

October 11th – Joint Worship Service at Melrose Chapel at 10:30 am & Potluck

October 11th – Melrose Chapel UMC hosting our Charge Conference at 1:30 pm

October 12th – Evangelism and Fun and Fellowship meeting at 5:30 pm

October 13th – WOW @ Sprouts

October 17th – Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build at Melrose Chaple UMC

October 19th – Buildings and Grounds meeting at 6 pm

October 26th – Leadership Board Meeting

October 28th – 10 am UWF Meeting

November 1st – All Saints Sunday



United Women in Faith News



United
Women
in Faith

On Wednesday October 28 , VSUMC UWF will vote whether to continue affiliation with IGRC West District or to become a local women's group without required officers, funding, and travel. With decreased membership and fewer actively engaged UWF ladies we have discussed disaffiliation and reorganization.

Many wish to continue as we have successfully for decades, but not many are willing to assume a leadership position. We have also discussed how to best continue church related support for funeral luncheons, receptions, and kitchen oversight. Your thoughts are appreciated.

Sleep In Heavenly Peace Benefit A Success!

The Rivers of Life Clergy Band would like to thank Vermont Street UMC for hosting our benefit concert on October 4th. We had a blast playing in your beautiful sanctuary for such a great cause—"Sleep in Heavenly Peace." Thanks to the generosity of Quincy, \$2043.00 was raised! You are a blessing to your community!

Sincere thanks from Dan Perry, Joe Scheets, Mark Doane, Tim Pate, and Annelle Ruemmler.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is **Pastor Appreciation Month**. We will have a basket in the Gathering Place for your cards throughout the month. Please give our two active pastors, as well as those who are retired among our congregation, the recognition and love that they deserve.



Confirmation Class



A confirmation class **will start** on October 4th at Noon on Sundays this fall.

We will not meet on Sunday, October 11th, due to the Charge Conference.

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.