



Thursday Connection

Building the Community,
One light at a Time.

Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, October 18th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am - Connection Worship
Noon - Confirmation Class
- **Monday, October 19th**
9 am - Care Team
- **Tuesday, October 20th**
9 am - Quilters
6 pm - Wow @ Sprouts
- **Wednesday, October 21st**
4:45 pm - Praise Team
5 pm - Bible Study
6 pm - Bell Choir
7 pm - Chancel Choir
- **Sunday, October 25th**
9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am - Connection Worship
Noon - Confirmation Class

Staff Out-of-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.



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

Sunday Worship

Worship Service:

9 am and 11 am

Scripture:

Matthew 6: 19-21

Message:

“Where is your Treasure?”

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build and Bedding Donations



Build a Bed / Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be **held this Saturday, 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 donations outside of the chapel.

Donations needed:

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

Sign up here!



REGISTER TODAY!
Scan QR code

“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.

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.

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.



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October Birthdays

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

October Anniversaries

1	Tyler & Jamie Olson
7	Gary & Melissa Penn

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!

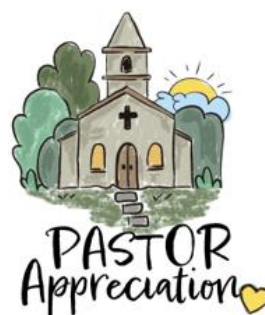
Sincere thanks from Dan Perry, Joe Scheets, Mark Doane, Tim Pate, and Annelle Ruemmler.

Chaddock Santa Express

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.

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.



Sunday

Information:

Sunday, October 18th

9 am Ushers:

Tim Dennis & Jim Worrell

11 am Ushers:

Justin & Nathalie Messan

Gathering Space

Host:

Maxine Paluska

United Women of Faith News

On Wednesday, October 28th, VSUMC UWF will vote on 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 best to continue church-related support for funeral luncheons, receptions, and kitchen oversight. Your thoughts are appreciated.

Other Upcoming Dates

October 17th—Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build at Melrose Chapel

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



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