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November Birthdays

2	Larry Embree
6	Debbie Taylor
7	Natalie Keirn
9	Sheila Stevenson
9	Darlene Kerber
12	Greta Read
13	Marvin Kerber
13	JD Speak
13	Allyson Hayden
21	John Kissick
25	Lollie Johnson
28	Don Altheide





November Anniversaries

12	Barney Bier & Debra Wellborn

VERMONT STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November
2026

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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

Thank you!
Around here, everyday seems like Pastor Appreciation, 'cause you all are wonderful to be in ministry with! But we do want to share a special thank you for your attentiveness during Pastor Appreciation. Your calls, cards, gifts, and well-wishes were truly wonderful. Thank you for taking the time to express your care. It is a blessing to be part of Vermont Street UMC!

Pastors Rachel and Annelle

10 Am Worship Service

On Sunday November 22nd, we will have ***one worship service at 10 am.***

Thanksgiving Dinner at Union UMC

Union United Methodist Church would like to invite you and your family to our

Annual Old Fashioned Turkey Dinner

At Noon on Thanksgiving Day
Please RSVP by November 19th with:
• How many people are attending
• Can you donate food—Union is asking Vermont Street UMC to bring Salads and Deserts
• Can you cook
Please Join us for some good foods and fellowship
If you'd like to help coordinate, please contact Pastor Rachel.
Sign Up Sheets are located in the Gathering Space.

Leadership Board Summary

Staff salaries for 2027 were approved

Building / Grounds Committee
The Building and Grounds Committee is asked to move quickly on the electrical needs /problems and report to the Leadership Board

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

No Trespassing signs have been purchased and will be installed at each east parking lot and green space entrance.

AED - A new battery and patches are needed. If possible, the battery will be replaced, if not, a new device will need to be purchased.

Church Goals:

1. Implement aspects of the marketing plan *(Brad Billings, Julie Brink, Cathy Staff)*
This is a work in progress and Christina continues to refine our social media presence.

2. Expand cooperative UMC ministry work to increase visibility in the community *(Fae Jones, Gary Livesay, Rachel Stockle)*
Sleep in Heavenly Peace bed build was a success.
Upcoming Events: Pastor Annelle's Advent Study
Union's Thanksgiving dinner
Each church's Advent study is open to anyone
Blue Christmas service

3. Determine the best way to increase children and youth ministry *(Dikki Andrews, Fae Jones)* **Ongoing**

Leadership Board Goals:

1. Restructuring of Sunday Steward position (John Kissick, Clif Weisinger)
John Kissick continues to talk with people about the tasks that need to be included in this position. A new name is recommended.

2. Vision of potential building use i.e. preschool rooms (Dikki Andrews)
Dikki Andrews needs to contact the Fire Marshall to get questions answered. Family Connect has a potential person to work in the foster care emergency daycare.

3. Enhance and maintain communication between the Leadership Board, committees, and the congregation. (Pastor Rachel, Cathy Staff) **Ongoing**

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1. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship Noon – Confirmation Class	**2.**	**3.** 9:30 am—Quilters 9:30 am - Staff Meeting	**4.** 10:00 am - Coffee & Conversation 4:45 pm – Praise Band 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir	**5.**	**6.**	**7.** **Leadership Board Retreat**
8. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship Noon – Confirmation Class	**9.** 9:30 am Care Team 10 am – Advent Study with Pastor Annelle 3:00 pm - Worship Team 5:30 pm Missions & Health Team 6:30 pm Discipleship Team	**10.** 9:30 am—Quilters **11:30 am - WOW @ SPROUTS**	**11.** 4:45 pm – Praise Band 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir	**12.**	**13.**	**14.**
15. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship Noon – Confirmation Class	**16.** 9:30 am Care Team 10 am – Advent Study with Pastor Annelle	**17.** 9:30 am—Quilters	**18.** UWF – 10 am 4:45 pm – Praise Band 5 pm – Bible Study 6 pm – Bell Choir 7 pm – Chancel Choir	**19.**	**20.**	**21.**
22. 10 am Worship Fannie Crosby	**23.** 9:30 am Care Team 10 am – Advent Study with Pastor Annelle 6:15 pm – Leadership Team	**24.** 9:30 am—Quilters	**25.** 4:45 pm – Praise Band 5 pm – Bible Study	**26. Thanksgiving** 12 pm: Thanksgiving dinner at Union UMC *Offices are Closed*	**27. Thanksgiving Friday** *Offices are closed*	**28.**
29. 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship	**30.** 9:30 am Care Team 10 am – Advent Study with Pastor Annelle		**Other Important Dates:** **Javaux Recitals in the Sanctuary:** Monday 11/16 and Monday 11/23 at 6:30pm			

"Light of the World" Bible Study

Our first Advent study begins this week! Monday at 10:00 A.M. at the home of Pastor Annelle and Larry Ruemmler, 2110 Aldo Boulevard. Our Study will be based on *Light of the World, which* can be purchased for $20.00.
Come to study! Stay for Lunch!

VERMONT STREET UMC TO HOST FANNY CROSBY

DURING A SPECIAL COMBINED SERVICE

We are excited to announce that Fanny Crosby, prolific hymn writer and composer of many songs found in our United Methodist hymnal, will visit Vermont Street on November 22, 2026, at 10:00 AM. Ms. Crosby will share her own, personal story with us as she reveals how she overcame blindness to become a world renowned composer.
What a great Sunday to invite a friend as we celebrate the incredible life and enduring hymns of this remarkable woman! Fanny Crosby's blind faith and poetic heart continue to inspire generations of believers around the world.

See you on NOVEMBER 22ND, ONE SERVICE, AT 10:00 A.M.

WOW @ SPROUTS Information

Ladies: Remember WOW will be Tuesday, November 10, at Sprouts. We are going to try something new at least for the winter months. We will switch to lunch instead of supper so we aren't driving in the dark ***Shall we try for 11:30 am*** and see how that works for everyone. Our project will be collecting for Chaddock Santa. The money will help the staff members do the shopping for the students. Hope you can make it, Karen

Other Upcoming Dates

November 11th – Veterans day
November 22nd – Fanny Crosby – 10 am Worship Service
November 26th -Thanksgiving Day
November 27th – Thanksgiving Friday
November 29th – First Sunday of Advent
December 1st – Organ Tuning

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

October 2026			
	9 am	11 am	Total
4th	*61*	*34*	*76*
11th Joint Worship Service	JWS	JWS	JWS
18th	*65*	*35*	*100*
25th	*54*	*42*	*106*

Flowers of the Month November

November Flowers are: Chrysanthemums and Peonies





Ushers Schedule

December Communion Schedule

9 am	Jim & Elanie Sours
11 am	Emily Lindgren & Maxine Paluska

9 am Ushers

November	Dave Brown & Dave Lewis
December	Dave Brown

11 am Ushers

November 1st	Don Larson
November 8th	
November 15th	Justin & Nathalie Messan
November 22nd	Maxine Paluska
December 6th	Don Larson

Gathering Place Hosts

November 8th	Alan & Judy VanDeBoe
November 15th	Emily & Terry Lepper
November 22nd	One Worship Service
November 29th	Beth Buckley
December 6th	Chris & Kim Larson



Thanksgiving Church Office Hours:

Wednesday, November 25th
Offices are Open 8 – 12 pm

Thursday, November 26th
Offices are closed.

Friday, November 27th
Offices are Closed

December Views

The December Views will go out on December 4th.
Please have all Information to Christina in the office before December 2nd if you'd like them to be included.

2027 Flower Chart

The flower chart for 2027 is now available on the bulletin board near the sanctuary.
If you would like to provide flowers for worship, please sign up on the appropriate date.
I will contact you the week before to verify the details.
Thank you to all who provided flowers in 2026. It truly enhances the worship experience.

Marian Sorenson

End-of-October giving statements

As the year ends, here is important information about giving and year-end giving statements. If no giving statement came with your 2027 pledge card, VSUMC has no recorded giving from you as of 10/26/26. If you believe this is an error, please call the finance office as soon as possible.

- Planning a retirement account distribution? Call your financial advisor **TODAY**. These checks can take up to a month to process.
  - To maximize your giving, see the IGRC Year-End Giving pamphlets for direct stock giving options, located in the gathering space.
- All 2026 giving must reach the finance office by 12 pm on 12/31/2026 to count toward 2026.
  - If you believe your donation will not be received by 12/31/2026, contact the finance office as soon as possible to find a solution. **I cannot retroactively add donations**.
- If you pledged in 2026, only weekly (EOG) giving counts toward your pledge. Other giving (memorials, food pantry, special Sundays, etc.) does not, but **all giving is tax-deductible.**
- Updated giving statements are available anytime by email or mail upon request.

Thank you, and please reach out with any questions,
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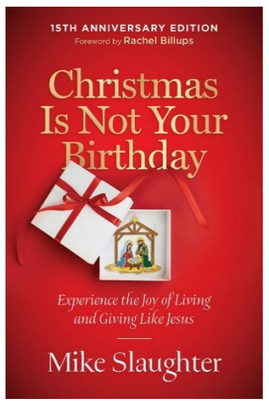
Advent Study

Advent study will begin on December . We will be reading

Christmas Is Not Your Birthday
By Mike Slaughter

Copies are $20.00 and are available from Pastor Rachel

We hope to see you there!



United Women in Faith News

United Women in Faith

What began in 1940 with Mrs. E.V. Moorman serving as president and followed by such strong leaders as Joyce Staff, Barb Wooleyhan, Pat Dillon, Karen Weede, and Diane Sloan, continues today.

VSUMC UWF elected Loretta Hyslop as 2027 president. Phyllis Self will serve as IGRC Central District delegate and UWF contact.
Other elected officers: Vice President, Fae Jones; Sue Altheide, Secretary and Karen Weede, Treasurer.

UWF will continue to oversee funeral luncheons for members and their families. We voted to continue affiliation, supporting United Women in Faith to make a difference for women, children and youth in our local hometowns and around the world.

Our new year begins January 27. Members are encouraged to offer informative programs and give mission reports. For more info, go to United Women in Faith | Love in Action and check out UWF global missions.

Please join us at 10:00 am Wed, Nov 18, for our next gathering as Jim Weede is going to present pictures of their trip to New Foundland, Greenland, and Iceland in Cafe Vermont.

December 13, 10:00 am-noon- Cookie Walk - Kathy Emerick and Barb Wooleyhan, co-chair

Unmet Needs

From July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, the Quincy Area Partnership for Unmet Needs released $44,759.20 to support individuals and families in crisis. These funds were allocated through cases presented by member agencies. Unmet Needs also supported specific community projects and miscellaneous allocations approved outside of the committee. A newly designated fund for legal immigrants into our country was created from community donations to assist parents through the legal system since they could not secure legal employment. Unmet Needs continues to oversee former Herald Whig GoodNews For Christmas and has visible presence at Back to School Fairs. There were no Disaster Funds spent this fiscal year.

Cookie Walk

The Cookie walk will take place on Sunday, December 13th between services. Baked goods are needed!