VERMONT STREET
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thursday Connection

Building the Community, One light at a Time.

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

Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, November 15th**

9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am – Connection Worship
Noon – Confirmation Class

- **Monday, November 16th**

9 am – Care Team
10 am – Advent Study at Pastor Annelle's Home

- **Tuesday, November 17th**

9 am – Quilters

- **Wednesday, November 18th**

10 am – UWF Meeting
4:45 pm – Praise Team
5 pm - Advent Study
6 pm - Bell Choir
7 pm – Chancel Choir

- **Sunday, November 22nd**

10 am – Franny Crosby Service

Flowers of the Month: November

November Flowers are:
Chrysanthemums and Peonies





Name Tags

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

10 AM Worship Service

On Sunday, November 22nd there will be only one joint worship service at 10 am.



Sunday Worship

Worship Service:
9 am and 11 am
Scripture:
Matthew 6:25-34
Message:
" Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing"

"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.

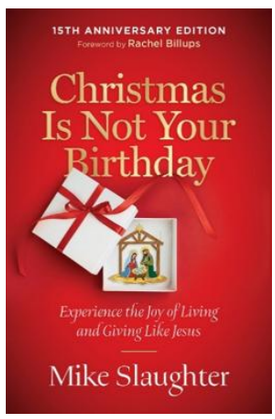
Come to study! Stay for Lunch!

Advent Study

Advent study will begin on November 18th . 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!

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.

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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November Birthdays

2	Larry Embree
6	Debbi Taylor
7	Nathale Keirn
9	Sheila Stevenson
12	Greta Read
13	Marvin Kerber
13	JD Speak
13	Allison Hayden
21	John Kissick
25	Lollie Johnson
28	Don Altheide
28	Lou Quintero Sr.

November Anniversaries

12	Barney Bier & Debra Wellborn

Sunday Information:

Sunday, November 15th

9 am Ushers:
David Brown & David Lewis

11 am Ushers:
Justin & Nathalie Messan

Gathering Space Host:
Emily & Terry Lepper



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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BusinessOffice@VSUMC.org

Love Packages

Love Packages is an organization that distributes donated Christian materials all over the world and you don't have to purchase a thing. Go through your shelves and if you have acceptable Christian materials you no longer want, drop them in the donation bin outside the Chapel through January 31st, 2027, and the Mission Team will get them to Love Packages. They accept "Something that will lead someone to faith in Christ and/or something that will disciple a believer." Specifically: Bibles, all translations (new or used); Dictionaries, Bible Dictionaries, Concordance, Commentaries; non-fiction Christian books (adult or children); Devotionals or magazines from a Christian publisher; Sunday School materials; CDs, DVDs, BluRay music or movies; Tracts; Puppets, Bible Games or Biblical Puzzles for children. They do NOT accept: VHS/Tapes/Records or 8-Track; Guideposts or *Missions* magazines; Handiwork or Busy work from Sunday School.

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