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 29th**
  First Sunday of Advent

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

- **Monday, November 30th**

9 am – Care Team

- **Tuesday, December 1st**

9 am – Quilters
9:30 am – Staff Meeting @ Pastor Annelle's House

- **Wednesday, December 2nd**

10 am – Coffee & Conversation
4:45pm – Praise Band
5 pm – Advent Study
6 pm – Bell Choir
7 pm – Chancel Choir

- **Sunday, December 6th**
  Second Sunday of Advent

9 am - Worship Service
10:15 am - Sunday School
11 am – Connection Worship
4:00 pm – Music of Christmas Concert

2027 Flower Chart

The 2027 flower chart 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



Sunday Worship

1st Sunday of Advent

Worship Service:
9 am & 11 am
Scripture:
Isaiah 2: 1 – 5 & Matthew 1: 1 - 17
Message:
"Generation to Generation:
There's Room for Every Story"

Advent Offering:

This year's Advent offering will go towards Unmet Needs, food for our outdoor food pantries and Missionary Connie Wieck.

Online Advent Calendar:

Each year it is my privilege to create an Advent Calendar to share with my congregation, as well as family and friends. Here is the link to this year's calendar. You will be able to open one door per day beginning on December 1. Blessings! Pastor Rachel

https://app.myadvent.net/calendar?id=sk25j8rhfkhftcom3vi28k5iysd06l1p

Advent Devotions:

Each week, we will be sending you an email on Saturday that will contain daily Advent devotions for **Sunday** – Saturday of the coming week. We hope you enjoy these daily readings. We do have a limited number of print copies available.

Advent Studies:

Vermont Street:
Wednesdays at 5 PM
– Christmas is not your Birthday!
Melrose Chapel:
Wednesdays at 11 AM
– The Heart that Grew Three Sizes
Union:
Wednesdays at 3 PM & 7 PM
– The Case for Christmas by Lee Strobel



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 22nd

9 am Ushers:
David Brown
& David Lewis

11 am Ushers:
Don Larson

Gathering Space Host: Beth Buckley

Flowers of the Month: November

November Flowers are:
Chrysanthemums and Peonies



Eleanor Dennis's Celebration of Life

On Friday, November 28th, we will celebrate our friend Eleanor Dennis, who passed away on Wednesday, November 18th, at Vermont Street United Methodist Church.



Service Information:

Friday, November 27

10 am – Visitation

11 am - Service

Eleanor's obituary is available on the Hansen Spears website.



Youth Group

Have you been wondering what the youth group is up to? Each month they have one service project, one fun activity, and two lesson nights at church.

For each holiday, our youth have been visiting some of our shut-ins with some sort of gift. (Pies for Thanksgiving!) On December 20, they will share lunch at church, then go Christmas Caroling. If you want to help, they are looking for Christmas cookies to share as they go along.

Other upcoming events include:

Nov 29 – Movie Night and Dec 6 – Christmas Party.

If you would like to help the youth group with snacks for their meetings or Christmas Cookies for caroling, contact Fae Jones or Emily Gittings.

You can also contribute financially to our church's youth fund to help out!

Staff Meeting

On Tuesday morning, December 1st, the offices will be closed. Staff members will be out of the office at a staff meeting off site. We will be open afterwards.

Cookie Walk

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

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