



September, 2024

# 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**

**Vermont Street  
 United Methodist Church  
 818 Vermont St.  
 Quincy, IL 62301**

217-222-7468 www.vsumc.org

Rev. Rachel Stockle, Pastor  
 Rev. Kathy Crozier, Assoc. Pastor

Deadline to submit information for the upcoming issue is the:  
23th of September.

## Pastor's Corner



### "Spirituality in Practice"

Well, hopefully I am already putting my spirituality into practice, but this is the name of a new adventure I am embarking on. On September 6, I begin an 18-month educational journey through the Academy for Spiritual Formation (a division of the Upper Room). We will gather in person three times and have two virtual sessions, as well as monthly check-ins over the next year and a half. Each session will include learning, worship, community and silence.

While I have been a part of the Academy of Spiritual formation many times, this hybrid format – meeting both in person and online – is new, for all of us who will be involved. At the same time, the daily rhythm will be the same, some of the people will be old friends, and a few of the lecturers are already familiar to me.

I don't think it is a coincidence that this experience has been abbreviated to simply "SIP". We will sip from the well of God's wisdom and goodness and be flooded by God's grace. We will quench our thirst for knowledge and be refreshed by our time apart!

I look forward to being filled to overflowing with the worship, the community, the reflection, and the rest. And, as always, I will enjoy returning and putting my spirituality into practice as part of this amazing church community!

Blessings,

Pastor Rachel

*P.S. I will be away from September 6-11, but Pastor Kathy is back with us and ready to serve!!!*

## Other Upcoming Dates

- September 8th—Back to School Party at 11:00 am after Sunday Service
- September 15th—Serve at Horizon's at 3:30 pm.
- September 19th—Watoto Choir concert at 6:30 pm
- September 22nd—All Church Picnic at Bob Mays Park from 4 to 6pm
- October 2nd—Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build
- October 19th—Fall Carnivale
- October 27th—Charge Conference at Melrose Chapel UMC
- November 11th—Bazaar



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# September Birthday and Anniversaries

### September Birthdays

- |    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| 3  | Frances Koeller       |
| 6  | Laela Hernandez-Jones |
| 12 | Deanna Freeman        |
| 13 | Ruby Ervin            |
| 13 | Kelly Kielsmeier      |
| 15 | Rosalie Jacobs        |
| 15 | Cody Stephenson       |
| 17 | Robbie Hernandez      |
| 17 | Georgia Bunt          |
| 19 | Katelin Barnes        |
| 21 | Brianna Barnes        |
| 25 | Norma Crossland       |
| 25 | Paul Koscielski       |
| 26 | Sally Dorris          |
| 29 | Susan Kissick         |
| 29 | Pixie Sharkey         |

### September Anniversaries

- |    |                           |
|----|---------------------------|
| 10 | Patrick & Stephenie Sloan |
| 11 | Randy & Dianne Hughes     |
| 13 | Curtis & Stephanie Bennet |
| 17 | John & Kathy Staff        |
| 18 | Justin & Samantha Barnes  |
| 25 | Lou & Jan Quintero        |



## Leadership Report

### Summary of the August 2024 Leadership Board Meeting

Leadership Board members for 2024 are:

Brad Billings	Fae Jones	Nancy Ogle
Luke Gittings	Susan Kissick	Jim Sours (Chair)
Lee / Leah Hanlin	Kim Larson	Clif Weisinger



Pastor Rachel Stockle  
 Marian Sorenson serves as secretary  
 Susan Kissick serves as Lay Leader

A Leadership Board planning retreat has tentatively been scheduled for November 16. Location and time to be determined. A survey will be given to the congregation and those answers will guide the work of the Board through the next year. New board members for 2025 will be invited to attend.

The radio ministry money is almost depleted. It was suggested by the family who has supported this ministry that money from the Labyrinth fund be used for this purpose. Most of the money from the Labyrinth fund honored that family. The Board approved the transfer of funds.

It was approved to use the music money in the Memorial Fund before using money from the Cory Fund to supplement the music budget, if needed.

Apportionments have increased for 2025 by \$9,244. VSUMC's contribution will be \$36,927.

The budget for Bright Start Preschool was presented. The Leadership Board approved a funding supplement of \$5000 a year as agreed to in 2023.

Consecration Sunday will be scheduled for the end of October based on the speaker's availability.

The Board approved 2025 Pastors' compensation packages which will be presented at Charge Conference.

A bid was accepted by the Building / Grounds Committee from Adams County Glass to replace the east doors. Once the east door is replaced, bids will be sought for a new elevator door. The request will be for a fiberglass door that looks like wood.

A security component will be added; we are waiting on a bid from United System.

An updated / revised bid from Adams Fiber of \$11, 932.77 was accepted to complete the internet connection in other areas of the church i.e. Fellowship Hall, Café Vermont.

Union UMC, Payson UMC, and VSUMC have joined to hold a confirmation class which will begin in September. It is for students in grades 6-12 and will meet on Sunday afternoons from 12:00 – 2:00. All three pastors will teach. A joint service of confirmation will be held at VSUMC in November.



# September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship	<b>2</b>  9am care team 9am quilters 11 am Care Vermont Sunday School Class 2:30pm Nominations	<b>3</b> <b>Bright Start First Day</b> 10am Coffee and Conversation 5pm Bible Study 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	<b>4</b> 10am Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Staff Meeting 5pm Bible Study 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	<b>5</b> 9:30am Staff Meeting	<b>6</b> <a href="#">Pastor Rachel Out of Office</a>	<b>7</b> <a href="#">Pastor Rachel Out of Office</a>
<b>8</b> 10am Sunday Service 11am Back to School Party <a href="#">Pastor Rachel Out of Office</a>	<b>9</b> 9am Care team 5:30pm Missions and Health meeting 6:30pm Discipleship Meeting <a href="#">Pastor Rachel Out of Office</a>	<b>10</b> 9am Quilters 6pm WOW at Sprouts <a href="#">Pastor Rachel Out of Office</a>	<b>11</b> 5pm Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group <a href="#">Pastor Rachel Out of Office</a>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00am UWF Hosting West District
<b>15</b> 9am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 3:30pm Serve at Horizon's	<b>16</b> 9am Care team 5:30pm Evangelism & Fun and Fellowship Meeting	<b>17</b> 9am Quilters 7pm Cooperative Ministry's at Chaddock	<b>18</b> 5pm Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	<b>19</b> 6:30pm Watoto Children's Choir	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 3pm–8pm Band & BBQ –Horizons event in Washington park
<b>22</b> 9am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 12pm–2pm Confirmation 4pm–6pm Church Picnic at Bob Mays Park	<b>23</b> 9am Care team 6:15pm Leadership Board	<b>24</b> 9am Quilters 8:30am— UWF Apple Butter	<b>25</b> 10am UWF Meeting 5pm Bible Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	<b>26</b> 12pm Preschool Board Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9am Worship 10:15 Sunday School 11am Connection Worship 12pm–2pm Confirmation	<b>30</b> 9am Care team					



## Watoto Choir

We are hosting the Watoto Choir on September 19 and need host homes for the choir members. Each host home will have one adult and either one or two children. For sleeping arrangements, ideally each needs a separate bed, but blow-up mattresses and couches are welcome options. Host homes will provide breakfast and a sack lunch.

**Host Homes are still needed!**

If you are available to serve as a host home, please contact Pastor Rachel or the church office, ASAP!



## Sunday Worship

Sunday September 15th, 2024  
*"But Then Again, I Could Be Wrong."*  
 Mark 8: 27-38

Sunday September 22nd, 2024  
*"By Design."*  
 Psalm 1, James 3: 13-4:3, 7-8a

Sunday September 29th, 2024  
*"Esther"*

## Bible Study

**Starts Wednesday  
 September 4th, 2024  
 At 5:00pm**

Wednesday Sept 4th, 2024  
 Prov 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23;  
 Ps 125 (UMH 846);  
 Jas 2:1-10(11-13),14-17;  
 Mark 7:24-37

Wednesday Sept 11th, 2024  
 Prov 1:20-33;  
 Ps 19 (UMH 750);  
 Jas 3:1-12;  
 Mark: 8:27-38

Wednesday Sept 18th, 2024  
 TBD

Wednesday Sept 25th, 2024  
 TBD

## Greeters & Ushers Schedule

### September Communion Stewards

**10am** Karen & Clif Weisinger

**Greeters Needed!**  
 Sign-up sheet is on the table in the Gathering Space!

### 9 am Greeters

1st Clif & Karen Weisinger

8th Carolyn Brown & Peggy Morey

15th Jim Worrell

22nd Jim Worrell

29th Jim Worrell

### 9 am Ushers

September John & Candy Scott

### 11 am Ushers

1st Don Larson  
 Jim Weede

8th Charlie Jones  
 Rob Hernandez

15th Justin & Nathalie Messan

22nd Maxine Paluska  
 Pixie Sharkey

29th Don Larson  
 Jim Weede

### Gathering Place Hosts

1st David & Emily Lewis

8th Colleen Anderson

15th Suzi Duker

22nd Beth Buckley

29th Alan & Judy VanDeBoe

## August

### Budget Fund Report

Income	\$40,288.31
Expenses	\$36,104.38
Difference	\$4,183.93

### Year to date 2024

YTD Income	\$207,909.58
YTD Expenses	\$248,323.43
YTD Differences	-\$40,413.85

## Communion Sign-up

Communion servers are **needed** to sign up 2024—2025. Sign up is in the Gathering Space.

Please consider helping out one Sunday of the year.

## Worship Attendance

August			
	9 am	11 am	Total
4th	76	25	101
11th	68	27	95
18th	80	18	98
25th	67	34	101

## Building and Grounds Meeting Notes

August 19, 2024

VSUMC Building and Grounds Committee

In ATTENDANCE: Dan Hayden, Pat Dillon, John Staff, Ryan Fierge, Charlie Jones, Jerry Carnivale, Alan VanDeBoe, Kelly McElroy, John Kissick

Projects: Stained glass evaluation: completed, nothing further, the church was not charged as there were no issues to address.

AD Hoc committee for doors, assessing security concerns. At the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee, THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE APPROVED THE PURCHASE OF A NEW DOOR(\$10,327) FOR THE EAST SIDE. THIS NEW DOOR CAN BE SEEN AS A BEGINNING STEP TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY OF THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE TO ASSESS BEST OPPORTUNITIES TO SECURE THE CHURCH AT TIMES WHEN THERE only a few key people inside.

The wall on the west side of the large lot @9<sup>th</sup> & Hampshire. We will get a bid on tuckpointing and repair to the wall vs. tearing down a portion of the wall.

Respectfully submitted by Dan Hayden

## Building and Tech Updates

Leadership Board and Buildings & Grounds are working on some much needed updates.

The east door (by office and preschool) will be replaced at a cost of \$10,327. This is a first step towards a security system to help keep folks in our building safer.

Internet will also be expanded to most of the facility to allow for the increase in online meetings, as well as for use by UWF, youth group, confirmation, etc. This project will cost \$11,932.77.

Future upgrades include are a new smart TV for Café Vermont, a new door at the elevator entrance, and the security system.

Updates to a building like ours are necessary but expensive. Would you prayerfully consider a special gift to the church to help pay for these upgrades? Please mark your gift clearly for building updates and send to the church or drop in the offering plate on Sunday.

Thanks you!

## Back To School Party

We still are in need of church folk to help volunteer with our Back to School party on September 8th. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space!

Please do not park at the Café Vermont Entrance on September 8th. Thank you!



  
**VERMONT STREET**  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 is hosting a  
**Back to School Party!**  
**When: September 8th**  
**Time: 11:00am**  
**Where: 818 Vermont St**  
**There will be hot dogs and homemade ice cream, tile painting, scavenger hunt, games, races, and more!**  
**Adults accompanying the children may wish to bring a lawn chair.**  
**We hope to see you there!**



## Church Picnic

The Church Picnic will be held on Sunday September 22nd, 2024 at Bob Mays Park from 4—6 pm.

We will provide pulled pork, chicken strips, table service, and drinks! We just ask that you bring a dish to share! If you'd like to bring a disc for frisbee golf, any yard games or lawn chairs we'd appreciate it! Bob Mays park is also known for its walking path!

We hope to see you there for food, fun, and merriment!

The address for Bob May's park is:  
2533 N 18th St, Quincy, IL 62305



## Horizon's Band & BBQ Event

Join us for the first ever Bands and BBQ: A Benefit for Horizons Soup Kitchen, presented by WGCA, O'Connor Financial Group, Blessing Health, Town & Country Bank and Horizons.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 21st from 3-8p as we raise awareness and funds for the Horizons Soup Kitchen. You'll enjoy live music, bbq, food and games. An afternoon for the whole family! Freewill donations will be accepted.

We can't wait to see you in Washington Park in Quincy, IL for the first ever Bands and BBQ.

**We are still in need Volunteers for this even from Vermont Street UMC**  
**There is a sign-up sheet in the Gathering space.**



## United Women in Faith News



The Fall West District Meeting will be held at Vermont Street on September 14. At 9:00 am we will serve breakfast treats and have a registration table on the main floor. Hymn sing will be at 9:45 am with the meeting starting at 10 am. We will have a Presidents and Vice Presidents group presentation and a Treasurers group presentation for the instruction of officers. There will be four speakers holding informational sessions, Climate Justice, Quanaa, Ukraine Refugees and UWF Reading Program. Watch the weekly Connection for more information. We will need volunteers to help with the breakfast and the luncheon. We will be serving vegetable beef soup, pimento cheese sandwiches and cake at a cost of \$10. Everyone is invited to attend any of the sessions.

Apple Butter will be made this month. September 23 we will wash the jars. If you have empty jars at home, pints and half-pints, bring them, along with rings and new lids. We can also use bags of sugar. Apple prep, cooking and canning will take place September 24 starting at 8:30 am. This is an important fund raiser for our local UWF so we need all the help we can get. It's an all-day project so come when you can and stay as long as you can. Bring a cutting board and your favorite knife. We will have to do more prep this year because the new electric Foley Mills need the apples to be cut into 1" pieces. Last year we just quartered them. Then September 25, we will label and box all the apple butter and put in the pantry.

The UWF Regular Monthly Meeting will be September 25 right after boxing the apple butter. The theme is "Pitchfork" and we will be talking about plans we have for the coming year. Are you wondering what that theme means? Come and we will tell you what our Pitchfork represents. We will be serving lunch.

Put on your calendar: November 2 is our annual Bazaar.



Thank you  
Chick Sloan for  
building UWF's 2  
new carts!

## Confirmation

Confirmation classes will begin in September.

We will meet Sunday at noon for lunch followed by a lesson. Confirmation will be held through November. As our young folks are preparing for church membership, please be praying for them.



## WOW Information

The next WOW meeting will be Tuesday, September 9 at Sprouts at six p.m. Our project for September is collecting bedding for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Our church will be helping to build beds in October. Please bring new twin-sized sheet sets, blankets, mattress pads, pillows and bed spreads. Thank you for being the hands of Jesus once again. Any questions, please call me.

Karen Weisinger. My phone number is 217-653-3690.

## Care Team

Your Care team likes to remember each of our church members on their birthday and anniversary. If you want to be remembered on your special day, please give your information to Christina, our church secretary. If we already have your information, expect to receive a card from us on your next special day.

Karen Weisinger

## Youth Group

Youth Group is starting next week on Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 pm. Welcome back!



## Chaddock Rose Tea

The Annual Chaddock Rose Tea is back!



This year, we're hosting a spectacular event under the big white tent on our front lawn. Enjoy delightful food and tea as we come together to celebrate the incredible supporters and donors who champion Chaddock's mission. Wear your Sunday best and join us for an unforgettable afternoon. Sunday September 8th, at 2:00 pm.

## College Student Address Updates

Help the church family stay in touch with our college students! Please make sure we have updated information so we can continue to support them! You can find a update sheet is in the Gathering Space or email Christina, our church secretary with the information.



Thank you!

## Annual Planning Retreat

In preparation for our annual planning retreat, the Leadership Board will be conducting a membership survey in October. In preparation we would like you to think about these questions:

1. What is VSUMC doing well? How are you being blessed by your participation in this congregation?
2. What do we need to be doing better? Who or What is falling between the cracks?
3. What else do we need to be doing as a congregation, for each another, for Quincy, for the Kingdom of God?

## Horizons Sunday Meal September 15th, 2024

VSUMC is scheduled to prepare and serve the Sunday evening meal at Horizons on September 15th, 2024. The work begins around 3:30 pm.

Volunteers are needed to prepare, and provide support during serving times, and help with final clean up after serving is complete.

This is an excellent way to let our light shine, so others can see our good works and give glory to God!

If you can help with this vital ministry, please contact Pastor Rachel at 217- 222-7468