

March, 2025

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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. Kathy Crozier, Assoc. Pastor
 Rev. Annelle Ruemeller, Director of Praise Team

Pastor's Corner

Our theme for this Lenten season is "Full to the Brim." Since much of Lent typically focuses on self-examination, surrender and emptying ourselves, "full to the brim" might seem out of place. How can we be full if we are emptying ourselves?

We observe Lent because we know about Easter and the Resurrection. We may be focused on the cross and suffering now, but we know what's coming. We know there is an empty tomb in our future!

Self-examination and the need to acknowledge and confess our sins is necessary, but it does not leave us empty. Our confession leaves us full of God's grace and mercy – every time!

Enter into the Lenten practices of confession and surrender and you will find God's grace, abundant and unconditional, filling you up, right to the brim, and even overflowing!

Blessings,
 Pastor Rachel

Other Upcoming Dates

- March 16—Pancake Breakfast in-between services
- March 30—One Minute Mission—Dignity Kits
- April 4 through 9 —Pastor Rachel Gone
- April 13— Palm Sunday
- April 13—Olson Baptism
- April 13—One Minute Mission—Fill Easter Eggs
- April 17—Maundy Thursday—Tenebrae Service 7pm
- April 18—Good Friday— Union UMC—5 pm
- April 19—Easter Egg Hunt—1 pm
- April 20—Easter Sunday
- April 27—Joint Sunday Service in the Park— 10 am

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March Birthdays

- 3 Don Larson
- 3 Breanne Rischar
- 4 Jana Priepot
- 7 Alyssa Livesay
- 10 Ava Barnes
- 10 Samantha Barnes
- 10 Mary Schardon
- 11 Brad Billings
- 15 Todd Buckley
- 16 Bonnie Billings
- 18 Cinda Barnes
- 18 Candy Scott
- 22 Jennifer Brown
- 24 John Staff
- 31 Carolyn Brown



March Anniversaries

- 24 Ryan & Carla Fierge
- 25 Marvin & Darlene Kerber
- 30 Terry & Jana Priepot

Lenten Information

2025 Lent Services
The Six "I Am" Statements of Jesus

Date:	Time:	Preaching:	Location:
March 9	6:30 pm	Carl Terry	First Baptist
March 16	6:30 pm	Tara Hayes	Vermont Street UMC
March 23	6:30 pm	Rachel Stockle	Union UMC
March 30	6:30 pm	Marty Pressey	Sunset Home
April 6	6:30 pm	Orville Jones	Melrose Chapel UMC
April 13	6:30 pm	Kathy Crozier	Bethel AME

Lent and Easter Offering

Throughout this season we will be receiving our Lenten offering which has been designated for United Methodist Committee on Relief Disaster Assistance fund. One hundred percent of funds given for disaster relief through UMCOR will go directly to disaster relief, as administrative costs are covered from other offerings. We've seen much about hurricanes, wildfires, floods and more the last few months. Let's do what we can to help UMCOR meet needs in those areas.

Help Wanted

We are looking for folks willing to be trained to assist with worship tech. We have some dedicated crew members, but more are needed. We would especially like to find a Praise Band "techie" who can attend Wednesday evening practice with the praise band, as well as being at our 11 AM service.

Let Pastor Rachel or Pastor Annelle know if you can help!

Pancake Breakfast

The Pancake Breakfast is this Sunday, March 16th in-between services.



Pastor Rachel Out Of the Office

Pastor Rachel will be out of the office April 4th through April 9th.

If you have any questions or concerns during this time, please reach out to Pastor Kathy, Pastor Annelle, or the Church Office. Thank you!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
2. Transfiguration Sunday 9 am Worship 10:15am Sunday School 11am Connection Worship	3. 9:30 am Care Team	4. 9:30 am Quilters 9:30 am Staff Meeting	5. Ash Wednesday 10 am—Coffee & Conversation 4:45 pm Praise Team 5 pm Lenten Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Youth Group	6.	7. World Day of Prayer 	8.
9. 1st Sunday of Lent 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship 6:30 pm Lenten Service at First Baptist Church Seligman Baptism *Daylight Savings Time Begins	10. 9:30 am Care Team 6:30 pm Discipleship Team 5:30 pm Missions & Health Team Christina out of office	11. 9:30 am Quilters 6 pm WOW at Sprouts	12. 4:45 pm Praise Team 5 pm Lenten Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7 pm Chancel Choir 7 pm Youth Group	13.	14.	15.
16. 2nd Sunday of Lent 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Vermont Street UMC *Pancake Breakfast In-between Services	17. 9:30 am Care Team 	18. 9:30 am Quilters	19. 4:45pm Praise Team 5pm Lenten Study 6pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	20. First Day of Spring 	21.	22.
23. 3rd Sunday of Lent 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Union UMC *One Minute Mission In-between Services	24. 9:30 am Care Team 6:15 pm Leadership Board	25. 9:30 am Quilters 7 pm Cooperative Ministries at Chaddock	26. 10 am UWF Meeting 4:45 pm Praise Team 5 pm Lenten Study 6 pm Bell Choir 7pm Chancel Choir 7pm Youth Group	27.	28.	29.
30. 4th Sunday of Lent UMCOR Sunday 9 am Worship 10:15 am Sunday School 11 am Connection Worship 6:30 pm Lenten Service at Sunset Home	31. 9:30 am Care Team 5:30pm Evangelism and Community connection Team 8 pm Worship Team		*Daylight Savings Time Begins 3/9/2025 Clocks Move forward one hour 	*Pancake Breakfast 3/16/2025 There will be a Pancake Breakfast in-between Services 	*One Minute Mission* 3/23/2025 Collecting and creating Personal Dignity kits 	

Bright Start Preschool News

March has been a busy month at Bright Start Preschool. Color Theory was the theme for this year's Art Day celebration on March 5. Students learned about the color wheel, warm & cool colors and color mixing. They showcased their work the next day to their families.

Before spring break, the Naughty Leprechaun made a visit to the preschool. Students went on a scavenger hunt around the church and found a pot of gold at the end!



United Women of Faith

UWF will be meeting April 23 at 10 am. Nominations for 2026 officers will be made. We will be needing a treasurer for next year.

The Festival of Quilts will be held at Cunningham Children's Home April 4-5. The auction will be in person or on-line at cunninghamhome.org

Upcoming Events:

MARCH 16 Lenten series- light refreshments by UWF at VSUMC

March 26- UWF meeting with Karen Weede's program Coptic Orthodox Church, Egypt

Plan ahead -Many people collect items, some purge. Please support church wide sale June 28 to benefit UWF mission and programs

Have a Happy & Blessed Easter



United Women in Faith

Sunday Worship

March 16 – Pancake Breakfast 2nd Sunday of Lent

Luke 13: 31-35; Psalm 27
Full to the Brim: Under God's Wing

March 23 – One Min Mission 3rd Sunday of Lent

Luke 13: 1-9; Isaiah 55: 1-9
Full to the Brim: You Are Worthy

March 30 4th Sunday of Lent

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32;
2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
Full to the Brim: Prodigal Grace

April 6 – Communion 5th Sunday of Lent

John 12: 1-8; Isaiah 43: 16-21
Full to the Brim: Brazen Acts of Beauty —Pastor Kathy

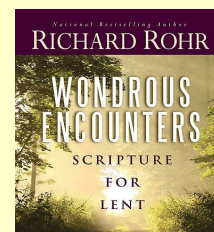
April 13 – One Minute Mission Palm Sunday

Luke 19: 28-40
Full to the Brim: Even the Stones Cry Out

April 20 – Easter

Luke 24: 1- 12
Full to the Brim: An Expansive Life

Lenten Study



Our Lenten Study book is

*Wondrous Encounters:
Scriptures for Lent*
by Richard Rohr.

Books are \$14.00

Join us on the Lenten journey for a wondrous encounter with God, ourselves and each other!

Wednesdays at 5:00 pm

Greeters & Ushers Schedule

April Communion Stewards

9am John & Susan Kissick
11am Justin & Nathalie Messan

9 am Greeters

March 16th Jim Worrell
March 23rd Jim Worrell
March 30th Jim Worrell
April 6th Jim Worrell
April 13th Jim Worrell

Easter
April 20th

9 am Ushers

April Clif Weisinger & Dave Brown

11 am Ushers

March 16 Justin & Nathalie Messan
March 23 Maxine Paluska & Pixie Sharkey
March 30th Don Larson & Jim Weede
April 6th Don Larson & Jim Weede
April 13th Charlie Jones and Rob Hernandez
Easter Justin & Nathalie Messan
April 20th

Gathering Place Hosts

March 16th Pancake Breakfast Between Services
March 23rd Kerber Anniversary
March 30th Alan & Judy VanDeBoe
April 6th Maxine Paluska
April 13th Carol Gilliland & Esther Strosaker
Easter Charlie & Fae Jones
April 20th

2024

Year to date 2024

YTD Income \$409,383.06
YTD Expenses \$427,999.52
YTD Differences **-\$18,616.46**

Greeters Sign-up

Greeters are **needed this year.** Sign up is in the Gathering Space.

Please consider helping out one Sunday of the year.

Worship Attendance

February			
	9 am	11 am	Total
2nd	76	22	106
9th	65	41	106
16th	51	35	86
23rd	65	35	100

ONE MINUTE MISSION - March 23

A quick reminder about the One Minute Mission scheduled for Sunday, March 23rd. We are continuing to accept donations of toiletry items for the Dignity Kits we will assemble on Sunday, March 23rd.

Please place those in the box outside the chapel.

Suggested items:

Shampoo	Deodorant
Conditioner	Lotion
Soap	Feminine Products
Body Wash	Disposable Razors,
Toothbrush	Wash Clothes
(Individually Wrapped)	Toothpaste



Thanks so much for your generosity in helping out our neighbors. Any and all items are appreciated.

Kerber Anniversary

To celebrate Marvin and Darlene Kerber's 74th wedding anniversary, there will be a card shower and treats between services on Sunday March 23.

Please join us in celebrating their marriage and all the years of service to our congregation and community!

Their anniversary is March 25. You may also send greetings to them at:

2401 Northridge Dr
Quincy, IL 62305

Easter Egg Hunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held **Saturday, April 19 at 1 pm.** We will have crafts and maybe even a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Can you help? We need individually wrapped candy as well as small toys and games (balls, bubbles, jump ropes, chalk). Please consider donating.

We will have a One Minute Mission between services on April 13 to fill the Easter Eggs and get them ready for the hunt!

WOW Information

WOW will be Tuesday, April 8, at Sprouts at 6:00. Our project will be collecting money to supplement our church's Lenten offerings for UMCOR. Remember, 100% of what we collect goes directly to help those in need after a disaster.

HEIFER INTERNATIONAL UPDATE:

Thank you Vermont Street friends for your generous giving of **\$2,029.27** for Heifer International as of Sunday, March 2nd. That is \$500 over the goal of \$1,500 for the Joy to the World basket (1 heifer, 4 goats, 2 sheep, and a bundle of seeds).

The additional money will pay for a pig, a water buffalo, a flock of ducks, honey bees, a Hope basket of rabbits and a flock of chickens plus some for the "where most needed fund" at Heifer.

The cherry on top is that Heifer International currently has a program through June where they match donations! Don't be concerned if you still have money saved for this project you didn't turn in yet, because you can still put it in the bucket or the offering plate (clearly marked - Heifer) and it will be included.

Your grateful friends, Henrietta, Eunice and Rosemary.



HEIFER INTERNATIONAL

Thank you to your Vermont Street friends for giving us a wonderful home while we raised fund for the Heifer Project.

With the Heifer project coming to a close, we are heading off on adventures to new homes full of love!

Rosemary D'hen and Eunice the Ewe will always be together in their forever home with Pastor Rachel.

Henretta Heifer has left us here at Vermont Street and has found a forever home with Christina's son, Wyatt. Henrietta's days are always fill with love and laughter.



Medical Equipment Donations

The three United Methodist Churches are collecting Medical Equipment.

Equipment Needed :

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Folding Walkers | Crutches |
| Canes | Wheelchairs |
| Knee Scooters | Shower Chairs |
| Hospital Beds | Orthopedic Supplies |

More Information can be found in the Gathering Space.

Must be donated by April 20th!