



Vermont Street Views

March 2020



An annual event many look forward to is the Empty Bowls meal which is a significant fundraiser for Horizons Social Services. That meal will be held on Sunday, March 1 this year, from 11 am – 1:30 pm. The location is changing! The meal will be held at the Horizons Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry, 224 S. 8th St., Quincy. The price is also changing! Rather than a set ticket cost, the meal is being offered for a donation. But the same, beautiful soup bowls, painted by students from public and parochial schools in Quincy, will still be available for all who come to eat.

But some things stay the same: Horizons will be serving the same yummy Chicken Noodle, Vegetable Beef and Bisque as we have in prior years. We will also be serving homemade desserts made by one of Horizons very own specialty bakers. An amazing selection of raffle baskets will be on display and raffled off at 1:30 PM the day of the event. Proceeds from the event will go to support the ministry and mission of Horizons Social Services... where no one leaves hungry!

**Vermont Street
United Methodist Church**

818 Vermont Quincy, IL 62301

217-222-7468 www.vsumc.org

Rev. Patty Johansen, Lead Pastor

open minds...
open hearts...
open doors...



Sunday Worship Schedule

Classic Worship 9 am

Sunday School 10 am

Contemporary Worship 11 am

Chapel Service 5:30 pm

Our mission is to love God and Share Christ, as we support each other and serve the community.

SERVING HORIZONS SUNDAY EVENING MEAL

Speaking of Horizons, our turn is coming up again to serve the evening meal on Sunday, March 15. We will need a team of 4-5 people from 3:30 – 4:45 pm to do prep and set-up work, then we will need 12-15 people from 4:45 – 7 pm to serve and clean up. This is such a significant ministry that we are able to offer, and it's a wonderful opportunity to meet people in our community who we might not ever have a chance to know otherwise.

Please let Pastor Patty know if you'd like to volunteer that day, at 222-7468 or pjohansen@adams.net.



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Next Views schedule:

Views deadline: Monday, March 16,
BY NOON

We ask that you respect the deadline and know that if you submit articles after this time your article may find its way into the following month.

Views mailed: March 24th

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	9 am	11am	Evening Chapel	Total	Sunday School
Feb 2	114	36	6	155	
Feb 9	107	61	5	173	57
Feb 16	115	53	12	180	
Feb 23					

VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

February 9am Ushers: Tony Crane, Tim Dennis, Terry Priepot, Marvin Kerber, Jay & Linda Sade
If you would like to be added to an Usher crew please contact the office or David Brown.

Communion Stewards March 1 :

(9am) John & Cara Simon

(11am) Chris & Kim Larson

Greeters:

9 am

March 1:

March 8:

March 15:

March 22:

March 29:

11 am

March 1: Maxine Paluska

March 8: Youth Group

March 15: Chris & Kim Larson

March 22: Ted & Doris Dede

March 29: Pixie Sharkey

Gathering Place:

March 1: Ruth Bennett

March 8: Ted & Doris Dede

March 15: Bruce & Shirley Tode

March 22: Randy & Jan Krutmeier

March 29: Maxine Paluska

Sunday Stewards:

March 1: Chris Larson

March 8:

March 15: Lee Hanlin

March 22: Justin Messan

March 29: Travis Brown

Liturgist

9 am

March 1: Colleen Anderson

March 8: Sherry Brothers

March 15: Deb Brown

March 22: Jean Murray

March 29: Kim Woods

11 am

March 1: Marilyn Vincent

March 8: Glory Messan

March 15: Chris Larson

March 22: Nathalie Messan

March 29: Kim Woods

ELEVATOR RENOVATION UPDATE

A date has finally been determined. Construction will begin on March 2nd leaving the elevator unusable for approximately 4 weeks. We apologize for the inconvenience that this may cause as we are unable to safely add ramps to assist with accessibility.

During this time our goal is to have the ability to view our 9 am service LIVE on our website. At the very least we will be recording each week's service and creating a sermon library on the website.

As a reminder you may also listen to our 9 am service on the radio or stream it through the link on www.vsumc.org

Budget Fund Report 2020

\$ 32,209.23	January Income
\$ 39,893.31	January Expenses
\$ -7,684.08	January Difference
\$ 32,209.23	2020 YTD Income
\$ 39,893.31	2020YTD Expense
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PORTRAIT OF JESUS

What do you think Jesus looked like when he was living on earth? For many of you, that question will immediately draw to your mind the painting *Head of Christ* by Warner Sallman. Mostly, we think of long hair, beard, long robes – often white, long tunic – often blue. Many scholars have written about what Jesus may actually have looked like in his human form. I've read things about very dark skin, dark brown eyes and hair, dirty and scruffy appearance (Remember, he was traveling around Israel those 3 years; he wasn't working out of the Jerusalem Hilton!), maybe shorter hair, maybe a beard and maybe not.

As I prepare for a Lenten worship series entitled "Portrait of Jesus" we'll be looking closely at how the gospels – primarily John's gospel – describe Jesus. But we're not going to be focusing on his physical attributes, but rather his spiritual attributes. Jesus refers to himself with some significant metaphors that help see a portrait that is more important than what he looked like. We will see into Jesus' heart, and discover what he understood himself to be, as the Son of God in human form.

I look forward to exploring these ideas with you in worship during March, as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

SUNDAY WORSHIP IN FEBRUARY

Sunday, March 1: *Portrait of Jesus: Temptation* (Matthew 4:1-11); Communion by intinction; His Connection Children's Choir will be sharing at both morning services

Sunday, March 8: *Portrait of Jesus: Light* (John 3:1-17)

Sunday, March 15: *Portrait of Jesus: Water* (John 4:5-42) Debbie Taylor preaching

Sunday, March 22: *Portrait of Jesus: Sight* (John 9:1-41)

Sunday, March 29: *Portrait of Jesus: Life* (John 11:1-45)

YOGA CLASSES FOR VSUMC FOLKS

Emely Hayth is continuing to offer yoga for folks from Vermont Street . The classes have moved to 112 N. 7th Street at the Ne Moon Movement & Meditation Studio, on Mondays & Wednesdays, at 9 a.m. and 10:30 am on Fridays.

The fee is simply a donation to support Emely's business. We are grateful for Emely's generous heart and her desire to support the physical health of Vermont Streeters.

METHODIST LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

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The **Connection Team** is needing to expand it's membership and is in need of singers (***especially women***) and instrumentalists (guitars, bass, percussion, or other instruments, who would like to join the group.

Participants must have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ that is consistent and growing through prayer, Bible reading and church fellowship. Participants must be committed attendees and givers at our church, including regular attendance at Sunday Services.

Participants must demonstrate technical competence as either a singer, musician or audio/media technician.

Singers and musicians must be comfortable on stage and expressive in their praise and worship before God.

Participants must maintain a faithful attendance record.

Singers and musicians must be committed to practicing an hour or more per week on their Sunday songs at home

Rehearsals on Wednesdays - 6:00pm

Talk to anyone on the team.

Hope to see you soon. Come join us!



IN MEMORY

The Care Team reminds us to be in prayer for those who've lost loved ones this past month, including folks from Vermont Street UMC: "Joe" Ballesteros, Joan Broeker, and Bill Kniel. May God bring peace and comfort to all who are experiencing grief.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Pastor Patty recently had a phone call from a local woman, Eva Williams, who is trying to organize a benefit for someone who is needing a lift van. The benefit is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 at the Eagle's Club. She is planning for food, a band, a bake sale, a live auction, and a 50/50 raffle.

Eva is needing some help in making this benefit happen. She needs people who could bake and donate items for the bake sale, people to serve food, and probably some other areas of need. If you would be interested in learning more about this endeavor, please call Eva directly at 217-506-9733. Pastor Patty doesn't have any more information than this.

This seems to be a good opportunity to make a difference by offering "chesed" (loving-kindness) to others.



CHILI COOK OFF

On March 21st, Union UMC will be hosting a chili cook off and game night from 6-8 pm. We would love for Vermont Street friends to join

us. Everyone is invited to bring a chili, or groups can go together to bring one. Desserts are also welcomed in lieu of chili. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite board game, or cards, etc. and games will be played at the table while chili is being enjoyed. Hope you can join us!

SEDER MEAL

"Passover or Pesach is a major Jewish holiday and one of the most widely celebrated Jewish holidays. Together with Shavuot and Sukkot, Passover was one of the Three Pilgrimage Festivals during which the entire population of the kingdom of Judah made a pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem. In Hebrew, "Seder" means "order," referring to the parts of the ritual leading up to the Passover dinner." (www.thedailymeal.com/what-passover/4914)

This dinner recalls the exodus of the Israelites as God freed them from slavery in Egypt.



On Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 p.m. Union UMC will host a Christian Seder Meal in Jensen Hall.

Matzo Ball Soup and a meat will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. If you would like to bring a traditional Jewish dish it is easy to google recipes on line. But, it is not necessary to bring a Jewish dish, anything will be fine. Please call Union UMC's church office at 223-6062 to let us know if you will be attending and the number of people in your party. Thank you.

From Our VSUMC



Congregation

Horizons needs our help serving the people of our community. They need volunteers to do food preparation and serve noon meals Monday through Friday. Vermont Street UMC helps the 2nd and 4th Mondays.

Helpers are needed from 9:30-11:45 to do food preparation and 11:15-1:30 to serve and do clean-up. This is something you can do as a couple or ask a friend to help you. Please give this careful consideration as we fulfill our church mission to serve our community. If you are interested, please call me at 653-3690 or see me at Church.

Karen Weisinger

Marcella Ballesteros and her family would like to thank the congregation of Vermont Street UMC. All the prayers and support during this difficult time are much appreciated.

SERVE ON SUNDAYS

**Ushers, Stewards & Greeters needed.
Contact the office for information.**

Have you ever checked out the Views online? In Color?

Try it out by clicking the link on the homepage at: www.vsumc.org.



You might like it so much that you will stop your paper copy and help us save resources!

email: vsumc@adams.net to have your name removed



concert is free, but there will be a love offering received for the ongoing ministry needs of this group.



We are once again needing a number of folks from our church to graciously opened their homes to host the children and their chaperones overnight. For more information on what the host duties are, please contact Stacy Taylor. Amber has posters available in the church office that can be placed out in the community. Also if you'd like something digital to share, contact her at vsumc@adams.net. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors!



It's going to be a great evening of entertainment, inspiration, and fellowship.

UMCOR SUNDAY OFFERING

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) is an important part of our world-wide ministry of humanitarian relief and development. Compelled by Christ, UMCOR works globally to alleviate suffering and advance hope and healing. UMCOR focuses on disaster response and recovery, sustainable development, global health, and global migration. Working with local communities, UMCOR provides training for local people and agencies to continue the work after the immediate situation has been addressed.

The UMCOR Sunday Offering will be held on Sunday, March 22. Because of our gifts, it is possible for UMCOR to direct 100% of our gifts for specific projects (like the disaster relief happening in Puerto Rico right now), rather than having a portion taken out for administrative overhead. We United Methodists have a long legacy - 80 years - of rebuilding hope around the world. Please give generously.



WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

We are excited to welcome the Watoto Children's Choir of Uganda back to our sanctuary on **Thursday, May 7th** with their concert starting at **7:00pm**. We hope you add this date on your calendar, and plan to attend! The

Our Agape Sunday School Class extends a special invitation to anyone interested in a NEW series of topics which began February 9, 2020. The first of our discussions on the 9th, "The Origin of Satan", stimulated very good discussion within our group, therefore it appears we will be on this topic for the next several weeks.

Some of our topics and discussion questions will be:

Origin of Satan: Did God create Satan? Or, did man create Satan? Was Flip Wilson being honest when he said "the devil made me do it"? Did Jesus talk about the Devil? Do Demons exist today?

Possible future discussion topics are:

Lost Gospels: Of the 19 gospels, why did only four make it into the Bible? Who decided which gospels to include?

History of the New Testament: Did God dictate the books of the New Testament? Who wrote the New Testament? When was it written? What was the purpose of the letters, the gospels and Revelations?

How Jesus Became God: Is Jesus God? Did Jesus speak of himself as God? Why did the Early Christians declare Jesus to be God?

Religion of Our Founding Fathers: Were our founding Fathers Christians? Why did they insist on the separation of church and state?

If interested, please bring questions you have and would like to discuss, to room 215 (across from Pastor Patty's office) by 10:10 AM on Sundays.

We look forward to seeing you there. You'll fit right in.
Agape Sunday School Class



Spring is upon us, though it doesn't quite feel like it as I am writing this. Still, spring means new life & rebirth, the renewal of promises we've made, resolutions we established, & the continuation forward in our Christian journey.

As we find ourselves in the season of Lent, I want to remind everyone about our new children's worship experience, Discovery Zone. Discovery Zone is designed for children ages five to about ten years of age. It will consist of music, skits, message, and prayer time. On March 1st, 8th, and 15th, Discovery Zone will begin following children's moments during the 9am Classic Worship service. On March 22nd, 29th, and April 5th, Discovery Zone will begin following children's moments during the 11am Connection Worship service. This is to allow children from both services a chance to experience this new worship program. If you have any questions about what to expect from this service or if you are interested in helping out, please feel free to contact me.

The youth group will be continuing our series called "Playlist" that looks at modern music and the lessons it holds for our faith development and defining who we are as children of God. So far, we have learned about the space we should make in our heart for God, being a part of God's family, and being brave in our faith. We are looking forward to seeing what lessons can be found amidst the lyrics in the coming weeks. On March 15th, the youth group will be serving at Horizons. Youth, make sure you are at the church at 4:30 and plan on being picked up from Horizons around 6:45pm.

As we spring ahead into a time of renewal, keep an eye out for information regarding Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is Rocky Railway and will be taking place June 22nd through the 26th from 5:30-8:00pm with a meal from 5:30 to 6pm. If you are interested in being a volunteer or just want more information, feel free to contact me.

Blessings in Christ,

Kimberly Woods

March schedule

March 1st: Youth group from 4:30 to 6pm

March 8th: Youth group from 4:30 to 6pm

March 15th: Youth group serving at Horizons, 4:30-6:45pm

March 22nd: Youth group from 4:30 to 6pm

March 29th: Youth group from 4:30 to 6pm

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VBS 2020

June 22-26



ROCKY RAILWAY

JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH

Crew needed for

**set-up (week before), Room Leaders,
and Assistants!**

It takes a crew to run a railroad!

Contact Amber or Kim!



Clothes 4 Kids is the new name for Salvation

 Army's Dress an Angel. UMW participates in this project each year to provide a new outfit for those in need. In March we will be collecting dressy clothes, socks and underwear for boys and girls, infant to size 18. Shoes are no longer collected. Please put your clothing donations in the small collection box. Our display will be in the Gathering Place on March 29 and monetary donations will also be accepted at that time.

Two LaMoine River District Meetings are scheduled for March. A Mini-Mission is at Sugar Grove UMC, Rushville, on March 5. No reservations are needed. Breakfast treats will be served and bring finger food to share for lunch. Beverages will be provided. The study will be about the history of United Methodist Women. Also a Leadership Team Meeting will be held at Pleasant Grove UMC, Liberty, on March 31, for the District officers.

UMW Board Meeting will be changed in March to Monday the 9th at 10 AM in the Library due to scheduling conflicts.

The UMW Fellowship meeting will be held March 25 at 10 am in Café Vermont. This is an open, welcoming meeting for anyone interested in learning more about our activities.

Future Events: Many have asked about our annual Rummage Sale. It has been scheduled for April 25th. It's not too soon to start cleaning out closets, basements and garages.

March 2020 Calendar

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| 5 | Mini-Mission, Sugar Grove UMC |
| 9 | UMW Board Meeting, 10 am Library |
| 25 | UMW Fellowship Meeting,
10 am Café Vermont |
| 29 | Clothes 4 Kids, Gathering Place |

LENT-EASTER OFFERING

During the season of Lent, and through Easter Sunday, Vermont Street Church will be receiving a special offering that will provide funding for two mission projects that are very special to the hearts of our congregation.

Salary support for Rev. Priscilla Jaiah, our missionary in Liberia, who is bringing the gospel message to the people of that African country

Donation for *Our Conference, Our Kids*, a project which is raising funds that will ensure spiritual guidance & formation for our five child welfare agencies in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of The United Methodist Church (The Baby Fold, Chaddock, Cunningham Children's Home, Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, Spero Family Services), as chaplains and staff share God's love with the kids in creative ways

There will be special offering envelopes in the pew pockets beginning March 1 for your Lent-Easter offering. Checks can be made payable to VSUMC, place in the envelope and leave it in the offering plate. Or gifts can be mailed to the church office at 818 Vermont St., Quincy 62301.

We have always raised significant funds for mission projects with this special offering. Please give generously to make a kingdom difference for Jesus Christ.

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**Birthdays**

1	Brian Barnes, Susan Huddleston Tracy Hagman
2	Clara Ehrhart, Dixie Hoffman
3	Don Larson, Breanne Billings-Rischar
4	Jana Prieapot
5	Pam Davis
7	Alyssa Livesay
9	Jennifer McCaughey
10	Ava Barnes, Samantha Barnes, Mary Schardon
11	Brad Billings
13	William Heaton
15	Todd Buckley
16	Bonnie Billings, Emily Lewis

17	Sue Carnivale
18	Cinda Barnes, Katharine Guither, Candy Scott
21	Eva Adele, Cooper Veihl, Steve Wall
24	John Staff
26	Pete Rischar
27	Eric Sieck
28	Jimmie Charton,
29	Trish Crane
31	Carolyn Brown, Larry Freeman

Anniversaries

10	Dan & Evie Conrad
12	Tony & Trish Crane
24	Ryan & Carla Fierge
25	Marvin & Darlene Kerber
30	Terry & Jana Prieapot
31	Blaine & Brenda Emrick

