



Vermont Street Views

November 2019

The Journey

Walking the Road to Bethlehem

Pastor Patty will be leading a short term Advent study on Thursdays and Sunday evenings in November and December. This video study by Adam Hamilton (who wrote *Making Sense of the Bible*) will focus on the journey of Mary and Joseph as they travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born.

This is a five part study, and is set for the following days and times:

Thursdays: November 14 at 9 am, November 21 at 2 pm, December 5, 12, 19 at 9 am.

Sundays: November 24, December 1, 8, 15, 22 at 6 pm.

The book needs to be ordered in advance, and will cost \$10 per copy. If you would like to participate in this study group, please contact Pastor Patty by noon, Tuesday, November 5 (so we can get the books ordered).

COMBINED UNITED METHODIST

Thanksgiving Service

Following a successful “experiment” last November when we hosted a UM Thanksgiving worship service, we are doing it again!

Tuesday, November 26 at 7 pm, Union United Methodist Church will host area UM churches as we gather together to ask God’s blessing, and to give God our thanks and praise. Lay people from various congregations will be sharing brief testimonies of thanksgiving, we will sing and pray together, and be reminded of scriptures call to us to be people who give thanks.

Don’t miss this (2 years in a row) annual worship service... this is becoming a tradition!

Vermont Street United Methodist Church

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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 a Christ, as we support each other and serve the community.



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Next Views schedule:
Views deadline: Monday, November 18th
BY NOON
Views mailed: November 26th

Budget Fund Report

\$ 36,706.28	September Income
\$ 33,291.23	September Expenses
\$ 3,415.05	August Difference
\$298,129.51	YTD Income
\$320,521.72	YTD Expense
\$ -22,392.21	YTD Difference

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	9 am	11am	Evening Chapel	Total	Sunday School
6	120	53	6	179	47
13	106	44	N?A	150	41
20	109	55	6	170	40
27	125	52	6	183	46

VOLUNTEERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 9am Ushers:

Don Larson, Jim Weede, John & Barb Wooleyan

Communion Stewards November 3:

(9am) John & Cara Simon

(11am) Charlie & Fae Jones

Greeters:

9 am

November 3: Jim & Elaine Sours

November 10: Dennis & Jennifer Dempsey

November 17: Bernita Penn, Ann Brink

November 24: CONTACT OFFICE TO VOLUNTEER

11 am

November 3: Bruce & Shirley Tode

November 10: Youth Group

November 17: Ted & Doris Dede

November 24: Messan Family

Gathering Place:

November 3: Maxine Paluska

November 10: Ted & Doris Dede

November 17: Wright Family

November 24: Terry & Jana Priepot

Sunday Stewards:

November 3: Justin Messan

November 10: Kelly McElroy

November 17: Dan Hayden

November 24: Travis Brown

Liturgist

9 am

November 3: Diana Calvert

November 10: Jean Murray

November 17: Agnes Vahle

November 24: Kim Woods

11 am

November 3: Eric Sieck

November 10: Marilyn Vincent

November 17: Jim Weede

November 24: Kim Woods

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Remember that every month, on the first Sunday of the month, we will have someone outside the chapel between 10 – 11 a.m. ready to check your blood pressure. These are nurses and other health personnel who have the training to do this work.

Take advantage of the opportunity!

NEWCOMERS' WELCOME AND TOUR

On Sunday, November 3 at 10:15 a.m. in the Gathering Space, Pastor Patty will be meeting with newcomers to VSUMC for a meet and greet time, and to take a tour of the church building. If there are church members who would like to also take a tour, feel free to join in the fun. This Welcome and Tour will only take $\frac{1}{2}$ hour or so.

GIVING THANKS

I find myself so grateful for this congregation, and thankful that God has appointed me to this place for these 5½ years! I want to express appreciation to the Staff Parish Relations Committee and the United Methodist Women for the lovely Pastor Appreciation Day reception and card collection on October 20. It was so fun to read each card and hear your expressions of thanks.

As we move into the Thanksgiving-Christmas holiday period, I find that I have a great deal for which to be thankful. I am thankful for my family, and for “bonus” family members, all of whom bring such joy to my heart. I am thankful for my health and well-being, and the opportunities that come along almost daily to share with others out of our abundance. One of the things Mike and I are grateful for is that we can make larger gifts to not for profits here in Quincy and beyond that make a kingdom difference in people’s lives.

I am grateful for friends who are always there for me when I need to vent or rejoice. Some of you have heard me talk about my covenant group of clergy women and all that they mean to me. But in addition, I have a clergy covenant group here in Quincy, and that group has also come to mean a lot to me.

I am grateful for the ways God uses me beyond the local church to build God’s kingdom. I have recently become part of two boards here in town, and it’s been interesting to see those not for profits at work. My volunteer work at Blessing as a chaplain continues to be a great joy, as I build relationships with clergy and lay colleagues, and Blessing staff, and patients and their families.

Part of my ongoing spiritual & emotional growth as a disciple of Jesus Christ comes when I de-center my ego, and use my life for others. Giving thanks to God for those opportunities helps me focus on God in a deeper way.

What are you giving thanks for this year?



SUNDAY WORSHIP IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 3 (All Saints Day) *Opening the Front Door: Outreach and Promotion* (Luke 19:1-10);

we will explore an area of ministry that helps us be more accessible to new people; celebrating full communion, and remembering the saints from VSUMC who have passed away in this last year.

Sunday, November 10 (22nd Sunday after Pentecost) *Opening the Front Door: Hospitality* (Luke 18:15-17);

we will explore an area of ministry that will communicate our welcome of new people.

Sunday, November 17 (23rd Sunday after Pentecost) *Closing the Back Door: Reaching Younger Families* (Acts 2:37-47);

we will explore an area of ministry that will require a lot of change if we are to be successful.

Sunday, November 24 (Christ the King Sunday) *Closing the Back Door: Faith & Leadership Development* (

Acts 9:19b – 22, 26-31); we will explore an area of ministry that will take us into the future for Christ.

NURSERY RENOVATION

The Children's Discipleship team and our Nursery attendant Jean Barnes, along with Valerie Vlahakis, John & Susan Kissick, Kim Woods, and Pastor Patty, are working on renovating our Nursery, to update it and refresh it with new paint, curtains, and probably some murals on the walls.

We'll be planning for some painting days coming up in November. If you'd be willing to help with this part of the project, please contact Pastor Patty at 222-7468. We want to make our Nursery as appealing as we can to young families!

CHADDOCK'S SANTA EXPRESS

We are so blessed every year to partner with Chaddock in making sure every child within their care has a happy Christmas! Santa Express is all about matching children with church members and families who are willing to "adopt" them for Christmas, providing special gifts for each one.

In recent years, we have had a number of groups within the church provide for a child, and a large number of families have taken on one or two children to "adopt." Chaddock serves over 400 children and families in residential, foster and adoption services, and educational programs at Christmas.

Typically, total gifts for each child would be in the \$150 - \$200 range, but if an item is too costly, we are encouraged to substitute with a gift card from a store that could be used for the item.

Additionally, people may wish to provide items from a Wish List that would offer general gifts appropriate for any child, that also helps meet a need.

Last year, between groups and individual members/families, we "adopted" about 25 children. We recall that Shawna Bunnell from Chaddock was overwhelmed by all we did for the kids!

If you, or your group, would like to adopt a child or children for this Christmas, please contact the church office at 222-7468, or find the sign up materials in the Gathering Space on Sunday mornings. We need everyone's response by Sunday, November 10. Let's see if we can at least match the 25 kids this year, and maybe even exceed that!

NEWS OF PEOPLE

We offer sympathy and prayers for the family and friends of these church friends who died since our last newsletter: Ruth Daniels, Betty Bradney, Michael Myers and Jan Little. May God bless all those who grieve.

SAVE THE DATE



***January 4, 2020
9:30 am – 11:30 am***

***For a church-wide wedding shower honoring
Rev. Mark Crawford and
his fiancé, Andrea Rios.***

The UMW had a very generous donation from the family of Gene Trautvetter of his crop of organic apples. A small group of apple pickers went to his orchard and endured the rain to pick 2 bushels to use in our annual apple butter project. A most appreciative thank you is extended to Gene's family from Vermont Street United Methodist Women. I'm sure he would have been pleased with the 410 jars we made.

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

We are continuing worship in the Chapel on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm. This service lasts ½ hour, and we are meeting the needs of folks who can't easily attend on Sunday morning. The service is a reduction of the 9:00 am service, and includes hymns played on the piano. The scripture and sermon themes that you see in the schedule for September will be the same for most Sunday evenings, as well. You are welcome to give this worship time a try!



The Annual Quincy Service League Gift Show will be held November 23rd, 10 am to 4 pm, and 24th, 11 am to 4 pm. UMW will sponsor a booth and we invite you to come visit us. Advance tickets are \$2; at the door \$3; Seniors \$2; children age 6 – 12 \$1; and children 5 and under free. No strollers allowed. Lunch is available. We will be setting up our booth November 20 to 22. Your help is needed to set up Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and work at the booth Saturday and Sunday. To sign up to work call Barb Wooleyhan 223-2531

Fall LaMoine River District meeting in September, five VSUMW members were installed as 2020 District Leadership Team Members. Chairperson of Nominations is Loretta Hyslop. Also on her committee is Joyce McDonough and Monica Hall. Kathy Emerick is the Spiritual Growth Chairman. Diane Sloan is the Co-Representative to Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House.

Deborah/Ruth UMW fellowship is hosting the resident birthday party at Sunset Home, 418 Washington, on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at 1:30 PM. Jean Murray is entertaining, goodies are served, and residents with November birthdays are honored. Join in the joy!

Sunset Home has asked us for help with their wish list for Christmas gifts for their residents. These *unwrapped* items may be placed in the smaller collection box by December 1.

Men: puzzle books, body spray, handkerchiefs, socks, any size sweatshirts, any size jogging pants, snacks, sugar-free hard candy

Women: adult coloring books, colored pencils, body spray, lotion, fancy soap, shampoo, socks, medium and large underwear, any size PJ's, jewelry, sugar-free hard candy

The Sunset Home Birthday Party for residents having November birthdays will be held November 21 at 1:30 pm in the Bird Room. Deborah Ruth Fellowship is in charge of arrangements. This is a good time to come for a visit with our friends at Sunset and share their special day with them.



NEW BOX TOPS BONUS APP

1. Go to App Store or Google play
2. Search for "Box Tops for Education"
3. Download to your device
4. Select a school Cunningham Children's Home listed as "Gerber School"

1301 N Cunningham Ave.

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BUY PRODUCTS.

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SCAN YOUR
RECEIPT.

EARN.

WATCH EARNINGS
STACK UP.



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DOWNLOAD THE APP TODAY!



November 2019 Calendar

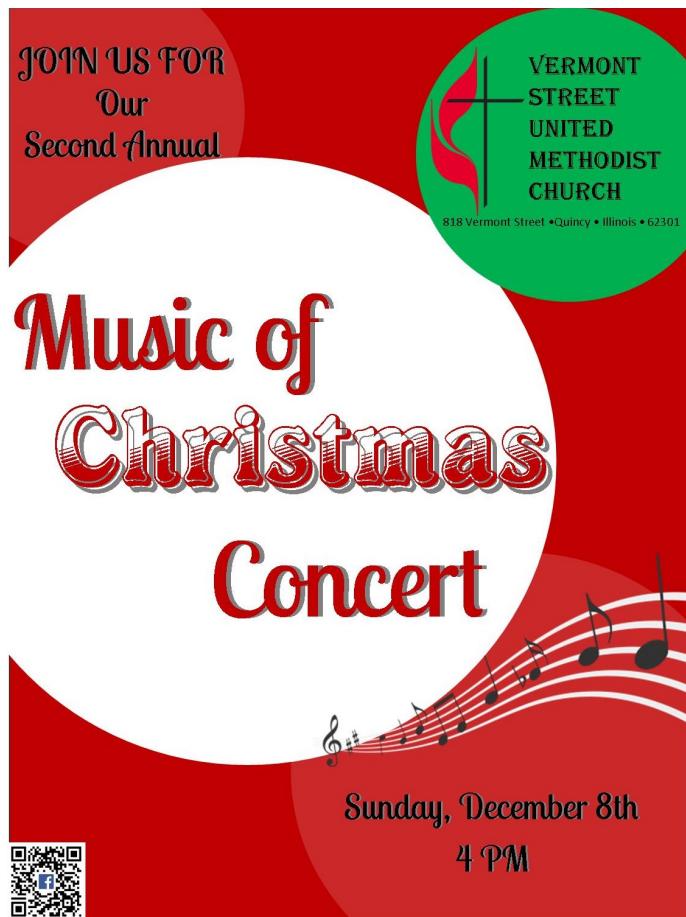
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| 2 | Bazaar, 9 am – 2 pm, Fellowship Hall
Lunch served 11 am – 1 pm |
| 2 | Don't forget to set your clock back
← 1 hour! |
| 12 | Board Meeting, 9:30 am, Library |
| 14 | Quincy Quilt Guild, 6:30 pm,
Café Vermont |
| 20 | Mary Martha, 9:30, Café Vermont,
Monica Hall, Hostess |
| 21 | Deborah Ruth Birthday party,
1:30 pm, Sunset Home |
| 20–22 | Set up booth (Oakley Lindsay Center) |
| 23 & 24 | QLS Gift Show, (OLC) |
| 25 | WOW, 6 pm, Sprout's |
| 26 | Dolphine Fellowship, 7 pm,
June Redman, Hostess |
| Dec. 1 | Sunset Home Christmas gifts |

Coming Soon: Second Annual Music of Christmas Concert

Join us at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 8th**, for the second annual concert featuring the music of Christmas. The Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and several soloists and instrumental ensembles will present a variety of Christmas selections. This is a perfect opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas, as well as to enjoy both well-known and new arrangements of beloved hymns and carols.

We will need reinforcement singers for the two selections being sung by the Chancel Choir alone as well as the final, closing number involving most of the participants. Can you spare three Wednesday nights to help us? From 7:30 – 8:00 on November 12th, 19th, and December 4th, we will rehearse the numbers for this concert. (There is no rehearsal on Wednesday, November 26th because of the Thanksgiving holiday.) This is a short-term commitment focused solely on preparation for this community outreach concert.

Please join us near the beginning of Advent to enjoy a peaceful interlude in our beautiful sanctuary, focusing on the sights and sounds of Christmas.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a non profit organization that provides beds and bedding for children and families in need. They are hosting a public build day on November 2. The build will be held at Serv Pro in Quincy, 2808 Ellington Rd. There are three timeslots a person can sign up for, beginning with set-up at 6:00 AM. We plan to be cleaned up by 1:00 PM. A person can sign-up using this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050f4fa4af2fa1f58-public>



Birthdays

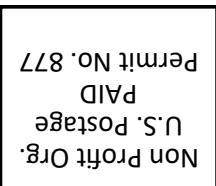
1	Blake Hayden
2	Audrey Egerton
4	Debbie Wall
5	Brant Seeland
6	Debbie Taylor, Wayland Mutter
7	Natalie Keirn
8	Jason Bockenfeld
9	Darlene Kerber, Sheila Stevenson
10	Kim Veihl
12	Greta Read

Anniversaries

13	Marvin Kerber, JD Speak, Ally Hayden
14	Stacey Edwards, JP Sieck
15	Aryanna Sade, Jennifer Arnsman
17	Matt Getty
20	Joyce Staff
21	John Kissick
22	Doug Seeber, Blake Livesay
25	Lollie Johnson
27	Vicki Blackwell
28	Lou Quintero Sr.
29	Debbie Chamberlain
30	Charlotte Rylander

If your birthday or anniversary is not on this list
please email vsumc@adams.net with your name
and FULL DATE. MM/DD/YYYY.

Our system requires a year so please make sure
to include it.



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