This Week

Sun.,	Nov. 15	Adult Discussion Group	9:30 AM
		Worship Service, Children's Church	10:45 AM
		Charge Conference @ DeSoto UMC	2:00 PM
		Children's Christmas Program Practice	5:00-6:00 PM
		Youth Group	6:00-7:30 PM
Mon.,	Nov. 16	Exercise Your Faith	1:30 PM
		Prayer Shawl	6:30 PM
Wed.,	Nov. 18	JAM	6:15-7:45 PM
		Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
		Cantata Rehearsal	8:00 PM
Sat.,	Nov. 21	Youth @ Meals for the Heartland	8:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Upcoming

Sun.,	Nov. 22	Adult Discussion Group	9:30 AM
		Worship Service, Children's Church	10:45 AM
		Children's Christmas Program Practice	5:00-6:00 PM
		Youth Group	6:00-7:30 PM
Mon.,	Nov. 23	Exercise Your Faith	1:30 PM
Wed.,	Nov. 25	No Wednesday evening activities	
Thurs. - Fri.		Happy Thanksgiving	
Nov. 26-27		Church office & Kids Care closed.	

The Grapevine

I am the vine; you are the branches. John 15:5

SUNDAY, Nov. 15, 2026

Van Meter UMC

The Grapevine is a weekly publication designed to enhance our church communications. The deadline to submit material is Wednesday at 8:00 AM. Call the office at 515.996.2572 or email your information to *office@vmumc.com*.

Advent Devotions Needed



Friends, Advent begins this year on Sunday, November 29, and ends on December 24, 2026. Advent is a season of anticipation and hope, of expectation and longing, as we wait once again, to celebrate the birth of Jesus, and look forward to Christ's return.

We're creating a new daily devotional booklet for church friends and members and need twenty-six reflections. Would you contribute?

Share what Advent means to you and your faith, include a related Bible verse or passage, and add a personal story if you wish.

Please submit your devotion by **Wednesday, November 18, 2026**, so the booklet is ready for Advent. Email Danene at office@vmumc.com or drop it off at the church office.
Thank you! Pastor Cathy

Advent Readers Needed



During Advent, each Sunday the Advent candles are lit and a short reading is read. If you are interested there is a sign up in the entryway.
If you have questions, please see Pastor Cathy.

TODAY

Charge Conference

The annual charge conference gathering is:

DeSoto UMC
Sunday, Nov. 15th, 2:00 pm

All members are invited to attend as ministry goals for 2027 are approved.

Kids Shopping Day

This is a long standing tradition for kids to shop garage sale-priced items to give as gifts.

Donations can be brought to the church starting **November 19th**.

Clean, new or gently used items such as toys, games, puzzles, knick-knacks, jewelry, hats, unopened lotions, ties, gloves, tools, etc. are appreciated. **NO CLOTHING PLEASE.**

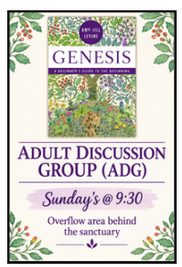
You can also donate gift bags and tissue paper, no boxes or wrapping paper please, to minimize wrapping time.

Thanks for your support to help those in need and in helping to provide special gifts for kids to share with their families.



ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

Join us for our new study.
All are welcome!



Prayer Shawl meets tomorrow @ 6:30 pm.
Thanks Elizabeth A. for hosting.
Feel free to join us.



Adel Good Samaritan Food Pantry

Dish Detergent is the personal care item of the month. Place your donations in the tub marked in the entryway

Thanks for the donations!
All donations are greatly appreciated.



Please Pray For ...

those under medical care
Laurie C.(Weston & Addie O's grandma), Abbie(Courtney's friend), Annette(Kim's friend), Tom H. & family(son of Sherry H.), Kim(Marva's friend), Todd B., Jeremiah and Jackson(Cody J's nephews), Geri R., baby Lydia(Pastor Cathy's granddaughter) and her parents Emily and Stephen, Roger C., Clark and Mary M.(Holly G's parents), Bailey B., Betty J., Kathleen G., Melvis J., Gene D., Nyla P., Ila T.

those recovering (from illness, abuse, natural disasters, loss)

those living with challenges (immigrants, caregivers, refugees, disabled)

those in harm's way (in war zones, first responders, medical professionals, people defending civil liberties)

communities with immigrant populations

those who grieve



Our church will be hosting a hot chocolate stand during Turkey Bowl. We are looking for donations of the following:

- 8oz disposable hot chocolate cups with lids- 300 count
- Swiss Miss Milk Chocolate Flavor Hot Cocoa Mix Canisters- 4
- Mini marshmallows- 10 bags
- Spray whipped cream- 10

There will be a tub at the front entrance for these donations. Please drop them off by **November 20th**.



MISSION OF THE MONTH: JOPPA

During the month of November we will be supporting JOPPA by collecting winter coats, hats, mittens, and socks for the homeless in the Des Moines area. There will be a donation tote set up in the entryway. Deadline for all donations is **November 30th.**

"In Joppa, there was a disciple named Tabitha; she was always doing good and helping the poor" - Acts 9:36, NIV