

This Week			
Sun.,	Aug. 23	Worship Service and Sunday School Confirmation & Blessing of Backpacks	10:45 AM
Mon.,	Aug. 24	Van Meter first day of school VM City Workshop	6:00 PM
Tues.,	Aug. 25	Prayer Shawl @ Marva DeBoer's	6:30 PM
Tues.,	Aug. 25	Kids Shopping Day planning mtg.	7:00 PM
Upcoming			
Sun.,	Aug. 30	Worship Service & Sunday School SPRC Mtg.	10:45 AM 4:00 PM
Tues.,	Sept. 1	Trustee Mtg.	6:30 PM
Wed.,	Sept. 2	J.A.M. Teacher Training	6:15-7:45 PM
Fri.,	Sept. 5	CFUM Youth Meal	3:00-7:00 PM

ADULT

Bible Discussion

GROUP

(ADG)

Starts

SEPT. 13TH

Sunday's

@ 9:30

OVERFLOW AREA

behind sanctuary

Let's grow together in God's Word!

COMING
SOON

Exercise

YOUR

FAITH

MONDAYS AT 1:30

starting sept 14th

IN THE OVERFLOW SPACE

All are welcome

30 MINUTES OF VIDEO LED,
LOW IMPACT WALKING EXERCISES
(NO FLOOR WORK).

FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS
on healthy living.

CLASS IS FREE, EASY TO FOLLOW &
FOR ALL FITNESS LEVELS.

Reminder to check with your doctor
before starting any exercise program.



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.

Confirmation Sunday

Congratulations to our confirmands and their families:

Makayla Hudson

daughter of Sarah and Dillon Wyckoff

Jameson Jaspers

son of Jesse and Jess Jaspers

Jax Jaspers

son of Jesse and Jess Jaspers

Lilly McCombs

daughter of Kate and Drew McCombs

Christopher Daniel Peterson

son of Stacy Peterson

son of Mike Peterson

Sawyer Sorensen

son of Dana and Ethan Muzney

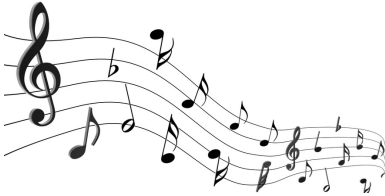
son of Dustin and Alissa Sorensen



Chancel Choir rehearsals start on Wednesday, Sept. 9th @ 7 PM and singing for Sunday service starts Sunday, Sept. 27th.

Praise Team will be singing on the 3rd Sundays of the month(when possible) starting on Sept. 20th.

If you are interested in joining either group vocally or instrumentally, please contact Mike Cooper @515-201-4200. All are welcome to help in musically uplifting our Sunday Services with their talents.



Foster SQUAD

The Foster SQUAD provides resources to Iowa foster families as they care for our community's most vulnerable children. They believe every child deserves the dignity of having their own personal hygiene products and their own bag and blanket. The Foster SQUAD provides Care Kits to children and teens entering the foster care system in Iowa.

For the month of August, we will be collecting the items listed here. Our goal is to gather a couple filled bags for each age group and deliver them the first week of September.

Infant Kits		
Diaper Bag	Baby Soap	Board Books
Baby Lotion	Warmies	Wipes
Blanket	Sippy Cups	Diapers(all sizes)

Toddler Kits			
Backpack	3-in-1 Soap	Pull Ups	Blankets
Warmies	Wipes	Book	Water
Bottle/Sippy Cup	Coloring Books/Crayons		
Toothbrush/Toothpaste			

School Age Kid Kit		
Backpack	Flashlight	Water Bottle
3-in-1 Soap	Book	Blanket
Toothbrush/Toothpaste		Activity Book

Teenager Kits		
Backpack	Ear Buds	Blanket
Flashlight	Deodorant	Water Bottle
Tampons/Pads	Toothbrush/Toothpaste	
Adult Coloring Book		

Please Pray For ...

those under medical care

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., Ray (father-in-law of Amy F), Betty J., Kathleen G., Melvis J., Gene D., Nyla P., Keith G., Ila T., Peggy M.

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 deepest sympathy to the family of Shirley Jackson who passed away last week.

A memorial service will be held to celebrate the life of Shirley Jackson on Saturday, August 29, 2026, at 11 am at Van Meter United Methodist Church. A light lunch and a time for sharing memories of Shirley will immediately follow the memorial service in the church fellowship hall.

STUDENT KITS

Missions is collecting materials for Ingathering student kits. The kits will go to underprivileged children in the US and in support of international humanitarian aid missions. A student kit may be a child's primary educational resource.

School supplies are now on sale. Please consider filling a student kit for Missions. The list of materials for each student kit is very specific, so please use the list provided when shopping. Place all items in the cloth bags you can get from the church entryway or leave them in the tote. We will collect these kits until **Sunday, October 25.**



STUDENT KIT

- ☒ 3 notebooks - 1 subject spiral, 8” x 10½”
 - ☒ 1 ruler - 12” long with metric
 - ☒ 6 unsharpened pencils (please, no advertising)
 - ☒ 1 pencil sharpener
 - ☒ 1 eraser - 2” or larger
 - ☒ 1 box 12 colored pencils
 - ☒ 1 box 24 crayons
 - ☒ 1 pair student scissors (round tip)
- Place all items in the cloth bag.

JAM

Jesus and me

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PROGRAM

A Wednesday night religious education program for kids in TK- 5th grade at the Van Meter United Methodist Church! With the mission of teaching kids the LOVE of Jesus while having FUN!

sign-up by email: courtcasey@gmail.com

Bible Stories

Fun Games

Crafts

Science Experiments

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YOUTH GROUP

Faith • Worship • Fun

Join us Sunday nights through the school year from 7pm-8:30 pm at VMUMC

Septemeber 6th

100 Hazel Street Van Meter

Small groups

Bible Study

Fun Games

Service Projects

Middle School and High School Welcome

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Adel Good Samaritan Food Pantry Donations

Conditioner is the personal item of the month. Place your donations in the tub marked in the entryway. Thanks for the donations! All donations are greatly appreciated.