This Week

Sun.,	Nov. 8	**Consecration Sunday**	
		Adult Discussion Group	9:30 AM
		Worship Service, Children's Church	10:45 AM
		Catered Celebration Lunch	
		Children's Christmas Program Practice	5:00-6:00 PM
		Youth Group	6:00-7:30 PM
Mon.,	Nov. 9	Exercise Your Faith	1:30 PM
		City Council	6:30 PM
		Trustees	6:30 PM
Tues.,	Nov. 10	Admin. Council	6:30 PM
Wed.,	Nov. 11	JAM	6:15-7:45 PM
		Chancel Choir	7:00 PM
		Cantata Rehearsal	8:00 PM

Upcoming

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

The Grapevine

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

SUNDAY, Nov. 8, 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*.

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. Contact the church or Pastor Cathy for more information.



New Worship Series for Advent and Christmas Season

"Carols for the Coming Christ"

Friends, my hope is that this new worship series, Carols for the Coming Christ, will help us experience the seasons of Advent and Christmas in a new way. Like notes on a music staff, we are called to join together to sing songs that proclaim the renewed creation of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. This year throughout the Advent and Christmas season, we will encounter familiar and new Carols for the Coming Christ and pause to consider their messages in fresh ways. As a popular quote attributed to Hans Christian Anderson says, "Where words fail, music speaks." Song poets have long helped us "speak" when our own words fail in the face of our human struggle. The promise of the Coming Christ is that our hearts can hold the world and that the songs in our hearts can heal our weariness..

Advent begins Sunday, November 29, 2026.

"May Christ come to us now and always,
and may we have a song in our hearts to welcome him." - Adam Tice

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.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

December 13th

You won't want to miss these 2 amazing performances:

"Were You there On That Christmas Night"

Christmas cantata during morning worhip.

&

TheToy Shop

Our children's Christmas program @ 6:00 PM

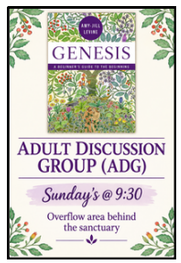
If you're missing this awesome Yeti tumbler please stop by the office to retreive it.





ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

Join us for our new study.
All are welcome!



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
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