



On May 31, 2026 Christians across the world will celebrate Pentecost. It is not as well-known or as popular as Christmas and Easter, though it commemorates a defining moment in Christian history. In many ways, Pentecost is the birthday of the church.

For Christians, Pentecost is a holiday on which we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit on the early followers of Jesus. Before the events of the first Pentecost, there were followers of Jesus, but no movement that could be meaningfully called "the church." Thus, from an historical point of view, Pentecost is the day on which the church was started. This is also true from a spiritual perspective, since the Spirit brings the church into existence and enlivens it. Thus Pentecost is the church's birthday.

On the day of Pentecost, seven weeks after the resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit was poured out upon those followers of Jesus who had gathered together in Jerusalem. What happened on the first Pentecost continues to happen to Christians throughout the world today, though usually not in such a dramatic fashion. We rarely get a heavenly wind and tongues of fire anymore. Nevertheless, God pours out the Spirit upon all who put their faith in Jesus Christ and become his disciples (see Romans 8:1-11).

Personal Implications: Pentecost presents us with an opportunity to consider how we are living each day. Are we relying on the power of God's Spirit? Are we an open channel for the Spirit's gifts? Are we attentive to the guidance of the Holy Spirit? Is the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control) growing in our lives? Most Christians I know, including me, live in the presence and power of the Spirit, but only to an extent. We are limited by our fear, our sin, our low expectations, not to mention our tendency to be distracted from God's work in us. Pentecost offers a chance to confess our failure to live by the Spirit and to ask the Lord to fill us afresh with his power.

Blessings and See You In Church,
Pastor Joyce <><

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May Worship

WORSHIP
with **US**

5/3 "Satisfaction Guaranteed" John 14:1-14 Communion

Discipleship is less about finding the right path, and more about following the right person. Hymns: The Church's One Foundation, Christ for the World We Sing, Victory In Jesus

5/10 "God's Stain Remover" 1 Peter 3:13-22

Try the Jesus Method for cleaning up the stain of sin.

Hymns: To God Be the Glory, Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart, Wash O God Our Sons & Daughters

5/17 "Still in the World" John 17:1-11

Christ's kingdom work continues, but now we need to do the heavy lifting.

Hymns: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, A Charge to Keep I Have, Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

5/24 "The God-Shaped Hole" Acts 2:1-21 Pentecost

Is your religion "none" or "done"? God can still find a way into your heart.

Hymns: Every Time I Feel the Spirit, Surely the Presence of the Lord, Spirit Son

5/31 "The Real Masters of the Universe 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Trinity

We can't call on the "power of Grayskull" as we face life's struggles. But we can receive a higher power when we turn to God the Trinity.

Hymns: Holy, Holy, Holy, Sweet, Sweet Spirit, They'll Know We Are



May & June issue is now available

Feel free to pick up this daily devotional. They are on the table in the Gathering Space at Dent UMC. Pick one up for you or a friend to get into the Word of God every day!

THE
**UPPER
ROOM**
DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



May – July Issue is now available

These free devotionals are located on the round table in the Fellowship area of Vergas UMC. They are a gift and blessing from the church for you or someone you know that might benefit from reading and reflecting on God's Word each day!





CITY WIDE GARAGE SALE

City of Dent and Dent UMC Rummage & Fry Bread Sale: Saturday May 9th from 8 - Noon

Donations will be accepted on Wednesday May 6th after 10:30 until Noon. All in good shape items will be accepted, including clothes, but no T.V.s or computers please.

Also, don't forget as you are cleaning out places and spaces in your home or garage to save your in good shape items for the Vergas Church Ladies Annual Rummage Sale during Looney Days, July 30th & 31st this year. **They take all items, except: clothes, computers & T.V.'s.**

Please don't bring your donations to church any earlier than Sunday July 26th (Due to Vacation Bible School happening the week prior) and donations are accepted through Wednesday July 29th. Individually bagged snacks are also something we will be offering for a free will donation – think what you could make to contribute to this effort. I.e. giant cookies individually bagged, sweet and/or savory snack mix, popcorn, etc.



VBS

SAVE THESE DATES AND INFORMATION!

July 20-23, 5:30 - 7:45 p.m. - Supper will be served each night. For ages 4th - 5th grade. Middle schoolers & High schoolers are welcome to be Junior Helpers.



Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS: On the Road with God. This year's VBS is based on Joshua 1:9 – "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together.

Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking all the kids (Travelers) on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. Led by the Navigator and an adventurous puppet Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them. Through engaging stories from the Navigators' Guide (the Bible), Travelers will delve into timeless tales of faith from the Old and New Testaments. Get ready for twists, turns, and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip!



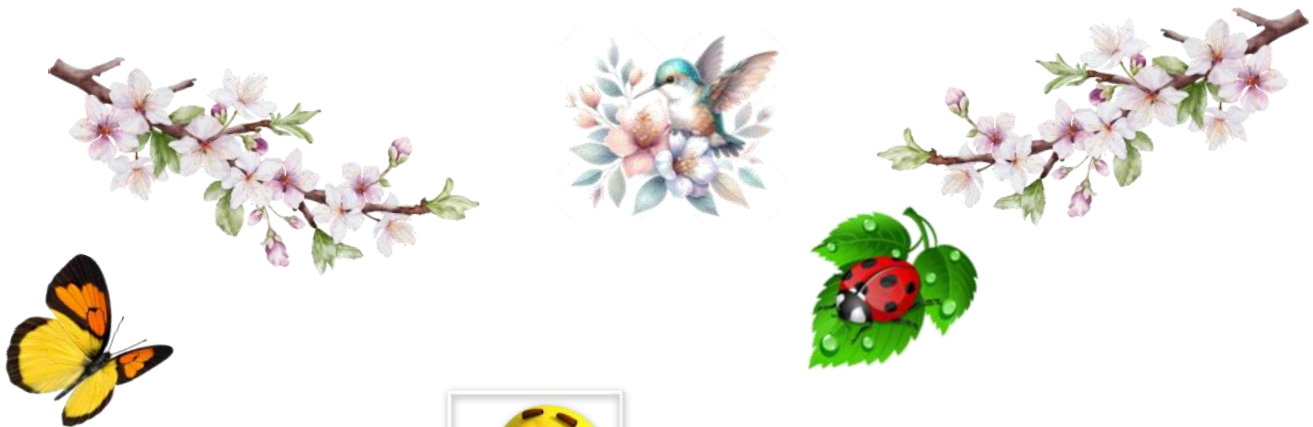
Pastor Joyce will be on Renewal Leave the month of June 2026. The District Superintendent recommended she take this time for refreshment, re-energizing, and renewal as she has never taken a renewal leave in her 25+ years of ministry. Preachers/lay people to take

the worship services are still being worked out at this time, a full listing will be in the June Newsletter.

Pastoral Care:

June 1-15th will be covered by Rev. Chip Nielsen 218-606-0306. He will also preach June 7th and preside over communion.

June 16th – 30th will be covered by Pastor Lisa Braun 218-841-6504. She will be at Annual Conference June 16th – 18th in St. Cloud, but is still available to travel back for care and emergencies during that time.



A CHILD'S VIEW OF "RETARDMENT"



After a Christmas break, the teacher asked her small pupils how they had spent their holidays. One small boy's reply went like this:

We always spent Christmas with Grandma and Grandpa. The used to live in a big house, but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Texas.

They live in a place with a lot of retarded people. They live in tin huts. They ride three wheeled tricycles. They go to a big building, they call the wrecked hall. But if it was wrecked, it is now fixed.

They play games and do exercises, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool and they go to it and just stand there in the water with their hats on. I guess they don't know how to swim.

My Grandma used to bake cookies and stuff, but I guess she forgot how. Nobody cooks there, they all go to fast food restaurants.

As you come into the park there is a doll house with a man sitting in it. He watches all day, so they can't get out without his seeing them. They wear badges with their names on them. I guess they don't know who they are.

My Grandma said Grandpa worked hard all his life and deserves his retardment.

I wish they would move back home, but I guess the man in the doll house won't let them out.

by Virginia Sunderman



The Vergas Church Ladies

The Church Ladies met in April and discussed plans for the year. One idea was to assist in cleaning the storage room so that items for each event is clearly marked and can be found easily. We are also evaluating what items could be sold at the rummage sale that are no longer used. Anyone with ideas, please let us know.

All ideas and new members are always welcome!



Our next meeting will be **May 19th, 12:30pm** at the church & **Connie Prunty** will serve



Dent Breakfast Club



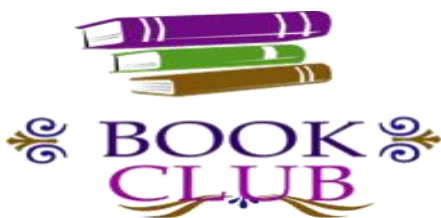
Meets at The Doug Out
9am on the first
Wednesday of the month



AD COUNCIL MEETING

Wed. May 20th

Dent 3pm
Vergas
6:30pm



Next Meeting **NOTE DATE CHANGE**

Tues, **May 12th** 12:30pm
Being hosted by Faye Courneya
50072 E Lake Seven Rd

Book 1: "The Correspondent"
by Virginia Evans

and

Book 2: "Some Bright Nowhere"
By Ann Packer



MAY VOLUNTEERS LISTS

May Ushers	
Lyndon & Peggy M.	
May Liturgist	
Lydon M.	
May	Fellowship
03	Ellie Lodin
10	Dorothy W / Ivy M
17	Michelle & Kelvin S.
24	Peggy & Lyndon M.
31	Karen & Richard J.

May	Vergas Liturgist	Vergas Ushers	Fellowship
	3rd	Communion Setup ~	Faye Corneya
03	Rick N	Rick & Margy	Margy N
10	Bev F	Connie & Byron	Mother's Day
17	Lana J		
24	Tonya J	Faye & Tonya	Toya J
31			

If you are unable to be there on a Sunday, please find a substitute to fill in for you. Thank You!



May 20th
Neil & Donna Strawhorn

May 31st
Cliff & Cathy Moe



Vergas Birthdays

May 6th	Sheri Schoenberger
May 11th	Donna Frank
May 12th	Cliff Moe
May 23rd	Lana Jacobson
May 28th	Connie Hoffmann

Dent Birthdays

May 2nd	Bob Stiras
May 13th	Mike Satter

For lo, the winter is past,
 The rain is over and gone.
 The flowers appear on the earth;
 The time of singing has come.
Song of Solomon 2:11-12



Church Missions April / May / June

Vergas Mission of the Quarter - Relay for Life

1st Quarter, The church sent \$806 to UMCOR for the first quarter Mission giving.



2nd Quarter will be sent to Relay for Life, which goes to American Cancer Society. The Vergas Looneys are continually recognized for their outstanding fundraising. This organization continues to help those dealing with cancer as well as leading research in the cancer field. Bev Flatland recently attended a national event in North Carolina where the Vergas Loonies were recognized for their great work with fundraising.

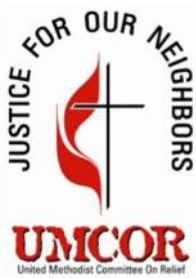
Vergas Local Outreach

The local mission dollars for April will be donated to the Vergas-Frazer School for the “Day of Caring” which will have the high school students clean the ditches and church yard this spring. Faye Courneya is leading this effort.

Remember that the budget allows \$200 a month for the quarterly mission and \$300 a month for local missions. Mission dollars added by the congregation goes toward the quarterly mission. Please let the Ad Council know of any local needs. Thank you for your continued support of missions.



Dent Mission of the Quarter ~ UMCOR



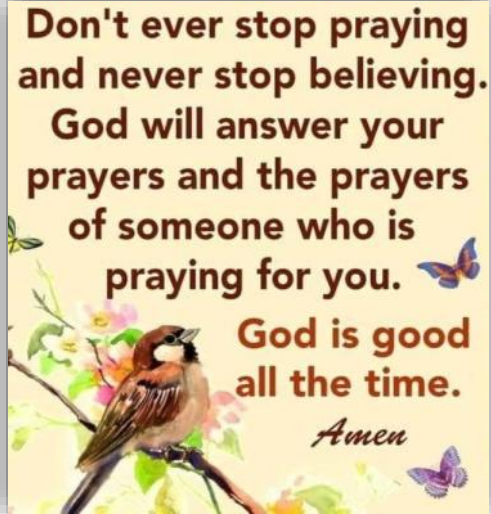
The Mission of the Quarter is UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief/ UMCOR works all over the world but does significant work in the United States. U.S. Disaster Response (UMCOR USDR) seeks to alleviate suffering caused by disasters that strike within the United States and its territories.

With a “communities own their recoveries” philosophy, UMCOR supports local efforts to accomplish immediate relief and long-term recovery while providing for volunteers to offer compassionate ministry in the aftermath of disasters.



**Thank you for your
continued support**

A Thought for The Day



“Worship Times”

Dent UMC

8:30am Pre Fellowship
9am Worship Service

Vergas UMC

9:30am Adult Sunday School (Sep thru May)
10:30am Worship Service
11:30am Coffee Fellowship



Livestream Service begins at 10:30am on the [Vergas Facebook page](#)



Recorded Service will be posted on YouTube and dentvergasumc.org
Click on the icon or link to go to the site

Are there things you would like to see each month in your newsletter? Would you like to write an article? Submit photographs? Share a recipe? Please let us know and we will do our best to include it here. Also, If you want your Newsletter delivered by email. Please let Sheri Schoenberger know at sheri.Lschoenberger@gmail.com or call her at 218-329-7465

Additions to the newsletter, **deadline for June is May 26, 2026.**

We will be sending out the newsletter on the first or second Sunday of each month, if possible. To defray costs the newsletter will be offered in the following formats:

Email - Website - In person pick up at church - 1st or 2nd Sunday of the month.

US Mail - Remaining newsletters will be mailed on the 1st or 2nd Monday of the month.


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May / June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Bob S. (D) 2
3	4	5	Sheri S. (V) 6 9am Dent Breakfast Club The Doug Out	National Day Of Prayer 7	8	9 8am- Noon Dent UMC Rummage Sale & Fry Bread
10 <i>Mother's</i> Day	Donna F. (V) 11	Cliff M. (V) 12 12:30pm Book Club	Mike S. (D) 13	14	15	16
17	18	19 12:30 pm Church Ladies	<u>Ad Council</u> 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas Donna & Neil S. (V)	20	21	22 Lana J. (V) 23
24  MEMORIAL DAY	25	26	27 Connie H. (V) 28	29	30	
31 Cliff & Cathy M (V)	1 12:30pm Book Club	2	3 9am Dent Breakfast Club	4	5	6

DENT UMC LEADERSHIP TEAM

April 15, 2026

The regular meeting of the DUMC Leadership Team was held on Wednesday at 3:00 at the church. Members present were Austin Holtz, Karen Johnson, Ellie Lodin, Lyndon Maasjo, Peggy Meissner, Ivy Mickelson, Pastor Joyce Slostad.

CALL TO ORDER: Lyndon called the meeting to order and Pastor Joyce opened with a prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes from the last meeting were approved with a motion from Austin and seconded by Ellie.

FINANCE: The reports from February and March were discussed and Ivy had to take \$3000 from savings in February to pay bills. All bills are paid. Karen made a motion to approve the reports subject to audit with a second from Peggy, motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: The Maundy Thursday service was discussed with good reports. 20 people were there to enjoy good soup and a nice service. AED training is planned for Sunday April 19 after church for those who can attend. Peggy Maasjo will be able to continue the training as needed.

NEW BUSINESS: The Rummage sale and fry bread is planned for May 9 8-noon. Set-up will be on Wednesday May 6 at 10:00 or after the prayer breakfast. Ivy will make signs and Lisa W. will put it on the marquee.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Joyce will be taking a sabbatical in June. She has arranged for Rev. Chip Nielsen from Rochart to lead the service on June 7th so communion can be serviced and he has agreed to cover pastoral care for the first half of the month. Pastor Lisa Braun who ministers in Hawley has agreed to cover the 2nd half of the month for pastoral care. Pastor Joyce will ask Don if he could possibly do a Sunday. It was suggested that maybe the District Superintendent be asked to help find replacements for the churches. Pastor Joyce will check on this.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: It is highway pickup time. People can do their sections whenever they can. Please mark off the section on the sheet at church when completed so Austin knows when it is done. Lyndon and Austin will be spraying the lawn for weeds.

NEXT MEETING & ADJOURNMENT: Next scheduled meeting is May 20 at 3:00. Ellie motioned to adjourn with a second from Karen, meeting adjourned.

**Ad Council Minutes Vergas United Methodist Church
April 15, 2026, at Church**

Present: Jane Wasvick, Faye Courneya, Sheri Schoenberger, Joyce Slostad, Tonya Johnson, Doreen Schwarzrock, Renee Sonnenberg and David Reiten

Joyce shared a prayer.

Doreen called the meeting to order.

Sheri talked about attendance. Attendance has been stable online, in person was down in March.

The minutes were approved as sent out without changes.

Financial Report:

- Faye shared the financial report which was sent out for review.
- Faye asked if we should send money to Hoffman's for snow removal. It was suggested to send \$300 for snow removal.
- Discussion was held on how the doorways get cleared before church. The suggestion was that the ushers should check when they get there and move the snow necessary to enter the church. Renee moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Sheri and passed.

Trustees Report:

- David reported that there is nothing to report on from the Trustees.
- Faye shared that she had signed up the "Day of Caring" at the school and they will do ditch cleanup as well as yard cleanup around the church.
- Faye said that the lights are out in the office, Rick is working on this.
- We need new gutters on the portion of roof that is above the new concrete. David will talk to Rick and possibly ask Myles to help with that.
- The little Library also needs a little fixing after winter; David will contact Myles.

Pastors Report:

- Pastor Joyce reported she found a pastor from Rochert, MN to fill in June 7 so we will have communion that day.
- She has lined up someone willing to cover pastoral care for the month of June, this information will be listed in the bulletin. She is still working on filling the other 3 Sundays.
- Joyce talked about VBS dates. It will be July 20-23 from 5:30-7:30 pm. The theme is "Road Trip"

Missions

- The first quarter Mission was UMCOR, and the total raised was \$806. The next quarter if Relay for Life, Vergas Looneys.
- The local Mission for April will pay for the Day of Caring project at the school. May will be banked.

New Business

- We decided to do ice cream treats only after swimming lessons. Joyce will find out when the schedule is so that we can plan to staff that.
- We are also signed up to be the food truck at one of the Thursday nights in the summer, preferably June 9. Joyce will talk to the person at the Coffee Shop.
- Looney Days will be July 31 to August 2. Jane will try to get the church schedule on the fliers.

Pastor Joyce adjourned the meeting with the membership sharing what they are grateful for.

The next meeting will be held at 6:30 pm on May 18th at the church.