



Methodist Messenger

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From the PASTOR'S DESK

By now I am guessing you have already heard that Bishop Plambeck intends to appoint me to Buffalo United Methodist Church on June 30, and I have affirmed her intention. First, I clearly sensed God's guidance in accepting this new position. But also, one does not lightly turn down a Bishop's appointment. Personally, I am also excited to be moving closer to some very close friends to enjoy their company. There is a big difference between "having friends" and "experiencing friends". I need to see and hang out with my friends, to meet some of my relational needs.

I also want to thank many of you who have expressed your sadness and also understanding of this is how things kind of go in the Methodist system. I appreciate your comments and well wishes. I want you to know I am grieving too, deeply.

This was by no means an easy decision for me especially since we have accomplished so many good things together, made good strides in the right direction in our churches, turning things

around, and now making good plans for the future. Both churches are poised to keep moving forward into our missional imperatives, better than ever before in my opinion. We've survived the Pandemic and have worked too long and too hard to lose momentum now. You must pull together and continue to lean into new opportunities.

DS Kantonen is currently working with the S/PPRC to begin to identify qualities you would desire in your next missional leader/pastor. I trust the next pastor will have many positive qualities and skills (many I didn't have) and will be able to continue to work with you to move forward. Teaming well in hope, I highly anticipate you will continue to grow in love of God and neighbor, reach new people, and heal a broken world and in the process new people will join the church and join your efforts.

Waiting for Spring,
Pastor Amy

Easter Sunday, April 9th is the Final Day to Contribute to the Bridge Pantry's March Food Campaign. Many big businesses in Minnesota are pooling their finances to support their local food shelves. Local food shelves can receive these funds based on their ability to raise contributions during the month of March (**final day to contribute to this campaign is April 9th**). Please consider giving generously, the needs are greater than ever!



New Member.

Please welcome our newest member in Vergas United Methodist Church, Beverly Flatland! We are so grateful for her willingness to commit herself to our “faithful five” NEW membership commitments: 1) be present (attend church more than you don’t attend), 2) pray (pray for God to keep moving and leading us, pray for the sick), 3) serve (serve in at least one area in the church), 4) give (tithe faithfully and generously to the sustaining of your local church) and 5) witness (share your faith in words and deeds). Beverly has a big heart, loves cats, strong ties to the community, already serves as Liturgist and has many other wonderful gifts she brings to our church family! Welcome, Bev!

Church Trustees


UPDATE



Please take a moment to welcome David Reiten as our new Chair of Trustees. As chair, David will work with the other trustees (Chuck Hillstrom, Rick Nelson, and Byron Zitzow), Ad Council, and the whole church to assess the current physical upgrades needed on our church building. Once that list is compiled, prioritized, and financially assessed; the chair will then coordinate with the Ad Council to present next steps to the whole church as necessary. Our desire is to continue to maintain and even build upon the previous legacy of excellence established by Loren Menz. We are grateful David can help lead the charge in keeping our church in

Wed, April 26th - Date Set for Ad Council Training in Dent!

As both Ad Councils are leaning into the fullness of their leadership responsibilities; it seems wise to receive a little training to remind us what constitutes a healthy and vibrant Ad Council. Vergas’ Ad Council received the 90-minute training online in March. Team members found it to be a positive experience, good use of our time, and expanded our understanding of what we can and must be focusing on. **Dent’s Ad Council Training will be held at Dent United Methodist Church on Wednesday, April 26th starting at 3:15pm.**



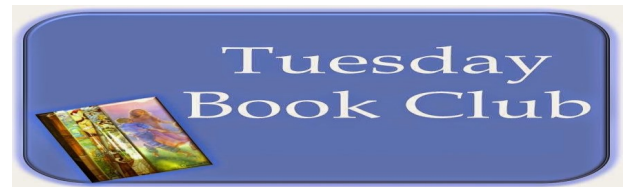


Ad Council
Wednesday, April 19th
Dent 3:30
Vergas 6:30pm



The Church Ladies

The Church Ladies will meet at noon at Billy's in Vergas on Tuesday, April 18th. Any of the church ladies are welcome to join us to share the adventures that we have had this winter! The food and fellowship are great! Connie Prunty has agreed to chair this group and we will start planning for spring and summer hoping that they come soon!



**Next Meeting Tues, April 4th
12:30pm at Billy's in Vergas**

2 Books Chosen
"Someone Else's Shoes" by Jojo Moyes
"Take My Hand" by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

**Sunday, April 28th –
Final Opportunity to Financially Support Pastor Zabel**

After discussion on the Dent Ad Council, it was determined it would be nice to invite Dent church attenders to offer more financial support of Pastor Zabel's visit (first Sunday in February). He accrued some extra expenses...renting a hotel room, meals, and gas just to be able to share Sunday with us. Please consider giving to offset those expenses. We will have a THANK YOU card you can sign after one final call for donations on the last Sunday in April. Checks can be made out to Lyndy Zabel, or put cash into a giving envelope with his name on it.

Vergas Mission Minute

Vergas Local Outreach

Since the Ad Council participated in a Training program in February, there wasn't a regular meeting therefore Local mission money stayed in the account. It was determined at the March meeting to send the February & March dollars to the food shelves for the MN Food Share Campaign.

Please let the Ad Council know if you are aware of a local need that could be funded.



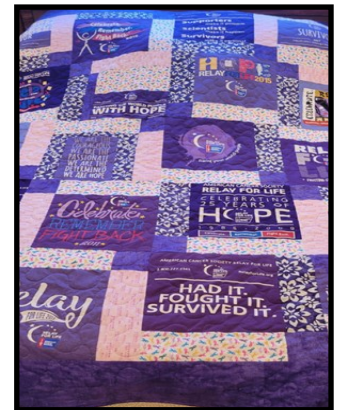
Vergas Mission of the Quarter



April / May
June
Mission of the
Quarter

The Vergas Looneys have been working and planning for the next successful year of fundraising for the American Cancer Society. Our Christmas Gathering was successful even though we had to fight with the weather again! During the winter, Bev Flateland and Jane Wasvick

worked on a "Cancer Survivor Quilt" which will be put on the Silent Auction at the Relay in Perham on July 14, 2023. Survivor T-Shirts were donated along with fabric which was sewn together with love. We are planning our Fashion Show in the fall and another Christmas Gathering in December, other events may show up, you can never tell.



The American Cancer Society Relay For Life movement is the world's largest peer-to-peer fundraising event dedicated to saving lives from cancer. For over 35 years, communities across the world have come together to honor and remember loved ones and take action for lifesaving change. Funds raised through Relay For Life directly support breakthrough research, 24/7 support for cancer patients, access to lifesaving screenings, and much more.



Thank you for your
continued generosity

MARCH / APRIL VOLUNTEER LISTS

Dent UMC - Liturgist & Usher lists have been put together. Ushers will have the responsibility for ushering all Sunday's in that month. If you are unable to be there on a Sunday, please find a substitute to fill in for you. Thank You!

April Ushers
Rob & Ivy Mickelson

Apr	Liturgist	Fellowship
02	Peggy Me.	Judy & Gary A.
09	Augie A.	Easter Sunday
16	Gary A.	Karen & Richard J.
23	Michelle S.	Peggy Meissner
30	Don G.	Lisa & Russ W.

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May Ushers
Lyndon & Peggy M.

May	Liturgist	Fellowship
07	Darlene H.	Darlene & Austin H.
14	Carolann G.	Virginia & Rick J.
21	Augie A.	Ellie Lodin
28	Don G.	Ivy & Rob M.

Mission of the Quarter for Dent



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.

In partnership with disaster response ministries and coordinators in U.S. annual conferences, UMCOR journeys with affected communities throughout a disaster’s cycle, including disaster preparedness, relief, response, recovery and mitigation.

UMCOR’s Early Response Team (ERT) training program supports conference preparedness and immediate response efforts. Key activities for conference ERT and other response teams are supplying survivors with food, water, shelter and help with mucking out and cleaning up.

UMCOR offers emergency financial assistance in the aftermath of a disaster to support local relief work.

Volunteer Lists in Vergas

A volunteer list has been created for the year, if you find you cannot serve on the weekend selected for you, please find a replacement. We are counting on everyone doing their part to make this work better. The lists for February and March are below, please let Sheri know of any changes you make. Thank you!

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Apr	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
02	Renee S	Steve & Carmen	Potluck / Margy
09	Bev F	Faye & Tonya	Easter - No Fellowship
16	NEEDED	David & Carla	Tonya J.
23	Tonya J	Bryan & Eileen	Men's Soup
30	Rick N	Byron & Connie	Birthdays Cake & Ice Cr

May	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
07	Needed	Needed	Faye C.
14	Lana J.	Rick & Margy	Mother's Day - No FS
21	Bev F.	Faye & Tonya	Sheri & Jody
28	Carla R.	Neil & Donna	Birthdays Cake & Ice Cr.





Worship Service Times:

Dent Services 9:00 am

Vergas Services 10:30am

The Vergas service will begin the Livestream on Facebook at 10:30 am and will be posted to YouTube & the Website (if able to) shortly after the end of the service.

YouTube.com Search using this text, "Dent Vergas UMC" to find our channel. **Please "Subscribe"** - once we get to 100 subscribers, we will get our own unique YouTube link.

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 March is April. 26, 2023.

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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April / May 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Jody S. (V) Carla R. (V) 	2 12:30pm Book Club @ Billy's in Vergas	3 4	5 6:30pm Maundy Thursday service at VUMC	6 7	Good Friday	8 Loren M. (V) 
	9 10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 12 pm Church Ladies meeting Billys in Vergas	18 Michelle S. (D)	19 Michelle S. (D) Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas	20 Rick N. (V) 	21	22
23	24	25 3:15pm Dent Ad Council Training	26 Kellie Ann A. (D)	27 Kellie Ann A. (D) 	28 Doug H. (D)	29 Doug H. (D) Marilyn P. (D) 
30	1 12:30pm Book Club	2	3	4	5	6