



Methodist Messenger

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So much good stuff is happening! We need to celebrate! The 1989's song from Kool & The Gang "Celebration" is rolling in my head, "Yahoo...it's a celebration. Yahoo...it's your celebration. Celebrate good times, come on!"

We have a lot to celebrate!

For instance, as of today (Saturday, July 30th), we have 6 BRAND NEW kids WHO HAVE NEVER ATTENDED VBS BEFORE signed up to attend VBS next week. Last year we had maybe 8 or 9 kids in total, this year we have maybe 14 kids in total.

Of course, not all are registered, and proof is in the pudding...we'll see who comes on Monday for VBS and sticks with the whole event. But it still is worth feeling good about. I've heard it can take a few years for events like VBS to fill up with kids. It takes a while for word to get out and people to begin to count on it and put it on their calendars.

Along with more kids, we have more volunteers! And they are more organized and teaming better than ever under Renee Sonnenberg's able leadership. It's always easier to hold events like this when plenty of volunteers step forward. Then no one person feels like the whole thing rests on them. Thank you to all our volunteers...thank you for giving of your hearts, energy, and time. Let's teach those kids about Jesus and help shape their futures in untold positive ways.

Last Thursday, July 28th we had our biggest night ever for Kayaking/Pontooning/Snacking! We had 20 people attend from Dent, Vergas, and neighbors

of Bryan and Eileen Giese! Thursday nights continues to be a special time in the life and rhythms of our churches. This year more host families than ever have stepped forward. Five families in Dent and Vergas, have opened their homes and offered their pontoon and fire pits. Three people own their own kayaks this year too... Bryan Giese, Lana Jacobson, and Martha Hager! Of course, that makes my kayaking heart happy!

Our snacking has morphed more into a potluck and a full meal. And people are faithful to bring a dish to share. We have even had new people, a few repeats even of new people. And somehow each night feels different and yet we continue to build relationships, deepen our fellowship, and find ways to simply love those who come. I've asked others and they tell me they do believe this night is special too. It's not just all in my head. God is at work in our midst!

Dent held a wonderful bake sale recently raising \$704 dollars! Ivy Mickelson and many others worked hard on that event and did a great job. Vergas' Men's Ministry spent a day cleaning up around the church. A good group of guys stepped up to do much needed manual labor and the church grounds look great!

The Ladies Group in Vergas has new energy. And historically, they have worked hard to raise significant money for charity. They have high hopes for the Garage Sale during Looney Days.

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The Tuesday Book Club, made up of women from Dent and Vergas, purchased and put up their little Lending Library in Vergas a couple of months ago. I've heard people are putting books in and taking books out! That's so fun to hear.

I'm sure there are things I am missing to mention. I apologize. We do have many reasons to celebrate and praise God!

I want to send out a BIG "Thank you!" to all who are making commitments to serve and be engaged in the life of the church. Things are humming along, we have so many things to celebrate because you are choosing to be involved! Let's continue to invest in God's Kingdom



We have a new sermon series for the month of August. It's called **Summer of Love Languages**, building on our Summer of Love from last year. We'll be going through Gary Chapman's book 5 Love Languages. We'll learn about people's "love tank", our own "love language" which is ways that others love us that makes us feel fully loved. And we'll be learning about other people's "love language", the ways they feel loved. Learning about the "love languages" will equip us with concrete ways to love our spouses, family, and friends in church in deeper ways.

We will be adding a new activity in church this month. Each Sunday in August we will play "Name That Groovey Tune". You, as the congregation, will try and name the title and band of songs from the 60's. We'll play snippets of original songs by the original bands and see who will be the first to name that groovey tune and the name of the band.

The last Sunday of August we will be inviting people to come to church dressed in their favorite outfits! We want to celebrating the wild and crazy culture of the 60's. We had a great turn out last year and we have pictures to prove it.

We'll finish up our month of love by having a Summer of Love Celebration. Mark Tuesday, August 30th on your calendars, 6:30pm, in the parking lot of Vergas UMC. We'll have root beer floats, sit outside, and listen to more 60's music. A perfect event to invite a friend or neighbor to attend. Bring a lawn chair. Hope to see you there!

A Thought for The Day



Tues, Aug 30th 6:30pm

Summer of Love Celebration
(Root beer floats and 60's
music, Vergas UMC parking
lot





NEW Kayaking Club July Schedule

Meet at 4:45 pm to touch base and help each other get on the water. If the weather is bad, Fridays will be our alternate night, same time and place. Questions call 612-226-8905.

Friday, Aug 5th Rose Lake (private access, 36773 E Rose Lake Road) Doreen S. hosting
Pontoon available, Fellowship after at **Doreen's 218-234-5657**

Kayaking Scheduling meeting, Sunday, August 7th at noon in Vergas.

Thurs, Aug 10th Long Lake (beachfront) **Amy S. 612-226-8905**

August 18th & 25th TBD



Vergas Mission Minute

Local Outreach

The local mission opportunity for July is members who are going through a very difficult time. Ted and Florene Zitzow are trying to stay in their home and deal with health issues. This is a difficult situation for the family and our church sent money to help with whatever is needed. Please keep Ted and Florene in your prayers.

If any member of the congregation knows of a need, please let the Ad Council know so it can be considered.

Mission of the Quarter



The Mission for this quarter will be Samaritan's Purse which funds Operation Christmas Child. Mission dollars collected during this quarter (July, August, and September) will be added to the budgeted dollars to fund this outreach.

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the Gospel message and bless children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events, and how to implement The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program.

Pastors around the world host outreach events in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him. Other churches use the boxes as resources for outreach in orphanages and other at-risk areas. Boys and girls grow in Christ and share with friends and family. The students also invite others to their graduations where the Gospel is shared. This often brings parents, siblings, and friends to accept Christ and become active members in the local church. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.

Samaritan's Purse also funds a large disaster response within the United States as well as internationally. They set up and staffed a field hospital in New York City during the pandemic.

See list of suggestions for shoe boxes, attached at the end of newsletter.

Thank you for continued generosity,
Jane Wasvick



Dent Mission of the Quarter

July, August, September



The community children are invited to come and shop for gifts for Christmas for their family members. They will be assisted with shopping, all gifts will be wrapped and refreshments are served. The event is from 9 am to 12 noon on the 2nd Saturday in December. Same day as Dent's Santa Day.



Church Ladies

We could use some help for the Rummage Sale! Looking for more “stuff” to put out for sale! Drop off rummage items anytime in the Fellowship Hall. We need the men to help with table setup on Sunday, Aug 7th after church. Helpers are needed to sign up for setting up, selling items, quilt raffle tickets and cleanup during the week of Aug 10 - 13. Sign up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.

The regular meeting dates will be the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 1pm at the church. Join us for mission work, dessert and fun! We are actively working on the Rummage Sale during Looney Daze's and have a Quilt Raffle, tickets are on sale for \$1 each after church and during the Rummage Sale. We are also planning a “Good Stuff” sale in the fall. All proceeds go to the charities decided by the Ladies.

We could really use more members, so please come to the meeting on August 16th at 1pm and enjoy the fellowship. Any interested members from



Ladies gathering to help Martha Hager with cleaning up her yard and flower beds, getting ready to put her home on the market. If you like to get your hands dirty and love women's chatter, come out to Martha's on Saturday, August 6th from 9am to Noon. Contact Lana (Jacobson) Bancroft for questions 612-865-3260.

Martha's address is 38084 N Little McDonald Lake phone #917-446-5898



August 11 - 14



You may start dropping off your donations at church starting Aug 1st thru Aug 10th. We will be setting up for the sale after church on Aug 8th with a pre-sale for those who help with the set up.

Men's Brats & Beans

Fri Aug 12th 10am - 2pm
and 4:00 - 7pm

Sat Aug 13th 10am - 2pm



Church Ladies

Fri Aug 12th 8am-4pm

Sat Aug 13th 8am - Noon

New Sermon Series



We all need to feel loved. Is your "love tank full"?

Based on the book 5 Love Languages by

Gary Chapman, come learn your "love language", and choose to love. This content will help you intentionally love your spouse, a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor, sibling, or a friend at church.

Make this a summer they feel loved!



Quilt Raffle for Looney Daze's \$1 per ticket. Can purchase after church or at the

Rummage Sale. Drawing will be after the Parade on Aug 14th

Summer of Love Languages Sermon Series:

- Sun, Aug 7th "Keeping the Love Tank Full"
- Sun, Aug 14th "Speaking of Love, part 1"
- Sun, Aug 21st "Speaking of Love, part 2"
- Sun, Aug 28th "Love is a Choice"
(come dressed your best 60's attire)



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!

August Ushers	September Ushers
Curt & Ellie L.	Austin & Darlene H.

Aug	Liturgist	Fellowship
7th	Doris C.	Gretchen & Roger D.
14th	Michelle S.	Michelle & Kal S.
21st	Carolann G.	Nancy & Doug H.
28th	Lyndon M.	Carolann & Don G.



Vergas
Needed for August:
 14th & 28th



Vergas
Needed for Aug:
 7th, 21st & 28th

Vergas UMC - Liturgist & Usher sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please check the lists and see where you might be able to help. Thank you!

**check the weekly bulletins for reminders of who signed up or where there is still a need.*

Breakfast Club

Dent meets at Mysteries Café (Nootzies) at 9am on the 1st Wednesday of the month

Vergas meets at the Loon's Nest at 9am on the last Friday of the month.



No one is too young or too old to join the Church Ladies. So

join us as we reorganize our Women's Group on the third Tuesday of every month, 1:00pm at the church, where a delicious dessert will be served.

Ad Council Meetings

Wed. Aug 17th


3pm Dent

6:30pm Vergas

SPPRC meeting

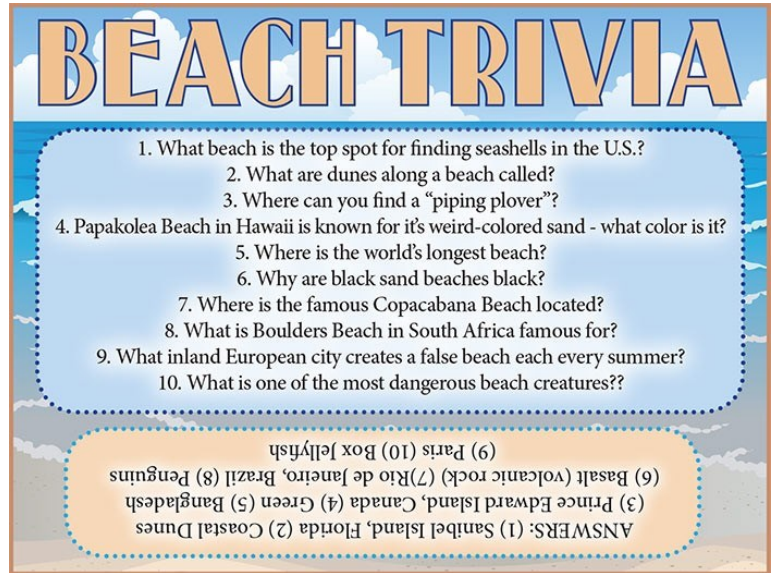
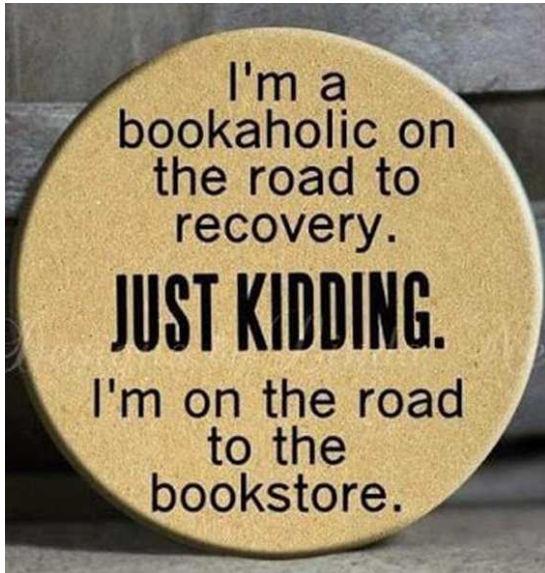
Sunday, Aug. 21st





Next Meeting Tues, Aug 2nd 12:30pm at The Loon's Nest

July's Book is "Run, Rose, Run" by James Patterson & Dolly Parton



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 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 September is August 26, 2022

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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August / September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Times 9am Dent 10:30am Vergas 10:30am Livestream	Vergas Sunday School 9:30 am Adult 10:30am Livestream	Sermon Series: Summer of Love Languages by Gary Chapman				
	1  Connie Z (V) 5:30 - 7:30pm VBS at VUMC	12:30pm Book Club @ Loon's Nest 5:30 - 7:30pm VBS at VUMC	2  Judy N. (V) 9am Dent Breakfast Club at Mysterie's 5:30 - 7:30pm VBS at VUMC	4 5:30 - 7:30pm VBS at VUMC	5 4:45pm Kayaking Rose Lake	6  Louise C. (D) 9am - Noon Ladies Gathering at Martha's
7 12pm Kayaking Club meeting in Vergas	8  Toni L (D)	9	10	11 4:45pm Kayaking Long Lake	12 8am - 4pm Rummage Sale 10am - 2pm 4:00 - 7pm Brats-N-Beans	13  Conni P (V) 8am - Noon Rummage Sale 10am - 2pm Brats-N-Beans
14	15	16	17 Renee S (V)	18  Peggy Ma. (D) Faye C (V)	19  Peggy Ma. (D) Faye C (V)	20
21	22	1:00 pm Vergas Church Ladies Group	23 Peggy Me. (D) Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas	24  AlA. (D) 4:45pm Kayaking TBD	25  AlA. (D) 4:45pm Kayaking TBD	26
27 11:50am SPPRC meeting in Vergas	28 Chuck H (V)	29  Mark J (V) 6:30pm VUMC Summer of Love Celebration	30  9am Vergas Breakfast Club Loon's Nest	1	2	3
28 Summer of Love Come dressed in your best 60's attire	29	30	1	2	3	4

School Supplies

Crayons
Pencils
Pens
Sharpener
Paper
Ruler
Scissors



Hygiene Items

Soap
Washcloth
Toothbrush (NO Toothpaste)
Comb
Brush



What to Pack in an



Shoe Box Gift

Toys

Ball
Marbles
Games
Harmonica
Puzzles
Cars
Legos



Something to Love



Doll
Stuffed Animal
Bitty Blanket

DO Not send:

Chocolate / Candy
Liquids
Breakables
Food
Knives
War related items



Clothing

Socks
Flip Flops
Shoes
T-shirts
Shorts
Pillow Case Dresses



Ad Council Minutes
July 20, 2022

Those present: Pastor Amy, Sheri Schoenberger, Renee Sonnenberg, Jane Wasvick, Carmen Moore

Pastor Amy's Updates:

- She is reviewing the attendance to church services over the last three years, although Sheri sees no large changes in attendance this year.
- She has created a "Pulpit Fill" Document for the times she may be absent and is sending it to the SPPRC Char for their potential use.
- She is rescheduling the SPPRC committee meeting for Aug 21, so there will be no conflict with the VBS Meetings.
- A call from the Bridge Pantry was received, and is there anyone in our congregation directly involved with the Bridge? Jane tells us there needs to be a cessation of food drop offs at the church; no one is responsible to deliver it. Sheri will put it in the newsletter that we will no longer take donations of food at church, only monies to give to the food pantries.
- P. Amy has had to buy a new computer; Jane moved that we share the cost of the new computer with Dent. Motion seconded and carried.
- Dent has requested to have a team of 10 people for "Feeding My Starving Children" organization. Will Vergas complete the team?
- Will the raffle sponsored by the women's group need a license? Jane looked into it and learned that MN law does not require a license for non-profit raffles if the prize is worth less than \$1500 and the raffle profits do not exceed \$2500 for the year, so the quilt raffle is exempt from the need of a license.
- Dent is having a non-bread communion; it might be good to offer GF wafers for the Vergas communion too.
- An update on Kayaking : 4 more host families have come forward this year over ;last summer and 2 new people have responded to our posters for Kayaking this year. P. Amy sees the need to make our church more easily accessible through activities that attract new people to join us, as kayaking and bonfires have done.
- VBS has posters up in several of the surrounding communities, there may be 8-12 children interested in attending, and she sees more interest building in the congregations for VBS. Prayers were requested from the AD Council to help the meaning of the "Summer of Love" theme (this August) take hold for our congregation. She wants the language of love to be better known to us for use with friends, church family, spouses, etc. to help us communicate love more readily.
- We will have a birthday fellowship on the last Sunday of each month at our churches

Secretary Report: Approved as sent out.

Treasurers Report: Approved as given out.

Missions: There were no suggestions of needs that are being experienced by families in our community. Jane moved that we hold the allocated monies for missions until needs for them arise; motion carried.

Color Copies:

Faye reported that for 6 months our overages for copies has cost \$292.37. We will continue to split the cost with Dent and will see what the overages for the year will be so we can adjust our contract for copies accordingly.

Worker Comp. Insurance Costs: These should be shared by both churches; Faye and Ivy will communicate about their payment of the premiums so we can split the costs between the two churches.

Church Landscaping: The men's group pulled out the overgrown shrubs in front of the church entrance and has recommended that we wait till next spring to replant those places.

Update on Church Roof and improvements Needed:

Renee has talked to Mike Summers re: roofing the church and the back entry improvements; Mr. Summers cannot get to it this summer but will put us at the top of his work list for next year. Renee is going to get his estimates for the work to be done.

Insects and Bats: the church has been sprayed for insects and the bats have been removed.

Active Shooter Scenario:

Renee will work on this issue and how we will address it after VBS.

New Business:

Parsonage: Jane received a phone call from the Frazee Methodist Church, and they would like to schedule a walk-thru of the parsonage to see if they should plan for repairs or updates that it may need. There is a probability that the parsonage rent will be increased.

Purchase of a Leaf Blower:

Faye would like for us to purchase a leaf blower for the church grounds; Keith Sandou will volunteer to keep the entrances cleaned with it. Jane moved that we purchase a leaf blower, motion carried.

Next Meeting is Aug 17th.

Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted by Carmen Moore