

The Grapevine is a weekly publication designed to enhance our church communications. The deadline to get material submitted is Thursday at 8:00 AM. Call the office at 515-996-2572 or e-mail your information to [office@vmumc.com](mailto:office@vmumc.com).

## Sunday School Ends Today

Today is the last day of Sunday School until fall programming resumes in September.

This Friday will be the last day of school in the Van Meter District.

Please keep a careful eye out for kids playing or riding on the streets.



## Big Summer Changes:

Summer always brings major changes to our church schedule. This summer, there will be a new change of importance to everyone who attends Sunday services: Our new pastor, Thom Bryant, will be leading us beginning July 7.

### ***Sunday School — Today is the last day of Sunday School until fall.***

Sunday School will resume in September. Until then, we'll see you all in church.

### ***VBS***

Wednesday evenings in June. (See center section of this *Grapevine*.)

### ***Youth Group***

Last meeting was May 15th, to resume in September.

### ***Discussion Groups***

Parent group stops meeting when Sunday School recesses, and resumes with Fall Kickoff. Adult Discussion group meetings will also be on recess until fall.

### ***Music Rehearsals***

Chancel Choir will be on break after singing at Raccoon River Days community service. Praise Team rehearsals will move to Sunday morning before the service.

### ***Prayer Shawl Group***

The Prayer Shawl group will take July and August off, but *will* meet in June.

## MAY WORSHIP INFORMATION



SUNDAY, MAY 26  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

SERMON:  
"STICKS, STONES, AND BONES"

SCRIPTURE:  
EZEKIEL 37:1-14



## Congratulations to Our High School Graduates



*Carson Hess, Kasey O'Brien, Christopher Reames, and Emily McGregor with Pastor Linda*

## JOIN US FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Wednesday Evenings: June 5, 12, 19, & 26

**When:** 6:30-8:30 PM

Wednesdays: June 5, 12, 19, and 26  
(snacks provided)

**Who:** Children ages 3 to 11 years old

**Where:** Van Meter United Methodist Church  
100 Hazel Street, Van Meter

**Register:**

Call Stacy Peterson at 996-2572  
or email [speterson0403@gmail.com](mailto:speterson0403@gmail.com)  
or online <https://tinyurl.com/yy2xjb2e>  
(There's a link on the church website, [vmumc.org](http://vmumc.org))  
or come early the first night to register

**Cost:** Free Will Offering each night



## Please Pray for...

### those under medical care

Shirley Jackson, Kylie Nelson, Melvis Jimmerson, Ardis Anderson,  
Al Wille (friend of Dana Follmann), Anne Markham

### those living with challenges

Chuck Keltner, Fay Witham, Kids Care families

### those in harm's way

children in school, first responders everywhere

### Give thanks for our joys

the dark, rich earth of freshly-plowed fields



## Sunday Worship Helpers

Sunday, May 26

- **Acolyte:**  
Andrew Cockburn  
Jameson Herman
- **Ushers/Greeters:**  
Joe & Maya Herman  
Don & Connie Waller
- **Power Point:**  
Ben Adams
- **Liturgist:**  
Owen Stump
- **Nursery:**  
Meghan Freidrich

## Community Worship Service During Raccoon River Days

The first Sunday in June,  
we will not be holding our  
regular Sunday service as  
we will be joining the  
community worship service.



- \* Sunday, June 2 (*two weeks from today*)
- \* 9:45 coffee, juice, donuts (free-will offering)
- \* 10:30 community worship service
- \* Memorial Garden Shelter at the  
Veterans Center (910 Main Street)

Come support your church at this  
community event. Remember to  
bring your lawn chairs!




*If you are unable to fulfill your worship duty,  
**please find a replacement**  
and notify the church office of the change.*

## Calendar

### This Week

<b>Sun., May 19</b>	<b>Casual Sunday</b> <b>Last Sunday School and discussion group meetings until fall</b> <b>Sunday School, Adult &amp; Parent Discussion Groups</b> 9:30 AM <b>Sunday Worship Service</b> 10:45 AM
Mon., May 20	Exercise Your Faith 2:00 PM
Wed., May 22	Chancel Choir 7:30 PM
Fri., May 24	Last day of school in Van Meter

### Next Week

<b>Sun., May 26</b>	<b>Sunday Worship Service</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>
Mon., May 27	Memorial Day church office closed Kids Care closed no Exercise group	
Wed., May 22	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM

