



Statistics say that 20.7 billion dollars will be spent on moms in honor of the U.S. holiday that falls on the second Sunday in May: Mother's Day. All that cash and commercialism goes against everything the women who originated the idea wanted. Did you know a Methodist mother and daughter team worked to create a day to honor a mother's love and to emphasize how important a mother's role is in building a peaceful world?

In the late 1860s, before there was an official Mother's Day holiday in the U.S., a Methodist mom, Ann Jarvis, organized "Mothers' Friendship Day," at which mothers gathered with former Union and Confederate soldiers to promote reconciliation.

Women came together with their sisters in their locations to respond to the needs that they could see. For Ann, she was in a coal mining part of what is now West Virginia. And she could see the needs of women and children. And she could see the effect of the economy of her day on the people that she cared for most directly.

She started mothers clubs. And she talked to them about hydration for fevered babies, about sanitation and nutrition. And then the Civil War came along and they put a field hospital right outside of town.

She was convinced that mothers, women, but especially mothers, had to work for peace because they could see the ravages of war in their husbands and in their sons, in a way that was so focused and so clear that their voices would be powerful. And that's what's at the genesis of the current Mother's Day.

Ann Jarvis died in 1905, before an official holiday was in place. But her daughter Anna (who was never a mother herself) stayed true to the purpose of the celebration. She envisioned Mother's Day as a time to write a personal letter to your mother, a time to send her an inexpensive carnation (a flower in which the petals hold tight like a mother's love) and a time to visit or attend church together. She later became an outspoken critic when the special day turned too commercial.

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**Pentecost Worship – May 19<sup>th</sup> – wear your favorite red item(s) of clothing – to represent the flame/fire of the Holy Spirit alive in our churches!**

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**Pastor's Desk continued....**

Anna was really aggravated at people that turned that observation into a commercial outlet. So she had a lot to say to Hallmark. She had a lot to say to the Salvation Army that started selling carnations. When she made carnations the symbol of Mother's Day they sold for pennies. But the price soon went up to \$1.50, \$2.00 apiece because people found they could make money off of it. And her comments about Hallmark are just wonderful. She said, 'How lazy can you be to buy somebody else's sentiments for your mother? One day out of the year sit down and tell your mother what you really think of her.' And she was just furious. I like that kind of spunk. She would have been a very interesting person to know.

I like this story because the history of the church isn't just a history of ministers, it's also about the people who make up the church family. Encouraging us think about our mothers or women who have mentored or nurtured us, is always a good thing to do.

Blessings and See You in Church!

*Pastor Joyce*



**Schedule for Worship in May**



**May 5<sup>th</sup>** – Communion, “How to Conquer the World”  
1 John 5:1-6. Hymns: Victory In Jesus; I Come With Joy.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – **Rick Nelson** will be sharing his personal faith story.  
Hymns: Onward Christian Soldiers; Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior; Nearer My God to Thee.

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** – Pentecost – wear red clothes, “How to Spell ‘Church’” Acts 2:1-21. Hymns: Sweet, Sweet Spirit; Every Time I Feel the Spirit; Spirit of God.

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Trinity Sunday, “The Cure for Zombie Mode” Romans 8:12-17. Hymns: Holy, Holy, Holy; Come, Thou Almighty King; Spirit of the Living God.



**Russell Waldorf**

JUNE 22, 1952 ~ APRIL 13, 2024

**Funeral Services ~ Saturday, June 1, 2024**

United Methodist Church Dent  
301 Main St, Dent MN

**Visitation:** 3:00 - 4:00pm

**Cremation Memorial Service:** 4:00 - 5:00pm



## The Vergas Church Ladies



Next meeting is on  
Monday, May 20th  
12:30pm at the  
church.

**“Upcoming Bake Sale ~  
Help Needed**



The Church Ladies are having a bake sale the day of the “Shops N Hops” event to earn money for charities. The event is on June 8th from 3 - 6 pm.

The Vergas Church is sponsoring a table / booth in conjunction with “Shops and Hops”, a Vergas community function to increase our visibility in the community.

**Volunteers needed to help at this event**

We would love to have donations of baked goods or dollars to make this a successful event.



## Fry Bread

The Dent church and the town of Dent will be having their annual Rummage Sale on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> from 8 am – Noon. They will also have plain or cinnamon sugar Fry Bread for sale. If you would like to donate any Rummage items, the team will be setting things up on Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – Noon, feel free to bring your things then or contact Pastor Joyce 763-742-4241 if you need to drop things off before May 9<sup>th</sup> and she can meet you and let you into the church.

## Blessings at the Beach



Building upon an idea that came up during our Spring Bible study of the book “Multiplying Love”, Members of Vergas UMC are going to meet at the public beach **every Wednesday during June, July, and August.**

Our purpose is to go beyond our church doors to meet people and bless whomever is present with ice cream treats, the offer of hearing a Bible story and coloring a sheet that matches the story. Donations of money to purchase treats and volunteer time on any Wednesday to hand out treats are greatly appreciated. For more info on how you can be a part of this ministry, talk with Rick Nelson or Pastor Joyce.

## Free Faith Float Fests

Dent UMC will be inviting the community to come to the church the **last Wednesday of the months of June, July, and August** to have a free pop float (a variety of flavors will be available), enjoy some indoor or outdoor games and visit with their fellow neighbors in Dent. Donations of pop, ice cream, time and games are appreciated. Talk to anyone on the Leadership Team or Pastor Joyce for more info about this exciting outreach ministry!



## PONTOON AND KAYAKING SUMMER SCHEDULE



We have planned to meet 2 times a month, on the date and at the time that works best for the hosts who will provide the main part of the meal. Bring something to contribute to the potluck meal and if you want an adult beverage – bring your own. We are still looking for hosts in August or anytime during the summer that is convenient for you. Call Pastor Joyce at 763-742-4241 and Sheri at 218-329-7465 so info about your date and time can be included in future newsletters and in the Sunday announcements.

May 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sunday	3 pm	Gloria Bancrofts	34791 Sybil Lake Trail	Vergas
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	5 pm	Rick & Margy Nelsons	46945 Big Owl Loop	Vergas
June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	5 pm	Bryan & Eileen Giese	32016 Loon Dr	Vergas
July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	5 pm	Jane Wasvick & Don's	25222 Dunton Locks Rd	DL
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	5 pm	Lisa Wrabek's	32501 Starland Shore Dr	Dent



### ANNUAL CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

Pastor Joyce will be attending the Minnesota Annual Conference gathering May 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. When we gather for Conference each church is represented by their Pastor and a lay person. We need a female lay volunteer or one from each church to accompany her and vote on important issues for the UMC in Minnesota. There will be awesome worship with 400 other UMC'ers, fun activities, a service dedicated to remembering those we have lost this past year and celebrating those who are being Commissioned and Ordained as new ministers. The Conference will be taking place in Bloomington. The hotel room is already reserved and you can carpool down and back with Pastor Joyce. Please let her know if you are interested in attending – it really is an exciting opportunity to see the church in action and mission



**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!



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

# Vergas Fire & Rescue

invites you to attend a  
**Pancake Breakfast**



**Sunday, May 5th**  
7am - 12pm  
Vergas Event Center

Serving pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk, juice

**Bring your family, friends,  
neighbors and join us for a breakfast  
to support the volunteers of our  
community.**



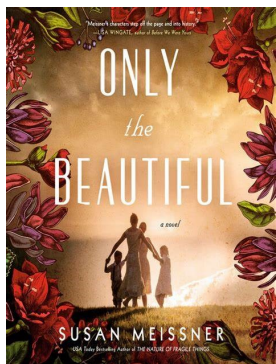
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# Dent Breakfast Club

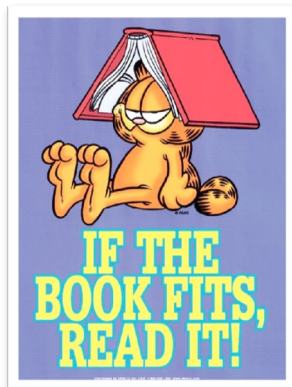


Meets at Mysteries Café  
9am on the  
1st Wednesday of the month

**Ad Council**  
Wednesday, May 15th  
Dent 3:00pm  
Vergas 6:30pm



**Next Meeting**  
Tues, May 7th 12:30pm  
Monarch Coffee Shop,  
Frazee



## 2024 The Bridge Food Pantry - Monthly Donation Needs

- January - Personal Care Items
- February - Breakfast Items
- March - Tomato Products
- April - Baking Items
- May - Canned Meats
- June - Pasta
- July - Canned Fruit
- August - Personal Care Items
- September - Breakfast Items
- October - Tomato Products
- November - Baking Items
- December - Canned Meats

\*\*Please ensure all items are new, unopened, and not expired. \*\*

# Church Mission's ~ Vergas and Dent

<h2>Mission of the Quarter</h2>		<h2>April / May June</h2>	
<h3>United Methodist Committee of Relief (UMCOR)</h3>		 Women and Children	 Creation Care
<b>STATED MISSION</b> Alleviating human suffering around the globe by providing humanitarian aid through programs of relief, rehabilitation, service to refugees and renewal of life.		 Sustainable Development	 Water and Sanitation
		 Disaster Response and Recovery	 Hunger and Poverty
		 Migration	 Global Health

The Mission of the Quarter is UMCOR which is the United Methodist Committee on Relief. As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, **UMCOR** assists United Methodists and churches to become involved globally in direct ministry to persons in need. UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human - caused disasters – famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events - to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable. UMCOR provides relief, response, and long-term recovery grants when events overwhelm a community's ability to recover on their own. UMCOR also provides technical support and training for partners to address emerging and ongoing issues related to disaster relief, recovery, and long-term health and development. They are currently working in many areas of the United States following the tornadoes and floods in the first quarter of 2024. UMCOR is still assisting Ukraine during the war there.

## Vergas Local Outreach

The Local Mission of \$300 for March will be "Feed My Starving Children". The fee to participate in this event is \$50 per participant and we have 10 volunteers. This will take place May 3-4 in Perham. Dent is also sponsoring a team.



## APRIL VOLUNTEERS LISTS

<b>May Ushers</b>	
Lyndon & Peggy M.	
<b>May Liturgist</b>	
Lyndon M.	
<b>May</b>	<b>Fellowship</b>
<b>05</b>	Ellie Lodin
<b>12</b>	Nancy & Doug H
<b>19</b>	Gretchen & Roger D.
<b>26</b>	Toni & Lowell L.

May	Vergas Liturgist	Vergas Ushers	Fellowship
<b>05</b>	Rick N	<b>OPEN</b>	Margy N.
<b>12</b>	Bev F.	Neil & Donna	<b>Mother's Day</b>
<b>19</b>	Lana J.	Rick & Margy N.	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>26</b>	Bryan G.	Bryan & Eileen G.	Margy N.

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

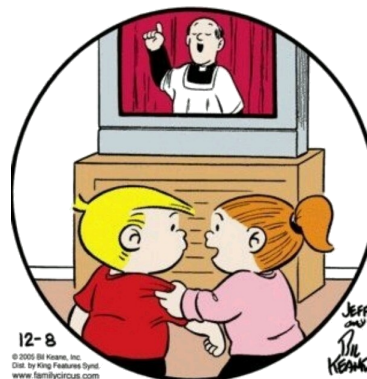


- Vergas Birthday's**
- May 6th Sheri Schoenberger
  - May 11th Donna Frank
  - May 12th Cliff Moe
  - May 23rd Lana Jacobson
  - May 28th Connie Hoffmann

### Blessing Meal for Vergas

June 21<sup>st</sup> we will be blessing the City of Vergas by inviting folks to a free cookout at Lions Park across the street from the church. This is a way for us to meet and greet more of the people in Vergas and share a little bit about who we are and that we want to simply bless them with a free meal. The plan is to provide hot dogs, maybe hamburgers, cole slaw, chips, and a beverage. We will a variety of kinds of help: cooking, moving tables to the park, greeting people, talking with them, sharing info about our church, donations of food or money to cover the cost and of course, other jobs. Talk to any Ad Council member: Pastor Joyce, Sheri, Faye, Dave R, Jane, Tonya, or Doreen if you would like to help!

- Dent Birthday's**
- May 2nd Bob Stiras
  - May 13th Mike Satter



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"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

## A Thought for The Day

If you could erase all the mistakes of your past, you would also erase the wisdom of your present. Remember the lesson, not the disappointment.



Let us  
**WORSHIP**  
Together

## “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](http://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](mailto:sheri.Lschoenberger@gmail.com) or call her at 218-329-7465

Additions to the newsletter, **deadline for June, is May 26, 2024.**

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 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Worship Times</b> 9am Dent 10:30am Vergas and Livestream	Pastor Joyce Office Hours 2- 3:30pm Tuesdays Dent Thurs. Vergas	<b>1</b> Bob S. (D) <b>2</b> 9am Dent Breakfast Club @ Mysteries Café	<b>3</b> 11am - 1pm Dent FMSC at Perham Boys & Girls Club	<b>4</b> 11am - 1pm Vergas FMSC at Perham Boys & Girls Club		
<b>5</b> Sheri S. (V) <b>6</b> 7am - 12pm Vergas Fire & Rescue Pancake Breakfast Vergas E.C.	<b>7</b> 12:30pm Book Club @ The Monarch Coffee shop in Freeze	<b>8</b> 9am Dent Breakfast Club @ Mysteries Café	<b>10</b> 8am - Noon Dent Rummage Sale & Fry Bread	<b>11</b> Donna F. (V)		
<b>12</b> Cliff M. (V) 	<b>13</b> Mike S. (D)	<b>14</b> Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas	<b>15</b> 16 17 18	<b>19</b> 3pm Kyaking at Gloria B. 34791 Sybil Lake Tr, Vergas	<b>20</b> 21 22 23 24 25	
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Connie H. (V)	<b>28</b> 9am Dent Breakfast Club @ Mysteries Café	<b>29</b> 30 31	<b>31</b> Russ Waldorf Funeral at Dent 3-4pm Visitation 4 - 5pm Service	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 12:30pm Book Club	<b>4</b> 9am Dent Breakfast Club @ Mysteries Café	<b>5</b> 6 7 8	<b>6</b> 7 8	<b>8</b> 4 - 7pm Shops & Hops in Vergas	

## **Ad Council Minutes**

### **Vergas United Methodist Church**

**April 17 2024, 6:30 pm at the Church**

Present: Jane Wasvick, Sherri Schoenberger, David Reiten, Faye Courneya, Joyce Slostad, and Tonya Johnson  
Absent: Lisa Wrabek

#### **Review of Church Attendance**

Sheri reviewed the documents for church attendance in person and online and has improved slightly. Online attendance averages about 50-65 people and in person is averaging 18-35.

#### **Secretary Report**

The minutes from March 13th were reviewed and approved.

#### **Treasurer Report**

The Treasurer report was approved as handed out. Faye reported that the building insurance that was set on auto pay was not taking out enough each month leaving us with a makeup payment of \$1299. Motion by David, seconded by Jane to pay the additional \$1299 to keep insurance intact. Faye will try to reset the monthly amount, so this doesn't happen next year. The CD that we have at the Vergas Bank for \$51,000 is coming due on April 29, it can be rolled over for 4.5-5% interest. Motion by David, seconded by Tonya to roll this CD to another year at Vergas Bank, approved. Faye mentioned that the conference through Wes path has an interest bearing account that we can use for some of our operating dollars to avoid having so much in the checking account. Motion by David, seconded by Jane to move \$40,000 from the checking account to the new account at Wes path.

#### **Trustee Report**

The Walk through was completed on April 3 and a list of items needing to be repaired was completed. Please see attached updated report on what is already completed.

David reported that Hanson's is set to change out the thermostats, this will be completed. It was suggested that to set them up to change temperatures on Saturday evening to be prepared for services on Sunday. The decision on who will have access to the app will be decided after the project is completed. When Hanson's is doing the thermostat work, David will ask about the fire alarm to see if it could be removed.

David reported that Do Right had not talked to Rick yet about ceiling repair. Jane saw Rick on April 18<sup>th</sup> and he had talked with Do Right.

#### **Mission**

The Mission of the Quarter for the year.

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter, Relay for Life, Vergas Looneys

2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, UMCOR

3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, Salvation Army

4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, Local Food Shelves, Perham, Pelican Rapids, and Detroit Lakes

The Local Mission for March will be used to sponsor the people signed up to work at "Feed My Starving Children". Both churches have 10 people signed up to work. Local dollars for April will be decided next meeting.

#### **New Mission Statement**

Jane will send out what was developed at Dent and SPPRC and this will be on the agenda for next meeting.

#### **Fresh Expressions**

Joyce reported that there is a MN online video available to watch. She will send out a link.

## **Shops and Hops**

The church will sponsor a booth for this event. The event is June 8 from 3 till 6. The Church Ladies will have a bake sale at the same time to raise money for charities. This will be in the newsletter and announcements.

## **Ice Cream Giveaway at Beach**

An idea was raised to giveaway ice cream treats at the beach on Wednesday in June, July, and August. The dates need to be nailed down and some felt every week might be too much. This will be discussed more next meeting.

## **Bless the Community free meal at Lion's Park**

In order to reach out into the community, it was decided to try a free meal on June 21<sup>st</sup>, the summer solstice, and hold it in Lion's Park from 5-6:30 pm. We need to advertise this, Faye will check on the newspaper and the board at the event center. We also need some flyers for local businesses.

## **Sign on Main road coming into town from Hwy 10**

Joyce said the church sign coming from Hwy 10 into Vergas is tipping over and needs to be straightened. Jane will notify the trustees.

## **Summer Scape**

The Summer Scape is a booklet that is printed and put in the local papers as well as available to hand out each summer. We were asked to participate, this will be \$79 to put the church name and service times in the publication. This was approved.

**Note:** Sheri and Jody will be gone May 12 through May 19<sup>th</sup> and Tonya will run the system. Joyce will have information to Sheri early so that bulletins can be completed.

**The next meeting will be on May 15th at 6:30 at the church.**