



Pastor Joyce Slostad



Giving Thanks – Cultivating an attitude of gratitude

What Is Gratitude?

Gratitude is a positive feeling one experiences after receiving something, such as support, love, or even a gift. When one experiences gratitude, he or she should let the other person know to let their efforts be recognized. People need to feel appreciated and expressing

gratitude is beneficial to all of us.

“Gratitude is one of the strongest and most transformative states of being it shifts your perspective from lack to abundance and allows you to focus on the good in your life, which in turn pulls more goodness into your reality.” – Jen Sincero

“If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, ‘thank you,’ that would suffice.” – Meister Eckhart

I'm thankful for two congregations that have been adaptable, accepting of change, and are a personal blessing to me to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ alongside.

Take a few moments each day to reflect on something for which you can be grateful – I truly believe it will change your outlook on life!

Blessings, and See You in Church!

Pastor Joyce<><

TIS THE SEASON – to turn up & down the heat!

Please be sure if you turn up the heat (to 68, unless really cold out) that you also turn it down (to 58) when you leave the room or building. This helps keep our heating costs down.



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Nov 5th All Saints Sunday and Communion "No Faking It with God", Matthew 23:1-12. Christians speak the truth, treat others fairly and succeed through service to others. We will light candles in memory of those who have passed away. Joint Service – 10 am @ Dent

Nov 12th "Instant Karma", Matthew 25:1-13. No one likes to be publicly embarrassed. Will God call us out if we're caught napping?

Nov 19th "Take a Chance", Matthew 25:14-30. Can a spectacular failure be a sign of success?

Nov 26th "Whose Harvest?", Matthew 25:31-46. The harvest belongs to God, and it's a harvest of love.



PASTOR JOYCE'S

OFFICE HOURS



Her schedule is subject to change due to appointments and evening activities, so

these hours are just a guideline of when she hopes to be in the office. Please call ahead 763-742-4241 to be sure she's at church or if you'd like to schedule a time for her to meet with you:

Mondays: day off

Tuesdays: 10:00 – 11:30 Bible Study @ Dent, then 1 - 3:30 Office time

Wednesdays: work from home, pastoral visits, meetings, other events in the area

Thursdays: 10:00 – 11:30 Bible Study @ Vergas, then 1 – 3:30 Office time

Friday: work from home or available for personal appointments 763-742-4241

Saturday: day off

Sunday mornings



Dent Breakfast Club

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

Ad Council

Wednesday, Nov 15th

Dent 3:00pm

Vergas 6:30pm



SPPRC meeting

Sunday, Nov 19th

12pm in Dent

NOVEMBER 5th JOINT SERVICE 10:00 AM AT DENT

On this coming Sunday we will be honoring all those saints who have touched our lives and gone to heaven this past year. You will also have the opportunity to have a loved one's name lifted up in our list of saints during the worship service. We will also celebrate communion.



Remember to set your clocks back



Day Light Savings time is Sunday Nov 5th at 2am, so be sure to set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed on Nov 4th. This way you will be on time for our joint worship service at 10 am at Dent UMC and not an hour too early for church. Band of Faith will be playing, we will have a potluck after service, and the Vergas United Methodist Ladies will have craft items and baked goods for you to take home for a free will donation. You don't want to miss this service – and Bambi will still be in the woods waiting!



Ecumenical **Thanksgiving** *Service*

**6:30pm Monday,
November 20th**

**Crosspoint Alliance Church
600 NE 8th St, Perham**



The needs of God's ministry are a constant, please be sure your giving is current, especially over the remaining months of the year. If you're not able to be in church, please mail in or drop off your tithes and offerings at the church office or make your offerings in advance of Sundays you will be gone.



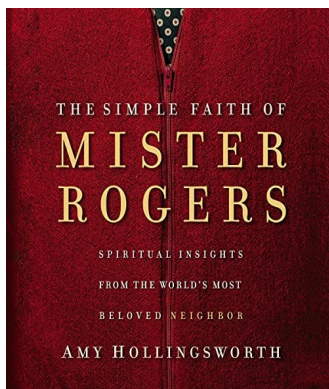
The Vergas Church Ladies



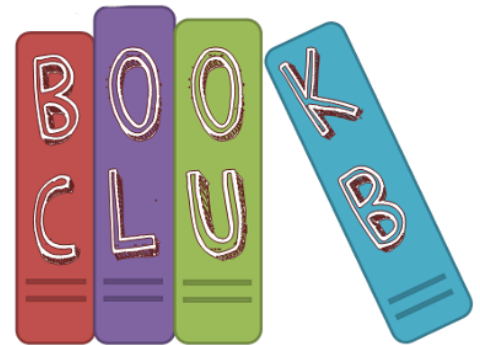
Next Meeting
12:30pm, Thurs, Nov 9th
Church Social Hall

We are excited for the celebration in Dent on November 5th. The Band of Faith will play for the service, there will be a potluck, and we will have the “Good Stuff” Sale. A Christmas Quilt is being sold as a Silent Auction item, currently in Vergas and will be brought to Dent for final bidding and sale. The “Good Stuff” is free will with all donations being used for the Operation Christmas Child project.

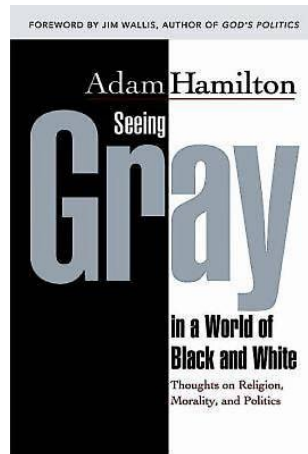
The Church Ladies have raised over \$3000 this year with our projects and will decide at our November meeting which charities will receive the money. Supporting missions is our goal and working together and having fun is how we achieve our goal.



**SMALL GROUP STUDY –
OPEN TO EVERYONE**
**THURSDAYS 10 AM @
VERGAS UMC
for 5 weeks**



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**Tuesdays 10 am @
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Next Meeting
Tues, Nov 7th 12:30pm at
The Loon's Nest in Vergas

Books Chosen
“The Littlest Library”
by Poppy Alexander
“Gal: A True life”
by Ruthie Bolton



“Never
seen a cat
read
before?”

Church Mission's



Vergas Local Outreach

The Local Mission \$300 in October was given to a family that contacted Pastor Joyce needing dollars for traveling home. A new post was purchased for the Little Library. Please let a member of the Ad Council or Pastor Joyce know if there are local needs that could be funded.

Mission of the Quarter - The Church budgets \$50 per month during the quarter for this charity and adds to this what is donated by the congregation that quarter for missions.

The Mission of the Quarter (July, August, September) was Heifer International. Our church sent them \$270.

Vergas Mission of the Quarter October / November / December



Today more than 58 million people around the world can turn on a tap and safely use a toilet because small, affordable loans empowered them to get access to safe water and sanitation at home. We celebrate the lives transformed and realize there is more to be done as we continue our work in 11 countries around the world. In pursuit of our vision of safe water and sanitation for all, we are scaling impact – exploring new markets and financial solutions to help end the global water crisis. Millions of people who live in the countries where we work live on less than \$6.85 a day and spend significant portions of their income to buy water. These are the people we work every day to help empower.

Dent Mission of the Quarter October / November / December



The Mission of the Quarter is **The Salvation Army**. In June 1865, William Booth preached to crowds outside the Blind Beggar pub; a new organization, The Christian Mission, was born. Over the next few years, the movement flourished. Its focus on teaching people about the message of Jesus in a way they could relate to, as well as addressing some of their material needs, saw many people become Christians. Despite opposition from parts of the public who disliked some of the Booths' methods and style, many joined. Their focus on those who had been rejected by the traditional churches was key. All were welcome – including those impoverished and disadvantaged.



Thank you for your
continued generosity

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Reminder starting with July 2nd the fellowship for Dent will be before the service at 8:30am

November Ushers

Doris C / Peggy Me

Nov	Liturgist	Fellowship
05	Combined	Service - Potluck
12	Peggy Ma.	Gretchen & Roger D.
19	Carolann G.	Michelle & Kelvin S.
26	Lyndon M.	Judy & Gary A.

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

December Ushers

Lyndon & Peggy M.

Dec	Liturgist	Fellowship
03	Don G.	Peggy & Lyndon M.
10	Michelle S.	Karen & Richard J.
17	Darlene H.	Peggy Meissner
24	Augie A.	Christmas Eve
31	Russ W.	Lisa & Russ W.

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Nov	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
05	Combined	Service in Dent	Potluck
12	Bryan G	Faye & Tonya	Connie Z.
19	Tonja	Rick & Margy	Faye C.
26	Bryan G.	NEEDED	NEEDED

Dec	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
03	Tonja J.	NEEDED	Tonya J.
10	Bev F.	Rick & Margy	Lana J.
17	Margy N.	Faye & Tonya	Christmas Goodies
24	Christmas Eve	Byron & Connie Z	No Fellowship
31	Bryan G.	David & Carla R.	NEEDED



Vergas
15th David R
27th Eileen G.

Dent
3rd Don G.
3rd Trisha S.
7th Rose Thompson





Holiday Tour of Homes

Vergas Minnesota

November 18, 2023 | 12:30 - 4:00 pm

PROCEEDS GO TOWARD DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTS

~ENJOY APPETIZERS & REFRESHMENTS AT EACH HOME~

~SILENT AUCTION ITEMS~

~SILENT AUCTION FOR BEAUTIFULLY DECORATED CHRISTMAS TREE~

Tickets \$25 in Advance \$30 day of event can be purchased at any of the local business' in Vergas

VISIT THESE BEAUTIFULLY HOLIDAY DECORATED HOMES

- 1) Merry and Bright
620 E. Scharf Ave.
- 2) Christmas Around the World
1040 E. Scharf Rd.
- 3) Cozy Thanksgiving
112 Park Drive
- 4) Christmas/ Winter Wonderland
50133 Ida Loop
- 5) Welcome Home
36776 Freedom River Trail



Vergas
Small Town
Christmas

SAT, NOVEMBER 25TH



Dent UMC Annual Rudolph's Closet

THE DENT COMMUNITY CLUB PRESENTS
SANTA DAY

- ★ MEET SANTA
- ★ SLEIGH RIDES
- ★ COOKIES & HOT COCOA
- ★ WIN PRIZES
- ★ S'MORES & FIRE PIT
- ★ COLORING CONTEST
- ★ CHRISTMAS CRAFT

Saturday, Dec 9th
10am - 1pm
Dent Community Center


From 9 am to 12 noon the same day as Dent's Santa Day. 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.





Fun Facts About Thanksgiving!

1. The first Thanksgiving was in Plymouth, MA in 1621 and it lasted for three days.
2. Abraham Lincoln officially made Thanksgiving a National Holiday in 1863.
3. George H.W. Bush was the first US president to formalize the pardoning of a turkey in 1989.
4. There are four towns in the US named Turkey. They are in Arizona, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Texas.
5. Turkey was not on the menu at the first Thanksgiving.




THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

TRAIL MIX

Bugles: Shaped like a cornucopia, a symbol of our nation's abundance.

Nuts & Seeds: Promise of a future harvest and growth.

Pretzels: Arms folded in prayer, a freedom sought by those who founded our country.

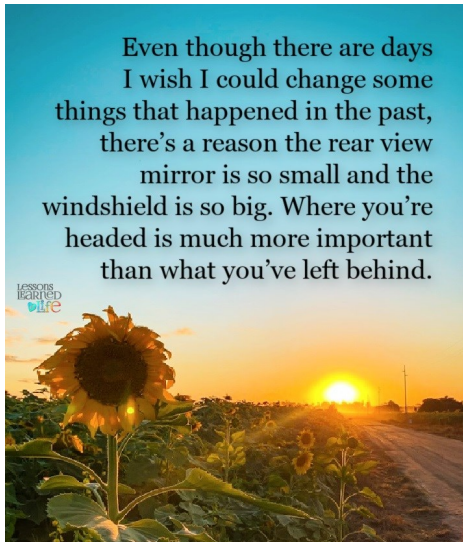
Candy Corn: Sacrifices of the Pilgrims' first winter. Settlers survived on just a few kernels of corn a day.

Dried Fruit: Harvest gifts from our bountiful land.

M&Ms: Memories of those who came before us to guide us to a bright future.

GIVE THANKS





Even though there are days
I wish I could change some
things that happened in the past,
there's a reason the rear view
mirror is so small and the
windshield is so big. Where you're
headed is much more important
than what you've left behind.

LESSONS
learned
in
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

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 September, is August, 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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November / December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship Times</u> 9am Dent 10:30am Vergas and Livestream</p>	<p>Pastor Joyce Office Hours 1 - 3:30pm Tuesdays Dent</p>	<p>Pastor Joyce Office Hours 1 - 3:30pm Thurs. Vergas</p>				
			<p>1 9am Dent Breakfast Club @ Mysterics Café</p>	<p>2 10am Vergas Bible Study</p>	<p>3 Don G (D) Trisha S. (D)</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 10am Dent Bible Study 12:30pm Book Club @ Loon's Nest</p>	<p>8 Rose T. (D)</p>	<p>9 10am Vergas Bible Study</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 10:00am Combined Church Service - Dent</p>				<p>12:30pm Vergas Church Ladies</p>		
			<p>14 David R. (V) Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas</p>	<p>15 10am Vergas Bible Study</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Vergas Tour of Homes 12:30 - 4pm</p>
<p>19 12pm SPPRC Meeting at Dent</p>					<p>23</p>	<p>24 Vergas Small Town Christmas</p>
	<p>26 Eileen G. (V)</p>		<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
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