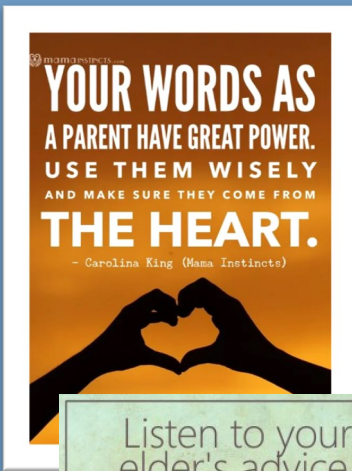


# Methodist Messenger

Newsletter  
August 2023 Issue 8



Listen to your  
elder's advice,  
not because they  
are always right  
but because they  
have more  
experiences  
of being wrong.  
-Author Unknown  
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## Vergas & Dent United Methodist Churches



Pastor Joyce Slostad

The summer is slipping by all too quickly. I hope everyone survived the floodwaters and high temps – oh the joys of summer in Minnesota! If you don't like the weather, don't worry, give it an hour and it will change. And remember those sub-zero winter temperatures? They will be here all too soon – so maybe we shouldn't complain about the heat.



Our son Matthew and his wife Yona, are moving to Colorado this month, our oldest Josh & his wife Emma, moved from a smaller apartment in St. Paul to a newer larger unit, also in St. Paul and of course I moved to Perham to be with all of you – a busy summer of moving for the Slostads! That started me thinking about life transitions and how challenging they can be. Jesus reminds us that he will always be with us no matter the circumstances in Matthew chapter 28:19-20, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

So I trust that Christ will surround my children and all of us, wherever we are or go. Christ will uphold us and lead us into a blessed future – this promise is for all of us, not just those moving or entering a new phase of life – all of us have been given this assurance, we just need to let go and let God.

See You In Church!



FOR AUGUST

- 6th** – Communion, "Jesus Express" Matthew 14:13-21
- 13th** – "Matthew the Meticulous" Matthew 14:22-33
- 20th** – "Life Preserver" Genesis 45:1-15
- 27th** – "She-Spies of Israel" Exodus 1:8–2:10

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## The Vergas Church Ladies



**The Rummage Sale** is approaching! Please bring your items to the church before August 10. If you wish to help, there is a sign-up sheet on a clip board at church. Remember, no clothing or electronics. Items should be in good condition and work. Please place items in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. If you can keep things at home until after August 6<sup>th</sup> that would be helpful as we are having a funeral at the church that day. Remember all proceeds go to

Missions so clean out that extra stuff and bring it to the church!

The **next meeting will be August 17th at 12:30** at the Vergas Church. Dessert will be provided. We will be reviewing the Rummage Sale and deciding which charities to support. We are planning for the "Good Stuff" Sale. Join us for fellowship and dessert! Also, if you wish to donate a craft or baked item to the Good Stuff Sale, this will happen November 5, so make something fun to share. That will be a busy day as we are having a joint service with Dent and have the Band of Faith playing for the service and a potluck to follow so make plans to be at church that day!



The Vergas Methodist Men do not meet on a regular basis (only on the president's call or request) but we do have records of our past activities. In 2022 our major activity and accomplishment was serving the beans/brats at the Vergas Looney Days celebration both Friday and Saturday. In 2022 we netted about \$1,900 which we used to make the following donations: \$300 Relay for life, \$300 CDH Vergas Fire & Rescue, \$500 Little Treasures Mission (Luke Moore), \$300 Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, \$300 for Scholarships. We plan to do the beans/brats event again at the 2023 Looney Days in a similar fashion as we did in 2022. We need men's help, so contact Chairman, Rick Nelson soon. In 2023 we will use the money for scholarships and various charities as in previous years.



## Breakfast Club

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



## Dent Corn Daze

➤➤ SATURDAY, AUGUST 19TH

Fun for the whole family!



### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DENT FIREMANS PANCAKE BREAKFAST - 7:30am - 10:30am

*Free will donation*

TROWBRIDGE PETTING ZOO - 10am - 2pm • Fire Hall • FREE

FOOD TRUCKS - 10:30am - 2:30pm • Pride Auto

GRAND PARADE - 11:00am • Main Street

*Pre-register at 218.371.2012*

CORN ON THE COB - 11:30am - 1:30pm • Fire Hall • FREE

CORN EATING CONTEST - 11:30am • Senior Center • FREE

HORSE WAGON RIDES - 12pm - 3pm •



Dent UMC

BAKE SALE



8am ~

Noon

Looking for baked goods to be brought to church Friday or before 8am on Sat, Aug 19th

# Church Mission's



## Vergas Local Outreach

The Local Mission \$300 in July will be used for the funeral of Patty McVane who was a dedicated musician in our churches for many years.

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

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## Vergas Mission of the Quarter

### Heifer's Mission



We work to end hunger and poverty in partnership with the communities we serve. Our programs support entrepreneurs around the world, creating lasting change from the ground up. It begins with a seed investment of livestock or agriculture, followed by mentorship to help project participants build a business, and ultimately to gain access to supply chains and markets. These families can earn a living income and continuously lift up their communities as they train the next generation of leaders. By supporting and training the world's farmers ranchers, and female business owners, we're investing in a new breed of success. Heifer has been in existence since 1944 and works in 19 countries around the world including the United States.

The last quarter Mission was the Relay for Life, Vergas Looneys. \$275 was donated by the church and the Church Ladies and the Methodist Men were sponsors donating another \$600.

## Dent Mission of the Quarter



This is a wonderful and special event that Dent holds every year.

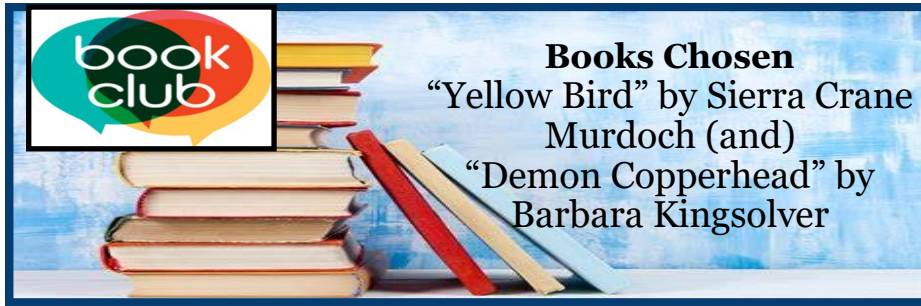
The community children are invited to come and shop for gifts for Christmas for their family members. They will be assisted with shopping, all gifts will be wrapped and refreshments are served.

The event is from 9 am to 12 noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in December. Same day as Dent's Santa Day.

Dent UMC will be collecting donations and money to help put this event together



Thank you for your  
continued generosity



**Books Chosen**  
 "Yellow Bird" by Sierra Crane Murdoch (and)  
 "Demon Copperhead" by Barbara Kingsolver

**Next Meeting Tues,  
 Aug 1st, 12:30pm at  
 Mysteries Café  
 in Dent**



**Hello Everyone! It is that time of year again, to begin preparing and promoting VBS.**

VBS is designed to introduce a child to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Each activity is designed to be an engaging, age-appropriate experience to bring the word of God alive to every child and volunteer.

This year's event location will once again be at Vergas UMC, Monday, July 31st thru Thursday, Aug 3rd from 5:30 - 7:30pm. All kids 3 years to 12+ years of age are welcome! Register online at [vbsmate.com/DentVergasVbs](http://vbsmate.com/DentVergasVbs) or in person on July 31st.

**More information is attached to this newsletter.**

**We look forward to another wonderful year with the kids of VBS!!**



**SPPRC Meeting**  
 Sunday, July 30th  
 12:00 Vergas UMC

**Ad Council**  
 Wednesday, August 16th  
 Dent 3:00  
 Vergas 6:30pm



**August 10 - 13**

**Church Ladies**



**Fri Aug 11th 8am~4pm**  
**Sat Aug 14th 8am~Noon**



**Men's Brats & Beans**

**Fri Aug 11th**

**10am~2pm and 4~7pm**

**Sat Aug 12th 10am~2pm**



# BIRTHDAY'S FOR AUGUST

## VERGAS

**1st Connie Z**      **19th Faye C.**  
**3rd Judy N**        **29th Chuck H.**  
**13th Connie P**     **30th Mark J.**  
**18th Renee S.**

## DENT

**6th Louise C.**      **24th Peggy Me.**  
**8th Toni L**          **25th Al A.**  
**19th Peggy Ma.**

## AUGUST / SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEER

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

### August Ushers

Russ W. / Ellie L.

Aug	Liturgist	Fellowship
<b>06</b>	Doris C.	Peggy & Lyndon M.
<b>13</b>	Michelle S.	Karen & Richard J.
<b>20</b>	Carolann G.	Peggy Meissner
<b>27</b>	Lyndon M.	Lisa & Russ W.

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

### September Ushers

Austin & Darlene H.

Sept	Liturgist	Fellowship
<b>03</b>	Russ W.	Austin & Darlene H.
<b>10</b>	Gary A.	Virginia & Rick J.
<b>17</b>	Darlene H.	Ellie L.
<b>24</b>	Don G.	Ivy & Rob M.

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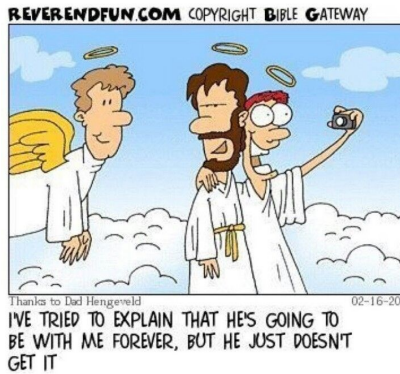
Aug	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
<b>06</b>	Faye C.	Lana J.	Margy N.
<b>13</b>	Bev F	Neil & Donna	Lana J.
<b>20</b>	Renee S.	Faye & Tonya	Renee S.
<b>27</b>	Bryan G.	<b>NEEDED</b>	Birthdays

Sept	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
<b>03</b>	Bev F.	Byron & Connie Z	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>10</b>	Lana J.	David & Carla R.	Margy N.
<b>17</b>	Renee S.	Faye & Tonya	<b>NEEDED</b>
<b>24</b>	Margy N.	<b>NEEDED</b>	Sheri / Jody B-days



"I thought eternity would be wonderful... but I still don't have enough time to get everything done!"

## HEAVENLY HUMOR



# It's Corn on the Cob Season

## The Best Way to Cook Corn on the Cob for a Crowd?

### It's Cooler Corn!

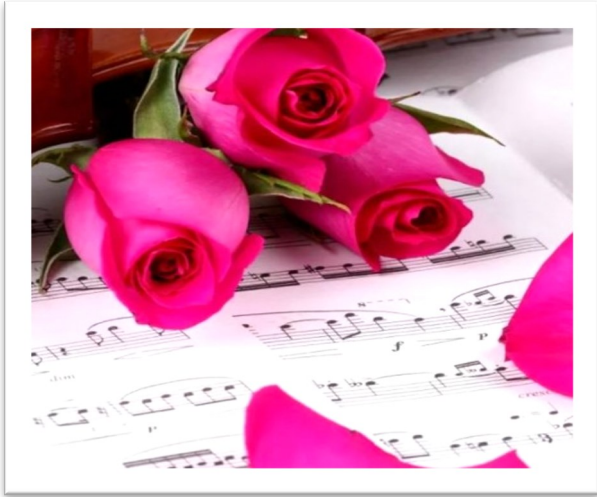


Short story: If you like corn on the cob, and have a large gathering, it usually means a couple dozen ears of corn. Then a friend, a capable Georgia cook with years of camping experience, says "let's do cooler corn!" Before I can ask "what is cooler corn?" a Coleman cooler appears from the garage, is wiped clean, then filled with the shucked ears. Next, two kettles-full of boiling water are poured over the corn and the top closed. Then Nothing!

When we sat down to dinner 30 minutes later and opened the cooler, the corn was perfectly cooked. I'm told that the corn will remain at the perfect level of doneness for a couple of hours.

Turns out, Cooler Corn is pretty well known among the outdoorsy set. But for those of us who avoid tents as much as possible, it's the perfect solution for large barbecues and way less of mess than grilling.





## Memorial Service

*Patricia "Patti" A. McVane*

*March 17, 1946 — June 30, 2023*

**August 6, 2023**

Service 2:00 ~ 3:30PM  
Vergas United Methodist Church  
[200 W Main St.](#)  
[Vergas, MN 56587](#)

Reception 3:30 ~ 7:30pm  
Vergas Event Center  
[140 W Linden St.](#)  
[Vergas, MN 56587](#)

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 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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# August / September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Worship Times</u> 9am Dent 10:30am Vergas and Livestream</p>	<p><b>31</b> 12:30pm Book Club @ Mysteries in Dent</p> <p><b>5:30 - 7pm</b> <b>VBS @ VUMC</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> 9am Dent Breakfast @ Mysteries</p> <p><b>5:30 - 7pm</b> <b>VBS @ VUMC</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 9am Dent Breakfast @ Mysteries</p> <p><b>5:30 - 7pm</b> <b>VBS @ VUMC</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> 5pm Kayaking</p>	<p><b>4</b> 8am - 4pm Rummage Sale</p> <p><b>10am - 2pm</b> Men's Brats &amp; Beans</p>	<p><b>5</b> 8am - Noon Rummage Sale</p> <p><b>10am - 2pm</b> Men's Brats &amp; Beans</p>
<p><u>Patty McVane</u> 2 - 3:30pm Memorial Serv. @ VUMC</p> <p><b>3:30 - 7:30pm</b> Reception @ VEC</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Toni L. (D)</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>10</b> 5pm Kayaking Pontoon Snacks</p>	<p><b>11</b> 8am - 4pm Rummage Sale</p> <p><b>10am - 2pm</b> Men's Brats &amp; Beans</p>	<p><b>12</b> 8am - Noon Rummage Sale</p> <p><b>10am - 2pm</b> Men's Brats &amp; Beans</p>
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<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 12:30pm Church Ladies meeting</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b> 5pm Kayaking Pontoon Snacks</p>	<p><b>25</b> AIA. (D)</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>
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**Ad Council Minutes**  
**Vergas United Methodist Church**  
**July 19, 6:30 pm at the Church**

Present: Pastor Joyce Slostad, Jane Wasvick, Doreen Schwartzrock, Faye Courneya, Sherri Schoenberger, David Reiten Guest: Bryan Giese Absent: Lisa Wrabek and Tonya Johnson

**Opening prayer by Pastor Joyce**

**Welcome to Pastor Joyce**

Bryan presented Joyce with a gift bag from the Vergas Lions welcoming her to the community.

**God's work this Week** Stories were shared.

**Secretary Report** The minutes from June 21st were reviewed & approved.

**Treasurer Report**

The Treasurer report was approved as handed out. Faye suggested using the Youth dollars in the account for VBS expenses which was approved.

**Mission**

The Mission of the second Quarter was Relay for Life and a check for \$275 was sent. The Mission of the current quarter is Heifer Project. It was suggested that the local mission dollars be used for Patty's funeral in one way or the other after we total expenses from the funeral.

**Property Insurance**

It was approved to increase the property insurance on the church to include additional items. This will cost \$118. Per year additional. Sherri will take a video around the church to show the items that would need to be replaced if there was a disaster.

**Trustee Report**

- David reported that the trustees are waiting for the final contract from Western for the shingles in order to begin the work.
- They also had someone in to look at the crack in the ceiling above the pulpit. They found that the ceiling has settled about 4 inches off level. The pulpit was moved for safety concerns. Insurance was notified and the trustees are awaiting a response from them as well as a bid on the repair that needs to be done to fix this problem.
- The dollars available are in the Building and Contingency dollars. David will report back when the work is ready to start.
- David asked about other work that needed to be done. The entryway that accommodates handicapped was discussed and will be addressed further once the roof and ceiling are completed.

**Flyers**

Fay is waiting to complete the flyers until VBS and Looney Days are over so she can get some new pictures. These flyers will be used for various community events.

**VBS**

Renee is in charge. The invitations need to go out so that people know about it. Sheri prepared flyers with the new information on them. Various Council members took these to place around Vergas, Dent, and Frazee. VBS will be held July 31-August 3 at the Vergas church from 5:30-7:30.

### **Newsletter**

The Pastor's Page will be added. The Newsletter will be published monthly. The deadline for articles will be the 26<sup>th</sup> of each month. Also, information for the Bulletins will need to be available by Thursday noon prior to the Sunday service.

### **Kayaking**

The group that is currently involved will look at the dates and frequency to see if Thursday is a good night and report back.

### **Meeting times for Ad Council**

Jane brought up the meeting times for the Ad Council, as Wednesday evening Lisa is unable to attend due to work. She also wondered if we could consider an earlier time to avoid driving so late when winter comes to avoid Zoom meetings. Faye will check with Tonya to see what might work for her as she has a work schedule during the day.

### **Pastor Report:**

- Pastor Joyce clarified some of the schedules. The Church Ladies meet July 25 at 12:30. She also said that SPPRC will meet July 30 after church. She also talked about bible studies and when they should be, she will get more information out for September. We looked ahead at the calendars for future events. She also asked about Christmas Eve which is a Sunday. She would like to have Sunday morning worship. Jane suggested doing a joint service that morning.
- The October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting was discussed. This would be an annual meeting of the congregation, not a charge conference. The agenda should be planned to include budget, mission, what we have accomplished and what we are working on. We should also have a draft of the new Mission for the church.
- Joyce shared some ideas about the rummage sale and quilt give-away and will come to the Church Ladies meeting to share.
- Joyce will be gone August 14 and 15 and October 11-18 which includes a Sunday. It was suggested to give the sermon to one of the members and they will lead the service. Joyce earns 5 weeks per year and she was encouraged to take these.

### **Guest:**

Bryan Giese shared projects that the men are working on.