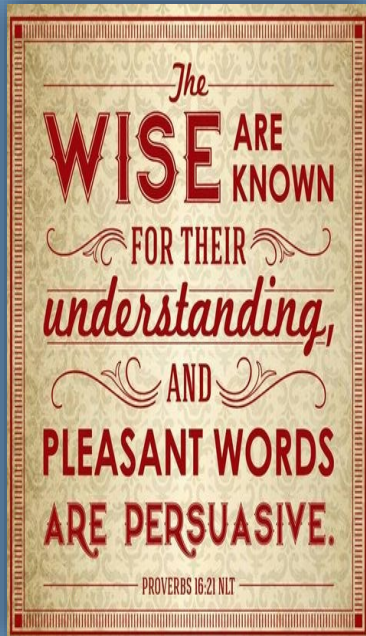


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Welcome



Pastor Joyce Slostad

Call to Ministry

A female minister from the church in which I grew up (Richfield UMC) helped me see that all of my life involvement centered around the church, except for my job. I was a volunteer youth counselor, on the leadership team for a middle school aged group camp, Chairperson of the Drama Ministries Committee at church, acted and sang in our church plays & musicals, and served as a lay reader for worship. This clergy mentor and many other clergy helped me to see my gifts for ministry. While I needed to finish my undergraduate degree and then move on to graduate school and that felt daunting, God saw me through financial needs, relationship needs, and family needs to complete all my schooling and become an Ordained Elder.

Leadership Style

I seek to lead by example in being honest, trustworthy, and authentic. I believe it is important to hear from everyone at the table. Although I remain calm and controlled in decision making situations I still project enthusiasm and optimism for all sides. I like for groups and committees to reach decisions through consensus, if possible, though if a vote needs to be taken, I will work with the group that did not prevail to help them be at peace with the decision made. I don't feel I am autocratic or dictatorial but can make tough decisions when necessary. I feel I am good at inspiring others in their leadership roles, supporting them and seeking their growth.

Gifts for Ministry

The areas of ministry that bring me joy and people tell me I am gifted in are preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and working with children and youth. I have a passion for connecting with people and walking with them on their spiritual journey. I enjoy interacting with and helping people and I'm open to new ideas and procedures.

What I do for Fun and Enjoyment

I enjoy reading (many genres: suspense, historical, contemporary, military, romance, etc.), cooking (I love trying new or ethnic recipes), attending movies, plays & concerts.

I look forward to meeting everyone!





The Church Ladies

The next meeting will be July 25th at 12:30 at the Vergas Church. Dessert will be provided. We are busy planning our summer and fall events including the Rummage Sale and 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.

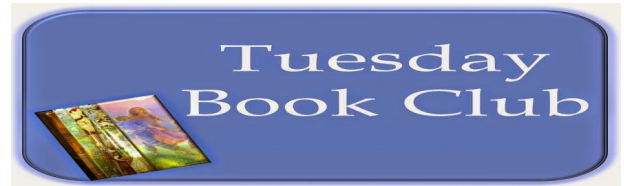
Records

If anyone has any minutes, annual reports, or Newsletters from the past, please bring them to church. We are trying to accumulate a history of our documents in one place. Thank you for your help!



Ad Council

Wednesday, July 19th
Dent 3:30
Vergas 6:30pm



**Next Meeting Tues, July 11th
12:30pm at Billy's in Vergas**

Books Chosen

“My Friend Anne Frank” by Jannah Pick Goslar and Dina Kraft
2nd book is of your choosing, to share with the group



Pastor Amy extends a gushing and glorious THANK YOU to both churches for the gifts and such a wonderful send off. It was a hard day, but a day still filled with love and the Presence of God. Blessings to all!



Vergas Mission Minute

Vergas Local Outreach

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

The Local Mission for May and June will be used for developing and printing flyers to be used by the Community Club to welcome new people to Vergas as well as involvement in local events where we will be able to hand out information about our church.

The Local Mission of \$300 **in April** went to supporting the Cornerstone in Frazee. The Cornerstone is a community and youth center that aims to serve as a central hub for all ages in Frazee. Their mission is to develop a healthier community by engaging through food, arts, culture, and skill building in a safe and caring environment. The location is the old Methodist church building in Frazee.

Vergas Mission of the Quarter



The Mission of the Quarter remains the Relay For Life, Vergas Looneys. Donations are taken year-round with the fundraising year ending in June. Any amount is put to good use and helps the team to achieve its goals, but there are opportunities to give more. To be a sponsor, you need to donate \$500 to the team. Check out the Relay for Life (secure.acsevents.org) website and look for Bev Flateland who is the Team Captain of the Vergas Looneys. You can donate through the website or give it to Bev Flateland, and she will make sure it is recorded. Thank you for all your support!

Dent Mission of the Quarter

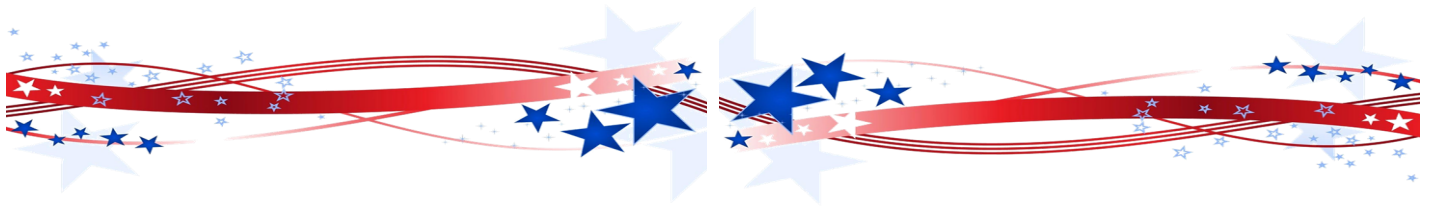


This is a wonderful and special event that Dent holds every year. The community children are

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 2nd Saturday in December. Same day as Dent's Santa Day.

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





JULY / AUGUST VOLUNTEER LISTS

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

July Ushers

Bob & Joanne S.

July	Liturgist	Fellowship
02	Michelle S.	Dorothy W. / Ivy M.
09	Don G.	Toni & Lowell L.
16	Augie A.	Gretchen & Roger D.
23	Lyndon M.	Michelle & Kelvin S.
30	Darlene H.	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!

August Ushers

Russ W. / Ellie L.

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

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

July	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
02	Rick N.	NEEDED	Eileen & Bryan G.
09	Bev F.	Rick & Margy N.	Sheri & Jody
16	Tonya J.	Byron & Connie Z.	Lana J.
23	Lana J.	Bryan & Eileen G.	Faye C.
30	Bryan G.	David & Carla R.	Birthdays

Aug	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
06	Faye C.	NEEDED	Margy N.
13	NEEDED	Rick & Margy	Lana J.
20	Renee S.	Faye & Tonya	Renee S.
27	Bryan G.	NEEDED	Birthdays



NOW THAT'S A HEAVENLY CUP OF COFFEE !!

Brew unto others as you would have others brew unto you. **Folgers 3:16**

HEAVENLY HUMOR

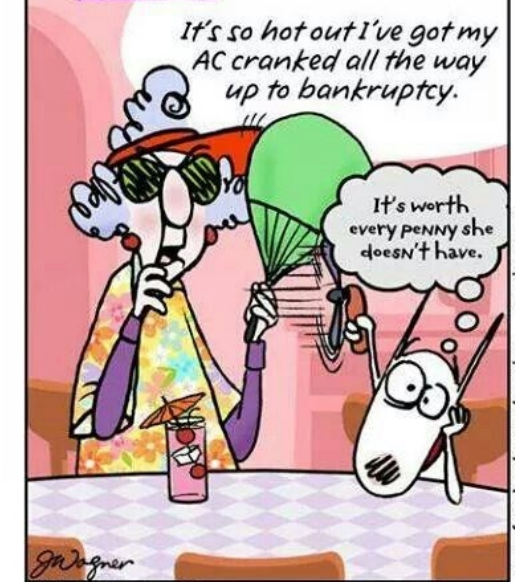


Thanks to Dad Hengeveld 05-13-1999
WELL, I DON'T REALLY SNEEZE THAT OFTEN ... BUT IF I DO I SUPPOSE YOU DON'T NEED TO SAY 'GOD BLESS YOU'

Friends are like balloons; once you let them go, you might not get them back. Sometimes we get so busy with our own lives and problems that we may not even notice that we've let them fly away. Sometimes we are so caught up in who's right and who's wrong that we forget what's right and wrong.. Sometimes we just don't realize what real friendship means until it is too late.



Maxine
Crabby Road 7-18-13



Texting FOR Seniors

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BFF - best friend fell
BTW - bring the wheelchair
TTYL - talk to you louder
BYOT - bring your own teeth
LMDO - laughing my dentures out
FWIW - forgot where I was
IMHAO - is my hearing aid on?
OMMR - on my massage recliner
ROFLACGU - rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up

And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world. Then He made the earth round....and laughed and laughed...

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

Vacation Bible School is designed to introduce children to a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Each activity is designed to be age appropriate and helpful in bringing the Word of God alive to them!

This year's event location will once again be at Vergas UMC, Monday, July 31st thru Thursday, Aug 3rd, Monday thru Thursday. All kids 3 years to 12+ years of age are welcome! More information and times will be forthcoming and will be posted in a special newsletter, on the Vergas and Dent Facebook pages and on our website dentvergasumc.org.

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



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 August, is July, 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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July / August 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Worship Times 9am Dent 10:30am Vergas and Livestream</p>						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
<p>New Minister Pastor Joyce Slostad</p>						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<p>12:30pm Book Club @ Billy's in Vergas</p>						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<p>Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas</p>						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
<p>12:30pm Church Ladies meeting</p>						
30	31	1	2	3	4	6
<p>12:30pm Book Club</p>						
<p>5pm Kayaking Pontoon Snacks</p>						
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<p>9am Dent Breakfast @ Mysterics</p>						
<p>5pm Kayaking @ Giese's</p>						

Dent United Methodist Leadership Meeting

The regular meeting of the Dent UMC Leadership Team was held on Wednesday, June 21st at 3:00 pm with Gary Anderson calling the meeting to order. Those present were Austin Holtz, Gary Anderson, Doris Champlin, Ellie Lodin, Don Garber, Lyndon Maasjo, Darlene Holtz, Russ Waldorf, Karen Johnson, Ivy Mickelson and Sheri Schoenberger. We opened with a prayer by Ellie.

Minutes: The minutes were approved by Don and seconded by Austin.

Old Business: Darlene reported that the potluck for Pastor Amy was a success with 52 people in attendance. Gary reported that the new church laptop will be received next week and connected for Wifi at that time. Ivy reported that the contents of the safe box have been listed and there is a list in the top drawer of the file cabinet in the quilting room.

Finance: Ivy reported that all bills had been paid, except for the May apportionment. Ellie made the motion to pay the May and June apportionments and to accept the finance report subject to audit, with a second from Karen.

Committee Reports:

Trustees: Austin, Russ and Gary cleaned the parsonage after Pastor Amy left this week. Austin will spray for weeds in the rocks around the church. Gary and Austin will do further checking on the flooring installation. We did decide to go with a higher grade of flooring than the samples we received from Menards. **SPPRC:** Darlene is coordinating the welcome for Rev. Joyce Solstad. It is asked that we donate items to the welcome basket and wear our name tags, so Rev. Joyce Solstad can get acquainted with us quickly. Darlene will introduce her to each of us the morning of July 2nd. This will be our first Sunday with 8:30 coffee time.

Pastor's Report: We are currently between Pastor Amy and Rev. Joyce Solstad.

Community Outreach: During Corn Daze on August 19th we will be having our Bake Sale from 8-12 at the church. We will also have an entry in the Dent parade.

Other: We had a discussion that once the laptop is in the nursery/office, we don't really have a place for kids to be taken during the service. It was decided to use the Sunday School room, but we need to move out some rummage sale items that we weren't able to donate to Boys and Girls Ranch in Perham. Austin and Gary will check on where we can deliver these wood items and see that they are removed from the office and Sunday school room.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned. Motion by Don, second by Ellie. Our next meeting is July 19th at 3:00 pm.

Acting Secretary, Ivy Mickelson