



Methodist Messenger

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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 theme is FOOD TRUCK PARTY! And will be focused on inviting children to pray as Jesus teaches us in Matthew 6, in the Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." This line of the prayer reminds us that everything we have comes from God. And by turning to God in prayer we can experience God abundantly providing for all our daily needs.

This year's event location will be at Vergas UMC, Monday, Aug 1st thru Thursday, Aug 4th, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. All kids 3yrs to 12+yrs of age are welcome!

Please help us get the word out!

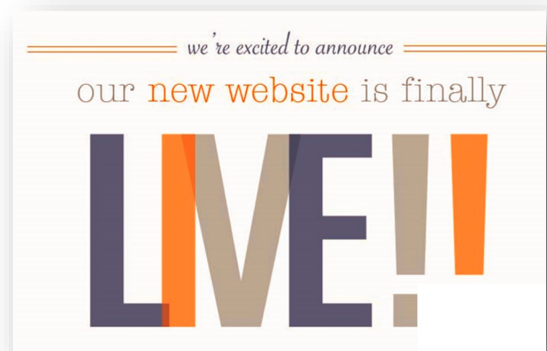
Enclosed in this edition of the newsletter you will find a VBS postcard to equip you to invite your friends to attend. You could hand it to them or mail it. Thank you for your help in inviting other families and their kids to be a part of our VBS Food Truck Party!

Loving kids for Jesus,
Pastor Amy

A Thought for The Day

A great attitude
becomes a great
day which becomes
a great month
which becomes
a great year
which becomes a
great life.

- Mandy Hale



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Come and check it out, It's still a work in progress but look what we have accomplished so far.



ALWYN MARTINSON VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

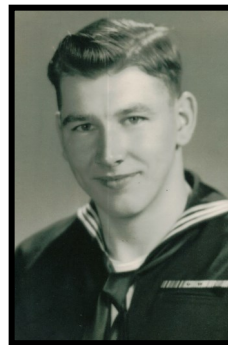
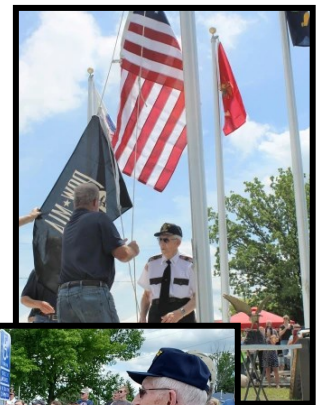
A dedication for the new Veterans Memorial Park in Vergas was held on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

The Vergas Memorial Park Committee spent several months researching veterans memorials, to see what worked in other communities and to ensure their project was unique.



The final design includes two cement circles — one with a star in the middle and the other with a smaller circle. Flagpoles were installed to display the flags for each branch of the military, as well as the U.S. flag. Benches, memorial pillars and more are also part of the memorial. The location of the Memorial Park is along East Frazee Avenue, in front of the ballpark

Alwyn Martinson was given the honor of raising the U.S. Flag at the Vergas Veteran Memorial dedication on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Martinson is one of two World War II veterans living



4th Division Marines
Marines & officers

This is one of the boats we used for hauling troops and supplies ashore



This was the welcome home ship in San Francisco Bay. They had a band aboard and they greeted us every time we came with a load of troops

Period Photos courtesy of Alwyn Martinson.



NEW Kayaking Club July Schedule

Meet at 4:45 pm to touch base and help each other get on the water. If the weather is bad, Fridays will be our alternate night, same time and place. Questions call 612-226-8905.

- 7.07.22 Long Lake (beachfront) **Amy S. 612-226-8905**
- 7.14.22 East Spirit Lake (public access) **Bryan G. 701-663-1105**
- 7.21.22 Lake Six (public access) **Amy S. 612-226-8905**
- 7.27.22 Loon Lake (beachfront access) **Bryan G. 701-663-1105**
- 8.05.22 Rose Lake (private access, 36773 E Rose Lake Road) **Doreen S
218-234-5657**
- 8.10.22 Long Lake (beachfront) **Amy S. 612-226-8905**

Everyone must believe in something. I believe I will go canoeing (kayaking).
Henry David Thoreau



Vergas Mission Minute

Local Outreach



The \$300 for local missions was not allocated in May and was set aside for the next month so May and June, a total of \$600 will be added to the Love Offering for the Bishop and sent with what is collected from the congregation.

If any member of the congregation knows of a need, please let the Ad Council know so it can be considered.

Mission of the Quarter



The Mission of the Quarter is the American Cancer Society which we support through our local Relay for Life team called the “Vergas Looneys”. The Relay For Life movement is dedicated to helping communities attack cancer. Through funds donated, time given, or awareness raised, our communities are teaming up - virtually or in person - to make a difference.

The Ottertail Relay for Life Event will be held in Perham at the High School Track on Friday, July 8th starting around 5:30 pm and going until dark, but you don't need to stay that long. The Looneys will have a booth and anyone interested can join. This is a fun evening. There is food available for purchase and a program that honors survivors and those who have died from cancer. When we rally together in the fight against cancer, we can accomplish anything.

Thank you for continued generosity,
Jane Wasvick

Relay for Life Luminaria's

Whether your Relay event is in-person, drive-by, or virtual, you'll see Luminaria – homemade paper lanterns – decorated with the names of loved ones. Each Luminaria is in honor or remembrance of a life touched by cancer, accompanied by a moment of silence for those we've lost. When you make a donation for a Luminaria, it helps the American Cancer Society continue to fight cancer on all fronts.



If you are interested in purchasing a Luminaria in honor of a person for a \$10 donation, stop in at the Otter Coffee as they have some available.

Or contact Bev Flateland (218-234-6492).

Dent Mission of the Quarter

April, May, June



UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters – be it famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events—to alleviate suffering and to be a source of help and hope for those left most vulnerable. We provide relief, response and long-term recovery grants when these 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.

Dent raised \$ 677 for UMCOR



Thank you for your continued generosity



Each year, churches in the Minnesota Annual Conference take a Love Offering for missions in conjunction with our Annual Conference Session. The theme of the 2022 Annual Conference is “Jesus: Healer.” Our Love Offering this year will address food insecurity by supporting three Minnesota United Methodist food ministries.

DENT DAZE

Saturday, July 16th



Dent UMC
8 or 9am (TBD)
until all baked
goods are gone.

BAKE SALE



Looking for baked goods for the sale, can you contribute?

LIVE MUSIC



KATIE BAKER

8:00AM

DENT DAZE | SATURDAY, JULY 16TH

Enjoy her musical talents while waiting for pancakes or shopping with our vendors!



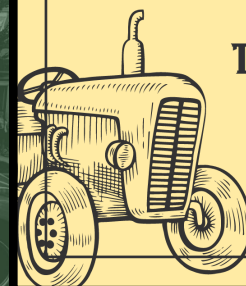
The 1K this year will be a **BUBBLE RUN!** We have bubble goodies bags for each kid, bubble machines at the finish line AND a bunch of amazing bubble prizes!

DENT DAZE

GRAND PARADE 11:00AM

Line up at 10am

Dent Royalty
Marion & Marlene
Marfason



PEDAL TRACTOR RACES

Register children
by 8:50am

Ages 3-12



Dent UMC - Liturgist & Usher lists have been put together. Ushers will have the responsibility for ushering all Sunday's in that month. If you are unable to be there on a Sunday, please find a substitute to fill in for you. Thank You!

July Ushers	August Ushers
Bob & Joanne S.	Curt & Ellie L. ??



Vergas Needed for July:
10th, 24th & 31st



Vergas Needed for July:
3rd & 10th

July	Liturgist	Fellowship
3rd	Michelle S.	Ivy & Rob M.
10th	Don G.	Kelli Ann & Augie A.
17th	Augie A.	Darlene & Austin H.
24th	Lyndon M.	Doris C. & Rose T.
31st	Darlene H.	Toni & Lowell L.

Vergas UMC - Liturgist & Usher sign up sheets are in the fellowship hall. Please check the lists and see where you might be able to help. Thank you!

**check the weekly bulletins for reminders of who signed up or where there is still a need.*

Breakfast Club

Dent meets at Mysteries Café (Nootzies) on the 1st Friday of the month

Vergas meets at the Loon's Nest at 9am on the last Friday of the month.



No one is too young or too old to join the Church Ladies. So join us as we reorganize our

Women's Group on the third Tuesday of every month, 1:00pm at the church, where a delicious dessert will be




Men's meeting,
Monday, July 11th
9am at the
Loon's Nest

Ad Council Meetings

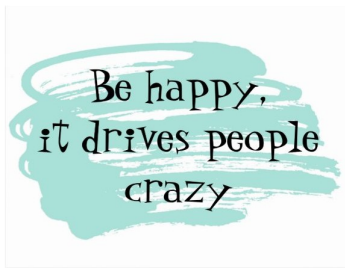
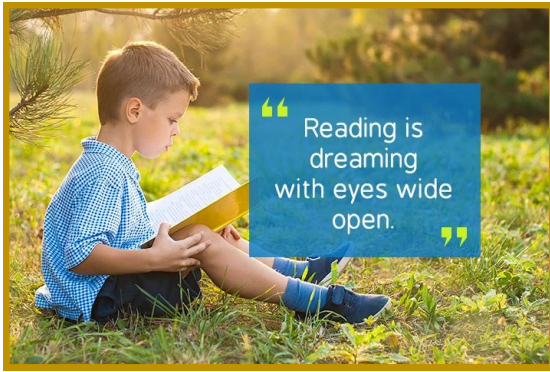
Wed. July 20th
3pm Dent
6:30pm Vergas





**Next Meeting Tues,
July 12th 12:30pm at
Mysteries Café
in Dent**

**June's Book is
"A Gentleman
in Moscow" by
Amor Towles**



Worship Service Times:

Dent Services 9:00 am

Vergas Services 10:30am

The Vergas service will begin the Livestream on Facebook at 10:30 am and will be posted to YouTube & the Website shortly after the end of the service.

YouTube.com Search using this text, "Dent Vergas UMC" to find our channel. **Please "Subscribe"** - once we get to 100 subscribers, we will get our own unique YouTube link.

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 April is March 26, 2022

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 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Times 9am Dent 10:30am Vergas 10:30am Livestream	Vergas Sunday School 9:30 am Adult					1 Jim S. Martha H. (V) 2
	3 Lowell L. (D) 4	Myron S. (D) 5	Dorothy W. (D) 6	7 4:45pm Kayaking Long Lake	8	9
10 12pm VUMC VBS Planning Meeting	11 9am Men's Group meeting The Loon's Nest	12 12:30pm Book Club meeting @ Nootzie's	13	14 4:45pm Kayaking E Spirit Lake	15 Nancy H. (D)	16 Dent Daze Bake Sale 8am Dent UMC
17	18	19 1:00 pm Vergas Ladies Group	20 Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas	21 4:45pm Kayaking Lake Six	22 Wayne B. (V)	23 Zoie Z. (V) Dorothy B. (D) 4-6pm Strawhorn's 50th Anniv Party
24	25	26	27 Bryan G. (V)	28 Alwyn M. (V) 4:45pm Kayaking Loon Lake	29 Carmen M. (V) Vergas Breakfast Club 9am Loon's Nest	30
31	1 Connie Z. (V)	2	3 Judy N., (V)	4	5 Dent Breakfast Club 9am Nootzie's	6
	5:30 - 7:30pm VBS at VUMC	5:30 - 7:30pm VBS at VUMC	5:30 - 7:30pm VBS at VUMC	5:30 - 7:30pm VBS at VUMC		

VERGAS AD COUNCIL MINUTES

June 15, 2022, 3rd Wednesday

Those present: Renee Sonnenberg, Sheri Schoenberger, Jane Wasvick, Tonya Johnson, and Faye Courneya

Call to order by our Chairperson Renee

Attendance Report was given by Sheri and is increasing some. The in person attendance is passing the online as some of the summer members are back. Giving has evened out and budget is on track.

Secretary minutes Approved after a motion to approve from Tonya, a second by Sheri, and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Tonya moved that the treasurer's report be approved, was seconded by Sheri, and carried.

Business:

\$500 Monthly Mission donations: Jane made a motion to use the \$300 from May and the \$300 from June and add it to our Love offering to send to the Bishop, seconded by Faye and approved.

Filling the Pulpit: There was discussion about what happens when Amy is ill or on vacation. When Amy is ill, the Council felt that if sermons were available any one of us could lead the service. Sheri has previous services, so the Council member available will get one from Sheri and use it for service. If Amy is using a planned vacation, the preference would be to use another pastor and the Council agreed with paying this person \$250.

Little Library: The Little Library is installed. There was concern that we need a more substantial post which the Men's Club will work on. General consensus that the library should be inside during the winter months.

Update on Shrubs: Rick will talk with one of the Hoffman's and see if they can get a backhoe to remove the shrubs. No further information available.

Shingling and Outdoor View: Renee met with Summers about shingling the roof and discussed getting an estimate on the handicap access and rail in back to see alternatives. Renee also showed him the window that concerned us. Summers is very busy but will try to get the roof shingled this summer-fall and get us an estimate on the other issues.

Bat Issue: Renee has not had any communication from Raleigh and a bill has not arrived so unsure if this has been completed yet.

Other Business:

Faye mentioned that she will contact the person that sprays for bugs in the area and have the outside sprayed.

Faye brought up that when a member dies and the family gives a donation to the church that a thank you should be written to the family. The Dahlgren's have given \$3000 to the church. Jane will write a note when Faye receives the money. It was decided that this money will be used for the outdoor improvements. We should also recognize the donation with signage.

Renee brought up the Active Shooter Issue as there was discussion in Dent wondering if we should have a plan. Renee will explore what is available for education. We also discussed first aid available and whether there should be an AED in the church. Tonya will explore if there are grants available for any of these issues as well as handicapped access.

Jane reported that Connie Prunty is still waiting for additional information on the stairway lift and will let us know as soon as that is available.

Adjournment

Next Month's AD Council Meeting will be an in-person meeting on July 20th.

Respectfully submitted by Jane Wasvick, Assistant Secretary