



Pastor Joyce Slostad

An Autumn Day by Carla Largos Signes

Pumpkins in the fields,
Gold among the brown,
Leaves of rust and scarlet,
Slowly tumbling down;
Birds that travel southward,
Lovely time to play;
Nothing is as pleasant
As an autumn day!



Autumn is one of my favorite times of year, the last of the garden waiting to be shared or stored for the winter months, the smell of bonfires, and the taste of a freshly picked apple – these things are special to me.

God's word is also special – this is what Psalm 19 says:

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

May we make God's word part of our daily enjoyment of life.

See you in church!

Pastor Joyce



WORSHIP IN OCTOBER

- 1st - World Communion Sunday
"Follow the Mercy" Philippians 2:1-13
- 8th - "ChatGOD"
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-
- 15th - "Paul's Code 1"
Philippians 4:1-9
- 22nd - "Cursive on the Coin"
Matthew 22:15-22
- 29th - "May It Please the Court"
Matthew 22:34-46



Nov. 5th – Joint Worship at Dent 10 am

Communion, All Saints Sunday – Remembering those we have lost this year. Faith Band will provide our music & the Vergas Ladies Group will have their Good Stuff Sale.

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

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



Vergas Church Conference

Sunday, October 8th
after the Service



Ad Council

Wednesday, Oct 18th
Dent 3:00pm
Vergas 6:30pm

SPPRC meeting

Sunday, Oct. 29th
12pm in Dent

The Vergas Church Ladies



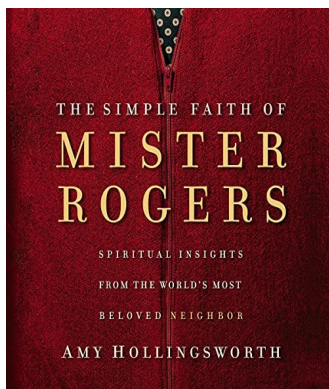
**Next Meeting
12:30pm, Thurs, Oct 19th
Church Social Hall**

The “Good Stuff” sale is going to be fun with lots of items for sale. We will do a Holiday Quilt as a Silent Auction item, which may be available in October at Vergas prior to sale completion in Dent on November 5th.

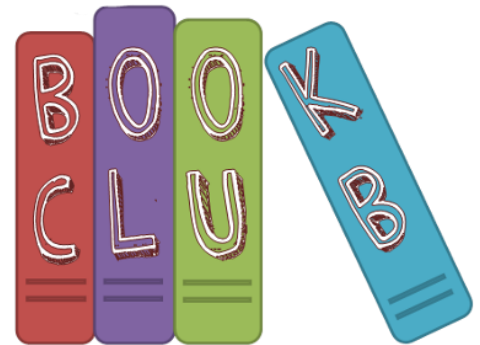
Any baked goods or crafts are welcome. All proceeds from this sale will be used for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Please remember to attend the combined service, sale, potluck, and “Band of Faith” at Dent on November 5th.

Planning for the Operation Christmas Child Project is in the works. Bring shoeboxes to church and Melanie Hoffman will help wrap. Also bring items to put in the shoeboxes, lists are available on the boxes at church. If you want to donate money, talk to Jane Wasvick.

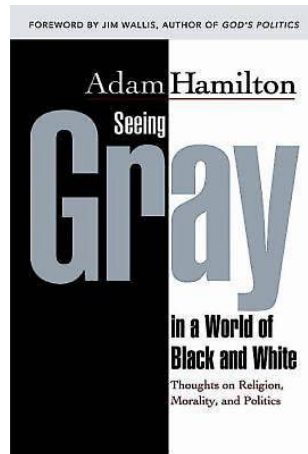
The next meeting will be October 19th at 12:30 at the Vergas Church. Dessert will be provided. We will be finalizing plans for the “Good Stuff” sale and working on Samaritan’s Purse Christmas shoebox project.



**SMALL GROUP STUDY –
OPEN TO EVERYONE
THURSDAYS 10 AM @
VERGAS UMC
for 5 weeks
No class on Oct 12th**

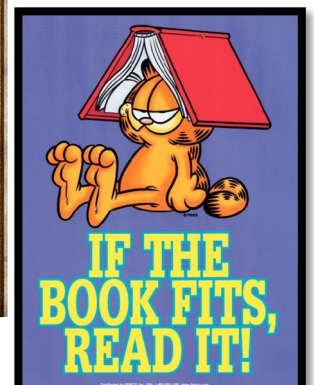
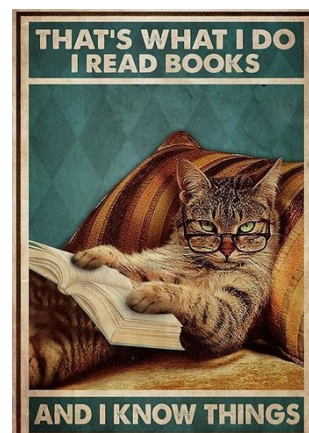


**SMALL GROUP
STUDY – OPEN TO
EVERYONE
Tuesdays 10 am @
Dent UMC
for 6 weeks
No class on Oct 17th**



**Next Meeting
Tues, Oct 3rd, 12:30pm at
Mysteries Café in Dent**

Books Chosen



**JOINT
WORSHIP
SERVICE**



AND POTLUCK LUNCH!

Sunday, November 5th

The Band of Faith will provide our music that morning, we'll share in communion as a joint parish, enjoy a potluck lunch provided by all of us, have the opportunity to shop at "The Good Stuff Sale" – baked goods, new items & crafts provided by the Vergas UMC Ladies Group.

Free, Safe, Non-scary, Church Event - All Are Welcome



Tuesday Oct 31st 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Dent United Methodist Church
301 Main Street Dent, MN

Vergas United Methodist Church
200 W Main Street Vergas, MN

We would like to have lots and lots of decorated trunks and church members in costume (non-scary) to meet and greet parents & children. A sign-up sheet for donations of candy, \$\$, and/or providing a decorated trunk will be passed around in church.

Google Trunk or Treat for decorating ideas or check Amazon for ready-made decorating kits for your trunk.



**Hosted by the
Vergas Church Ladies**



Join what God's doing and
pack a shoe box

It all starts with you!



No toothpaste, liquids,
or candy

***Packing Shoe Boxes on Oct. 22nd,
please feel free to join us***

***See posted print out for list of item
suggestions ~ Monetary Donations will
go towards postage***

Church Mission's



Vergas Local Outreach

The Local Mission of \$300 in September will be banked. A new wooden pole will be purchased for The Little Library box, it will be sturdier than the current post.

Vergas Mission of the Quarter July / August / September



Heifer International Mission

Heifer International is a global nonprofit working to eradicate poverty and hunger through sustainable, value - based holistic community development. This charity is about helping people to help themselves.

Dent Mission of the Quarter October / November / December



The Mission of the Quarter is **The Salvation Army**.

How did the Salvation Army start? Born in 1829 in Nottingham, UK, William Booth found his Christian faith early on in life and became an active Methodist, preaching and helping the poor in his local area. After some time working as a pawnbroker, he moved with his wife Catherine Mumford to the east of London. The two of them began working with a group of Christian businessmen who were concerned

for the poor and disadvantaged in their community. 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, meeting wherever they could – dance halls, bowling alleys and outdoors – 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

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

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

October Ushers

Roger & Gretchen D.

Oct	Liturgist	Fellowship
01	Peggy Ma.	Carolann & Don G.
08	Lyndon M.	Nancy & Doug H.
15	Gary A.	Kelli Ann & Augie A.
22	Darlene H.	Doris C / Rose T
29	Augie A.	Dorothy W / Ivy M.

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

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.

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Oct	Liturgist	Ushers	Fellowship
01	Bev F.	Byron & Connie	Byron & Connie
08	Tonja J.	Rick & Margy N.	Lana J
15	Bryan G.	Bryan & Eileen	Bryan & Eileen
22	Lana J.	NEEDED	Bev F.
29	Rick N.	Bryan & Eileen G.	NEEDED

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



October *Happy Birthday*

Vergas
 15th Annetta Haley
 24th Kathy Hillstom
 28th Diane Menz

No Birthdays in Dent that I am aware of.



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.

Church Secretary / Newsletter editor

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October / November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship Times 9am Dent 10:30am Vergas and Livestream		Pastor Joyce Office Hours 1 - 3:30pm Tuesdays Dent		Pastor Joyce Office Hours 1 - 3:30pm Thurs. Vergas		
1	2	10am Dent Bible Study 12:30pm Book Club @ Mysteries in Dent	9am Dent Breakfast Club @ Mysteries Café	10am Vergas Bible Study	6	7
11:45am Vergas Church Conference	9	10	11	No Vergas Bible Study today	13	14
Annetta H. (V)	15	16	17	10am Vergas Bible Study No Dent Bible Study Today Ad Council 3pm Dent 6:30pm Vergas	18	19
22	23	Kathy H. (V)	24	10am Vergas Bible Study	25	10am Vergas Bible Study 12:30pm Vergas Church Ladies
12pm SPPRC Meeting at Dent	29 Jim H. (V)	31	31	10am Vergas Bible Study	27	Diane M. (V)
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				10am Vergas Bible Study		4