



*I am the vine; you are the branches. John 15:5*

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The Grapevine is a weekly publication designed to enhance our church communications. The deadline to get material submitted is Thursday at 8:00 AM. Call the office at 515.996.2572 or e-mail your information to [office@vmumc.com](mailto:office@vmumc.com).

## Middle School Summer Series

**Wednesdays**

**6:00-7:30 PM**

**June 3 through July 22.**



This year's series, YOUUnique, is designed for youth in grades 6-8. It focuses on students discovering more about themselves. By looking inward and getting to know themselves better, they will learn how they can best practice their faith and become closer to God.

Enrollment is still open.

For information, contact Courtney  
[childrensministries@vmumc.com](mailto:childrensministries@vmumc.com)

*There is still time to join in sponsoring a student for this program. Expenses are about \$50 per student. Our goal is for a cost-free summer program for these kids.*

SUMMER BIBLE SERIES:

**YOUUnique**

FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS Grades 6-8

## Vacation Bible School

Step through the mist and plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. Monday-Friday evening at the church on the final week in July.



## Prayer Shawl Group

Our prayer shawl group meets monthly for a time of contemplation, prayer, and fellowship as we create these gifts of comfort and support. This month, the Prayer Shawl group will meet

**Tuesday, June 16**

**6:30 PM**

at Margo's home.  
If this ministry interests you, join us!



## Confirmation Postponed

Because of scheduling conflicts, we will not be holding our confirmation ceremony today.



## Sign up for VBS

**July 27-31**

**6:15-8:15 PM**

[Here's a link to register or volunteer.](#)



Kids Care kids have embraced the arrival of summer with enthusiasm and energy. We get them out as much as we can. In summer's first weeks, they've enjoyed the Science Center, RecPlex, and numerous parks.



## Please Pray for...



### those under medical care

Kim (Marva's friend), Todd B, Jeremiah and Jackson (Cody J's nephews), Geri R, Delores (friend of Donna S), baby Lydia (Pastor Cathy's granddaughter) and her parents Emily and Stephen, Roger C, Barbara (sister of Linda S), Diane (sister of Warren S), Clark and Mary (Holly G's parents), Bailey B, Andy (nephew of Shelley E), Ray (father-in-law of Amy F), Betty J, Kathleen G, Shirley J, Mike H, Melvis J, Gene D, Nyla P, Keith G, Ila T, Peggy M

### those recovering (from illness, abuse, natural disasters, loss)

### those living with challenges (immigrants, caregivers, refugees, disabled)

### those in harm's way (in war zones, first responders, medical professionals, people defending civil liberties)

### communities with immigrant populations

### those who grieve



*pizza bakers, pizza oven*

*school bus*

*bunny egg toss*



## Got Cardboard?

We use large pieces of cardboard to create decorations and props for VBS and play stations for Kids Care. Please consider bringing in your large and extra-large boxes for us to turn into adventures in learning (and marvelous fun).



*outdoor craft*

*wonder station*

### This Week

<b>Sun., June 7</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> and Sunday School Youth Pool Night	<b>10:45 AM</b> 6:00-8:30 PM
Mon., June 8	City Council Meeting	7:00 PM
Wed., June 10	Middle School Summer Bible Series	6:00-7:30 PM
June 11-14	Pastor Cathy will be attending Annual Conference	

### Next Week

<b>Sun., June 14</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> and Sunday School Annual Conference concludes	<b>10:45 AM</b>
Tues., June 16	Prayer Shawl group (Margo hosts)	6:30 PM
Wed., June 17	Middle School Summer Bible Series	6:00-7:30 PM

## Ways to Give to Your Church

Your gifts help to nurture children, support families, create community, and share our faith. All your gifts are greatly appreciated.

You can now give through:

- \* our Van Meter UMC Venmo account (use QR code at right)
- \* the Bill Pay function offered by your bank or credit union
- \* in person
- \* mailing a check to: Van Meter UMC / P.O. Box 149 / Van Meter, IA 50261

