

CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 16

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship- Vermillion Children's Choir
11:30 am Coffee Hi
4:30 pm Confirmation II
6:00 pm Confirmation I

Tuesday, November 18

10:00 am- Noon Coffee with Pastor Katie @ The Bean

Wednesday, November 19

5:30 pm LAF
7:00 pm UCC Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 23

9:00 am Adult Bible Study
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Harvest Meal-Potluck
4:30 pm Confirmation II
6:00 pm Confirmation I

Worship Leaders and Church Staff

Rev. Katie Miller - Sr. Minister	Rev. Elaine Miller - Minister of Visitation
Benjamin Barth - Organist	Kari Jensen - Christian Ed Director
Gretchen Burbach - Choral Director	Taylor Ebsen - Church Administrator
Anthony Burbach - Bell Director/ Piano	Sarah Gregg - Church Financial Officer
Paul Ebsen - Media Director	Kathy Hasenbank, Linda Moe - Custodians

2025-2026 Interns

Maleah Wright - Choir, Soprano
Alexis Meyer - Choir, Alto
Sam VanGerpen - Choir, Tenor
Charlee Huska - LAF, Nursery
Tommy Gress - Organ

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VERMILLION

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Sunday Worship - 10:30 AM

Please stand if you are able. Plain text-LEADER, **Bold text**-ALL
Children are always welcome in our worship, but nursery care is also available downstairs.
Hearing assist technology is available for worship services.

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PRELUDE“Medieval Gloria”Vijay Singh

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Glory to God in the Highest!

WELCOME

Friendship Pads

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Please also complete a “Prayer Card” and put it in the collection plate.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*INTROIT“Blessed Be The Ties That Bind” v1393

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; The sharing of a common life is like to that above.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Holy One is gracious and full of compassion,slow to anger and rich in love. **God’s tenderness stretches beyond what we can measure.** The Eternal One is good to all, and mercy rests upon everything God has made. **Even when we close off ourselves to goodness, God opens wide the door.** All creation speaks of God’s care; every creature is held within God’s embrace. **Let every voice, every heart, every breath give thanks.** We come to worship the God whose mercy has no limit.

*HYMN

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

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*INVOCATION

God of Uncontainable Love,
You move where you will and love who you will. You slip past our fences and exceed our expectations. You ask us to widen our hearts, even when it feels like too much. As we worship this morning, release our tight grip on certainty. Soften our hearts. Interrupt us with grace. Teach us to trust the wideness of your mercy—for our neighbor, for our enemy, and even for ourselves. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Psalm 145: 8-21

MUSIC TO INSPIRE

"Yonder Come Day"

Podd Brothers

A traditional spiritual from the Georgia Sea Islands

Paul Ebsen- Bass

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-4:11

MEDITATION

"Pouting Under a Tree"

HYMN OF MEDITATION

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

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A TIME FOR PRAYER

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

The love of God flows freely, without limit or price. As we give today—money, time, care, presence—may our lives mirror that same generosity. May what we offer build wider tables, longer arms, and deeper compassion.

OFFERTORY

"O Colored Earth"

Heitzeg

*Doxology: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Take these gifts, O God— and expand them. Let them become nourishment, welcome, and healing. Shape us into people who rejoice when mercy grows in places we did not expect. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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*BENEDICTION

Go now in the wideness of God’s love—
beyond fear, beyond judgment, beyond scarcity.
Go to notice mercy where it blooms,
to celebrate grace where it surprises,
and to become part of the widening of compassion in this world.
Go in peace.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

"This Pretty Planet"

Chapin/Forster

Thank you to the Vermillion Children’s Choir for today’s beautiful music.

The Vermillion Children's Choir is made up of 34, 3rd through 6th grade treble singers. They rehearse after school on Tuesdays at VES. VCC is grateful to UCC for serving as gracious hosts of this group for retreats and concerts throughout the year.

Gretchen Burbach, Artistic Director
David Holdhusen, Executive Director
Tyler Want, USD Choral Assistant
Nicole Santos, Accompanist

USHERS: Dawn and Jon Reuvers, Andy Hill

DEACON OF THE DAY: James Walker

ACOLYTE: Dexter Sanderson

NURSERY: Buum Family

COFFEE HI: The Anderson Family

ANNOUNCEMENTS

STEWARDSHIP SEASON AT UCC VERMILLION

We are so grateful for the many ways our church family continues to show up—with presence, prayer, and generosity. Together, we make this a community of compassion, belonging, and purpose. Your annual pledge helps extend care and connection to our neighbors through the life and ministry of this church. This year's budget includes cost-of-living adjustments for staff and modest increases in insurance and building maintenance—reflecting about a **5% increase in pledged giving**. We invite everyone to prayerfully consider continuing or increasing their support this year. Your generosity sustains our shared mission and helps us care for one another and our community. We recently sent out our stewardship letter on **October 30** from **UCCVerm@gmail.com**—please check your junk or spam folders if you haven't seen it! Pledges can be made by emailing **uccv@uccvermillion.org** or calling **(605) 624-3120** by **November 30, 2025**.

ANNUAL POTLUCK HARVEST DINNER MEAL

You're Invited! The members and friends of the UCC warmly welcome you to our Potluck Harvest Dinner Sunday, November 23. Let's gather with grateful hearts to celebrate the abundance we've been given and the joy we share with one another. We encourage our hunters to bring their wild game dishes, along with your favorite fall and Thanksgiving foods to share. **And if you'd like to lend a helping hand in the kitchen, we'd love to have you—just email the church office.** Come and enjoy the warmth, fellowship, and community!

BELL RINGING FOR SALVATION ARMY

It is time to **Ring Bells for the Vermillion Emergency Fund/Salvation Army**. We are excited to give you the opportunity to add to the Christmas spirit and raise important dollars for the Vermillion Emergency Fund. We need one or two ringers (or a whole family!!) at each of our stations around Vermillion (Wal-Mart, Hy-Vee and Runnings) on weekends. We start the campaign **Saturday, November 21 and run through Saturday, December 21**. Every moment of bell-ringing translates into the possibility of real help for one of your neighbors. The link for

the sign up is at www.uccvermillion.org or you can contact the church office and we'll help you sign up for a time.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Pledge Income through September:

Actual \$189,000; Budget \$179,200

YTD Pledge Surplus: \$10,300

If you would like to donate to the Vermillion United Church of Christ, Congregational using PayPal, please scan this QR code with your phone.

