



Vilonia United Methodist Church

Making Disciples and Connecting People with Jesus

Around the Table

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Pastor's Note

September 14, 2022

Friends,

Over the next few weeks, we'll be focusing on the Art of Neighboring during worship and in small groups. This means we'll be finding ways to take the commandment "Love your neighbor as yourself" seriously. We of course know that everyone is our neighbor and yet it's so hard to care for everyone when we cast the net that wide. So, we're going to be thinking about how we can care for our geographical neighbors, classmates, or co-workers well over the next 4 weeks.

And we're going to start with seeking to cover Vilonia in prayer. There's a map on the wall in the worship center with the town of Vilonia and some surrounding areas on it. You're invited to take a walk, run, or drive around your neighborhood or a part of Vilonia you want to pray for. On your walk pray for people as you pass by each house. Even if you don't know the family or person who lives there, you can ask for God to bless them, to give them comfort, to help them with the particular needs they have. And, then when you're at the church next, you can highlight your route on the map. You can also send an email or Facebook message to let us know where you've been and we can highlight the map for you!

We have also begun neighboring small groups that are taking place for a few weeks. These small groups began meeting on Sunday and Monday. We had 26 adults and 10 children involved across these three groups and we can't wait to see how these small group conversations lead to our church being great neighbors to our community.

I shared a quote with you in my sermon on Sunday from author John Ortberg: "Love and hurry are fundamentally incompatible. Love always takes time, and time is the one thing hurried people don't have." One of my biggest challenges around being a good neighbor is feeling like I don't have time. Yet, this statement reminds me that to show God's love I have to be intentional and make time. This is something I will take to heart over the next few weeks as we continue to explore the art of neighboring. What small step are you going to take to be a better neighbor? After all, it's a beautiful day in the neighborhood, a beautiful day for a neighbor. Would you be mine? Could you be mine?

Many Blessings,

Pastor Lauren

The Art of Neighboring

This Fall @ VUMC

September 11-October 2

Sundays at 9 am

Neighboring Small Groups,

Beginning Sept. 11 and 12

Sundays at 4 or 5:15 pm

Mondays at 6 pm

For more information go to
viloniaumc.org/the-art-of-neighboring.



Wednesdays at the Well

Come be renewed as we join in fellowship. Fall dinner/classes start on September 14th.

Wednesdays at the Well

*Dinner at 6 pm.
Adults \$3, Kids \$2
Bible studies for all ages
6:30 pm-7:30 pm*





HELP US CELEBRATE!

Wedding Shower
in honor of
Lauren DeLano

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022
11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M
VILONIA UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

The couple is registered at Target, Amazon,
and The Kitchen Store, Conway, AR.

www.theknot.com/delanoandgrosskopf



"Things You Didn't Know About
Driving Around 18 Wheelers"

Sunday, September 25 at 10:15 am
Meet in the Worship Center
Led by David Stitt

This class is for all church members, and is especially designed for youth and new drivers. It will be a good refresher for everyone! All are welcome!

FINANCIAL LITERACY SMALL GROUP

A Financial Literacy Small Group entitled, "Saving Grace: A Guide to Financial Well-Being." Beginning on Wednesday, October 26 for four weeks we'll have a weekly small group around financial literacy, which include topics around budgeting, saving and spending, getting out of debt and more. This class will be on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 pm and led by members of the Finance Committee. To sign-up, please email the church office at umcvilonia@gmail.com.



Financial Literacy Small Group
Wednesdays, Beginning Oct. 26, 6:30-7:30 pm
Four Weeks, Led by the VUMC Finance Committee

**WHERE CAN YOU USE YOUR GIFTS?
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND ASSISTANTS ARE NEEDED IN THE TODDLER, CHILDREN'S AND TWEENS' CLASSES.**

CALL US AT
501-796-2624 OR
EMAIL US AT
UMCVILONIA@GMAIL.COM
TO VOLUNTEER!



THESE ARE A FEW
PLACES
VOLUNTEERS ARE
CURRENTLY NEEDED.

**WORSHIP...
GREETING, READING,
SINGING, COUNTING,
WORKING IN NURSERY,
OR WORKING AV BOOTH**

**WEDNESDAY'S AT THE
WELL PROGRAM...
COOKING, SERVING,
TEACHING OR
ASSISTING**

CALENDAR

- **Wednesdays at the Well for Fall begins—September 14 @ 6 pm - Dinner**
@ 6:30–7:30 pm—Classes for Children, Tweens, Youth & Adults
- **Sunday, September 18 @ 9 am—Worship in-person and online**
@ 10:15 am—Sunday School
@ 11:30 am—Wedding Shower for Pastor Lauren (Sanctuary)
@ 4 pm—Neighboring Small Group at Clint & Megan Johnson’s home
@ 5:15 pm—Neighboring Small group at Karen Seeds’ home
- **Monday, September 19 @ 6 pm—Neighboring Small Group at John & Laura McNeel’s home**
- **Tuesday, September 20 @ 7 pm—Finance Meeting (Room 101 and Zoom)**

SAVE THE DATE!

- **Wednesday, September 21 @ 6 pm - Wednesdays at the Well Dinner**
@ 6:30–7:30 pm—Classes for Children, Tweens, Youth & Adults
- **Saturday, September 24 @ 9 am-12 noon—VUMC Volunteers at Food Pantry**
- **Sunday, September 25 @ 9 am—Worship in-person and online (3rd grade Bible presentations)**
@ 10:15 am—Sunday School
@ 10:15 am—”Things you didn’t know about driving around 18 Wheelers” (Sanctuary)
@ 4 pm—Neighboring Small Group at Clint & Megan Johnson’s home
@ 5:15 pm—Neighboring Small group at Karen Seeds’ home
- **Monday, September 26 @ 6 pm—Neighboring Small Group at John & Laura McNeel’s home**
- **Tuesday, September 27 @ 7 pm—Administrative Council Meeting (Room 207 and Zoon)**
- **Wednesday, September 28 @ 6 pm—Wednesdays at the Well Dinner**
@ 6:30–7:30 pm—Classes for Children, Tweens, Youth & Adults

September Food of the month:

CANNED MEATS

The Spirit of Vilonia Food Pantry is needing canned meats in September. Thank you!



Three easy ways to give to Vilonia United Methodist Church

Thank you for your generosity! Every gift matters!



Mail a check to
PO Box 460
Vilonia, AR 72173

Give online via
PayPal.

Set up Bill Pay
with your bank.

To find out more or to give, go to www.viloniaumc.org/giving



Please let us know how you're doing and if you have a prayer request. Click this [Group Messaging Link](#) to share prayer requests and receive information.

PIANIST JOB POSTING

Pianist, Vilonia United Methodist Church, Vilonia, AR

Hours: Part-time, 4-8 hours a week

We're looking for a church pianist who will provide musical accompaniment as a part of our Sunday worship service each week. This person will also participate in worship practices on Sunday mornings. The pianist will also assist the music director as choir practices begin again in the coming months and accompany the choir on Sunday mornings. You will also be asked to provide musical accompaniment for choir specials, cantatas, and special worship services, including Holy Week and Christmas Eve. The pianist will also be a part of the worship planning process, helping us to create worship services that enrich the congregation's worship and spiritual life. We desire for the pianist to be a faithful and mature disciple of Jesus Christ to serve as a spiritual leader for the music ministry, with a theological and biblical understanding of and respect for the beliefs and teachings of the United Methodist Church or a desire to learn about these beliefs and teachings.

For more information, call the church office at 501-796-2624. To apply, please send a cover letter and your resume to Pastor Lauren at lauren.delano@arumc.org.