

# The Heartbeat

June 2025

## Vermont Christian Church

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### Minister

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### Secretary

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### Office Hours

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### Elders

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Every Sunday :

Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:00 a.m.

## Mike's Mindfulness

An expert in religious law asked Jesus, "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the Law of Moses?"

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbor as yourself. The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." (Matthew 22:36-40)

In 1986, there was a terrible tragedy in the Black Sea off the coast of Russia. Two ships collided, throwing many into the icy waters. Hundreds died. When investigators revealed the cause of the shipwreck, it became clear that this disaster could have been avoided.

It wasn't dense fog or a technical malfunction or heavy seas. This tragedy was caused by ego.

Each captain was aware of the other ship's presence. Instead of giving way, each captain refused to steer clear, insisting the other change course. Both ships continued on course as they advanced toward each other.

By the time these captains came to their senses and realized what was at stake in this nautical game of chicken, it was too late.

Each of these two captains had a high opinion of self and little regard for the other. Had they chosen to love their neighbor more and themselves less, this disaster would have been avoided.

As we go about our lives, shining Christ's light into this darkened world, we should think a little less of ourselves and a little more of others. In doing so, we will become better people and the world will be a little better place.

Blessings in Christ,  
Mike



# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Kitchen Help @ LaMoine	7
8 Movie Night	9	10	11	12 Midwest	13 Community Cupboard	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Youth Cook Out
22	**23	**24	**25	**26	**27	28 Vermont Fireworks
29	30					

## Schedule of Events

06 Camp Kitchen Day

08 Movie Night 5pm

12 Midwest 11am

13 Community Cupboard hand out 4-6 pm

28 Vermont Celebration day with fireworks at the Vermont Memorial Ballpark

\*\* Office will be closed from June 23-June 27\*\*

### May Averages

Sunday School - 30

Worship - 60

General Funds- \$1855.00

Faith Promise- \$160.00

### Weekly Needs

General Funds - \$2,125.27

Faith Promise - \$180.00

Building Fund – \$0.00

Monthly Needs - \$750.00

## Sunday Servants

### Welcome/Meditation

Donna Horwedel

Lyndall S. / Rodney P.

Christen P. /

Shirley Roberts

Randy Parks

### Nursery

Casey S. & Avery H.

Paula G. & Amanda B.

Luis & Diane Martinez

Brian & Christen Parks

Sharon P. & Carmen M

### Greeting

01: Brian & Christian Parks

08: Donna S. & Nancy P.

15: Kathy C. & Carmen M.

22: Beverly R. & Connie M.

29: Mark & Amanda Behymer

### Monthly Servants

Elder  
Luis Martinez

Deacon  
Brian Parks

Deaconess  
Nancy Porter



### Birthdays



04 Norman Wise  
09 Briley Mercer  
13 Steve Young  
13 Nola Boeckelman  
19 Mark Pace  
21 Sara Boeckelman  
27 Elaine Barker



### Anniversaries



17 Carl & Robin Beebe  
25 Greg & Shelley Abernathy  
26 Jim & Charlene Abernathy  
28 Tim & Dee Tvrdik

### Junior Worship

01: Christen Parks

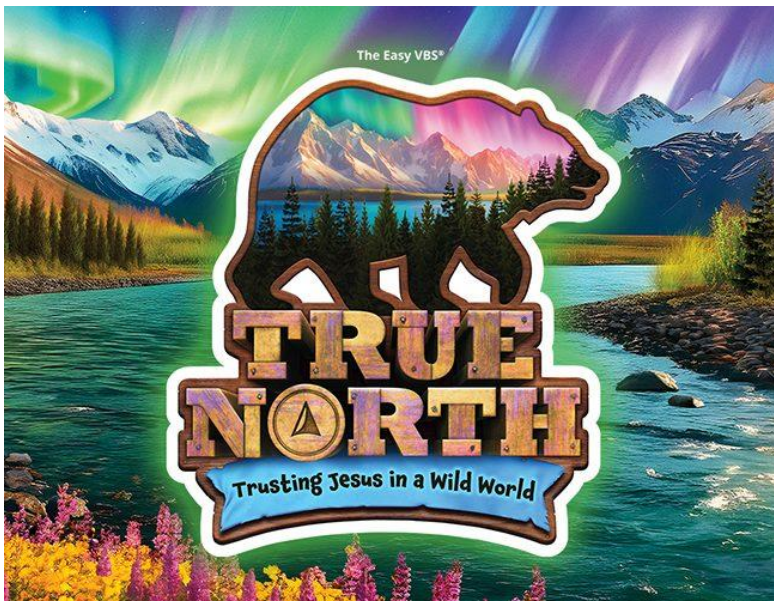
08: Amanda Behymer

15: Carmen Martinez

22: Rick Riggins

29: Diane Martinez

LOVE WHAT MATTERS



2025 Vacation Bible School

August 4<sup>th</sup> – August 8<sup>th</sup>

New friends • Amazing experiments •  
Creative games Super-fun snacks •  
Surprising adventures • Incredible music

Contact Diane 309.784.5621 if you are  
wanting to help out in anyway!  
Watch the table in the foyer for donation  
and help needs.



We will be doing nominations for the following  
positions in the VCC Church

Elder  
Deacon  
Deaconess  
Trustee

Be in prayer about those nominated or even  
your own consideration if nominated.  
Date for Nominations will be announced during Sunday  
service

### **Consider joining a VCC Committee**

Sign ups will be out through the end of June

**Youth Committee:** The youth committee plans and  
if possible helps with youth activities and fund raisers.  
The Fall Fun Festival, Concerts, Car Wash, anything  
youth related.

**Memorial Committee:** The memorial committee  
makes decisions on how to spend money that is  
received from memorial funds.

**Membership/Fellowship Committee:** The  
membership committee plans and helps with in church  
special events such as music appreciation, graduation  
recognition, mother's day, father's day. The fellowship  
committee plans and helps with church gatherings such  
as sunrise breakfast, cleaning day lunches

**Finance Committee:** The finance committee looks  
over the churches finances.

**Property Committee:** The property committee  
plans on when and how the work needs to be done to  
maintain our building and grounds.

**Worship/Sunday School Committee:** Worship  
Committee helps plan special events, and maintains  
things needed for Sunday worship.  
Sunday School Committee makes decisions from money  
spending to teaching schedules for Sunday School.

**Missions Committee:** Missions committee  
prayerfully makes decisions on the support of the our  
chosen missions.





## **Movie Night**

June 8<sup>th</sup> food served at 4pm

Movie starts at 5pm

Here at VCC in the Family Life Center

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