

The Grapevine

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Important Info for July:

Office Hours Wed 10-12pm

Please leave a message in the office and I will return it when I am here or send an email to vinelandchurch@gmail.com to get a faster response.

Nurture & Outreach Meeting
Wednesday, July 8, 2026 6pm
Fireside Room

A Message From the Pastor

For 136 years, Vineland Methodist Church (VMC) has been a bright light in our community! We are known as a church where compassion meets action, and through our annual mission efforts, we provide support to thousands of people with diverse needs.

But we must face the reality that our church is in a longer-term trend in generational replacement, where our older church members are passing away, and the younger families to follow are less church oriented.

Perhaps now is the time when we must look beyond being insular, rather opening our doors and our hearts to others in the community. It is possible for us to bring people to us who normally would not be there! We can research partnerships with other organizations, different communities of faith, community nonprofits, service agencies, and many others. This could help our church measure how we "fit in" in this new and ever-changing world, and it would allow others to see the value that Vineland Methodist Church holds, including our physical and spiritual assets.

Maybe we could do something crazy and fun, like handing out free snow cones for a week to everyone who passes by our church – along with an invitation to join us for Sunday worship.

As summer gains momentum, and as the plants begin to rise, do find some time to let me know your thoughts before the harvest season comes. And don't forget,

we would love to share worship with you on Sunday's at 10:30 a.m.

Blessings in Christ,
Pastor Corry

July 2026 Lectionary

July 5, 2026

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalms 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12, 2026

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalms 119:105-112

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19, 2026

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26, 2026

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52



June Mission Giving:**Watoto \$ 76.00****Baby Bottle Gifts \$442.89**

was collected in the baby bottles for A Caring Pregnancy Center. Mission Outreach contributed \$557.11 for a total of \$1000.00. We are a caring church!

**Bookies**

A unique twist of mystery, thriller and love story make the July book club selection an intriguing read. All Of The Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker is a real page-turner. Come join this lively group July 21st (2:PM) at the Giodone Library.

A Caring Pregnancy Center

Our May Mission was the Pregnancy Center. We filled baby bottles to equal \$442.89 and the church added \$557.11 to send \$1000.00 to help the local pregnancy center in their important ministry!

Live it Out!

Our vacation Bible school was a huge success. Sixteen children attended all three days. Nancy Higbee sat around a campfire and taught the children about kindness, being helpful and the Lord's Prayer. Wendy Goins followed up the lessons with crafts that embedded the theme. The children made T-shirts, Lord's Prayer frames and salt painting. Kellee McFarlin and Alex Kratzer did games and organized the swim part. Diana Garcia-Rincon and Donna Klun set-up snacks and Bonnie Norton presented the opening and closing songs of praise. All in all, we had a fabulous experience of singing, praying and praising God.

**July Mission
OPERATION SCHOOL BELL**

Again this year VMC is participating in Pueblo Assistance League's Operation School Bell.

This program assists students in need of school clothing. In cooperation with school counselors a list of children who would benefit from help is developed. Each recipient receives a voucher of \$100 to \$125 for clothing at Walmart. Students can shop for any school appropriate attire (pants, tops, underwear, socks, shoes, hoody/jacket). They also receive a book of their choice and a hygiene kit (personal items).

Since its inception 44,000 students have been dressed. Last year 984 were served.

It seems many opportunities exist for children to receive backpacks, pencils, etc., but this is a local opportunity to serve a real need. Please place a designated gift in the offering

Vacation Bible School 2026

plate. Every penny will help a local youth!

CAN YOU HELP?

As any home owner knows, unexpected expenses (washer breakdown, water heater leak, refrigerator malfunction) can inflict serious financial damage to any bank account.

Our church home has recently had several unexpected and expensive repairs that needed immediate attention. A leak in the water system was difficult to locate and required extensive repairs costing \$8,000. The parsonage interior total repairs were \$7,500. After completing the parsonage renovations, it was discovered that the roof needed to be replaced for \$8,900.

The combination of these necessary expenses totaling \$24,400, has had an obvious impact on our cash reserve. Fortunately, funds from past State Fair food concessions have enabled us to cover these necessary disbursements.

However, cash reserves have been severely reduced.

Please prayerfully consider an extra gift in any amount to our church home to help defer these major costs.

Great Generosity 2 Corinthians: 8:3-4 NAS "For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave voluntarily, begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints."

**Finance Chair, Wadene Hopper
Trustee Chair, Mike Cooper**

Blessing Box

Thank you to all who keep our Blessing Box filled. We are truly a blessed family.

The State Fair is Coming Up!

Make room on your calendars:
August 28-September 7.
Colorado State Fair



7/1 Kathy Bartholomew
7/1 Brant Garrett
7/2 Shirley Chambers
7/3 Donna Klun
7/3 Isabella Stewart
7/4 Kathi McIntyre
7/5 Kelsi Leach
7/7 Jackie Dorenkamp
7/9 Kourtney Stroud
7/10 Ralph Newby
7/10 Juanita DeHeart
7/16 Diane Garcia-Rincon
7/19 Nancy Johnson
7/21 Mike Michael
7/22 Brynlee Cossel
7/25 Maisie Anaya
7/26 Elsie Mortimer
7/27 Hayden Leach
7/28 Bill Pettijohn
7/30 Anthony Martinez



7/9 Todd & Kelsi Leach

State Fair Booth	
August 23	Cleanup & Worship at the Food Booth
August 28-September 7	Colorado State Fair
September 8	Food Booth Cleanup

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Independence Day 
5 Worship 10:30 Children's VBS Program during worship	6	7	8 N/O Mtg 6:00pm Fireside Room	9	10	11
12 Worship 10:30 Children's Sunday School during worship	13	14 Bookies @ 2pm Giadone Lib	15	16	17	18
19 Worship 10:30 Children's Sunday School during worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship 10:30 Children's Sunday School during worship	27	28	29	30	31	

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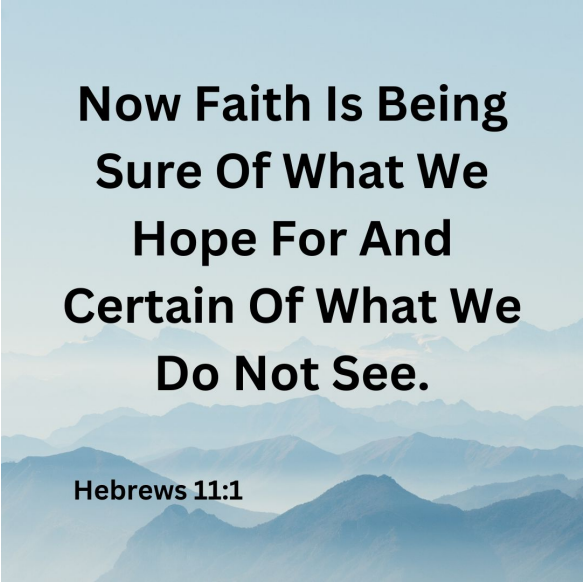
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Please join us for worship

Every Sunday at 10:30

Children's Sunday School during worship



**Now Faith Is Being
Sure Of What We
Hope For And
Certain Of What We
Do Not See.**

Hebrews 11:1

***Vineland Methodist Church
Christ Centered
Bible Based
Mission Minded***