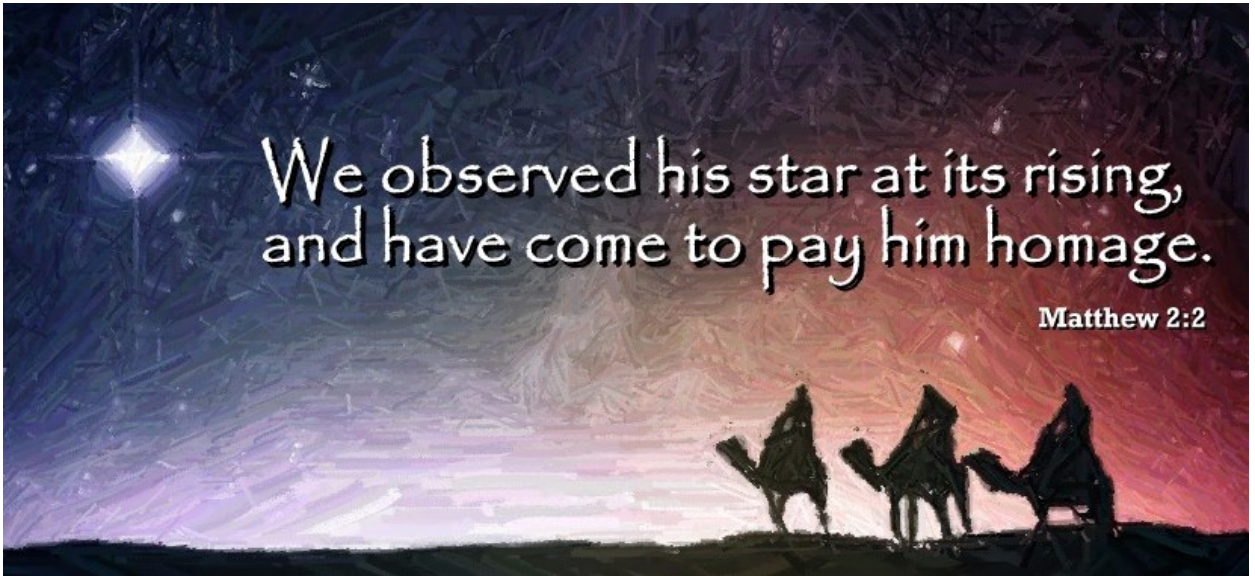


We are alive in Christ. We love God, we care for one another,  
and we help people here and around the world.

Sunday, January 1, 2017  
Epiphany Sunday

10:00 a.m.  
Pastor: Dr. Buff W. Coe



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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017  
EPIPHANY SUNDAY  
10:00 A.M.**

***Entrance***

\*Entrance of the Light (Please rise as the acolytes bring the light into the sanctuary.)

Greeting

Introduction to Today's Service

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 2:1-12

\*Opening Song

\*Opening Prayer

***Proclamation and Response***

Scripture Lesson

Ephesians 3:1-12

Children's Moment

Message

Whom Do You Exclude?

\*Song

A Time of Prayer

\*The Peace

***Thanksgiving and Communion***

Ministry Opportunities

Offering of Our Gifts to God

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Bread and Cup

Communion Songs

Prayer after Communion

***Sending Forth***

\*Closing Song

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Recessional (Please remain in place as the acolytes carry the light out into the world.)

*Sermon outline is available in the Narthex.*

## **It's the New Testament Portion of Disciple Fast Track !!!**

Lots of time to sign up if you haven't already. For this half of Fast Track, the book is only \$15.00. We get together on Thursday evenings at 6:30, starting January 5. Come on and join in!! Contact John Cleveland, Vera Walker, or the Church office if interested.

## **Coming Deadlines**

Deadline for the minutes and other submissions for the Church Council is end of day on Tuesday, January 17.

## **Office Closed Tomorrow**

The church office will be closed tomorrow in observance of the New Year's holiday. We will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, January 3.

## **Confirmation Letters for 2017 Pledges**

Confirmation letters for the 2017 pledges are in the Narthex. If you submitted a pledge card and do not have a confirmation letter, email [Vicksburgumc@gmail.com](mailto:Vicksburgumc@gmail.com) with your name, phone number and the amount(s) you pledged.

## **New Member Orientation Sessions**

All adults and high school students who are interested in joining Vicksburg United Methodist Church are invited to attend the orientation session that will be held from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 3.

The class may also be of interest to persons who are already members but want to learn more about The United Methodist Church or our local congregation. .

Our new members will be welcomed into the congregation during the worship services on Sunday, January 8. For more information, contact Pastor Buff.

## **Storing of the Greens**

The Christmas decorations will be taken down at 1:00 on Thursday, January 5. We customarily do this after worship the first Sunday in January, but since the first Sunday in January is New Year's Day, we had to find another date. We know that many people cannot be available on a Thursday afternoon, but some of you can! If possible, please plan on being here the afternoon of January 5 to help store the Christmas decorations away for another year.

## **Sew What Now God will not meet in January.**

## **From the Susanna Wesley Circle**

The football season is almost to playoff time, which means that Super Bowl Sunday is not that far off (February 5th to be exact!). The Susanna Wesley circle will be offering sub sandwiches again this year. The subs are between 6 and 8 inches with 3 meats and 2 cheeses. The price is yet to be determined so watch the Weekly Good news for pricing. Subs are available through pre-order only and you can place your orders the 2 Sunday mornings before Super Bowl weekend (January 22 and 29). The subs will be assembled on Saturday morning and can be picked up from 11:00 - 12:00 that morning, or picked up on Sunday morning after you worship.

All money from this fundraiser is used to help South County Community Services provide Christmas for those in need during the holiday season.

So, take it easy and let us fix your sandwiches for you!

## **Baptism Scheduled**

The sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated in the worship service on Sunday, January 8. Parents who wish to present their children for baptism should contact Pastor Buff. On Thursday, January 5 at 7:00 p.m., there will be a meeting for the parents of children to be baptized. At this session, we will discuss the meaning of baptism and review the baptismal liturgy. The meeting will last about an hour.

## **Scrip Cents Order Dates**

The next order dates for Scrip Cents are Tuesdays, January 3 and 17, no later than 2:00 p.m.

## **Now Hiring**

**Heart and Hands Preschool is looking for a long-term substitute** to cover a maternity leave for one of our teachers.

- Requirements: an early education teaching degree or CDA certification
- Responsibilities: teaching a M/W/F 4's class 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and a T/TH 3's class 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
- Time frame: January 9- May 26
- Pay Rate: \$50 per day

Please contact preschool director Amber Morris for more information: 269-649-2343 ext. 106 or [heartandhands@vicksburgumc.org](mailto:heartandhands@vicksburgumc.org)

## This Week

### Sunday, January 1 - New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. Worship

### Monday, January 2

*Office closed*

*There will not be volleyball*

### Tuesday, January 3

*Deadline for Scrip Cents orders*

2:00 p.m. *New Member Orientation in the Library*

7:00 p.m. *Trustees meeting in the Library*

### Wednesday, January 4

10:30 a.m. *Wednesday Winners, Taylor Room*

11:00 a.m. *Provisional Member Mentoring Group in the Library*

2:30 p.m. *The Shed (MS Outreach)*

5:00 p.m. *Helix (MS Youth)*

6:00 p.m. *Bell Choir practice in the Sanctuary*

6:30 p.m. *Pickleball in the FLC*

7:00 p.m. *Choir practice in the Sanctuary*

### Thursday, January 5

1:00 p.m. *Storing of the Greens*

6:00 p.m. *RAW (HS Youth)*

6:30 p.m. *Disciple Bible Study in Room 125*

7:00 p.m. *Baptism Class in the Library*

### Friday, January 6

10:00 am *Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219*

### Saturday, January 7

7:00 p.m. *Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Taylor*

## Coming Events

### Sunday, January 8

*New Members will be welcomed*

### Monday, January 9

6:30 p.m. *Mission meeting*

7:00 p.m. *Worship Planning Team meeting in the Library*

### Tuesday, January 10

7:00 p.m. *Pastor Parish Relations meeting in the Library*

### Wednesday, January 11

1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries meeting, Library*

### Thursday, January 12

5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board meeting, Library*

### Monday, January 16

7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee meeting, Library*

### Tuesday, January 17

*Scrip Cents orders are due*

*Church Council submissions are due*

### Thursday, January 19

9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room*

## For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson  
Mary Evelyn Bell  
Carol Berkey  
David Bretz  
Virginia Caswell  
Alice Dibble  
Barb Griner  
Pat McClelland

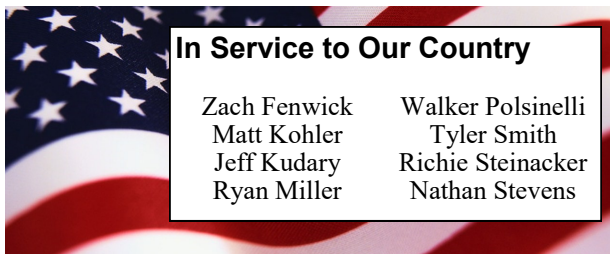
Iris McGahan  
Lucille Miller  
Beverly Nimmo  
Robert & Carmen Parsons  
Char Rice  
Marv & Kitty Starbuck  
Al Thomas  
Mina Willett

## For Hope and Healing

Jack Buckallew  
Marilyn Butcher (Vera Walker's niece)  
Bob Fuerst (Kathy Rix's father)  
JR Fulton  
Tyler Lynch  
Darcy Osborn  
Larry Rolfe  
Linda Smith (Lisa Coe's mother)  
Mike Tuinier

## For Lost Loved Ones

Bob Springer (Karla Stubblefield's father)  
Barbara Wagner (John Wagner's mother)



### In Service to Our Country

Zach Fenwick  
Matt Kohler  
Jeff Kudary  
Ryan Miller  
Walker Polsinelli  
Tyler Smith  
Richie Steinacker  
Nathan Stevens

## Celebrations

Birthdays			
1/1	John Cleveland	1/6	Therisa Hiemstra
1/3	Barbara Adams		Lois Myers
1/5	Kenneth Akins	1/7	Liam Miller
	Vera Walker		Robert Parsons
1/6	Stacy Cron		