

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

Sunday, February 26, 2017
Transfiguration Sunday
11:00 a.m.

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Prayer Focus for the Week

Lord, when we are in Your presence, we need to be completely absorbed with You and not ourselves. This is not the time for a selfie.

Entrance

Prelude

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

Introit: Ring Joyous with the Sound!

Greeting

Video: "I've Been to the Mountaintop"

*Hymn of Praise: 2103 We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

*Opening Prayer

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 17:1-9

Children's Moment

Message: Mountaintop Experiences

*Hymn of Response: 2272 Holy Ground (sing two times)

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Thanksgiving

Ministry Opportunities

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory: The Church's One Foundation

*Doxology: 94 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn to Go Forth: 2102 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

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

*The sermon outline is available in the Narthex.
Today's acolytes are Alex Geiger and Harrison Barton.*

Sunday School Lenten Study

Just a reminder that we are starting a multi-generational Lenten study by Adam Hamilton, *24 Hours That Changed the World*, during this Lenten season. You can join any of the classes, and you will get the same lesson. Several classes will come together to watch the video that accompanies this series. Then students will return to their own classrooms for age appropriate lessons.

Come walk with Jesus on his final day. Sit beside him at the Last Supper. Pray with him in Gethsemane. Follow him to the cross. Desert Him. Deny him. Experience the Resurrection.

With the interruption of Spring Break during this study, we will begin this series today. Sunday school starts at 9:50 a.m., so stay after the first service or come early before the second service if you have never attended a class before or if it's been a while. This is a not-to-miss series!

Member Orientation

All adults and high school students who are interested in joining Vicksburg United Methodist Church are invited to attend four orientation sessions that will be held at 9:50 a.m. beginning Sunday, March 19. Our new members will be welcomed into the congregation during the worship services on Easter Sunday, April 16. For more information, contact Pastor Buff.

Ash Wednesday

An Ash Wednesday service of ashes and communion will be held in our sanctuary on Wednesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the forty days (not counting Sundays) of preparation for Easter. Whatever you plan to do as your observance of Lent this year, worship is an important part of our spiritual growth. I invite you to join us for our Ash Wednesday service as we begin this season of repentance and reflection together.

Scout Troop 251

You are invited to attend Troop 251's Spaghetti Dinner, which will be combined with Rotary Showboat, March 3 and 4. Brunch will be served on Sunday, March 5. All meals will be in the High School Cafeteria.

Also, the Annual Cake Bake and Auction will be March 24, 6:30 p.m., at Scotts Community Center.

Lenten Breakfasts

Every year, we join with other churches in the Vicksburg Ministry Alliance to hold a series of breakfasts on Tuesday mornings during Lent. The breakfasts begin at 6:45 and end at 7:25. A freewill donation covers the cost of the meal. Each week, a lay person from the host church will bring a devotional message. Reservations are not needed; everyone is welcome. This year, we have reduced the number of breakfasts from six to four. The locations of the Lenten breakfasts this year are as follows:

- March 21 Vicksburg United Methodist Church
217 South Main St
- March 28 Lakeland Reformed Church
10442 Sprinkle Rd
- April 4 St. Martin's Catholic Church
5855 East W Ave
- April 11 Chapman Memorial Church of the Nazarene
7520 East U Ave

District Conference

The 2017 District Conference will be held Saturday, March 11, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Westwood UMC in Kalamazoo. Register by March 6 at KalamazooDistrict.org. See the March newsletter for more information.

ScripCents Order Dates

The next order dates for ScripCents are Wednesdays, March 1 and 15, no later than 2:00 p.m.



This Week

Sunday, February 26

9:00 a.m. Celebration & Praise, Sanctuary
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. PIT CREW, Room 118
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, February 27

11:00 a.m. *Dick Coppes funeral and luncheon*
6:30 p.m. Family Volleyball in the FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop
6:30 p.m. *Church Council meeting in the Taylor Room*

Tuesday, February 28

6:00 p.m. Sew What Now God? in the Taylor Room

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m. The Shed (MS Outreach), Room 107
5:00 p.m. Helix (MS Youth), Room 107
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
7:00 p.m. *Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary*

Thursday, March 2

6:00 p.m. RAW (HS Youth)
6:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study in Room 125

Friday, March 3

10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219

Saturday, March 4

6:15 p.m. *Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FLC and Taylor Room*

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

Monday, March 6

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

Tuesday, March 7

6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting*
7:00 p.m. *Trustees meeting in the Library*

Wednesday, March 8

11:00 a.m. *Provisional Member Mentoring Group in the Library*
1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries in the Library*

Thursday, March 9

5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board in the Library*

Saturday, March 11

8:00 a.m. *Girl Scout scrapbooking, Taylor Room*
9:00 a.m. *District Conference at Westwood UMC*

Sunday, March 12

Daylight Saving Time begins

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Iris McGahan
Mary Evelyn Bell	Beverly Nimmo
Carol Berkey	Robert & Carmen Parsons
David Bretz	Char Rice
Virginia Caswell	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Alice Dibble	Al Thomas
Barb Griner	Mina Willett
Pat McClelland	

For Hope and Healing

Family of Mike Biljum (Carol Lohman's friend)
Jack and Cynda Buckallew
Marilyn Butcher
Terry Coburn (Joe and Betty Gruber's friend)
Pastor Buff and Lisa's friend
Family of Ryan Cole (Darcy Osborn's friend)
Derek (Lynne Melvin's friend)
Matt Franklin
Barbara Griner
Joe Hayes
Mari Hiemstra
Tyler Lynch
Family of John Munn (Virginia Caswell's son-in-law)
Joan Paige
Georgia Rolfe
Larry and LaVon Rolfe
Karen Simpson's cousin
Jerry Swift

For Lost Loved Ones

Rev. Dean Bailey (pastor here from 1966-1969)
Nancy Blanchard
Marilyn Durham
Jack Kennedy (Lisa Coe's great-uncle)
Andrea Loucks (Virginia Caswell's granddaughter)
Lucille Miller
John Munn (Virginia Caswell's son-in-law)
Linda Smith (Lisa Coe's mother)

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

February 26: Joe and Betty Gruber
March 5: Dee Morton and Beth Griner
March 12:

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

2/26 Andrew Falconer	2/28 Christopher Young
Diana Girolami	3/1 Trace Puckett
Taylor Linebaugh	3/2 Harrison Barton
Lilly Puckett	Tyler Hawkins
2/27 Sara Carrier	3/3 Charlotte Rice
Judi McNett	3/4 Jeff Geiger
2/28 Brian Eberstein	Kari Treanary
Edward Haberle	

In Service to Our Country

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