

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

Sunday, March 5, 2017
First Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m.

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Prayer Focus for the Week

Father, we will use Your word as a sword when we are in spiritual combat.

Entrance

Prelude

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

Greeting

Video: Preparing for Lent

*Hymn of Praise: 2105 Jesus Tempted in the Desert

*Opening Prayer

Proclamation and Response

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 4:1-11

Children's Moment

Message: Temptation

Prayer of Confession, Assurance, and Pardon: 891

*Hymn of Response: 396 O Jesus, I Have Promised

A Time of Prayer

*The Peace

*Hymn of Peace: 431 Let There Be Peace on Earth

Thanksgiving and Communion

Ministry Opportunities

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory: Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

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

The Great Thanksgiving: 2257

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion

Sending Forth

*Hymn to Go Forth: 269 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

*Dismissal with Blessing

*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 acolyte is Molly Young.*

Sunday School Lenten Study

Just a reminder that we have started 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 come together to watch the video that accompanies this series. Then students 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.

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!

Scout Troop 251

You are invited to attend Troop 251's Spaghetti Brunch today 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:

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| 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 |

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.

District Conference

Do you want to grow in faith? Does your church want to be a community centered in God's love? Don't miss this year's District Conference as we welcome Rev. Steve Manskar, Director of Wesleyan Leadership at Discipleship Ministries in Nashville, TN. One of the top experts in covenant discipleship, Steve will share how Wesleyan principles and practices can transform your church into a spiritually vibrant congregation.

This free event will take place Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Westwood UMC in Kalamazoo. Register online at KalamazooDistrict.org by TOMORROW to guarantee lunch and workshop choices. Steve will lead two workshops on How to Make a Covenant and Introducing Covenant Discipleship.

Other workshops include: Baby Boomers...the Next Frontier; Discipleship in Short Term Missions; Discovering Lay Servant Ministries; Food Pantries: Whys and Wherefores; Radical Hospitality; Stewardship: Earn, Save, Give All You Can; Structuring the Church for Discipleship.

ScripCents Order Dates

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



This Week

Sunday, March 5

- 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, March 6

- 6:30 p.m. Family Volleyball in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop in the Taylor Room
- 7:00 p.m. *Worship Planning Team in the Library*

Tuesday, March 7

- 6:00 p.m. Sew What Now God? in the Taylor Room
- 6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting*
- 7:00 p.m. *Trustees meeting in the Library*

Wednesday, March 8

- 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
- 11:00 a.m. *Provisional Member Mentoring Group in the Library*
- 1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries in the Library*
- 2:30 p.m. The Shed (MS Outreach), Room 107
- 5:00 p.m. Helix (MS Youth), Room 107
- 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, March 9

- 5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board in the Library*
- 6:00 p.m. RAW (HS Youth)
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study in Room 125

Friday, March 10

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

Saturday, March 11

- 8:00 a.m. *Girl Scout scrapbooking, Taylor Room*
- 9:00 a.m. *District Conference at Westwood UMC*
Remember to change your clock before going to bed

Monday through Friday

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

Coming Events

Sunday, March 12

Daylight Saving Time begins

Tuesday, March 14

- 10:00 a.m. *Staff meeting in the Library*
- 6:00 p.m. *VMS boys basketball practice in the FLC*
- 6:30 p.m. *Scout Emblem Program in Room 219*
- 6:30 p.m. *Scout Committee meeting in Room 125*
- 7:00 p.m. *Pastor Parish Relations in the Library*

Wednesday, March 15

ScripCents orders are due by 2:00

Thursday, March 16

- 9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley in the Taylor Room*

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

- March 5: Dee Morton and Beth Griner
- March 12: Laverne Swinehart
- March 19: Marshall Linebaugh

For Cheer and Hello

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| 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
- Family of Ryan Cole (Darcy Osborn's friend)
- Derek (Lynne Melvin's friend)
- Matt Franklin
- Dianne Garraghan (RaeAnn Graves' friend)
- Barbara Griner
- Joe Hayes
- Mari Hiemstra
- Tyler Lynch
- Family of John Munn (Virginia Caswell's son-in-law)
- Joan Paige
- Sherry Price
- 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)



This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3/5 Colleen Kiley
- 3/7 Norm Hackett
- Mike Tuinier
- 3/11 Alan Smola

Anniversaries

- 3/6 Jeff & Mary Ann Kudary