

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

Sunday, March 12, 2017
Second Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m.

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Prayer Focus for the Week

Heavenly Father, we know that knowledge is not salvation. Our relationship with You is.

Entrance

Prelude

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

Greeting

Video: Baptism

*Hymn of Praise: 98 To God Be the Glory

*Opening Prayer

Anthem: Great and Mighty Lord

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson: John 3:1-17

Children's Moment

Message: Remember Your Baptism

*Hymn of Response: 2248 Baptized in Water

A Time of Prayer

Thanksgiving

Ministry Opportunities

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory: I Did Nothing But Believe

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn to Go Forth: 159 Lift High the Cross

*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 Mac Read and Vaughn Read.*

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 next 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.

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!

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

ScripCents Order Dates

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

Crazy 8 and Gymboree (children's clothing) are offering 20% off entire purchase with a coupon until May 31. If you buy a ScripCard for those stores, you can save money with the coupon, and VUMC can earn money with your purchase of the card. See the Welcome Center or the church office for coupons.

Returnable Bottles and Cans Collection

Paul French will be collecting all returnable bottles and cans until the end of April for the Vicksburg High School Project Graduation. If you would like to contribute, leave your items in the lobby by the door, and Paul will collect them from there.

Scout Troop 251 Cake Bake

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

Empty Spots on the Flower Chart

Everyone enjoys seeing beautiful flowers on the altar during Sunday morning services. They are especially meaningful when they are in honor of a person or event.

Anyone who has a special person or event they would like to celebrate or commemorate is invited to provide altar flowers for Sunday morning worship services on any given week. The flowers are yours to take home after the service.

You can celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, memorials, accomplishments, etc. If you don't have a special event or person to celebrate, you are still welcome to provide flowers.

The flower chart hangs on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Simply pick a Sunday, sign your name and list the event you are honoring.

**Sunday, March 19
Great Gospel
Sing Out!**

March 5 attendance: 9:00 a.m. = 37

11:00 a.m. = 97

This Week

Sunday, March 12 - Daylight Saving Time begins

- 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 13

- 6:30 p.m. Family Volleyball in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop in the Taylor Room

Tuesday, March 14

- 10:00 a.m. Staff meeting in the Library
- 4:00 p.m. VMS boys basketball practice in the FLC
- 6:00 p.m. Sew What Now God? in the Taylor Room
- 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

- 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 16

- 9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley in the Taylor Room
- 6:00 p.m. RAW (HS Youth)
- 6:30 p.m. Disciple Bible Study in Room 125

Friday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

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

Saturday, March 18

- 7:00 a.m. Loaves & Fishes in the FLC

Monday through Friday

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

Coming Events

Sunday, March 19

- 9:50 a.m. Member orientation
- 3:00 p.m. Great Gospel Sing Out

Monday, March 20

- 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee in the Library

Tuesday, March 21

- 6:45 a.m. Lenten Breakfast in the Taylor Room
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee in the Library
Church Council submissions are due

Friday, March 24

- 6:00 p.m. Scout pack meeting in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Cake Bake at Scotts Commun. Center

Saturday, March 25

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation class in the Taylor Room
- 1:00 p.m. UMW Spring Fling, at Wesley Foundation at WMU

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

- March 12: Laverne Swinehart
- March 19: Marshall Linebaugh
- March 26: Joe and Betty Gruber

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
- Family of Ryan Cole (Darcy Osborn's friend)
- Derek (Lynne Melvin's friend)
- Dianne Garraghan (RaeAnn Graves' friend)
- Barbara Griner
- Joe Hayes
- Mari Hiemstra
- Kathy (Linda Cleveland's friend)
- Tyler Lynch
- McCurley family
- Family of Bill Moore
- Joan Paige
- Sherry Price
- Georgia Rolfe
- Larry and LaVon Rolfe
- Karen Simpson's cousin
- Tom Simpson
- Steve Wiley (Betty Thomas' friend)
- Witsaman family

For Lost Loved Ones

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

In Service to Our Country

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

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

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| 3/12 Charles Girolami | 3/16 Andrea Luegge |
| 3/13 Barbara Addis | 3/18 Alexandra Morris |
| Nelly Avis | Sherril Shane |
| Mary Rusk | Anniversaries |
| 3/14 Justin Moberley | 3/15 Ken & Debi Franklin |