

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

Sunday, March 19, 2017
Third Sunday in Lent
11:00 a.m.

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Prayer Focus for the Week

Lord, You crossed all barriers to share the gospel, and we who follow You must do no less.

Entrance

Prelude

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

Greeting

Video: Thirsty?

*Opening Hymn: 2132 You Who Are Thirsty

*Opening Prayer

Anthem: Jonah

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Lesson: John 4:5-42

Children's Moment

Message: Secondhand Christians

*Hymn of Response: 3093 Fill My Cup, Lord

A Time of Prayer

Thanksgiving

Ministry Opportunities

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory: Blessed Be the Name

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord's Prayer

Sending Forth

*Hymn to Go Forth: 276 The First One Ever

*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 Megan Burke and Lilly Puckett.*

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 on four Sundays at 9:50 a.m., beginning today. 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:

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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 |

ScripCents Order Dates

The next order dates for ScripCents are Saturdays, April 1 and 15, 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 ScripCents card 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.

Coming Deadlines

Church Council

The deadline for submissions for the Church Council is end of day Tuesday, March 21.

Newsletter

The deadline for the April newsletter is end-of-day Monday, March 27.

Empty Spots on the Flower Chart

It's nice to see beautiful flowers on the altar during Sunday morning services. They are especially meaningful when they are in honor of a person or event.

If you would like to provide flowers for a Sunday, please sign the flower chart on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you would like to honor someone or commemorate an event, such as birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc., please make a note of that on the chart. The flowers are yours to take home after the service.

**Great Gospel
Sing Out
3:00 today**

This Week

Sunday, March 19

9:00 a.m. Celebration & Praise, Sanctuary
9:50 a.m. Sunday School
9:50 a.m. *Member Orientation*
10:30 a.m. PIT CREW, Room 118
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
3:00 p.m. *Great Gospel Sing Out*

Monday, March 20

6:30 p.m. Family Volleyball in the FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop in the Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee in the Library*

Tuesday, March 21

6:45 a.m. *Lenten Breakfast in the Taylor Room*
6:00 p.m. Sew What Now God? 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

Wednesday, March 22

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room
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 23

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

Friday, March 24

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

Monday through Friday

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

Coming Events

Sunday, March 26

9:50 a.m. *Member Orientation*

Monday, March 27

6:30 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*
Newsletter items are due

Tuesday, March 28

6:45 a.m. *Lenten Breakfast at Lakeland Reformed Church, 10442 Sprinkle Rd*
4:00 p.m. *VMS boys basketball practice, FLC*
6:30 p.m. *Scout Emblem program, Room 219*

Thursday and Friday, March 30 and 31

Preschool closed

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

March 19: Marshall Linebaugh
March 26: Joe and Betty Gruber
April 2:

For Cheer and Hello

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

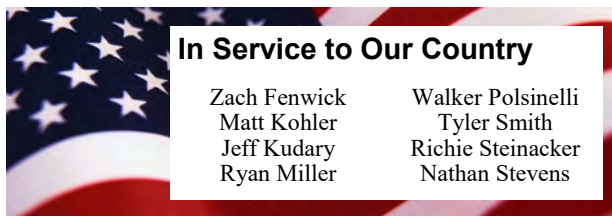
Iris McGahan
Beverly Nimmo
Robert & Carmen Parsons
Char Rice
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Al Thomas
Mina Willett

For Hope and Healing

Family of Mike Biljum (Carol Lohman's friend)
Sue Brocato (Diana and Andrea Read's friend)
Jack and Cynda Buckallew
Derek (Lynne Melvin's friend)
Wayne Garraghan and family (RaeAnn Graves' friend)
Joe Hayes
Kathy (Linda Cleveland's friend)
McCurley family
Family of Bill Moore
Joan Paige
Sherry Price
Kim Robertson
Larry and LaVon Rolfe
Karen Simpson's cousin
Tom Simpson
Steve Wiley (Betty Thomas' friend)
Witsaman family

For Lost Loved Ones

Nancy Blanchard
Martha Derhammer (Judy Imanse's mother)
Jack Kennedy (Lisa Coe's great-uncle)
Andrea Loucks (Virginia Caswell's granddaughter)
Lucille Miller
John Munn (Virginia Caswell's son-in-law)



This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

3/19 Jo Pope	3/23 Shirley Valencourt
3/23 Carol Berkey	3/24 Brad Beams
Mark Johnson	3/25 Chris Morris
Marc (Edward) Tilbury	Anniversaries
	3/22 Jack & Elizabeth Page