

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

Sunday, March 26, 2017  
Fourth Sunday in Lent  
11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Dr. Buff W. Coe



**Vicksburg United Methodist Church**

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**Prayer Focus for the Week**

Lord, we seek to grow in grace and knowledge through our walk with You.

**Entrance**

Prelude

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

Greeting

Video: Contact

\*Song of Praise: 2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine

\*Opening Prayer

**Proclamation and Response**

Scripture Lesson: John 9

Children's Moment

Message: It Happened to Me!

\*Song of Response: 3104 Amazing Grace

A Time of Prayer

**Thanksgiving**

Ministry Opportunities

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory: Amazing Grace

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

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*The Lord's Prayer

**Sending Forth**

\*Song to Go Forth: 2147 There Are Some Things I May Not Know

\*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 Jagger Luegge and Henry Stamm.*

## Member Orientation

All adults and high school students who are interested in joining Vicksburg United Methodist Church are invited to attend the orientation sessions now being held at 9:50 a.m. every Sunday morning. These classes will prepare persons to become members of our church family and the global United Methodist Church, but persons may choose at the end of the classes whether or not they wish to join. The classes 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 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!

## 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.

## 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 remaining Lenten breakfasts this year are as follows:

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| March 28 | Lakeland Reformed Church<br>10442 Sprinkle Rd                 |
| April 4  | St. Martin's Catholic Church<br>5855 East W Ave               |
| April 11 | Chapman Memorial Church of the<br>Nazarene<br>7520 East U Ave |

## Coming Deadlines

### Newsletter

The deadline for the April newsletter is end-of-day tomorrow.

## Easter Sunday Breakfast

We will have an Easter Sunday Breakfast at 8:15 a.m. in the FLC. We will need lots of help with food donations, as well as setting up and cleaning up. Please fill out a sign-up sheet today, available at the Welcome Center.



Vicksburg United Methodist Church  
welcomes you to our Easter celebration

*Love So Amazing*  
an Easter Cantata

April 16th, 2017 • 9am and 11am

7:30am Sunrise Service • 8:00am Breakfast  
Good Friday Service April 14th, 2017 • 12 noon

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March 19 attendance: 9:00 a.m. = 29

11:00 a.m. = 85

## This Week

### Sunday, March 26

- 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

### Monday, March 27

- 6:30 p.m. Volleyball in the FLC  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop  
6:30 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*  
7:30 p.m. *Special Staff meeting in the Library*  
*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*  
6:00 p.m. Sew What Now God? in the Taylor Room  
6:30 p.m. *Scout Emblem program, Room 219*

### Wednesday, March 29

- 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 30

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

### Friday, March 31

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

### Saturday, April 1

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 p.m.*  
6:15 p.m. *Fellowship of Christian Athletes, FLC & Taylor*

### Monday through Friday

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

## Coming Events

### Sunday, April 2

- 9:50 a.m. *Member Orientation*

### Monday, April 3

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

### Tuesday, April 4

- 6:45 a.m. *Lenten Breakfast at St. Martin's Catholic Church, 5855 East W Ave*  
4:00 p.m. *VMS boys basketball practice in the FLC*  
7:00 p.m. *Trustees meeting in the Library*

### Thursday, April 6

- 11:00 a.m. *UMW Executive Committee meeting*  
12:30 p.m. *UMW General meeting*

### Monday through Friday, April 3-7

*Preschool closed*

### Sunday, April 9 - Palm Sunday

- 9:50 a.m. *Member Orientation*  
*Priscilla Circle Bake Sale*

## For Cheer and Hello

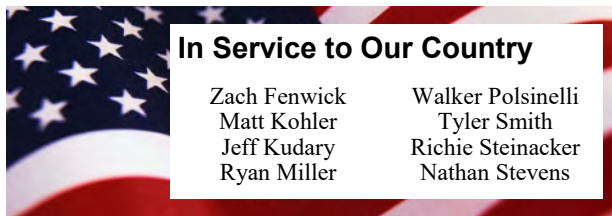
Liz Anderson	Iris McGahan
Mary Evelyn Bell	Beverly Nimmo
Carol Berkey	Robert & Carmen Parsons
David Bretz	Char Rice
Virginia Caswell	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Alice Dibble	Al Thomas
Barb Griner	Mina Willett
Pat McClelland	

## For Hope and Healing

Sue Brocato (Diana and Andrea Read's friend)  
Jack and Cynda Buckallew  
Derek (Lynne Melvin's friend)  
Wayne Garraghan and family (RaeAnn Graves' friend)  
Kathy (Linda Cleveland's friend)  
McCurley family  
Family of Bill Moore  
Sherry Price  
Kim Robertson  
Larry and LaVon Rolfe  
Tom Simpson  
Steve Wiley (Betty Thomas' friend)  
William (Charlene's son, Loaves & Fishes volunteer)  
Witsaman family

## For Lost Loved Ones

Nancy Blanchard  
Marion Case (Charlene Dailey's aunt)  
Jean Culver (incoming pastor Greg Culver's mother)  
Martha Derhammer (Judy Imanse's mother)  
John Munn (Virginia Caswell's son-in-law)



## Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

March 26: Joe and Betty Gruber  
April 2:  
April 9:

## This Week's Celebrations

<b>Birthdays</b>	3/30 Michael Asher
3/26 Susan Halladay	3/31 Vernon Noel
3/27 Brian Root	4/1 Beth Griner
3/28 Amy Slancik	Jerry Root
3/29 Robert Gruber	<b>Anniversaries</b>
Connor Polsinelli	3/31 Mike & Jody Tuinier