

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

Sunday, April 23, 2017

Camp Sunday

11:00 a.m.

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### Prayer Focus for the Week

Heavenly Father, we ask for blessings for UMC camp ministries.

#### **Entrance**

Prelude

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

Introit: I've Found a Friend

Bell Choir

Opening Prayer/Prayer of Illumination

Opening Song: Light the Fire Again

Praise Band

#### **Proclamation and Response**

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

Ronan Thompson

Children's Moment

Lisa Coe

Message: Awakening to Ministry (Festival of God's Creation)

Hank Stamm

Video: VUMC Camp

Ken Cron

Song of Response: Hold Us Together

Praise Band

#### **Thanksgiving**

Ministry Opportunities

Time of Prayer

Pastor Buff

The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory: Shall We Gather at the River

Bell Choir

#### **Sending Forth**

Closing Song: Beautiful Things

Praise Band

Closing Blessing

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

*Today's altar flowers are provided by Paul and Marilyn Schutter in celebration of their 61st wedding anniversary on April 20.  
Today's acolytes are Alex Geiger and Harrison Barton.*

## Special Church Conference

There will be a Special Church Conference on Sunday, May 7, at noon in the Sanctuary. The two items to be voted on by members are the compensation package for incoming Pastor Greg Culver, and the sale of the current parsonage. Please place this important event on your calendar.

## CROP Walk

Next week we will focus our efforts on the South County CROP Walk. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 30. Registration begins at 1:00 pm at VUMC, then we take off at 2:00 on a new route this year. We will be walking the Vicksburg Trail and through the Historical Village. If you are interested in walking OR in sponsoring a walker, please see Diana Pomeroy any time before or after the service today.

## Summer Camp Assistance

This church regularly provides financial assistance to persons from our congregation attending one of our United Methodist camps each summer. If you are attending one of our United Methodist camps, make sure the church office has your name, the camp you will attend, and the dates you will attend so we can help make camp more affordable for you.

## Applications for Scholarships

Each year, this church awards scholarships to members of our congregation attending institutions of higher education. Applications for scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year are available on our church website [vicksburgumc.org](http://vicksburgumc.org). They are also available at the Welcome Center or in the church office. The deadline for returning completed applications to the church office is May 1. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

## Coming Deadlines

May newsletter submissions deadline is tomorrow.  
Scholarship applications deadline is Monday, May 1.  
ScripCents order deadline is Monday, May 1, by 2:00 p.m.



## SPRING HAS SPRUNG.....Robins, daffodils and OUR SPRING RUMMAGE SALE!

**Needed:** Clean, gently-used clothing, electronics, jewelry, tools, toys, decorations, books, movies, appliances, furniture, household items, crafts, etc.!

**Also Need:** Men and women volunteers! Any time - YOU choose the days and hours - just show up - No Experience Necessary! Large paper grocery bags and food for the workers are also appreciated!

**Drop off dates:** April 24th Monday (9-6) and April 25th Tuesday (9-noon).

**Sale Dates:** April 26th Wednesday (9-6) and April 27th Thursday (9-3). On Thursday, unless noted otherwise, clothing is \$1/bag, 6th bag free!

**WE ALSO NEED SHOPPERS! We have lots of good stuff and many bargains! Come, shop and save! All monies earned will be used for local and area mission programs!**

## All Daughter Dinner

Sponsored by the Susanna Wesley Circle



**Wednesday, May 10**

6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

## The Potter's Wheel

by Lisa Beams

**\$6** for adults      **\$3** for 10 years of age and under  
If you fit in a high chair, your dinner is free.

The meal will be a Rigatoni Pasta Casserole with salad, rolls, dessert, and beverages

Tickets will be available two weeks prior to the dinner in the church office or from Janet Noel.

## You Are Invited to a Concert

Jeff Mitchell and Jolene and Ken Cron are heading to the Aleutian Islands to present a concert and to work with students in Unalaska, Alaska. Before they leave for Alaska, they are presenting a concert here at the church on Saturday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. You are invited to join them for an evening of music, including classical, jazz, novelty, and pop, performed on flute, tuba and piano. There will be cookies and punch following the concert.

## Membership Orientation Sessions

All adults and high school students who are interested in joining Vicksburg United Methodist Church are invited to attend two orientation sessions that will be held from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3 and 17, in the Library. Our new members will be welcomed into the congregation during the worship services on Sunday, May 21. For more information, contact Pastor Buff.

April 16 attendance: 7:30 a.m. = 48

9:00 a.m. = 79

11:00 a.m. = 134

## This Week

### Sunday, April 23 - Camp Sunday

- 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  
*Rummage Sale set-up*

### Monday, April 24

- 9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale drop-off (till 6:00)*  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop  
6:30 p.m. *Church Council meeting in the Taylor Room*  
*Newsletter items are due*

### Tuesday, April 25

- 9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale drop-off (till noon)*  
1:00 p.m. *Matter of Balance class in the Taylor Room*  
6:00 p.m. Sew What Now God? in the Taylor Room  
6:00 p.m. *Preschool Open House*  
6:30 p.m. *Scout den meeting*  
7:00 p.m. *Wills & Trusts Committee meeting, Library*

### Wednesday, April 26

- 9:00 a.m. *UMW Rummage Sale in the FLC (till 6:00)*  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the Sanctuary  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, April 27

- 9:00 a.m. *UMW Rummage Sale in the FLC (till 3:00)*  
6:00 p.m. RAW (HS Youth)  
7:00 p.m. *Priscilla Circle at Laverne Swinehart's home*

### Friday, April 28

- UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat*  
10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219  
1:00 p.m. *Matter of Balance class in the Taylor Room*  
6:00 p.m. *Scout Pack meeting in the FLC*

### Saturday, April 29

- UMW Spiritual Growth Retreat*  
8:00 a.m. *Mission Team scrap metal drive (till 4:00)*  
7:00 p.m. *Cron concert in the Sanctuary*

### Monday through Friday

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

## Coming Events

### Sunday, April 30

- 1:00 p.m. *CROP Walk*  
1:00 p.m. *Eagle Court of Honor, Taylor Room*

### Monday, May 1

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 p.m.*  
7:00 p.m. *Worship Planning Team meeting, Library*  
*Scholarship applications are due*

### Tuesday, May 2

- 1:00 p.m. *Matter of Balance class in the Taylor Room*  
7:00 p.m. *Trustees meeting in the Library*

### Wednesday, May 3

- 7:00 p.m. *Membership Class in the Library*

### Thursday, May 4

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

### Friday, May 5

- 1:00 p.m. *Matter of Balance class in the Taylor Room*  
5:00 p.m. *Taylor/Bassler wedding in the Sanctuary*

## For Cheer and Hello

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

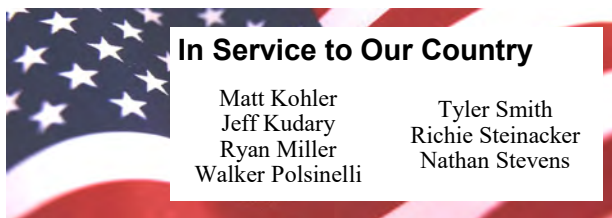
Iris McGahan  
Beverly Nimmo  
Robert & Carmen Parsons  
Char Rice  
Marv & Kitty Starbuck  
Al Thomas  
Mina Willett

## For Hope and Healing

Amanda (John Cleveland's daughter's friend)  
*Family and friends of Richard Auten*  
Larry Boussom (Sally Kohler's brother)  
Phil Boussom (Sally Kohler's brother)  
Jack and Cynda Buckallew  
Marilyn Butcher (Vera Walker's niece)  
*Family and friends of Dezmond Campbell*  
Cee Jay (Chuck and Vera Walker's granddaughter)  
Derek (Lynne Melvin's friend)  
Alice Dibble  
Kelly Elnick (Holly Tarner's friend)  
Tim Gormley (Beth and Dee's friend)  
Family of Peter Pandey (Therisa Hiemstra's friends)  
Larry and LaVon Rolfe  
David Taylor (Bonnie and Gordon Oswald's neighbor)  
Sue Webb (Ken Franklin's sister)

## For Lost Loved Ones

Marion Case (Charlene Dailey's aunt)  
Jean Culver (incoming pastor Greg Culver's mother)  
Martha Derhammer (Judy Imanse's mother)  
Jim Goecker



### In Service to Our Country

Matt Kohler  
Jeff Kudary  
Ryan Miller  
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith  
Richie Steinacker  
Nathan Stevens

## This Week's Celebrations

### Birthdays

4/23 Todd Griffin  
4/24 Laura Asher  
4/25 Bill Oswald  
4/26 Glory Bragg

4/29 Robert Bland  
Melva Kohler

### Anniversaries

4/28 Daniel & Tamara  
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## Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

April 23: Marshall Linebaugh  
April 30: Joe and Betty Gruber  
May 7: