

*This week's prayer focus:*

*Lord, thank You for teaching us how to be holy, and for loving us before we deserved it. Teach us how to love You back.*

**Sunday, July 24, 2016**  
**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Entrance

Prelude		
*Entrance of the Light		
Greeting - Psalm 100		
Introduction of Today's Service		Diana Pomeroy
*Hymn of Praise	2025	Ken Franklin
*Opening Prayer		As A Deer (sing twice)

Proclamation and Response

Scripture		Luke 8:5-15
Children's Moment		Ken Franklin
Message		Betraying the Love of God-Ken Franklin
*Hymn of Response	130	God Will Take Care of You
A Time of Prayer		

Thanksgiving

Ministry Opportunities		Diana Pomeroy
Offering of Our Gifts to God		
*Doxology	94	Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*The Lord's Prayer		

Sending Forth

*Hymn to Go Forth	3124	How Shall I Come Before the Lord
*Dismissal with Blessing		
*Postlude		

**Plus 10**

July 24—Laverne Swinehart  
July 31—Joe & Betty Gruber  
August 7—???

**This Week's Birthdays:** Erin Williams; James Jukes; Dennis Sherman; Greg Burke; Jessica Stevens; Jessica Stevens; Don Puckett; Isaac Jukes; Jager Luegge; June French; Loren Tarnier; Kearah Williams; Rollie Read; Marvin Starbuck; Jeremy Howard; Thomas Hoy

**This Week's Anniversaries:** Lee & Susan Halladay; Greg & Mardi White

**Last Service Next Week:** Celebration & Praise service (11:15) will be discontinued for the rest of the summer. Beginning August 7 there will be only one, blended service at 10:00 a.m.

<b>Attendance July 17, 2016:</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. ~ 104</b>	<b>11:15 a.m. ~ 16</b>
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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Sunday** 9:30 a.m. PIT CREW  
10:00 a.m. Traditional Worship  
11:15 a.m. Praise and Celebration

**Tuesday** 6:00 p.m. Sew What Now God?

**Wednesday** 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners ~ SCCS

**Thursday** 6:00 p.m. RAW (High School Youth)  
6:30 p.m. Pickle Ball

**Friday** 10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether

## For Hope & Healing. . .

Rob Ball  
Nancy Blanchard  
Ann Boussom  
Marilyn Butcher (Niece of Vera Walker)  
Joanne Craddock (Daughter of Joe & Betty Gruber)  
Kevin Donahue (Brother-in-law of Brad Addis)  
Tom Paige (Nephew of Tom & Beth Aitkens)  
Pam Robertson (Sister of Jeff Johnson)  
Johnny Zinsmaster (Den & Marlene Sherman's nephew)

## For Last Loved Ones...

Terri Fiebig (Hilary Fiebig's mother-in-law)  
Sue Knapp  
Alex Olsen (Friend of Nathan Stevens)  
Cary Robertson (Friend of Fred & JoDee Nelson)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday, July 25**  
7:00 PM: Worship Planning Team

**Thursday, August 11**  
5:30 PM: Preschool Board Meeting

**Monday, August 15**  
7:00 PM: Finance Committee

### ***Cave Quest: Follow Jesus the Light of the World***

Vacation Bible School

- August 8-12
- 9 am to 11:50
- Entering Pre-kindergarten to 5th grade
- Registration forms are located at the Welcome Center and under the VBS cave display.
- Volunteers needed

### ***For Cheer or Hello...***

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

### ***Our Service men and women...***

Matt Kohler	Ryan Miller
Jeff Kudary	Tyler Smith
	Richie Steinacker
	Nathan Stevens



**District Superintendents Open House** to welcome Dwayne Bagley and say farewell to John Boley will be held on Sunday, July 24 from 2-4 p.m. at Kalamazoo First UMC. The gathering will be casual and offer mingling opportunities (with beverages and finger foods) to express individual or congregational appreciation for John's service and to meet our new DS (Dwayne Bagley). The installation of new District Superintendents in the Michigan Area will be done on October 9. More information will come when the new Bishop is appointed.

**Another Offering Counter Would Be Nice:** One person stepped up and volunteered to help count the offerings on Mondays. Thanks, John. I am no longer in panic mode.

However, it would be nice to have at least one more.

As previously mentioned, we start at 9:30 a.m. and count for 30-90 minutes depending on the size of the offering (it averages 45-60 minutes). The commitment is for only one month at a time. The more we have, the fewer months each person needs to commit to. If you are willing and able to help out, or if you know someone who might be willing to help, please contact Kathy in the office (reception@vicksburgumc.org or 649-2343).