

Sunday  
**January 12, 2020**  
10:30 a.m.

## Baptism of the Lord

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,  
serving God's world.



Plain print indicates worship leader.

**Bold print indicates the people.**

\*Indicates please stand as able.

### Prelude

**Greeting:** Isaiah 42:6a, 8-9

I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you... I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare, before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**\*Opening Prayer:** *The Voice of God in a Great Storm* — Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.**

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.

**The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.**

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;

**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;

**and in his temple all say, "Glory!"**

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

**the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.**

May the Lord give strength to his people!

**May the Lord bless his people with peace!**

**\*Song:** #334 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**\*Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 3:13-17

**Song:** #191 Jesus Loves Me (vs. 1)

**Children's Time** ~ *Pastor Greg*

*Following Children's Time the kids may either attend children's worship or remain here and worship with the grown-ups.*



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**Song:** #3165 Take Me to the Water (verses 1, 3, 4)

*Ushers collect prayer requests.*

**Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer**

**Choir Anthem:** Spirit Song

**Sermon:** "Dance Me To the End of Love"

*Dance me to your beauty with a burning violin  
Dance me through the panic till I'm  
gathered safely in Lift me like an olive  
branch and be my homeward dove Dance  
me to the end of love Dance me to the end  
of love Oh, let me see your beauty when  
the witnesses are gone Let me feel you  
moving like they do in Babylon Show me  
slowly what I only know the limits of Dance  
me to the end of love Dance me to the end  
of love Dance me to the wedding now,  
dance me on and on Dance me very  
tenderly and dance me very long We're  
both of us beneath our love, we're both of  
us above Dance me to the end of love  
Dance me to the end of love Dance me to  
the children who are asking to be born*

*Dance me through the curtains that our  
kisses have outworn Raise a tent of shelter  
now, though every thread is torn Dance me  
to the end of love Dance me to your beauty  
with a burning violin Dance me through the  
panic till I'm gathered safely in Touch me  
with your naked hand or touch me with your  
glove Dance me to the end of love Dance  
me to the end of love Dance me to the end  
of love — Leonard Cohen (1934-2016)*

**Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows:** UMH #50

**Offertory:** The Work of Christmas ~ choir

*Thank you for your prayers, presence,  
talents, treasure, and witness.*

**\*Doxology (#94) and Dedication of Offerings**

**Opportunities to Serve**

*Please refer to the bulletin and church  
newsletter for general announcements.*

**\*Song:** #3045 Down by the Jordan

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Praise

Praise for John Cleveland's return! ~ Jeff and Cathy Johnson

### Updates and New Requests This Week

Del Forsythe passed away Wednesday. The family will receive friends today from 2:00 to 5:00 at the McCowen & Secord Funeral Home, Rupert-Durham Chapel. The funeral service will be held tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. here at VUMC, with visiting one-hour prior at the church. Please remember Myrna and the family in your prayers.

Barbara Griner is in Bronson Hospital.

Prayers for safe travel for Jessi (Sharon Steinacker's Alaskan granddaughter) as she travels from Hong Kong to Okinawa to Taipei to Bangkok, where she will meet others to complete a missionary project.

Laverne Swinehart fell at home. She is very sore, but she has no broken bones.

Prayers for wisdom and discernment for all world leaders.

### Previous Requests

John and Linda Cleveland

Betty Gruber's sister, Nora King, had a stroke on Christmas Eve and is in the Goshen Hospital in Indiana. Prayers for her and her family.

Sally Kohler's stress level is high, and Larry is having pain in his knee, back and hip.

Grace Rayman fell and broke her hip. She is in Rose Arbor.

Jonathan (Den and Marlene Sherman's grandson) has ongoing health issues.

Prayers for the UMC in Mulliken, MI, which closed its doors last month.

Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

## In Service to Our Country

Ryan Miller  
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith  
Geoff White

## This Week's Celebrations

### Birthdays

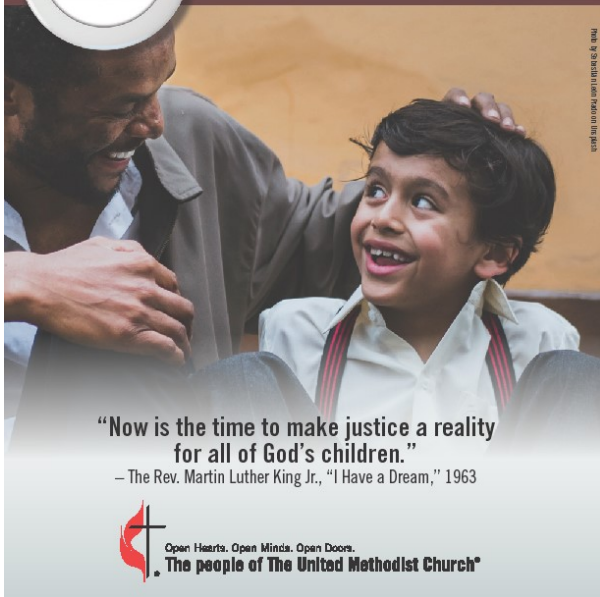
1/12 Brock Agnone  
Kevin Moore  
1/13 Greg Berndt

1/13 Liz Heikes  
1/15 Jim Worthington  
1/17 Linda Cleveland  
Nicola Hosner



# Sunday, January 19 HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Through your generous gift today, you strengthen community outreach and empower at-risk youth



**"Now is the time to make justice a reality for all of God's children."**

— The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., "I Have a Dream," 1963



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

The people of The United Methodist Church

## UMC Special Sundays for giving

**Human Relations Day Sunday celebration is January 19.** This offering is collected the Sunday before the observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday and supports Community Developers, United Methodist Voluntary Service and Youth Offender Rehabilitation programs. Envelopes are available.

## Sub Sandwich Sale

by Susanna Wesley Circle

place your orders on  
**January 19 and 26**

6" sub bun with deli style sliced turkey, ham, salami and sliced Co-Jack cheese

**\$6.00** each

(pay when you order)

pick up sandwiches on  
**Saturday, February 1 at noon**  
in the Taylor Room kitchen

**or February 2 after church**  
Super Bowl Sunday

buy 12 subs  
get one  
**FREE!**



## This Week's Calendar

### Today

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class in the youth room
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Strategic Planning in the Taylor Room
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth in the youth rooms

### Monday, January 13

- 11:00 a.m. Funeral for Del Forsythe in the Sanctuary, followed by luncheon in the Taylor Room
- 6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop in the Taylor Room

### Tuesday, January 14

- 2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
- 3:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth), FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Scout Pack in the FLC, Taylor Room

### Wednesday, January 15

- 10:30 a.m. SCCS Wednesday Winners, Taylor Rm
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
- 6:30 p.m. Scout leaders in the Taylor Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, January 16

- 9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room
- 2:00 p.m. Discipleship study at the Franklin home
- 7:00 p.m. Discipleship study at the Franklin home

### Friday, January 17 - Pastor's Day Off

*no church activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, January 18

- 8:30 a.m. Loaves & Fishes in the FLC till 9:30a

### Next Week

#### Sunday, January 19

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class in the youth room
- 9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle Sub Sale

#### Wednesday, January 22

- 2:00 p.m. Caring Ministries in the Library

#### Saturday, January 25

- 9:00 a.m. Scouts Pinewood Derby in the FLC

## Weekly Donations

### Needed each week

General Fund:  
\$ 5,288.50  
Building Fund:  
\$ 1,140.66

### Received Jan 1-7

General Fund:  
\$ 7,710.30  
Building Fund:  
\$ 2,540.00

## For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz  
Barb Griner  
Flossie Lang  
Nona Mattheis  
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons  
Grace Rayman  
Marv & Kitty Starbuck  
Mina Willett  
Betty Witcher



## Early Parsonages

Last week, we learned that early pastors were not provided with free rent or a parsonage to live in. They were on their own. First mention about buying a house was in the minutes of Sept. 1877. Much discussion continued until a house was purchased in 1879, known as the Barnes property, for \$700.

Where was the Barnes property? The best I can determine, according to the Village Directory of 1881, there are two Barnes listed on Washington St....perhaps.

We also know the church owned the property on 308 S. Main. Melva Kohler, granddaughter of Rev. George Stanford, remembers living in this house with her grandparents. Mason Bishop bought 308 S. Main and lived there until his death at about 100 years old.

Rev. Al Frevert was assigned to Vicksburg in 1958. Rumor has it that his wife did not wish to live in such an old house that had leaks! Can you blame her? Could we not have fixed the leaks? Two families from our church, Fitzgeralds and Simontons, donated two lots in Sunset Acres on Waterview Dr. for a brand new ranch style home. Sunset Acres was "the premier location" to build a new home in the '50's and '60's. Many of our church members built homes on Waterview.

This ranch style home was our last church-owned parsonage until 2017. Our newly assigned Pastor Greg Culver wished to purchase a home for his family of six. Instead of a parsonage, the church agreed on a supplement of \$1,500 per month, plus his salary. The house on Waterview was sold in Sept. 2017 to a non-member for \$130,500. The extra lot had been sold previously, circa 2005.

*Thoughts, memories and research  
by Nancy Fulton*

## Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Wednesday, Jan. 15.

## Caring Ministry meeting

Members of Caring Ministries will meet on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the library.

## Volunteers are needed at the Welcome Center

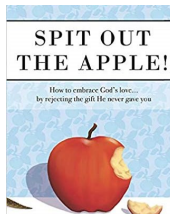
We are in need of a few more volunteers to sign up and help serve at our Welcome Center for the months of May, June and November. The sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center if you would like to help out at 10:00 by greeting members and visitors as they arrive on Sunday mornings.

## Flowers for the church altar

We need flowers for Sundays. There is a sign up sheet for this. If you need help, contact Dee Morton about ordering flowers from Heirloom Rose in Schoolcraft for \$25.

<p>VUMC's Mission Statement</p>	<p><b>The General Rule of Discipleship</b></p>
	<p>To witness to Jesus Christ in the world, and to follow his teachings through acts of compassion, justice, worship and devotion under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.</p>

## A Discipleship Study



You are invited to participate in a discipleship study on Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m., beginning Jan. 16. Ken Franklin will lead the study at 15289 S. 27th St., Vicksburg. Please RSVP if you wish to attend by calling Ken at 269-806-6497.

The "Spit out the Apple" study requires a copy of the book, available on Amazon.com in Kindle, paperback, and audiobook formats. Scholarships for the cost of the book are readily available. Half of the book earnings are donated to VUMC and South County Community Services.

Prayers for the success of this outreach would be greatly appreciated. God loves you — and so do we.

<p>Today's acolytes are Gabriel Cleveland and Xavier Cleveland</p>	
<p>January 5 attendance: Worship 104</p>	<p>Sunday School 39</p>