

Sunday
January 14, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Greg

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



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Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today in Cana of Galilee to celebrate. Celebrate with a wedding party, the confetti has been flung, the wine is poured, the people are gathered, the wedding banquet is prepared and the feast is waiting, the music beginning.

We are honored to be here!

Welcome to the wedding! Come and enjoy God's abundance! It never runs out!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of celebration, we gather here in Your presence, we come to offer our very best to You, not our sense of duty, or rote words, but our whole selves.

Creator of feasts and special occasions, we are glad to celebrate today, to remember all that You have done for us, and all that You continue to do. Your generosity brims over into every aspect of our lives.

Food and drink are essential to our wellness and wholeness but we need more than physical food and drink and You provide that for us in many different ways in our lives.

Forgive us Lord, for those times when we are selfish and greedy, when we forget Who gives us all that we have.

Forgive us Lord, for those times when we ignore the needs of others, when we choose not to share all that we have.

Remind us of Your overflowing generosity and the generosity shown by Your Son, Jesus. Help us to follow in His footsteps, today and every day. Amen.

*Hymn: #534 Be Still, My Soul

***Scripture Lesson:** John 2:1-11

Because this is the sacred story of our Lord Jesus Christ, please do Him the honor of standing as able for the reading of the Gospel.

Children's Time: Pastor Greg

Handbell Anthem: Ring In the New Year

Sermon: *Unbroken Words:* "Word of Abundance"

***Hymn:** #2166 Christ Beside Me

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Blessing of the New Church Website -- www.vicksburgumc.org

Thank you to our web-servant, Mike Pendola, for all the hours of praying, exploring, wondering, (stressing?!), in putting our website together.

Gracious One, You are the loving center of the eternal web of the cosmos. In the tiniest of cells and at the edges of deep space You are there. Yet, our ancient stories tell us we are made in Your image. Humans have created the internet and like all human-made tools, it can be used for good or for evil. We have re-created a website for Vicksburg United Methodist Church to serve You. Today we dedicate a tiny portion of the internet to Your glory and love.

Giver of all good gifts, we give You thanks for all of Your marvelous wonders. We are grateful for the imaginative work of human minds. We pray for stressed hands and hunched shoulders that bear witness to the labor of love that makes any internet ministry possible.

Holy One, we offer this renewed website as a creative, collaborative project of ministry. We offer it to You somewhat whole, but understand that it will always be unfinished because God's activity is always transforming, informing and inspiring change. Our faith journeys are never finished and so neither will our website be.

In furthering Christ's kingdom through www.vicksburgumc.org may the lonely be befriended, the sad comforted, the seeker engaged, the oppressed given hope and the befuddled church member informed.

God of the Living Word, You are a lamp to our world. May Your Spirit guide all who contribute to our website. May Your love be apparent to all who explore our website. May everyone who connects to it draw near to You.

We ask for Your blessing upon our website. Use it for the furthering of Christ's kingdom. May Your Holy Spirit infuse it thoroughly so that soul may talk to soul over strands of digital web. Amen.

(Why dedicate a web-site? Because at Vicksburg United Methodist Church EVERYTHING IS HOLY!)

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Winter Snow ~ Handbell choir and flute by Lynne Melvin

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, faithful and wise, giver of all good gifts, receive our gifts of money this day, take them and use them for the building of Your kingdom at home and abroad. Amen.

***Hymn:** #92 For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, January 21: Sermon Series: Unbroken Words — "Word of Zealousness" John 2:13-25. John Cleveland will be the preacher of the day.

Prayer for Family and Friends

New Requests This Week

Alice Dibble passed away Thursday morning.

Please remember her family in prayer.

Norm Hackett passed away this past week.

Please remember his family in prayer.

Tyler Lynch has health concerns.

Previous Requests

Tom Aitken is recovering from surgery.

Nick Barrett (Phyllis Barrett's brother-in-law) has cancer that is spreading in his body.

Nana Bradfield is in Hospice care.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Kelly Elnick (Holly Turner's friend) is battling stage 4 cancer. Please remember her husband and children as well.

Holli Inman went to Mayo Clinic.

Shirley Kohler (Larry's sister) is having problems in areas of the cancer she had previously and will have more tests.

Kay (Clark) Miller (friends of Elizabeth and Jack Page and Bob and Nancy Harper)

Mary Morgan (Laverne Swinehart's friend) is dealing with severe weight loss after a fall.

Diane Reece (Vera Walker's sister) is in Bronson Commons with several hairline fractures in her back.

Larry and LaVon Rolfe

Cara Swinehart is having complications after surgery.

June (Brad and Barb Addis's sister-in-law) is in much pain following ankle/Achilles surgery.

A former student of Andrea Luegge is suffering from the effects of childhood onset of Huntington's disease.

Prayers for love, joy, and hope for our church family.

For Cheer and Hello

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

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due Jan. 15
- Church Council submissions are due Jan. 16
- Newsletter items are due Monday, Jan. 22

Calendar

Today

Susanna Wesley Circle Sub Sandwich Sale orders will be taken

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
after Worship Church-wide chili cook-off for mission trip

Monday, January 15

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC

6:30 p.m. Scout troop meeting, Taylor Room

7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting, Library

Tuesday, January 16

10:00 a.m. Staff meeting in the Library

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting, Library

6:30 p.m. Scout Committee meeting, Room 125

Wednesday, January 17

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

2:30 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach)

5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth)

6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary

6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, January 18

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC

5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)

6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC

6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)

6:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Library

Friday, January 19 - Pastor's Day Off

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

Saturday, January 20

no activities are scheduled

Monday through Friday

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

Coming Events

Monday, January 22

6:30 p.m. Church Council meeting, Taylor Room

Tuesday, January 23

6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting, FLC

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Jan. 14:

Jan. 21: Marshall Linebaugh

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

1/15 Jim Worthington

1/17 Loretta Brundige

Linda Cleveland

Nicola Hosner

1/19 Aileen Greanya

1/20 Deb Sponseller

Wyatt Thompson

Anniversaries

1/20 John & Linda Cleveland



The General Rule of Discipleship

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.



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Today's acolytes are
John Paul Culver and
Benjamin Culver

January 7 attendance:
Worship 110
Sunday School 31

**Sew What Now God is
back in session on
Tuesdays from 2 to 4.**



**Please join
us!**

CHURCH-WIDE



FOR THIS SUMMER'S
MISSION TRIP

TODAY

in the Family Life Center
after Worship

You are invited to the new Bible study



Thursday Night
Vids has begun.
We're trying a video-
based Bible study in
the library at 6:30 on
Thursday evenings

and going till ? This week is the third in a five-
week series by Ray Vander Laan entitled, "The
Mission of Jesus." Come and see!!

Sub Sandwich Sale

by Susanna Wesley Circle

place your orders on
January 14 and 21

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

\$5⁰⁰ each
(pay when you order)

pick up sandwiches on
Saturday, February 3 at noon
in the Taylor Room kitchen

or **February 4 after church**
Super Bowl Sunday

