

Sunday
January 19, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Second Sunday after Epiphany

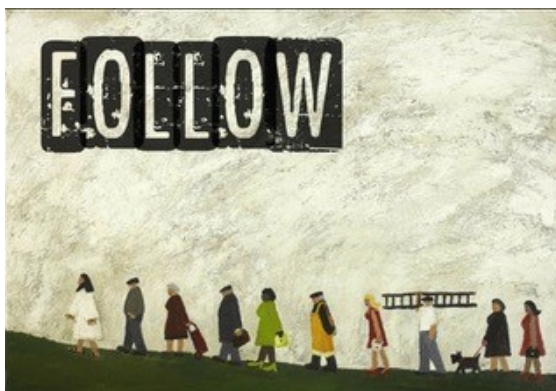
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serving God's world.



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Plain print indicates worship leader.
Bold print indicates the people.
*Indicates please stand as able.

Prelude ~ Barb Hosner and Karla Stubblefield

Video Clip: "Learn to See"

Richard Rohr is an American author, spiritual writer, and Franciscan friar based in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Greeting: 1 Corinthians 1:3-7

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Opening Prayer:** Psalm 40:1-11

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

***Song:** #398 Jesus Calls Us

***Scripture Lesson:** John 1:29-42

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

Children's Time ~ Hank Stamm

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

Song: #452 My Faith Looks up to Thee (vs. 1-3)
Ushers collect prayer requests.

Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem: Come to the Water

Sermon: "Follow"

Offertory: Jesus Take All of Me ~ *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:** #2129 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

***Benediction**

***Postlude** ~ Barb Hosner and Karla Stubblefield

Prayer for Family and Friends

Praise

Praises and more praises for Elizabeth's lovely apartment. It was so hard to wait so long, but when God says "wait," he has something better! ~ *Noni Heikes*

Tim Melvin (Lynne's husband) had an infection in his mouth, but the doctors believed it would clear up with no treatment, and they were able to go to Kentucky to be with family.

Updates and New Requests This Week

Barb Griner was moved to Heartland Nursing Home in Three Rivers.

Amy Hofmeister (daughter of former members Tim and Maggie Hofmeister) is in ICU at Borgess Hospital.

Paul Moberly (Susan Moberly-Hayes's dad) passed away Wednesday. Please remember Susan and Joe and all the family and friends in prayer.

Grace Rayman passed Jan. 8. Her wishes were no memorial services, and her daughters are honoring her wishes. Please remember to pray for her family.

Previous Requests

John and Linda Cleveland

Del Forsythe passed away Jan. 8. Please remember Myrna and the family in your prayers. 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.

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

Jason Myers (Rich and Betsy's son) will have another aneurysm surgery on Jan. 30.

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

Prayers for wisdom and discernment for all world leaders.

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Barb Griner
Flossie Lang
Nona Mattheis
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Laverne Swinehart
Mina Willett
Betty Witcher

In Service to Our Country

Ryan Miller
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith
Geoff White

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

UNITED METHODIST
SPECIAL SUNDAY
 PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

“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 today. 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 in this bulletin.

This Week’s Celebrations

<u>Birthdays</u>	1/24 Brianna Moberly
1/19 Aileen Greanya	1/25 Wade Stacey
1/20 Deb Sponseller	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Wyatt Thompson	1/20 John & Linda
1/22 Sydney Hambricht	Cleveland
Betty Thomas	1/21 Jim & Vicki
1/23 Greg White	Worthington

Children in K-5th grades are invited to go to Children’s Church right after the kids’ message, and parents may pick them up in the Taylor Room after church.

Please be sure your child has a name tag with grade and your cell phone number.

This Week’s Calendar

Today

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class in the youth room
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone
- 9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle Sub Sale
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth in the youth rooms

Monday, January 20

- 6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop in the Taylor Room

Tuesday, January 21

- 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 22

- 10:30 a.m. SCCS Wednesday Winners, Taylor Rm
- 2:00 p.m. Caring Ministries in the Library
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, January 23

- 2:00 p.m. Discipleship study at the Franklin home
- 7:00 p.m. Discipleship study at the Franklin home

Friday, January 24 - Pastor’s Day Off

no church activities are scheduled

Saturday, January 25

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

Next Week

Sunday, January 26

- 9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle Sub Sale

Monday, January 27

- 11:00 a.m. Worship Committee in the Library
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee in the Library
- 8:00 p.m. SPRC in the Library

Saturday, February 1

- 9:00 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle making subs in the Taylor Room

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

buy 12 subs
get one
FREE!

\$6⁰⁰

each

(pay when you order)

pick up sandwiches on
Saturday, Feb. 1, before 11:30 a.m.
in the Taylor Room kitchen

or February 2 after church
Super Bowl Sunday





Pastors and Personalities

As our secretary for 17 years, Laverne Swinehart used to say,

“Each pastor comes with their own strengths and their own weaknesses!” She should know, as she served under three pastors, starting with Rev. Robert Carson, then Rev. Francis Johannides, and lastly, pastor Lowell Walsworth.

And this is a wise observation for members to remember and never compare...as we are all different also. One common trait of our pastors seems to be...they are all pretty good singers. I notice this, as my voice is not good/strong, so I rely on the pulpit voice to help me carry a tune. Most of our pastors have sung in local Rotary Showboat every year. You can hear this little special twang in their voices from the pulpit as they got near show time!

Pastor Wally Walsworth had a great sense of humor, so he accepted some of our pranks with grace. Once we had the ushers seat everyone in a different spot than usual. He commented afterward, “I could hardly preach. I was so used to seeing people in their same seats, it got me all off track and I kept losing my train of thought!” He had a habit of calling on the choir to sing some special song out of the blue, so on his last Sunday here, Bonnie Oswalt set it up with the pianist to have Wally sing a solo during the offering! We had found out he had stage fright (yes, Wally of all people)...but he has a nice voice and performed expertly.

Some of our pastors have been very shy and some outgoing. Some have loved working with the finances, and some hated it. Some wanted to build and redo and some no way. Some loved home visits, others not so much. Some were perpetual students and could almost quote the Discipline, others not so much. Some were sad to leave and some could hardly wait to be transferred.

Presently, I believe I could speak for most of us, that we are grateful for Pastor Greg Culver’s gift of exhortation/encouragement. It is a great gift to have as a blessing for our congregation and his role as shepherd. It makes us wish to do more and our best!

*Thoughts, memories and research
by Nancy Fulton*

Caring Ministry meeting

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

Coming deadlines

- Items for the February newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, Jan. 27.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Monday, Feb. 3.

Welcome Center Volunteers are needed

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.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Thank you to these families who bring \$10 worth of groceries for South County or \$10 for Generous Hands:

Jan. 19: Marshall Linebaugh

Jan. 26: Joe and Betty Gruber

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.

VUMC’s Mission Statement



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.

January 12 attendance:
Worship 102 Sunday School 29

Winter weather is here, so please remember to slow down and be very careful in the church parking lot and on the sidewalks.

