

Sunday  
**January 26, 2020**  
10:30 a.m.

## Third Sunday after Epiphany

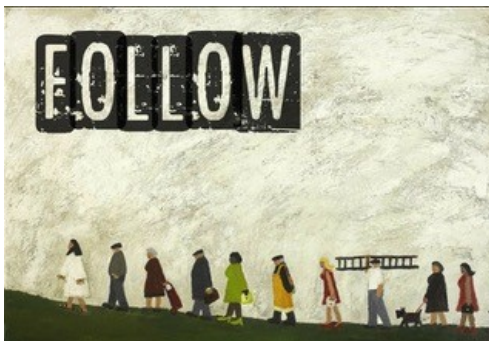
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Becoming disciples,  
serving God's world.



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Plain print indicates worship leader.

**Bold print indicates the people.**

\*Indicates please stand as able.

### Prelude

**Video Clip:** "Called to Study and Teach"

*N.T. Wright is senior research fellow at Wycliffe College, Oxford University (UK).*

**\*Call to Worship:** Come to Me!

The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"

**We come to this place, to this time, at the invitation of Jesus Christ.**

In the name of Christ,

**we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

In the name of Christ,

**as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

In the midst of a world where cruelty abounds,

**we proclaim the God of Compassion.**

In the midst of despair that threatens to swallow up whole lives,  
whole peoples,

**we proclaim the God of Hope.**

In the midst of indifference and apathy,

**we proclaim the God of Love.**

Come, let us worship together and share our witness of God's  
living presence in the world.

**\*Opening Prayer:** Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked of the Lord, that I will seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

**For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent: he will set me high on a rock.**

Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!**  
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

**Do not hide your face from me.**  
Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

**Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

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

\***Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 4:12-23

### **Baptismal Covenant**

*Please turn to page 39 in the blue hymnals.  
We offer baptism to Owen Joseph Gruber.*

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

**Children's Time** ~ *Joanne Culver*

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

**Song:** #358 Dear Lord and Father of Mankind (vs. 1, 3-5)

*Ushers collect prayer requests.*

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

**Anthem:** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
~ *Bell choir*

**Sermon:** "A Memory of Mike"

**Offertory:** Alleluia! ~ *Bell 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:** #261 Lord of the Dance

\***Benediction**

\***Postlude**

## **Prayer for Family and Friends**

### **Praise**

Praises! Glory Bragg is back home after her fall last month, and she is doing well.

Nice job, Pastor Greg! Way to bring home the "yellow paper" of discipleship in a positive, non-threatening way! You made me proud to be here! ~ *Kris Miller*

### **Updates and New Requests This Week**

Monique (Amy Phillips' friend and Shannon's mother) is fighting cancer and is in the hospital.

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

Prayers for Kim Vanderbilt and family (Cande Vermeulen's daughter) as they move to New Zealand.

### **Previous Requests**

Prayers for Myrna Forsythe and family at the passing of Del.

Barb Griner is at Heartland Nursing Home in Three Rivers.

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

Prayers for Susan Moberly-Hayes and Joe and all the family at the passing of Susan's dad, Paul Moberly.

Grace Rayman passed away Jan. 9. Her obituary can be viewed at <https://www.avinkcremation.com/obituaries/Grace-Rayman/>.

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

Prayers for wisdom and discernment for all world leaders.

Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

## **In Service to Our Country**

Ryan Miller  
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith  
Geoff White

## **Matthew Kohler's new address**

Matthew Kohler has been discharged from the Navy. His new address is: 6309 Ardsley Square, Apt. 203C, Virginia Beach, VA 23464.  
Thank you, Matt, for serving!

## Coming deadlines

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

## Welcome Center Volunteers are needed

We need 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. 26: Joe and Betty Gruber

Feb. 2:

## This Week's Celebrations

### Birthdays

1/26	Phyllis Barrett Ken George	1/30	David Nic Jim Smola
1/27	Justin Carrier Dessie Harris	1/31	Steve Ensing Dee Morton
1/28	Andrea Read Janet Zang	2/1	Julie Griffin Marianna Hiemstra
1/29	Charlene Dailey Katie Geiger Lynn Griner Dawnara Rollins	<u>Anniversaries</u>	1/26 Tom & Dee Dee Hoy 1/29 Gene & Janet Zang

## Sub Sandwich Sale

by Susanna Wesley Circle

place your orders  
**TODAY**

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

buy 12 subs  
get one  
**FREE!**

**\$6<sup>00</sup>** each

(pay when you order)

pick up sandwiches on  
**Sat., Feb. 1, between 11:00-11:30 a.m.**  
in the Taylor Room kitchen

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



## This Week's Calendar

### Today

- 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 27

- 11:00 a.m. *Worship Committee in the Library*
- 6:00 p.m. *Finance Committee in the Library*
- 6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Scout Troop in the Taylor Room
- 8:00 p.m. *SPRC in the Library*

### Tuesday, January 28

- 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 29

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

### Thursday, January 30

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

### Friday, January 31 - Pastor's Day Off

*no church activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, February 1

- 9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle making subs in the Taylor Room*
- 11:00 a.m. *Pick up your sub order, till 11:30a*

### Next Week

#### Monday, February 3

- 12:00 p.m. *Senior Lunch in the Taylor Room*
- 7:00 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*

#### Tuesday, February 4

- 7:00 p.m. *Trustees in the Library*

#### Thursday, February 6

- 6:00 p.m. *Preschool Open House*

## For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz  
Barb Griner  
Flossie Lang  
Nona Mattheis  
Beverly Nimmo

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

**Children's  
church**

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.**



## Rev. Runa B. Cilley

Rev. Cilley's appointment in Vicksburg was from 1923-1929. His daughter, Maybelle Cilley, played the

piano and sang in the choir. She caught the heart of a local farmer, Harold Harper, and they were married. Maybelle and Harold had two children and stayed here in Vicksburg until their deaths, always active. Their two children and spouses, Elizabeth and Jack Page and Robert and Nancy Harper, are still active members of VUMC in 2020. Plus the six grandchildren were raised in this church and involved until moving away.

Rev. Cilley would have been proud of the heritage he and his wife left behind in Vicksburg for our church to enjoy.

Rev. Cilley oversaw a major addition and renovation in July, 1925: a new 30x55-foot addition with basement. The sanctuary ceiling was redone with beams finished in old ivory oil and the walls in gold glaze. The entries in the bell tower were removed, as a new front entry with a portico was added to the west side of the church. The old choir space was deleted and extra pews installed. A new choir loft was added by bumping out a space. We still enjoy this bump-out in 2020. It is believed the half round room off of the S. Main St. entrance was added at this time to connect the entrance and the narthex (more about the narthex and choir loft next week).

This work was conceived and seen to completion by Rev. Cilley and "a host of loyal men and women" at a cost of \$10,400. On Nov. 22, 1925, the dedication of the new addition was observed. The paper recorded a crowd of 400 although the day was stormy. Dr. Meader came to preach the sermon and offered the congregation an opportunity to give towards the remaining \$3,000 owed. Rev. Cilley and secretary went over the offerings many times before informing Dr. Meader. Dr. Meader proved to be a "doubting Thomas." He had to do his own calculations before making an announcement. Over \$3,900 had been raised. The newspaper headline read: METHODISTS REJOICING!

*Thoughts, memories and research  
by Nancy Fulton*

## Weekly Donations

### Needed each week

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

### Received Jan 8-21

**(2 weeks)**  
General Fund:  
\$ 7,047.50  
Building Fund:  
\$ 1,062.00

## 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.

## Thank you

Dear Church Family, thank you for the rose in Del's memory. It is so blessed to know what a loving and caring family we have here at the church in this difficult time. Thank you to the United Methodist Women for the lovely luncheon. ~ Myrna, Dennis, Kathy, and Douglas Forsythe

## Church calendar online

You can see what's coming up on the church calendar by visiting <http://vicksburgumc.org/events.html>.

Today's altar flowers are provided by  
Joyce Newton.

Designed by Heirloom Rose in Schoolcraft.  
There is also a rose on the altar in loving  
memory of Grace Rayman.

January 19 attendance:  
Worship 82 Sunday School 37

Monday  
**February 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
at noon

**SENIOR  
Lunch**

**SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCH**

Please invite your friends and join us for a light lunch, with time for visiting, possible dominoes and/or cards or crafts.

If you need a ride, contact Vera 532-3551.

We like a count but certainly anyone can come. If you are interested call the office 649-2343 or mark LUNCH on the back of your Sunday attendance sheet.