

Sunday
February 9, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

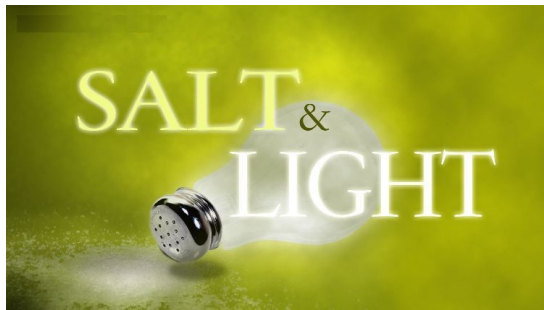
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Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Bold print indicates the people.

*Indicates please stand as able.

Prelude

***Call to Worship**—Inspired by Matthew 5:13-20, Mark 12:30-31,
Matthew 22:36-40, Luke 10:27

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God
so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us
new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow
Jesus.

***Opening Prayer:** Psalm 112

Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who
greatly delight in his commandments.

**Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the
generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness
endures forever.

**They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are
gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct
their affairs with justice.

**For the righteous will never be moved; they will be
remembered forever.**

They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure
in the LORD.

**Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end
they will look in triumph on their foes.**

They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their
righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor.

**The wicked see it and are angry; they gnash their teeth and
melt away; the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**

***Song:** #2190 Bring Forth the Kingdom (vs. 1-2)

Scripture Video: Matthew 5:13-20

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.

Song: #585 This Little Light of Mine

Ushers collect prayer requests.

Prayers of the People, and the Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem: You Are the Salt of the Earth

Sermon ~ Kathy Phillips

Kathy serves as a Certified Lay Servant and co-chair of the VUMC United Methodist Women.

Offertory: Walking in Sunlight

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:** #2236 Gather Us In (vs. 1-2)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Shelly Bolter (Phyllis Barrett's daughter) is recovering from surgery in Arizona.

Prayers for answers and solutions following Lauren Frantz's testing at U of M.

Amy Hofmeister (daughter of former members Tim and Maggie Hofmeister) is home but in need of continued prayers. She has very serious health issues.

Jennifer (Dee and Beth's friend) has some serious family issues and would like prayers.

Jason Myers (Rich and Betsy's son) "is hanging in there. They did the angiogram procedure but not surgery as his sodium levels were way too low and his plavax levels way too high. The angiogram did show his aneurysm has shrunk, so the planned surgery couldn't be done anyway. His surgeon is meeting with colleagues to put together a new plan to take care of it. We appreciate everyone's care and continued prayers and concern."

Gene Zang passed away early Monday morning. Please remember Janet and all the family and friends in prayer.

Prayers for our older members as we get through the winter. Be with our church family as we invite friends to join us in worship.

Previous Requests

Prayers for Emily Hansson's grandma as she transitions into assisted living.

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

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

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

Prayers for our loving church family that are so willing to give of their time and talents as well as their offering.

Pray for persecuted Christians around the world.

Today's acolytes are
Mac Read and Vaughan Read

February 2 attendance:
Worship 108 Sunday School 27

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Barb Griner
Flossie Lang
Nona Mattheis
Beverly Nimmo

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



Choir Loft and Windows

The choir loft was bumped out in 1902. The beautiful windows were added during the 1925 renovation. It is believed that perhaps a certain company sold these windows, primarily to Methodist churches, as you can find these images of Christ in many UMC's around the U.S.

We just recently had a representative from a stain glass company tell us that each of these windows are now valued at \$60,000 each! (This needs to be verified and maybe a special addendum to our insurance policy.)

Then in 1940, the loft was extended into the sanctuary with a bit more platform to give room for the pastor's pulpit, a new chancel rail, and the steps down to the sanctuary. We have no information about the hanging lanterns in the loft; our best guess is that they were also added in 1925.

Do you ever drift away for a few moments during the Sunday services and start to really study the beautiful glass windows in the choir loft? Do you find yourself reflecting on what meaning the original artist wanted us to take from these images? Conventional messages are:

John 10:1-16 The Good Shepherd: This window on the left depicts Jesus tenderly caring for the lost lamb while the mother ewe looks on and follows the Shepherd. Designed after Bernard Plockhort's famous painting.

Matthew 7:7, Luke 11:9, and Revelation 3:20 Knock and the Door Will Be Opened: Notice the door on the right has no knob or handle on the outside. This door represents the human heart because Jesus will only come into a person's heart if they open a door and let Him in. Jesus does not force the issue. The staff in Jesus's hand represents his authority and leadership. If the staff is turned inward, it says that Jesus is caring for the flock safely gathered into Him. If the staff is turned outward, it is for those not yet in His care.

Over the years, we have heard many sermons about the meaning...mostly during "children's time." If you're like me, you can relate to those messages. But, maybe sometimes, you can almost hear Jesus explaining, or see something different than the conventional thoughts?

This is what Jesus desires: as our understanding and faith grows, He says He will reveal even more to us.

*Thoughts, memories and research
by Nancy Fulton*

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
- 6:00 p.m. High School Youth in the youth rooms

Monday, February 10

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

Tuesday, February 11

- 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, February 12

- 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. Friends of Vicksburg Youth, Taylor Rm
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, February 13

- 2:00 p.m. Discipleship study at the Franklin home
- 5:30 p.m. Preschool Board in the Library
- 6:30 p.m. Scouts Distr. Roundtable, Taylor Rm
- 7:00 p.m. Discipleship study at the Franklin home

Friday, February 14 - Pastor's Day Off

- 5:30 p.m. Friday Night Dinner in the Taylor Room

Saturday, February 15

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

Next Week

Sunday, February 16

- 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Class in the youth room

Thursday, February 20

- 9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Monday, Feb. 17.

Thank You

Thank you, David Nic, for making the events sign frame in the lobby. ~ Polly

In Service to Our Country

Ryan Miller
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith
Geoff White

Donations for the Month

Needed each month

General Fund:
\$ 22,916.83
Building Fund:
\$ 4,942.86

Received in January

General Fund:
\$ 18,477.80
Building Fund:
\$ 4,915.99

Friday Night Dinner

February 14

5:30 p.m.

Taylor Room

\$5⁰⁰ per person or donation
kids are free

All proceeds will go to Ministry Shares.

MENU

Macaroni and Cheese
Hot Dogs
Fruit Salad
Garden Salad
Dessert
Beverage



This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

2/9 Noni Heikes
2/12 Sandy Minger
2/14 Lauren Burke

2/14 Alex Oswalt

Anniversaries

2/14 Dave & Gail Bratt
Jim & Joan Smola

DRIVING Miss Daisy



We're looking for drivers willing to pick up some of our members this winter to get them to church. If you can serve, please let Polly in the office know (649-2343). Details will follow.

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



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.



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.

Mission Challenge for 2020

Do you knit, crochet or quilt? The Mission Challenge for 2020 is

- 1) Baby Layette Sweater and
- 2) Cover Them with Love Quilt.

Patterns are available on the Midwest Mission Distribution Center website <http://midwestmission.org/mmdc-kits-projects-patterns>. There are also copies available on the UMW bulletin board located in the church Narthex.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

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

Feb. 9: Joyce Newton
Feb. 16: Marshall Linebaugh

Church calendar online

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

Generous Hands Wish List

- 18 oz. peanut butter
- fruit cups
- applesauce cups
- granola bars
- Ramen noodles
- microwave popcorn
- small peanut packs
- instant oatmeal packets

