

Sunday  
**February 10, 2019**  
10:30 a.m.

## Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Pastor Greg

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.

### *Look*

#### **Prelude**

#### **Welcome, Announcements, Ministry Opportunities**

#### **Opening to the Creative Spirit**

Choir: In the world of the driven

**Let us be drawn in**

Let your love be a given

**Let us be drawn in**

To imagine, to dream, to create, to redeem

For the sake of the livin'

**Let us be drawn in...**

Leader: "Listening" as part of creativity is about perceiving. We open our senses to see what is emerging. Perhaps what we start doesn't end up looking like what we thought it would. Instead, once the act of creating begins, we listen to how the Holy Spirit is guiding our next steps and unfolding possibilities we were previously unaware of. Without paying attention in this way, we act as if we have all the answers. And when we're up against something that doesn't go our way, we see it as a negative. But what if those moments are simply Creator God inviting us to see new ways of moving forward in our lives?

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\*Leader: Let us stand and pray together:

**Creating God, You sometimes present us with different plans. Open us to the idea that You might have something in store for us that we have not previously been able to imagine. Draw us into your surprises. Give us the courage to get out of our own mold. Amen.**

**\*Opening Song of Praise: #454** Open My Eyes, That I May See

### **\*Connecting**

What gets us “stuck” in the creative process? A journalist named Adriana Diaz said, “Creativity is a combination of making something happen and letting something happen...” Sometimes we get stuck because we are working too hard to make something happen when what we also need to do is let something unfold – to perceive that which is yearning to come to the surface if we will just let it.

Hear the Good News! God is the one who sets the boundaries of what is possible, and those boundaries are not fixed, but defined by ever-new possibilities of growth. Part of the creative process is to let go and let God show us what is bubbling to the surface of our lives. As our greeting and passing the peace today, I invite you to turn to your neighbors and encourage them this way: “The peace of the Lord be with you — Stay open.”

### ***Listen***

**Hymn: #2233** Where Children Belong

**Make Belief Moment** ~ *Pastor Greg*

*We “make our belief” that God is playing and creating through people in all places, and God plays and creates with us too!*

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will be dismissed to POP! with Therisa Gruber

**The Word in Music:** Listen With Your Heart ~ *Chancel Choir; Flute: Lynne Melvin, Cello: Olivia Cannizarrio*

**The Word Read Aloud:** Acts 16:6-15

**The Word Proclaimed:** “Go on Strike!” ~ *Pastor Greg*

### ***Respond***

**Prayer Song: #438** Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

*Ushers will collect prayer requests*

### **Centering Moment**

If you are comfortable doing so, close your eyes for just a moment so you can do some visualizing. Breathe in slowly. Let your breath out slowly. Again: in..... out..... Try to imagine that your stresses, anxieties, deadlines, are rolling off your head, down your shoulders, down your arms, and falling away to the floor.

You are invited to simply listen for a moment. See if you can identify the softest sound in the room that you can hear. If hearing is difficult for you, open your eyes and look for some detail you have never, ever noticed in this space before... Now notice what you had to do to listen past the louder sounds or to look closely enough to notice something new. Did you “lean in?” Not necessarily with your body, but with your awareness? Did you quiet your breathing for a moment? What does it take to really notice something other than the obvious, or the things that vie for our attention?

**Praying for the World, and The Lord’s Prayer**

### **Offering Back to God**

This is your creative spirit in the world, this is your offering. May you see the things you do, no matter how small or mundane, as the way that you contribute goodness to the world, creating more life, more joy, more love.

**Praise be to God, the Creator of all that is!**

Offertory: Send the Light ~ *Chancel Choir*

\***Doxology:** #95 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

\***Closing Song of Life:** #3004 Step by Step

\***Benediction**

May you see the unfolding of each day as an opportunity to be a co-creator with God. As a Jesus-Follower, may you feel His company leading you toward creating more kindness, justice and mercy. May you know the nudge of the creative Spirit within, "making belief" in all you are and do.

\***Postlude**

### Prayer for Family and Friends

**Praise**

Thank you for all of your prayers during my surgery and recovery. God has blessed me with miraculous transforming during and after the ordeal. Praise Him forever! ~ *Karen Simpson*

**Updates and New Requests This Week**

Tyler Lynch and family are mourning the loss of his great-aunt Ruth, who passed away at the age of 99.

**Previous Requests**

Jack and Cynda Buckallew  
Carol Eaton

Pray for Don and Cathy Eichholz (Larry and Sally Kohler's friends). Cathy has breast cancer and is recovering from surgery.

Lauren Frantz has been having irregular heart beats, low oxygen, and low temps. They are in the process of getting in to see a specialist. The family of Jeff and Cathy Johnson are making critical care decisions for their mother. Jonathan (Den and Marlene Sherman's grandson) had a reaction to a new medicine. Paul Moberly (Susan Moberly-Hayes's father) is in Bronson Hospital with pneumonia. Diana Pomeroy and family are mourning the loss of her uncle, Don Linders. Arden Sult is recovering from knee replacement.

Today's acolytes are  
Mac Read and Vaughan Read

February 3 attendance:  
Worship 131      Sunday School 40



Children ages 3 yrs. to third grade leave the worship service right after the kids' message and return to the service after the offering.

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

### For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz	Robert & Carmen Parsons
Barb Griner	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Pat McClelland	Mina Willett
Beverly Nimmo	

### This Week's Celebrations

**Birthdays**

2/12 Sandy Minger      2/16 Walter Gose

2/14 Lauren Burke      **Anniversaries**  
Alex Oswalt      2/14 Jim & Joan Smola

### 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.



## In Service to Our Country

**Matthew Kohler**

**Ryan Miller**

**Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait**

**Tyler Smith**

**Geoff White**

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## 24-Hour prayer vigil

We would like to have prayer for our church, our church family, and others for 24 hours a day, if possible. If you would like to sign up for an hour (as many as you would like), please write your name in available spaces on the chart near the welcome center.

## Coming deadlines

- Minutes and reports for the Church Council are due in the church office by Tuesday, Feb. 12.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Friday, Feb. 15.

## Help is needed at the Welcome Center

Monthly Welcome Center “welcomers” are needed. Please sign up at the Welcome Center.

## 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.



## Kalamazoo Gospel Mission needs bread

We are continuing to collect bread for The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission.

If you would like to contribute, please bring loaves of sliced white bread to the church, and they will be delivered to KGM.

## This Week's Calendar

### Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone  
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

### Monday, February 11

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC  
6:30 p.m. Scout Troop meeting, Taylor Room

### Tuesday, February 12

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room  
6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth) in Rm 107  
6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting in the FLC  
7:00 p.m. *Trustees in the Library*

### Wednesday, February 13

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners, Taylor Room  
2:45 p.m. SHED (mid. school outreach), Rm 107  
5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth), Rm 107  
6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir practice, Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, February 14

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC  
6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC  
6:30 p.m. *Scouts Distr. Round Table, Taylor Rm*  
7:00 p.m. Apprentice class, Library

### Friday, February 15 - Pastor's Day Off

*no activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, February 16

8:30 a.m. *Loaves & Fishes in the FLC till 9:30a*  
10:00 a.m. Pickleball in the FLC

### Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

### Next Week

#### Monday, February 18

5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board in the Library*  
7:00 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*

#### Thursday, February 21

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

## Amazon Smile donations

If you are an Amazon shopper, Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchase amounts to VUMC. If you would like to participate, shop at **smile.amazon.com** (instead of amazon.com). You will have the opportunity to choose Vicksburg United Methodist Church to receive a donation. It doesn't change the way you order. Your shopping experience is exactly the same. It is free to use and confidential. No record of anyone's purchase is reported to VUMC, as this is a donation from Amazon, not from shoppers. Just shop normally, and Amazon will take care of sending their donation. So if you shop Amazon, and you would like Amazon to donate to VUMC, we would appreciate it.

## “Because We Care”

We have filled plastic bags with Valentine candy and a card that reads, “Because We Care.” You will receive one of those bags today to give to someone on Valentine’s Day, especially someone who may not be celebrating the day, to remind them that they are appreciated. Valentine’s Day is for everyone!

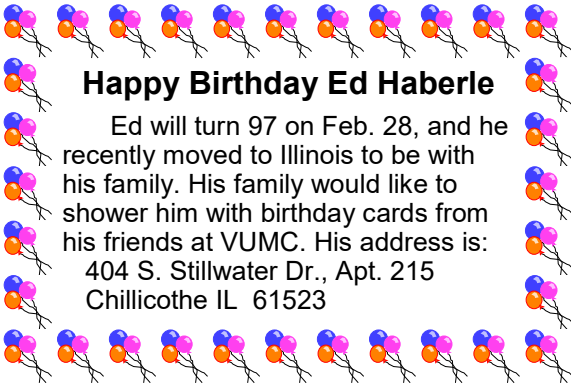
## Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Feb 10:

Feb 17: Marshall Linebaugh

## Prayer requests are available by phone

You can hear the weekly prayer requests by calling the church (649-2343) before 9:00 a.m. and after 1:00 p.m. When the answering machine answers, enter 370.



## Happy Birthday Ed Haberle

Ed will turn 97 on Feb. 28, and he recently moved to Illinois to be with his family. His family would like to shower him with birthday cards from his friends at VUMC. His address is: 404 S. Stillwater Dr., Apt. 215 Chillicothe IL 61523

## The Opioid Dilemma

Sunday, March 10 at 12:30

Vicksburg United Methodist Church

### Potluck lunch at noon followed by Guest Speaker

Join us to hear Dr. Bruce Springer from Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Service speak about:

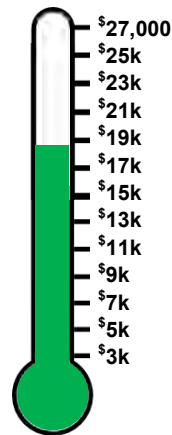
- The opioid crisis
- The impact on families and communities
- Available treatment & services



**Bring a dish to pass!**

**Invite a friend to church for fellowship, food, and learning!**

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## Where We Stand

As of February 3, we have received \$18,945 toward our share of the grant we are seeking for cement board exterior renovation.



## Do you have ideas? Let us know.

Fill out the information below and place in the offering plate or in Polly’s box in the work room.

*One thing that I think we should be doing that we don’t—something that would really help our church grow and reach those that need it, is*

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*One thing we have always done as a Church that I really don’t understand and think should be discontinued is*

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