

Sunday
February 17, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Sixth Sunday
after the
Epiphany

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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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: Everything that is created is in relationship with all other things. God's vision for birds had to do with the quality of the creation of air. How a song is experienced by those who sing it will change the composer's perception of the song or even the song itself. Nothing exists in isolation. So, too, for our relationships with others. What happens for humanity is closely related to how we respond to each other. Are we willing to re-integrate, re-vise, re-vision our lives as we come in contact with others who are not like us? New possibilities await if we are willing to offer ourselves fully and be willing to be changed by our interactions.

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*Leader: Let us stand and pray together:

Re-integrating God, You created us for relationship with You and others. Open us to be changed as we encounter the diversity of Your children. Draw us into Your love. Give us the courage to reach out in love. Amen.

***Opening Song of Praise:** #2236 Gather Us In

***Connecting**

What causes the dis-integration of the world rather than the re-integration of all things into beloved and supportive community? Worship theologian Don Saliers tells us that creativity and “holy play asks of us vulnerability to experience grace through one another.” Sometimes fear of making ourselves vulnerable keeps us isolated, unforgiving, and without the playmates we need to create the love the world so desperately needs.

Hear the Good News! We were made for each other, we were made for relationship, we have only to choose to say “yes” to God’s invitation to participate fully in the life and love of community. As our greeting and passing of the peace today, I invite you to turn to your neighbors and as you shake their hand or give a hug, affirm your connection by saying, “Yes, we are connected together by the Lord!”

Listen

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Make Belief Moment ~ *Hank Stamm*

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 Laurie Nic

The Word in Music: We Are the Body of Christ ~ *Children and Chancel Choir; flute: Jolene Cron*

The Word Read Aloud: 1 Corinthians 12:1-31

The Word Proclaimed: “Why Can’t You Be More Like Me?” ~ *Pastor Greg*

Respond

Prayer Song: #548 In Christ There Is No East or West

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, your anxieties, your deadlines, are rolling off your head, down your shoulders, down your arms, and falling away to the floor.

This week you are invited to see in your mind’s eye the people who have helped you create the life you live. Recall the mentors, teachers, friends, family – those in the past and those who are your collaborators in life now. Could you have done it without them? No, of course not. And we will continue to need creative collaborators in life. Take this moment to recall the names of people in your life for whom you give thanks to God.

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: Every Time I Feel the Spirit~ *Chancel Choir*

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

***Closing Song of Life: #2243 We All are One in Mission**

***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

Praise God and all the prayer warriors in this church. Mom received a miraculous healing that her doctors are unable to explain. God used her to emphasize the power of prayer. Please continue to pray for all on the prayer list, your pastor, and your church. God is listening, and His perfect will is being revealed, whether it matches our requests or revealing a higher purpose than our own. ~ *Jeff and Cathy Johnson*

Updates and New Requests This Week

Rexalee Goecker's second surgery to repair her hip and femur has gotten infected.
Pray for safe travels to and from Gulf Shores for Joyce Newton.

Prayers for those suffering from the winter blahs. May God's great love show them they are worthy.

Please pray for the United Methodist General Conference meeting in St. Louis on Feb. 23 to 26 as it deliberates the future of the denomination in regard to matters of GLBTQ inclusion.

Previous Requests

Jack and Cynda Buckallew
Carol Eaton

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

Today's altar flowers are provided by
Chuck and Vera Walker
in honor of their 57th anniversary

Today's acolytes are
Henry Stamm and Lily Stamm

February 10 attendance:
Worship 103 Sunday School 39



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	

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Feb 17: Marshall Linebaugh
Feb 24: Joe and Betty Gruber

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

2/17 Jolene Cron 2/23 Bonnie Sellers

Cande Vermeulen

Anniversaries

2/18 Jill Barton 2/17 Chuck & Vera

2/19 Frances Howard

Walker

Anna Sponseller

2/18 Larry & Sally Kohler

2/20 Laverne Swinehart

2/22 Billy & Barbara

2/21 Betty Gruber

Adams

**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

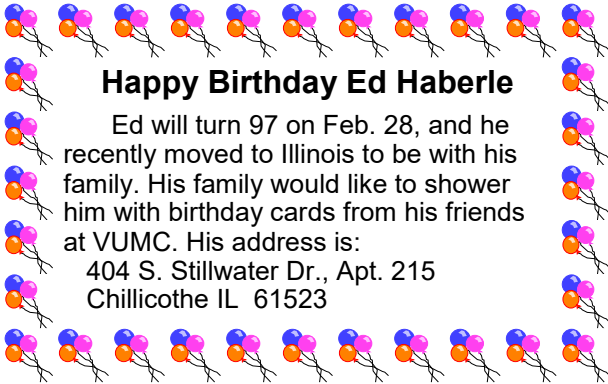
Ryan Miller

Walker Polsinelli is in Kuwait

Tyler Smith

Geoff White

5112 Hickory Ln
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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

Volunteer Pianist/Accompanist Needed

VUMC sponsors a small worship service at the Riverview Manor nursing home in Three Rivers. Both of our accompanists for that service are "Snow Birds" and unavailable in the winter months. We serve anywhere from 3 to 20 residents and their visitors at the home on the second Sunday of each month from 3:00-4:00 in the afternoon. If you would like to help with this service, please let John Cleveland know. "It ain't big, but the Love for our Lord sure is!!"



This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
1:00 p.m. *Mission Trip training session*

Monday, February 18

5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board in the Library*
6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
6:30 p.m. Scout Troop meeting
7:00 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*

Tuesday, February 19

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

Wednesday, February 20

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 21

9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room*
10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
7:00 p.m. Apprentice class, Room 125

Friday, February 22 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities are scheduled

Saturday, February 23

9:00 a.m. Pickleball in the FLC

Monday through Friday

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

Next Week

Sunday, February 24

after Worship: Soup & Sandwich Luncheon, Taylor Rm

Help is needed at the Welcome Center

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

Soup & Sandwich luncheon

and birthday celebration

Sunday, February 24
after Worship

Proceeds go to the building fund.

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.

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.

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](https://www.amazon.com) (instead of [amazon.com](https://www.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.

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.

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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!

Coming deadlines

- Newsletter items are due in the church office by Monday, Feb. 25.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Friday, Mar. 1.

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

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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