

Sunday
February 18, 2018
10:30 a.m.

First Sunday in Lent

Pastor Greg



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

We are alive in Christ.
We love God,
we care for one another,
and we help people here
and around the world.



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Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

Call to Worship

Come out, Lazarus! Jesus called.
Come out of the dark into the light.
Come out, Jesus calls to us.
Come out of hiding who and what we are.
Come out from all that stops us living the best that we can be.
Come out.
Amen.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord God, we come here with longing, with hearts full of things we cannot share with others. We know that You greet us here with reverence and with love.

In this time of worship, may we know a sharing with You deeper than any we have known before; may we know an emptying, of all those burdens that we carry, of all those regrets that we cling to; and may we know Your love and forgiveness, a peace that passes understanding as You meet us here.

With You, oh Lord, it is never too late. You always hold out one more opportunity for us to find our way back.

So, today, may we be healed, restored, forgiven as we worship You here. Amen.

***Hymn: #154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (verses 1, 4)**

Prayer from the Book Jesus Used: Psalm 104:27-30

***Scripture Lesson: John 11:1-44**

Children's Time: Hank Stamm

Anthem: Soon and Very Soon

Sermon: *Around the Cross* — “Jesus, Friend of the Dead”

***Hymn:** #2237 As a Fire Is Meant for Burning

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: What a Friend (*Lynne Melvin - Flute*)

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

FYI: Why Doxology #95 instead of #94? It is because traditionally there are no “Alleluias” during Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter Sunday.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God, today we bring into the light all that we hide, offering it for Your transforming grace. As we offer ourselves and our gifts, may we witness everyday miracles in the world around us, wrought by Your people living in love and compassion. Amen.

***Hymn:** #127 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

*Coming up next Sunday, February 25: Sermon Series:
Around the Cross — “Jesus, A Servant Who Gets Dirty”. Scripture: John 13:1-17*

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Feb 18: Marshall Linebaugh
Feb 25: Joe and Betty Gruber

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due Thursday, Mar. 1

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and Praises

Ryan Miller is feeling almost 100% back to normal. Thank you for the prayers!

Paul and Marilyn Schutter welcome their 8th great-grandchild, who is doing well.

New Requests This Week

Lauren Frantz is recovering from illness and another seizure.

The family of Effie McLouth, who passed away Feb. 9. She was a daughter of Rev. George and Florence Stanford, who was a former pastor here.

Diana Pomeroy and other friends and family at the sudden loss of her classmate, Leslie McSpadden

Ron Steinacker is recovering from surgery to treat a subdural hematoma on the brain.

Previous Requests

Phyllis Barrett's sister-in-law passed away. Please remember her brother and family in prayer.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

The family of Bob Cohrs, who passed away Jan. 31
Margaret Kerchief (wife of Dr. Karl Kerchief) is recovering from cancer surgery.

Lynne Melvin and family at the loss of her sister, Sue Duffy

Tim Melvin's surgery is rescheduled for Feb. 27.

Jim Miller (Betty Gruber's brother) was admitted to a long-term care facility and is in Hospice Care.

Sharon Pendola and Tamra Stamm at the loss of their aunt, Eleanor Warren

LaVon Rolfe, Tamra Stafford, and family at the loss of their husband and father, Larry

Linda Schuring received a pacemaker.

Mike and Jody Tuinier and other friends and family at the sudden loss of their friend, Barb Molhoek

Susie Ward (Jo Pope's son-in-law's sister) passed away.

Prayers for health and healing for all

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson	Robert & Carmen
David Bretz	Parsons
Barb Griner	Char Rice
Pat McClelland	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Iris McGahan	Al Thomas
Beverly Nimmo	Mina Willett

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

2/18 Jill Barton	2/21 Betty Gruber
2/19 Frances Howard	2/23 Bonnie Sellers
Anna Sponseller	<u>Anniversaries</u>
2/20 Kristopher Dibble	2/18 Larry & Sally Kohler
Laverne Swinehart	2/22 Billy & Barbara Adams
2/21 Adalynn Brundige	



In Service to Our Country

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 5112 Hickory Ln
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This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
after Worship Labyrinth class, Library
 1:00 p.m. Mission trip training session

Monday, February 19

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
 6:30 p.m. Scout troop meeting, Taylor Room
 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee meeting, Library

Tuesday, February 20

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
 6:30 p.m. Personnel Committee meeting, Library
 6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting in the FLC

Wednesday, February 21

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

Thursday, February 22

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
 5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)
 6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
 6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth)

Friday, February 23 - Pastor's Day Off

10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219
 6:00 p.m. Scout Pack meeting in the FLC

Saturday, February 24

no activities are scheduled

Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

Coming Events

Sunday, February 25

9:00 a.m. Labyrinth available in the FLC

Monday, February 26

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting, Taylor Room

Tuesday, February 27

12:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch in the Taylor Room
 7:00 p.m. Labyrinth class, FLC

Thursday, March 1

2:00 p.m. Advance Care Planning, Library

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.



Today's altar flowers are provided by Tom and Beth Aitken in honor of Laverne Swinehart's birthday.

Today's acolytes are Gabriel Culver and Henry Stamm

February 11 attendance:
 Worship 66 Sunday School 23

Give Your Family the Precious Gift of your Choices

What if a sudden medical event happened to you and you could not make medical decisions? Have you made an advance care plan for your healthcare? Attend an informative kitchen table small group discussion where we will review the steps involved to share the precious gift of your wishes for healthcare. You will learn how to create a free advance directive document that identifies who you would want to make medical decisions and how to initiate the critical conversation with your loved ones. Join us Thursday, **March 1**, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the library for this event. Please contact Polly to RSVP at (269) 649-2343 or reception@vicksburgumc.org.



Walking the Labyrinth

Lent 2018
A Place to Pray and Seek God



Walking the Labyrinth at Vicksburg United Methodist Church

A video introducing the labyrinth (on 40'x40' canvas) will be shown today in the church library immediately after Worship. There will also be scheduled opportunities during Lent when the labyrinth will be set up for prayer walks in the Family Life Center.

For those wishing to go deeper, there will be a Tuesday evening (2/27, 3/13, 3/27) Lenten book discussion featuring *Walking the Labyrinth: A Place to Pray*, by Travis Scholl (ISBN# 978-0-8308-3583-6).

For both church and community... All are invited to walk and pray.

Thursday

PLAY GYM

10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Fun, inexpensive

"play with me" group

for 1- to 5-year-olds and their favorite adult.

Next session

begins **Feb. 22**.

Sign up by calling the office.



Talent Show

mission trip fundraiser
Sunday, April 15

Entry Form

Name _____

Contact Information _____

Please fill this out and put in Hank's mailbox in the work room. Hank will contact you.

This is open to everyone.



2018

Ministerial Alliance



12:15 to 1:00

February 27

Vicksburg United Methodist Church
217 South Main St

March 6

Lakeland Reformed Church
10442 Sprinkle Rd

March 13

St. Martin's Catholic Church
5855 East W Ave

March 20

Chapman Memorial Church of the Nazarene
7520 East U Ave

Everyone is welcome!