

Sunday
February 25, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Second 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

Clean feet, dirty feet, fresh feet, smelly feet, big feet, small feet,
healthy feet, sore feet.

**All of these, O God, You ask us to wash, not to make them
clean but rather to show love. So, help us to obey and
follow Your example. Amen.**

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Servant God, we adore You for the way You model real love for
us in word and in action. We praise You for showing us time
and time again just how we should love one another. We give
thanks for the humility with which You practiced ministry, You
the King of heaven becoming servant of all. We praise and
adore You. And yet... and yet... Your absolute clarity, Your
uncompromising example make it so difficult for us to pretend
that we do not know how we should live in love.

**You leave us no wiggle room for misunderstanding, for You
were very clear in Your command that we should put
others before ourselves and become the servant of
others. And we do not like that.**

We don't like not getting our place. We don't like not being first.
We don't like being servants. And we find it hard to love
others.

**So, God, as we journey through Lent, turn us again to Your
example. Help us to soak up Your teaching and Your
example. And then help us to imitate You in our love and
service of one another. In Jesus' name.**

*Hymn: #432 Jesu, Jesu

Prayer from the Book Jesus Used: Psalm 51:7-12

***Scripture Lesson:** John 13:1-17

Children's Time: *Joanne Culver*

Anthem: *We're Here to Love ~ Beth and Lynn Griner*

Sermon: *Around the Cross* — “Jesus, A Servant of the Body”

***Hymn:** #2176 *Make Me a Servant*

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Music of the Soul (written by Lynn Griner) ~ *Beth and Lynn Griner*

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

God, we offer You hearts full of love and hands held out to serve. Use what we bring to heal Your world and show us how and where and when You want us to be the answer to our prayer today as we dedicate ourselves to You. Amen.

***Hymn:** #2222 *Servant Song* (verses 1-4)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

*Coming up next Sunday, March 4: Sermon Series: Around the Cross — “Jesus, Unfriended”.
Scripture: John 18:12-27.*

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and Praises

Melody (Lynne Melvin's 19-month-old granddaughter) had an illness that doctors thought may be leukemia, but that is not the case. Melody is getting better with medication.

New Requests This Week

The family of Mary Evelyn Bell, who passed away Tuesday

Rex Bragg was in ER last week due to gout in one of his wrists.

Lauren Frantz had an EEG and MRI this past week.

Karen (Lynne Melvin's friend) was just diagnosed with metastatic cancer. Hospice has been called in.

The Moberly family has been sick.

Lee and Jean Philport are mourning the unexpected loss of a grandson.

Georgia Rolfe has a detached retina.

Jerry Schuring and sons as their wife and mother, Linda, lost her battle with cancer.

Previous Requests

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

The family of Bob Cohrs, who passed away 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.

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

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

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

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

Prayers for health and healing for all



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.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

2/26 Andrew Falconer	2/28 Kip Young
Diana Girolami	3/1 Trace Puckett
Lilly Puckett	3/2 Harrison Barton
	Tyler Hawkins

2/27 Sara Carrier	3/3 Charlotte Rice
Judi McNett	

2/28 Brian Eberstein	<u>Anniversaries</u>
Edward Haberle	2/29 Al & Margie Thomas



In Service to Our Country

Kohler, Matthew L.

USS Harry S Truman CVN75
Unit 100255 Box #3137
FPO 2E 09524

Major Jeff Kudary

1049 Willow Circle
Clarksville TN 37043

SFC Miller, Ryan

249th En (Prime Power)
APO AE 09333
Al Asad Airbase, Iraq

Walker Polsinelli

Richie Steinacker

8429 Shallow Creek Rd
Ft Worth TX 76179

Geoff White

5112 Hickory Ln
Klamath Falls OR 97601

It's great to become 95 years old when you have the great family and great church family that I have. Love, Laverne

For Cheer and Hello

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

This Week's Calendar

Today - Scout Sunday

9:00 a.m. Labyrinth available in the FLC (till 12:30)
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, February 26

12:00 p.m. Funeral luncheon for Jerry Kott
6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
6:30 p.m. Scout troop meeting, Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting, Taylor Room

Tuesday, February 27

12:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch in the Taylor Room
2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. Labyrinth class, FLC

Wednesday, February 28

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, March 1

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
2:00 p.m. Advance Care Planning, Library
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, March 2 - Pastor's Day Off

10:00 a.m. Knit & Stitch 2gether in Room 219

Saturday, March 3

no activities are scheduled

Monday through Friday

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

Coming Events

Monday, March 5

7:00 p.m. Worship Planning Team in the Library

Tuesday, March 6

12:15 p.m. Lenten Lunch at Lakeland Ref. Church
6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting, FLC
7:00 p.m. Trustees meeting in the Library

Wednesday, March 7

6:30 p.m. Scout meeting in Room 125

Thursday, March 8

5:30 p.m. Preschool Board meeting, Library
6:30 p.m. Scouts District Round Table, Taylor Rm

Saturday, March 10

9:00 a.m. District Lay Servant Class, Library
6:00 p.m. VCAC Destination Italy, Taylor Room

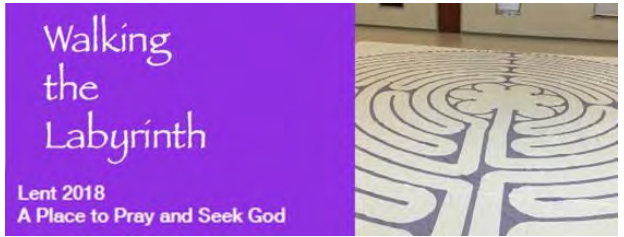


Today is
Scout Sunday

Recognizing our Scouts and Leaders

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 at Vicksburg United Methodist Church

There will 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.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Feb 25: Joe and Betty Gruber
Mar 4: Laverne Swinehart

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due Thursday, Mar. 1

Today's acolytes are
Mac Read and Vaughan Read

February 18 attendance:
Worship 99 Sunday School 36



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.



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!