

Sunday
May 12, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Easter

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



217 S Main St
Vicksburg MI 49097
269-649-2343
vicksburgumc.org

Pastor Greg Culver
231-675-4452
gpculver@mac.com



Plain print indicates worship leader.

Bold print indicates the people.

*Indicates please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Ministry Opportunities

***Call to Worship—Based on James 3:13-4:8**

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

***Opening Hymn: #514 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

Prayer for Mother's Day

Loving God, we give thanks today for mothers!

Thank You for mothers who gave birth to us, and women who have treated us as their own children.

You teach us how to be good mothers, cherishing and protecting the children among us.

(Women:) Help us mother lovingly, fairly, wisely and with great joy.

(All:) Help us raise our children to be the people they are born to be.

We need Your comfort here today, Lord, because some are missing mothers, some are missing children, some are parted by distance or death. Comfort those who have given up their child for adoption. Comfort those who longed to be biological mothers, and could not. We pray for those here whose mothers have disappointed them; we ask for grace in relationships where there is pain and bitterness, for healing in relationships where there is abuse and violence.

Help our congregation be a space where people can be nurtured, their gifts and talents fully appreciated.

Finally, we pray today for mothers around the world; mothers who cannot feed their children, mothers who are homeless or without a homeland; mothers who must teach their children about the dangers of bombs and bullets.

Help us create a world where mothers can raise their children in peace and plenty.

God of mothers, Who created mothers, Who came as a child and had a mother, You love us with a sweeter and deeper love than we have ever known —

Hear our prayer today, in the name of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Lesson: Proverbs 6:6-11

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ *Pastor Greg*

Anthem: Teach Me Lord ~ *Chancel Choir*

Sermon: *Proverbial Wisdom*: "Learn from an Ant" ~ *Pastor Greg*

This is the second of a May sermon series called "Proverbial Wisdom".

***Prayer Song:** #496 Sweet Hour of Prayer
Prayer requests may be collected by the ushers.

Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer Offering Back to God

Offertory: Rise Up and Call Her Blessed ~ *Chancel Choir*

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

***Closing Hymn:** #62 All Creatures of Our God and King (verses 1-4)

***Mother's Day Benediction**

Go into your week, knowing that you are embraced by the love of God; a love that is sweeter and more tender than any you have ever known.

***Postlude**

Prayer for Family and Friends

Praise

Avery Schutter (our infant great-granddaughter) is finally home from Ann Arbor, where she has been since her birth in January. Thank you, everyone, for your prayers and concern. ~ *Paul and Marilyn Schutter*

Previous Requests

Brad and Lisa Beams and family are mourning the loss of Brad's father, Gene Beams.

Carol Eaton

Nacee Howard (Georgia Rolfe's friend) has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Vern Reed is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery. If you would like to send a card, their address is: 2630 Pirineos Way #2, Carlsbad, CA 92009.

Mary Slavicek (Emily Hansson's mom) is recovering from major surgery Tuesday.

Pray for the victims of the synagogue shooting.

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.

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen
Parsons
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Mina Willett

In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler
Ryan Miller
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith
Geoff White

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

5/12 Sharon Hosner
Maya Hossink
5/14 Steve Fryling
5/15 Fred Willis
5/16 Markus Taylor

5/17 Linda Hulett
Penny Sult
5/18 Kathy Moore
Kathy Phillips
Jean Philport

Scholarship applications

Scholarship applications are available in the church office and are to be completed and returned by this Wednesday, May 15.

Acolyte celebration

ATTENTION all acolytes and future acolytes! Join us for brownies and ice cream directly after church in the Taylor Room next **Sunday, May 19!** This is to thank our awesome kids who are serving our church family and welcome future acolytes who may want to join the team. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend.



Vacation Bible School needs items

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! We are in need of some donations for Bible-times decorations. If you happen to have any of these items, or if you can keep your eyes and ears open for any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated. We need:

- Baskets
- Colorful pieces of fabric
- Terra-cotta pottery
- Rugs
- Greenery
- Blankets

Vacation Bible School will take place the week of June 23-27. If you would like your donated items back, please put your name on a piece of masking tape and attach it to the item. Items can be turned in to the youth room, next to the family life center kitchen. Thank you for all your help and support.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

May 12:

May 19: Marshall Linebaugh

Today's acolytes are
Mac Read and Vaughan Read

May 5 attendance:
Morning Worship 133 Sunday School 28

This Week's Calendar

Today—Happy Mother's Day

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, May 13

no activities are scheduled

Tuesday, May 14

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room

6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth) in Rm 107

Wednesday, May 15

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

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, May 16

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

7:00 p.m. Apprentice class, Room 125 (Fish Rm)

Friday, May 17 - Pastor's Day Off

10:00 a.m. *Blood Drive in the FLC till 5:00*

Saturday, May 18

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

Monday through Friday

Heart & Hands Preschool: 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Next Week

Sunday, May 19

after church Acolyte celebration in the Taylor Room

Monday, May 20

6:00 p.m. *Finance Committee in the Library*

7:00 p.m. *Worship Committee in the Library*

8:00 p.m. *SPRC in the Library*

Tuesday, May 21

1:00 p.m. *Priscilla Circle luncheon out*

Friday, May 24

6:00 p.m. *Preschool Graduation in the Sanctuary*

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Wednesday, May 15.
- Completed scholarship applications are due in the church office by Wednesday, May 15.
- Items for the June newsletter are due in the church office by Tuesday, May 28.

Announcements are needed by Thursdays

Please, please, please, if you have any announcements you would like to have made during church by the lay leader, get them to the church office or to the worship leader in writing by Thursday. Thank you from the worship committee.

Volunteer wanted

We need a positive male role model to tutor a third grade boy, reading at a first grade level. Hopeful that man can meet 5 times with the student over the summer. Please call Sharon Pendola at 372-3123 if you can help.

Piano free of charge

We have a Baldwin spinet piano in the chapel (the room next to the sanctuary) that needs a new home. If you come and get it, you can have it at no cost. Please act quickly or it will be gone.

Coffee Hour snack donations are easy

Many of our members think in order to supply a snack for the coffee hour, they need to do all the setup and clean up. **It is much simpler than that!** If someone wishes to donate cookies, juice, or snacks for the coffee hour, they simply need to drop them off at the church on Saturday or Sunday morning. We will do all the set up and clean up! If the item(s) is perishable, it can be placed in the refrigerator in the Taylor room kitchen. If a plate/dish is used that needs to be returned, simply place your name on the bottom and we will make sure it is returned to you. Items should be marked "coffee hour". Thank you!

Concert at Klines Resort

The Dunnemans will be appearing on Sunday, May 26, at 6:30 p.m. at Klines Resort, 5 miles south of Vicksburg on Silver St. If you plan to attend, you will need to bring a lawn chair or blanket to this outdoor concert and a finger food to share afterward. A love offering will be taken.

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.

Help is needed at the Welcome Center

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

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.

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.

COME OUT OF YOUR SHELL!

Come to Athens and drop by Paul's house to experience his incredible adventures!



Vicksburg United Methodist Church

**Sunday, June 23rd - Thursday, June 27th
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

For more information, call 269-649-2343.