

Sunday
May 20, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

Pastor Greg

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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**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

The Coming of the Holy Spirit: Acts 2:1-21

*Call to Worship

This is the day of Pentecost!

When the flame of fire becomes the flame of faith.

This is the day of Pentecost!

When the tongue of fire becomes Good News for the world.

This is the day of Pentecost!

When the passion of fire becomes the cleansing of our hearts.

This is the day of Pentecost!

Let the people of God rejoice together in this place.

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, on this festival day we rejoice in Your presence. You breathe into our worship the power of Your Spirit, Your Spirit of love, Your Spirit of joy, Your Spirit of hope, Your Spirit of peace.

May we be filled to overflowing with the gifts of Your Spirit as we gather here.

May we expect the unexpected and welcome spontaneity, unpredictability, exuberance, all the ways that we are compelled to testify to the power of Your Spirit at work in us, shaping, caressing, motivating and inspiring.

As we open ourselves to possibility, we ask forgiveness for all those times we have limited Your Spirit, those times we have expected little, those times we have accepted mediocrity when You wanted to shower us with Your excellence, those times when we have dampened the enthusiasm of others by our tepid response. Lord, forgive us.

Pour out Your Spirit afresh today and renew us in overwhelming love.

Amen!

***Hymn:** #3177 Here I Am to Worship

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7

Anthem: Praise You with the Dance

Children's Time: *Hank Stamm*

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will be dismissed with Julie Frantz Griffin to POP!

Sermon: "When YOU Preach!"

***Hymn:** #3034 God of Wonders

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Big House

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord God, Your Spirit overflows in us. May we overflow in love.

Take us and our gifts and use us to change the world with You. Amen!

***Hymn:** #3021 Everlasting God (sing 2 times)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, May 27: "Graceful Sacrifice" — Philippians 3:1-14.

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and Praise

Baby Holly (Vera Walker's great-great-niece) is growing: 2 pounds now and free of all tubes! Continued prayers are appreciated.

New Requests This Week

Julie Taylor is recovering from a procedure to close a vein in her leg.

Previous Requests

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Derek's (Lynne Melvin's co-worker) cancer treatments are no longer working. Please pray for him and his family for peace and acceptance.

Lauren Frantz's swallow needs to get stronger. She cannot eat or drink by mouth yet.

Prayers for the Girolami family as Chuck's sister, Robin, passed away.

Please pray for Noreen Heikes and family at the loss of her 2-year-old grandson in an accident.

Anthony Knowles needs help at school with improved grades.

Chad Knowles (Anthony and Anna's dad) needs prayers for healing, as he is scheduled for hip replacement in September.

Michael Kohler had a pacemaker/defibrillator implant.

Please pray for Elton and Flossie Lang. Elton is in Heritage Nursing Home with health issues.

Tim Melvin continues radiation treatments and is very tired.

Sharon (Cande Vermeulen's friend) has begun cancer treatment.

Cordell Sherman is having tests to find the cause of his illness.

Jon Sherman is having a second surgery on his hand.

Please pray for safety for Tom and Karen Simpson as they travel.

June Taylor is having a lot of pain in her back and hip.

Crop Walk totals

The 2018 total is \$7,741. Thanks again, church family.

POP! needs a CD player

POP! (young children's worship) needs a small CD player. If you have one you would like to donate, please contact Laurie Nic at 823-5188.

Bible Study

We are looking to form study groups to dig in to what God has to say. This will be a "direct from the Bible" study! Whether you are a beginner, a long-time student of the Bible, or somewhere in between – there will be a place for you.

Please note on the attendance slip if you are interested – including phone and email and best time for classes. We will contact you shortly.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 1.
- Newsletter items are due by Tuesday, May 29. Please bring the items to the office or email them to Polly at reception@vicksburgumc.org.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

May 20: Marshall Linebaugh

May 27: Joe and Betty Gruber

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.

May Collections for Generous Hands

For the month of May, we will be collecting fruit cups with 100% fruit juice, and unsweetened applesauce.

Today's acolytes are
Gabriel Cleveland and Xavier Cleveland

May 13 attendance:
Worship 148 Sunday School 44

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, May 21

no activities scheduled

Tuesday, May 22

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

Wednesday, May 23

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)

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

Thursday, May 24

5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade)

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

Friday, May 25 - Pastor's Day Off

6:30 p.m. *Preschool Graduation in the Sanctuary*

Saturday, May 26

no activities scheduled

Monday through Thursday

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

Coming Events

Sunday, May 27 - Summer Worship schedule begins

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day

OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED

Wednesday, May 30

7:00 p.m. *Baccalaureate at VHS auditorium - everyone is invited*

Thursday, May 31-Sunday, June 3

Michigan Annual Conference in Traverse City



Children ages 3 years through third grade will be dismissed after Children's Time and returned after offering. Please be sure your child has a name tag with age or grade.

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson

David Bretz

Barb Griner

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Iris McGahan

Beverly Nimmo

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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

<u>Birthdays</u>	<u>Anniversaries</u>
5/21 Ken Herson	5/21 Doug & Deb Sponseller
5/22 Betty Bradfield	5/25 Vern & Aurelia Reed
5/23 Elizabeth Tuinier	5/26 Mike & Guila Harrison
5/24 Sofia Hess	Randy & Tamra Stafford
5/25 Tamra Stamm Margaret Tilbury	



CLASS OF 2018

High School Seniors and their families are invited to join us for a

Graduation Breakfast

on Sunday, **June 3**, at 8:00 a.m. in the Taylor Room

Please RSVP to Polly in the church office ~ 649-2343

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. beginning May 27



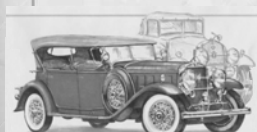
We need pies, so get those recipes rollin'!

PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday, June 9
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

on the front lawn

Vicksburg United Methodist Church
217 South Main Street
downtown Vicksburg



at the Vicksburg Old Car Festival