

Sunday
June 2, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Ascension Sunday

Hank Stamm

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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GRADUATION SUNDAY

WE HONOR YOU



Plain print indicates worship leader.

Bold print indicates the people.

*Indicates please stand as able.

Prelude

Lord God of Thy Father ~ *Chancel Choir*

Welcome, Announcements, and Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

Our Father, God, how wonderful are the works of Your hands.
As we gather here today to celebrate a step forward into new places with new people and new experiences, let us not forget the blessings which have led to this moment.

For the schools, which have given a safe place to learn and a strong foundation to build upon as our students take this next step into Your world. For the teachers, who have so richly loved and cared for them, even at their worst. For the families, who have cheered them on to the finish line and stood by their side through the many bumps in the road.

On this day especially, we thank You for the friends found among classmates. For all the jokes to be laughed about in years to come, for the hardships and tears endured together side by side, and for Your Love which has been made evident through the relationships we will carry with us beyond these walls.

Let us continue to lay down our lives for each other just as You gave up Your life for each of us. Let us love each other fearlessly and seek Your will earnestly all the days of our lives.

In Your Name we pray.

Amen.

***Opening Hymn:** #383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 2:1-22 ~ *Kathy Phillips*

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ Kathy Phillips

Anthem: Borning Cry ~ Chancel Choir

Sermon: The Wisdom of Waiting, Stronger Together ~ Hank Stamm

***Prayer Song:** #2166 Christ Beside Me
Prayer requests may be collected by the ushers.

Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Graduates

Presentation of Graduate Gifts

Scholarship Presentation

Offering Back to God

Offertory: Graduation Video

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

***Closing Hymn:** #2241 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

***Benediction**

As your classes and grading are now complete, may you strive toward excellence in all you do. As the speeches conclude, may your voices rise up to pronounce justice and peace in the world. As the fanfares cease, may you sing of joy, even in the dark and lonely places. As the applause quiets, may you celebrate and lift up those around you. As you graduate, may your achievements grow and cause growth in your communities. And may we all know of the overwhelming blessings of the One who created all things. Amen.

***Postlude**

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

The Speelman family (Carol Lohman's friends) are mourning the sudden death of their daughter Alyssa. She was in the United States Navy.

Previous Requests

Carol Eaton

Jack (one of Diana Pomeroy's clients) passed away. Please remember the family, Diana, and friends in prayer.

Nona Mattheis is in Heartland Nursing Home, Three Rivers.

Linda Murr (Laverne Swinehart's friend) has a brain tumor.

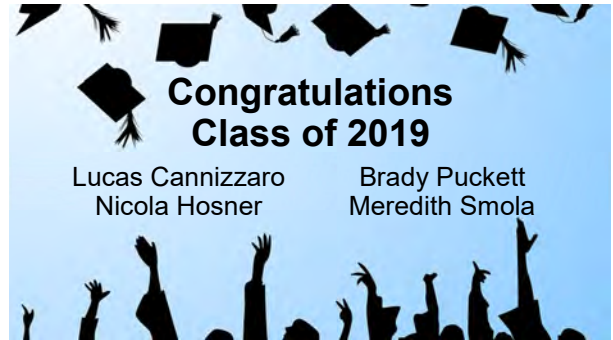
Nicolette (Diana Pomeroy's friend) passed away. Please remember Nicolette's family, Diana, and friends in prayer.

Jane Quembo (Noni Heikes's Zimbabwean friend) continues to need prayer, as her family was affected by the cyclone earlier this spring. Noni will be taking school supplies to them in June.

Vern Reed is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery, and he has also been ill with the flu. If you would like to send a card, their address is: 2630 Pirineos Way #2, Carlsbad, CA 92009.

Debbi Swinehart will have 2 hip replacements.

Jody Tuinier's stepdad, Denny Osterhouse, passed away. Please remember Jody, her Mom Julie, and all the family and friends in prayer.



For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen
Parsons
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Mina Willett

This Week's Celebrations


Birthdays

6/3 Trevor Young
6/4 Lisa Beams
Bill McVeigh
Ryan Miller
Linda Willis
6/5 Beth Aitken
Marian Zimmerman
6/6 Barbara Griner
Matthew Kohler
Norm Kohler
6/7 Jack Hosner

Anniversaries

6/2 Carl & Erin Williams
6/5 Tom & Beth Aitken
Mike & Julie Oswald
6/6 Bud & Lori Lash
David & Laurie Nic
6/7 Tom & Karen Simpson
6/8 Bruce & Rae Ann Graves
Fred & Linda Willis

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.

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
- Rugs
- Colorful pieces of fabric
- Greenery
- Terra-cotta pottery
- 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.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 tomorrow, June 3.
- Reports for the June 10 Church Council meeting are due in the church office by this Tuesday, June 4.

In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler	Tyler Smith
Ryan Miller	Geoff White
Walker Polsinelli	

Today's altar flowers are provided by Beth and Lynn Griner in honor of their mother, Barbara Griner. Designed by Heirloom Rose in Schoolcraft.

Today's acolytes are Henry Stamm and Benjamin Culver

May 26 attendance: Morning Worship 101

This Week's Calendar

Today

8:30 a.m. Graduation Breakfast, Taylor Room
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 3

no activities are scheduled

Tuesday, June 4

2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
6:30 p.m. Rotary Strive Banquet, FLC
7:00 p.m. Trustees in the Library

Wednesday, June 5

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners, Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, June 6

11:00 a.m. UMW Executive Committee, Library
12:30 p.m. UMW general meeting, Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. Apprentice class, Room 125 (Fish Rm)

Friday, June 7 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities are scheduled

Saturday, June 8

9:30 a.m. Pie and Ice Cream Social on the front lawn during the Old Car Festival

Next Week

Sunday, June 9

10:00 a.m. Chancel Choir Cantata
after church Chancel Choir/Youth Mission Trip Luncheon fundraiser

Monday, June 10

7:00 p.m. Church Council in the Taylor Room

Friday-Sunday, June 14-16

Family Camping at Lake Michigan Camp

Saturday, June 15

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

You are encouraged to attend Church Council meetings

This month's Church Council meeting will be on June 10 at 7:00. Wow – we will have a report from Annual Convention. We will hear from the Connections Class which has been working over-time on evaluating and comparing our "Church Experience" with that of other churches in the area. We will begin implementation of some of the suggestions YOU have given us over the last few months. WHEW! It's gonna be a good one! You're ALL invited. Come and see!

Weekly Donations

Needed each week

General Fund:
\$ 5,288.50
Building Fund:
\$ 1,140.66

Received May 22-28

General Fund:
\$ 3,008.50
Building Fund:
\$ 201.00

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

June 2:

June 9: Larry and Sally Kohler

Family Camping

Family Camping is at Lake Michigan Camp in Pentwater on the weekend of June 14-16. There are platform tents, cabins available and spaces for tents, campers and RV's. If you are interested, please call Dana at 231-715-8787 and mention Vicksburg United Methodist Church so she knows to put you in the group. Weekend includes a potluck on Saturday night and lots of fun. Talk to Ken Cron back at the sound booth with any questions.

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.

**PIE AND
ICE CREAM
SOCIAL**

Saturday, June 8
9:30 AM to 2:00 PM


on the front lawn

**Vicksburg United Methodist
Church**
217 South Main Street
downtown Vicksburg




at the Vicksburg Old Car Festival

THIS VBS WILL MAKE A SPLASH!



Grab a pair of sandals, your bathrobe, and your sense of adventure, and meet us in ancient Athens! We'll talk to the Apostle Paul to learn all about his dangerous journey to share the truth about God's love.



**Vicksburg United Methodist
Church**

**Sunday, June 23rd to
Thursday, June 27th
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

For more information, call 269-649-2343.

Generous Hands Wish List



- 18 oz. peanut butter
- fruit cups
- applesauce cups
- granola bars
- Ramen noodles
- microwave popcorn
- small peanut packs
- instant oatmeal packets

Volunteers and pies are needed

We need volunteers to help with the pie and ice cream social Saturday, June 8, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. We also need pies. Please contact Kathy Phillips at 649-3850.

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.



Registration Form

(one form per family)

Name _____ age _____ gender _____

Street address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

Number of family members participating in Athens

VBS: _____

Will parents be helping in any other areas of Athens

VBS? _____

Where? _____

In case of emergency, contact:

name: _____

phone: _____

Allergies or other medical conditions:

Home church: _____

Name of a special friend your child might like to be
with: _____

Oikos name (for church use only): _____