

Sunday  
**June 3, 2018**  
10:00 a.m.

Second Sunday  
after Pentecost

# Graduation Sunday

Hank Stamm

Becoming disciples;  
serving God's world.



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**Bold print indicates congregation.**  
*\*Indicates please stand as able.*

## Processional

Choir: Lord, God of our Fathers

## Call to Worship

## Ministry Opportunities

## Liturgy of Celebration for Our Graduates

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless our graduates as they have now finished their course of study.

**We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way.**

Walk with the graduates as they leave and move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

**Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people.**

For the graduates, this truly is a day of new beginnings, a time to remember and move on, and a time to believe what love is bringing.

**May they always know that Christ is alive and goes before us, to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings, our God is making all things new.**

## Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Today is a gift from God. Gathered on the edge of a milestone, we offer to God what we have to give—ourselves and the stirrings of our hearts and minds. Let us bless God.

**Blessed be the Lord!**

Strange, surreal, like a high peak where we can look back over the way you have come and ahead to where you have yet to walk. Exciting! Scary! Get ready!

**Blessed be the Lord!**

Where did the time go? Suddenly babies have become young women and men, explorers and natives in a world in which we are aliens.

**Blessed be the Lord! We did our job—coaching, challenging, encouraging, and risking our passion in hope that they would not only turn the tassel, but believe in themselves as gifted, lovable people who are contributors in a world that needs them. Blessed be the Lord!**

Tradition and vision mean so much to us: God, love, justice, faith, hope, kindness, the Ten Commandments, and the Great Commandments. With you, we have continued to learn the ways of peace and life. May the holy and divine Life of the Word be a pathway for you as you commence your journey, and find your way.

**Blessed be the Lord! How good it is, Father, to share this moment on tiptoed expectancy: grateful, alive, feeling whole and entering into the rest of our lives. Thank you for this milestone. Blessed be the Lord! Amen!**

**Hymn:** #580 Lead On O King Eternal

**Scripture Lesson:** 2 Chronicles 1:1-13; James 1:2-8

**Choir Anthem:** Boring Cry

**Children's Song:** #2233 Where Children Belong

**Children's Time:** *Kathy Phillips*

**Message:** "Wisdom of the Ages" ~ *Hank Stamm and congregation*

**Praying for Others and for Ourselves**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Presentation of the Graduates**

**Graduates Prayer**

Father, [God] I have knowledge, so I pray you'll show me now how to use it wisely and find a way somehow to make the world I live in a little better place, and make life, with its problems, a bit easier to face... Grant me faith and courage and put purpose in my days, and show me how to serve Thee in the most effective ways so all my education, my knowledge and my skill, may find their true fulfillment as I learn to do Thy will... And may I ever be aware in everything I do that knowledge comes from learning—and wisdom comes from You.

**Scholarship Awards**

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Graduates Video

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

**Closing Prayer**

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

**Hymn to Go Forth:** #672 God be with you until we meet again

**Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, June 10: Choir Cantata: "Well Seasoned with Praise" and *Holy Communion*

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Updates and Praise

Praise for healthy grandbabies born last week to Mike and Jody Tuinier (Sterling Charles Wilson) and to Mike and Guila Harrison (Briar Campbell Walcott).

### New Requests This Week

Jill Cain (Vera Walker's niece) is having serious blood pressure problems.

### Previous Requests

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Dick (Ron Avis's friend) fell out of a tree and is hospitalized with broken ribs and a collapsed lung.

Burt Heikes is healing from a major leg infection and now has a kidney stone.

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

Baby Holly (Vera Walker's great-great-niece) is gaining every day. She can go home in a few more weeks!

Michael Kohler had a pacemaker/defibrillator implant.

Elton Lang is back home but still requires a lot of nursing care. Please keep him and Flossie in your prayers.

Tim Melvin continues radiation treatments and is very tired.

Dan Moyle (David Eaton's cousin) is recovering from quadruple bypass surgery.

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

Bev Taylor (Julie Taylor's ex-sister-in-law) has been removed from life support and is in Hospice care.

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

Please pray for safety for Cande Vermeulen and her daughter, Kim, as they travel.

Pray for families of Santa Fe students who were killed.

Pray for students who have to face the fear of a shooting in school.

## For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson

David Bretz

Barb Griner

Pat McClelland

Iris McGahan

Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen Parsons

Char Rice

Marv & Kitty Starbuck

Al Thomas

Mina Willett

May 27 Worship attendance: 129

## In Service to Our Country

**Matthew Kohler**

16 Claymore Dr  
Hampton VA 23669

**Major Jeff Kudary**

1049 Willow Circle  
Clarksville TN 37043

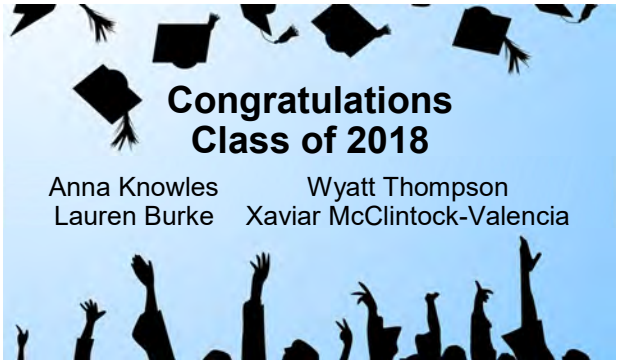
**Ryan Miller** is home

**Walker Polsinelli**

1230 Morehead Pl., Apt 202  
Sumter SC 29150

**Geoff White**

5112 Hickory Ln  
Klamath Falls OR 97601



## Congratulations Class of 2018

Anna Knowles

Lauren Burke

Wyatt Thompson

Xaviar McClintock-Valencia

## This Week's Celebrations

### Birthdays

6/3 Trevor Young

6/4 Lisa Beams

Bill McVeigh

Ryan Miller

Linda Willis

6/5 Beth Aitken

John Wagner

Marian Zimmerman

6/6 Barbara Griner

Matthew Kohler

6/6 Norm Kohler

6/7 Jack Hosner

### Anniversaries

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



## 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.

### You are invited

The children of Bud and Lori Lash invite you to attend the 60th Wedding Anniversary celebration in honor of their parents, on Sunday, June 10, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the Taylor Room. No gifts please.

### Bible Study

We are looking to form study groups to dig in to what God has to say. Please note on the attendance slip if you are interested – including phone and email and best time for classes.

### Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. Friday, June 15.

### Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

June 3: Laverne Swinehart  
June 10:

### Volunteers and pies are needed

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

### Susanna Wesley Circle Luncheon Out

Susanna Wesley Circle Luncheon Out is set for Thursday, June 21, at 11:30 a.m. Meet at Creekside Grille at Angels Crossing Golf Club on W Ave. in Vicksburg.

### Final Crop Walk Update

Thank you to all who donated to and/or participated in the Crop Walk. We have collected \$8,400. Again, thank you!

## This Week's Calendar

### Today - Graduation Sunday

*Michigan Annual Conference in Traverse City*  
8:00 a.m. Graduation Breakfast in the Taylor Room  
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

### Monday, June 4

*no activities are scheduled*

### Tuesday, June 5

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

### Wednesday, June 6

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room  
5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56, HELIX, and RAW  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, June 7

11:00 a.m. UMW Executive Committee in the Library  
12:30 p.m. UMW Lunch in the Taylor Room  
2:00 p.m. Kids Hope party at Tobey School

### Friday, June 8 - Pastor's Day Off

*no activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, June 9

9:00 a.m. Pie and Ice Cream Social on the lawn till 3:00

### Coming Events

#### Sunday, June 10

10:00 a.m. "Well Seasoned with Praise" cantata  
11:00 a.m. Youth Mission Trip fundraiser lunch in the Taylor Room  
2:00 p.m. Bud and Lori Lash anniversary celebration in the Taylor Room

#### Tuesday, June 12

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

#### June 14-19

*Family Camp*

### June food donations

For the month of June, we will be collecting instant oatmeal for Generous Hands and South County Community Services.



Children will not meet for the month of June. We will begin again on July 1, and Miss Laurie will teach that Sunday. July's theme will be prayer.



## Meijer's "Simply Give"

The South County Community Services (SCCS) Pantry has been selected again for the Meijer *Simply Give* program.

When you shop at the

Shaver Road Meijer **until Friday, June 18**, purchase a \$10 *Simply Give* donation card upon checkout. Meijer will double your \$10 donation to \$20 for SCCS. *Simply Give* cards are available at the store and can be used many times to donate.

Your help makes a big difference. Last year SCCS served 4,783 individuals needing help to put nutritious meals on the table.

For more information, visit <http://meijercommunity.com/community-needs/hunger-relief/simply-give/>.





**We need pies, so get those recipes rollin'! See Kathy Phillips.**

**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