

Sunday
June 9, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Pentecost Sunday

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Bold print indicates the people.

*Indicates please stand as able.

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship — *Inspired by Acts 2:1-13*

Come, sing a new song of worship.

Come, sing a new song of praise.

Today is a day of a promise fulfilled.

With joy we celebrate Pentecost.

Pentecost – a day when power and comfort flowed.

Pentecost – a day of hope and inspiration.

A day when the Holy Spirit was revealed in flaming glory and
the glory was given to the people.

The fire of the Holy Spirit lives on in us.

Sing praises!

We sing praises, indeed!

***Opening Hymn: #57** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verses 1-3)

*Opening Prayer

God of grace, You sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the women, upon Mary the mother of Jesus and upon His brothers. Fill Your church with power, kindle flaming hearts within us, and cause us to proclaim Your mighty works that all may call on You and be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen!

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ *Pastor Greg*

Cantata ~ *Chancel Choir*

Sweeter As The Days Go By: A Musical Celebrating Our Christian Journey 1. He Has Made Me Glad (I Will Enter His Gates) with Rejoice, the Lord Is King 2. Let It Be Said of Us 3. Rock of Ages 4. Sweeter as the Days Go By 5. Never Once with Great Is Thy Faithfulness 6. It Is No Secret 7. A New Name in Glory with Just Over in the Gloryland 8. The Longer I Serve Him

Prayer Hymn: #347 Spirit Song

Gifts, tithes, and any prayer requests will be collected by the ushers.

Prayers of the People, and The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving for Pentecost Sunday

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We worship You, holy God, and are in awe of Your creativity. Every language, every dialect, every expression of communication has sprung from the imagination and inspiration of Your Holy Spirit.

Intricate is our design.

You patiently use Your skill to fashion each of us in our mother's womb. We each have our subtle differences. We each have nuances touched by Your divine mystery. We are each wonderfully and fearfully made.

Thank You, Lord!

We are humbled that You call us together as members of Your household. You choose us, long before we accept Your invitation to stay in Your presence.

We humbly come forward and find the place You personally have prepared for us.

And so with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

Living God, You have never wanted to be inaccessible to those You love. This is why You humbled Yourself in Jesus Christ. His human flesh developed in a human mother. Lord Jesus, Mary was the first to feel Your physical presence. Joseph saw Your vulnerability and extended his fatherly protection. King Herod was the first to take uneasy notice of Your political presence. Your cousin John the Baptizer was the first to notice that we are unworthy to be in Your

presence. The Pharisees and the law experts were the first to be troubled by Your fellowship with sinners.

We, like all of the disciples, have been slow to comprehend the full scope of Your grace and mercy in the world.

On the night of Passover, Jesus celebrated in an upper room in Jerusalem. No one was thoughtful enough to stoop so low as to wash His feet. He took no offense, but instead stooped so low as to wash the feet of all who were there.

This type of service is what Jesus invites us to do for others in remembrance of Him.

During the supper Jesus took unleavened bread to remember the plight of ancestral refugees. With prayers of thanksgiving the bread was broken and shared as Jesus said:

"Take eat, this is my body given for you."

This is something Jesus invites us to do along with one another in remembrance of Him. So after the meal, Jesus took the cup to remember God's many acts of mercy poured out upon humanity. With prayers of thanksgiving the cup was shared as Jesus said:

"Drink from this cup all of you, for this is my blood poured out as a surety of God's everlasting promise to show you and the world forgiveness of every sin."

This is something Jesus invites us to do along with one another in remembrance of him.

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith —

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

Whirlwind and Refiner's Fire, pour down upon these gifts of bread and wine and give us the grace of having them become for us the body and blood of Christ to enliven our souls.

Whirlwind and Refiner's Fire, accept the gifts of our life, our love, joy, peace and patience, our kindness, goodness and faithfulness, our gentleness and self control.

And give those around us the grace of having us become for them Your church, the living body and loving bride of Christ to enliven their souls. Whirlwind and Refiner's Fire, fall with power upon all who are gathered here. Allow us to be during this Pentecostal Age, Your new temple. Allow Your river of life to flow from Your throne in their hearts and plant the tree of eternal life along its banks for the healing of the nations. Hear this cry from our hearts.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Holy Spirit, Come! All honor and glory are Yours almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen!

All are invited to come forward to taste the goodness of the Lord. If you desire Communion to be brought to you, an usher will be happy to assist. A gluten-free alternative is also available.

Communion Songs: #420 Breathe On Me, Breath of God
#465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

***Closing Hymn:** #57 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing (verses 4-7)

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Prayer for Family and Friends

Praise

Vern continues to recover from his bypass surgery. Many thanks for all the prayers, phone calls and cards. We are glad to be back with family and friends. ~ *Vern and Aurelia Reed*

Updates and New Requests This Week

Paul Moberly (Susan Moberly-Hayes's father) will have open heart surgery.

Previous Requests

Carol Eaton

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.

The Speelman family (Carol Lohman's friends) are mourning the sudden death of their daughter Alyssa. She was in the United States Navy. Debbi Swinehart will have 2 hip replacements.

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

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.

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Monday, June 17.

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.

This Week's Celebrations

<u>Birthdays</u>		6/14 Nick Tilbury
6/10 Matt Fulton	Gene Zang	6/15 Gage Loghry
6/12 Rachel Ball	Joyce Heath	<u>Anniversaries</u>
6/13 Kathy Hambricht		6/13 Rich & Betsy Myers
		6/15 James & Linda Hulett

In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler	Tyler Smith
Ryan Miller	Geoff White
Walker Polsinelli	

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz	Robert & Carmen
Barb Griner	Parsons
Pat McClelland	Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Beverly Nimmo	Mina Willett

June 2 Worship attendance: 111

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 24-28. 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.

COME OUT OF YOUR SHELL!

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

ATHENS
Paul's Daughters learned to share the truth

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.

This Week's Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. *Worship with Chancel Choir Cantata after church Chancel Choir/Youth Mission Trip Luncheon fundraiser, Taylor Room*

Monday, June 10

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

Tuesday, June 11

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

Wednesday, June 12

10:30 a.m. *Wednesday Winners, Taylor Room*

Thursday, June 13

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

Friday, June 14 - Pastor's Day Off

Family Camping at Lake Michigan Camp

Saturday, June 15

Family Camping at Lake Michigan Camp

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

Next Week

Sunday, June 16—Father's Day

Family Camping at Lake Michigan Camp

Tuesday, June 18

1:00 p.m. *Priscilla Circle picnic at Philports*

Wednesday, June 19

1:00 p.m. *150 Year Celebration Planning, Rm 125*

Thursday, June 20

9:00 a.m. *Kalamazoo County Hearing and Vision Clinic in the Taylor Room*

11:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle luncheon out*

Generous Hands Wish List



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

You are encouraged to attend

One more time: TOMORROW NIGHT is the night!! Church Council, 7:00, Taylor Room. Come and hear the Pastor's and Rachel's comments about the just concluded Annual Conference. Come and hear an update from the Connections Class as to how we compare with other churches in the area. Come and see what suggestions from the Congregation YOU can help to implement! Come and see.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

June 9: Larry and Sally Kohler

June 16:

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.

Thank you

Thank you directors, accompanists, choirs, instrumentalists, and technicians for another great season of wonderful music. ~ *the congregation*

Healing Pray Training available

Training is available from the Kzoo Prayer Center. The next training is on June 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 8740 S. Westnedge, Portage.

The Prayer Center is an affiliate member of the International Association of Healing Rooms in Spokane, WA. Cal and Michelle reopened John G. Lake's Divine Healing Rooms, which closed in 1935. We are one of 3500 healing rooms worldwide. Direct questions regarding this training or the ministry to Prayer@KzooPrayer.org. Register through the website at KzooPrayer.org or Facebook page at Kzoo Prayer Center.

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.



Registration Form

(one form per family)

Parent(s)'s Name(s): _____

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): _____

please see more on the other side