

Sunday  
**July 29, 2018**  
10:00 a.m.

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples;  
serving God's world.



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Plain print indicates worship leader.

**Bold print indicates congregation.**

*\*Indicates please stand as able.*

### Gather to Worship

#### Welcome

#### Ministry Opportunities

#### \*Call to Worship

From the beginning, the Word of Life was present  
**and we welcome that eternal Word to live and thrive among us today.**

In Jesus, the Word of Life, we come to worship God,  
**that our joy may be complete.**

Let us worship the God of light!

**We come to worship God!**

#### \*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Amazing God, Your beauty shines brightly all around us, in the sky above, the earth below, and in the ocean deep. You show Yourself to us cooling our faces and bodies in light drizzling rain, which tickles our skin and drenches our clothes. You show Yourself to us in sweet and savory flavors of apples and peaches, of salty crackers and thousands of different sandwich fillers! You have given us gifts to taste and see, to enjoy and wonder, to respect and look after.

**Lord, we are sorry that we have not always respected or looked after Your gifts as You wish we would. Help us to learn how to be better stewards and teach others to be better too. May we never forget that You reveal Yourself to us through the wonders and beauty of nature and each other. Give us the eyes of Christ to see things as they should be seen, in His name we pray — amen.**

\*Hymn: #369 Blessed Assurance

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 1:1-4

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ Joanne Culver

## The Lord's Prayer

Led by our children

### Sermon: "Things That Are Certain"

First in a sermon series on 1 John, "Walk in the Light"

\*Hymn: #467 Trust and Obey

### Praying for Others and for Ourselves

### Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

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

### \*Prayer of Dedication

**Giver of all gifts, we declare our love for You and we offer You these gifts of money to go and be used for the forwarding of Your kingdom here on earth, here and now. These gifts are symbolic of all that we offer to You, today and always. Amen.**

\*Hymn: #2173 Shine, Jesus, Shine

### \*Blessing

### \*Depart to Serve

Coming up next Sunday, August 5: Second in a sermon series — "*Walk in the Light*" — with 1 John 1:5-2:2. Diana Pomeroy, lay-servant, will be preaching while Pastor Greg is on vacation.

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Praise

Blessings on the marriage of John and Linda Cleveland's daughter, Kathleen, to Michael Mann.

### New Requests This Week

Kayla Daniels (Jeff and Cathy Johnson's niece) has 2 spots on her lungs that will be tested for cancer.

Jim (Mike and Jody Tuinier's friend) needs prayer as his fiancé, Kim, passed away due to cancer.

Tyler Lynch needs prayer as his cat died.

Tim and Lynne Melvin and family need prayer as their niece, Karrie Melvin, passed away due to illness.

Randy Myers (Georgia Rolfe's brother) is hospitalized with severe kidney infection and blood infection.

### Previous Requests

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Derek (Lynne Melvin's co-worker) has a new tumor in his lung, and the cancer has spread to his liver.

Janet and Hugh Forster (Chuck and Lois Myers's sister and brother-in-law) need prayer as Hugh has Parkinson's and fell and broke his wrist.

Betty and Joe Gruber and family at the loss of Betty's brother, Jim Miller  
Steve Harris (Dessie's son) has bipolar, and every day is hard.

Michelle (Andrea Read's friend) is struggling to control her blood sugar.

Sandy and Dan Minger and family need prayer as Sandy's sister, Barb Hansen, passed away.

Sharon (Cande Vermeulen's friend) is undergoing chemo treatments.

Julie and June Taylor and family need prayer as their sister, Sherry, passed away due to a car accident.

Julie Taylor is recovering from additional surgery on her leg.

June Taylor's brain tumor treatment will be in Pittsburgh.

Don Tuinier (Mike's brother) was diagnosed with esophageal cancer about a month ago and now only has a matter of days left. Please lift his wife, Lisa, and the entire family in prayer.

Vera Walker's nephew has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

Wally Walsworth (former VUMC pastor) fell and injured his hip. He is in a lot of pain.

## In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler	Walker Polsinelli
Jeff Kudary	Tyler Smith
Ryan Miller	Geoff White

## This Week's Celebrations

<b><u>Birthdays</u></b>	8/2 Nancy Herson
7/29 Marvin Starbuck	8/3 October Moberley
7/30 Jeremy Howard	8/4 Nick Cron
Tom Hoy	Amy Moberley
8/1 Abby Hamilton	Vicki Worthington

## Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 1.

## Holiday Progressive Dinner is back

Plan now and save the date: December 8.

We will need **3** homes to volunteer for a course. Contact Betsy Myers at 269-207-5212 if you can host appetizers, salads, or desserts.

Plan now so you have plenty of time to clean and decorate for December 8.

## Matter of Balance class

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. This class will be held at VUMC Mondays, Aug. 6-27, and Fridays, Aug. 10-31, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. all days. You must preregister at South County Community Services, 649-2901. For more information, contact Kelly Milliman at 373-5021.

## No Sew What Now God for July

There will be no Sew What Now God sewing for the month of July, but we will rejoin for the month of August at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

## 24-Hour Prayer Vigil

For the next several weeks, we would like to have prayer for our church, our church family, and others for 24 hours a day, if possible. If you would like to sign up for an hour (as many as you would like), please write your name in available spaces on the chart near the welcome center.

## This Week's Calendar

### Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary  
*There will not be POP! for children*

1:00 p.m. Tuinier baby shower in the Taylor Room

### Monday, July 30

*no activities are scheduled*

### Tuesday, July 31

*no activities are scheduled*

### Wednesday, August 1

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room

1:00 p.m. Caring Ministries in the Library

### Thursday, August 2

11:00 a.m. UMW Executive Committee mtg, Library

12:30 p.m. UMW general meeting, Taylor Room

### Friday, August 3 - Pastor's Day Off

*no activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, August 4

*no activities are scheduled*

## Coming Events

### Monday, August 6

12:00 p.m. Election setup in the FLC

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance class, Taylor Room

6:30 p.m. VBS training in the Sanctuary

### Tuesday, August 7

*all day State Primary elections in the FLC*

7:00 p.m. Trustees in the Library

### Thursday, August 9

10:00 a.m. UMW Sewing for Missions, Taylor Room

5:30 p.m. Preschool Board in the Library

6:30 p.m. Scouts District Round Table, Taylor Rm

### Friday, August 10

1:00 p.m. Matter of Balance class, Taylor Room

## Teen volunteers are needed

Teen helpers are needed for POP! on Sunday mornings. Please text Laurie Nic if you can help during August - 269.598.2264.

## Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

July 29: Joe and Betty Gruber



## 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

Liz Anderson  
David Bretz  
Barb Griner  
Pat McClelland  
Iris McGahan

Beverly Nimmo  
Robert & Carmen Parsons  
Marv & Kitty Starbuck  
Al Thomas  
Mina Willett

Today's altar flowers are provided by  
Joe and Betty Gruber in honor of cancer victims  
and survivors

July 22 Worship attendance: 138



There will be no POP! today,  
as it is the 5th Sunday of  
the month.  
In August, we will explore  
Jesus being our rock, the  
foundation of our lives.  
The wise child builds her/  
his house upon The ROCK!


Thursday  
**PLAY GYM**  
10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.



Fun, inexpensive  
"play with me" group for  
1- to 5-year-olds and  
their favorite adult.


Next session begins **Sept. 6.**  
Class sizes are limited so be sure to register  
early by calling the church at 269-649-2343.

We are collecting school  
supplies for Generous  
Hands and South County  
Community Services.



Have you ever  
wondered...

Vacation  
Bible  
School



...what it was like to live in Bible times?  
...if that guy in the den of lions really survived?  
...how the three friends lived through a fire?

Find the answers to these questions—  
and more—in ancient Babylon!

**Vicksburg United Methodist Church**  
August 13-16 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.  
For more information, call 269.649.2343