

Sunday
August 12, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Hank Stamm

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

How great is the love that the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God.

The reason the world does not know us is that it does not know him.

Beloved, now we are God's children; what we will be has not yet been made known.

But we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Day by day, God leads us:

to the deep, deep pools of peace, to the green, lush lawns of grace.

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

to pour out ourselves in service, to anoint the stranger with hope.

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

the community we could be, the family we are called to become. Amen.

*Hymn: #141 Children of the Heavenly Father

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7, 16-24

*Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Video: "Hard Knock Life" Annie (1982)

Children's Time ~ Hank Stamm

The Lord's Prayer led by our children

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will go with Laurie Nic to POP!

Message: "Adopted" ~ *Hank Stamm*

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

***Hymn:** #2233 Where Children Belong

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

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

***Prayer of Dedication**


Gracious God, we joyously place before you our offerings. May these gifts support our ministry so that others may gather in your name and follow your path of love and peace. We, your beloved children, seek to be "imitators of God" and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** #206 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, August 19: fourth in the sermon series — "*Walk in the Light*" — with 1 John 4:7-21.



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.



In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler
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Ryan Miller is home

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Sumter SC 29150

Tyler Smith

Geoff White
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This Week's Celebrations


Birthdays

8/12 Iris McGahan	8/18 Brady Young
8/13 Joanne Culver	<u>Anniversaries</u>
8/16 Harley Hill	8/13 Don & Charlene
8/17 Jackson Hambright	Dailey
8/18 Doug Smith	Lee & Jean Philport

For Cheer and Hello

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

August 5 Worship attendance: 111



In August, we are exploring Jesus being our rock, the foundation of our lives. This program, intended for children age 3 to third grade, encourages kids to worship God using their whole body. Children leave the adult worship service right after the kids' message and are returned back to service after the offering.

Please be sure your child has a name tag with age or grade.

Prayer for Family and Friends

Praise

Major Jeff Kudary has retired from the military.

Thank you, Jeff, for serving!

Jerry Miller (Betty Gruber's nephew) passed away last Saturday, but he did make peace with God before he died. Praise God!

Updates and New Requests This Week

Pray for safe travel for Pastor Greg and family.

Pray for the family of Bill deDie, who passed away.

Pray for the Jourdan and Hardy families.

Gordon Oswald was hospitalized this past week.

Previous Requests

Diane Brandon (June Taylor's neighbor) needs prayer.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

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.

Noni Heikes and her group of students will go to South Africa to work with wildlife veterinarians.

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.

Melanie (Andrea Read's friend), mother of three young girls, is undergoing chemo.

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

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

Dee Morton needs prayer as doctors try to learn what is causing her to be so tired.

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

Mary Stenstrom was hospitalized with congestive heart failure.

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.

Al Thomas passed away. Please pray for Margie and all the family.

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

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

Pray for all the leaders, the USA, and the whole world.

This Week's Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, August 13

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School*

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

Tuesday, August 14

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School*

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

Wednesday, August 15

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School*

Thursday, August 16

9:00 a.m. *Vacation Bible School*

Friday, August 17

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

Saturday, August 18

8:30 a.m. *Loaves & Fishes in the FLC till 10:00a*

Next Week

Monday, August 20

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

7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee in the Library*

Tuesday, August 21

6:30 p.m. *SPRC in the Library*

Wednesday, August 22

7:00 p.m. *Worship Committee in the Library*

Friday, August 24

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

Ushers are needed for a few weeks

We are looking for volunteers to usher for Aug. 19, 26, and Sept. 4. Our regular ushers, Joe and Betty Gruber, are going on vacation. Please contact Lori Ensing 649-1557.

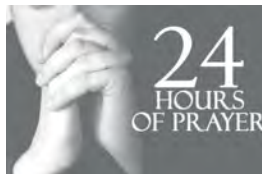
Holiday Progressive Dinner is back

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.

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.

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 need a couple, a family, or a group to take over Sunday morning coffee hour. This is a very important ministry to our church, as it is a time to get to know your church family. The job involves set up, supplies, and clean up. Call Vera Walker, 327-4869, for information.



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.



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It's the
"mane"
event!

Hang out with Daniel and discover what incredible adventures he had as a captive in Babylon!

Place your Christmas events on the calendar

If you have something planned for the months of November and/or December that needs to be on the church calendar, please get that information to Polly in the church office as soon as possible. Outside groups are requesting building reservations, and we want to be sure you get priority. Call 649-2343 or email reception@vicksburgumc.org.

Coming deadlines

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

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Aug. 12:
Aug. 19: Marshall Linebaugh

Kzoo Prayer Center is looking for a volunteer

Kzoo Prayer Center is looking for a volunteer who has the gifts of hospitality and administration. Hours are Monday evenings from 5:00 to 8:30. The tasks include managing paperwork and greeting people. Contact Peggy Bird at 269-649-1005.

Vicksburg United Methodist Church

THIS WEEK

Monday-Thursday 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
For more information, call 269.649.2343