

Sunday
August 18, 2019
10:00 a.m.

Tenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Bold print indicates the people.

*Indicates please stand as able.

Psalms: "God Is My Rock"

Prelude

Welcome, Announcements, and Ministry Opportunities

***Call to Worship:**—*Based on Psalm 92 and Psalm 95*

Come, let us sing to Yahweh;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into the Divine presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

It is good to give You thanks, O Yahweh;

To sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,

and Your faithfulness by night,

to the music of the lute and harp,

to the melody of the lyre.

For You, O God, have made us glad by Your work;

At the works of Your hands we sing for joy.

***Opening Prayer**—*Based on Psalm 92, Psalm 95, and Psalm 19:14*

Holy, Creating, Creative God,

We sing from the depths of our sorrow.

We sing from the abundance of our joy.

We sing in voices separate and unique.

We sing with one voice as Your body.

**May the words of our mouths, whether in speech or song,
and the meditations of our hearts, whether in prose or
poetry, be pleasing in Your sight. Amen.**

***Song: #144** This Is My Father's World

Scripture: Psalm 19

Song: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ *Hank Stamm*

**Prayer Before the Sermon—Based on Psalm
19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

Creator God, we listen as the heavens
declare Your glory, we seek to likewise sing
of Your glory.

**And yet sometimes our words fall short.
Our very actions cause us to fall on our
face.**

Lord, even if we appear foolish to the world,
let us proclaim Christ crucified.

**May we burn with zeal for You, that we let
nothing get in our way of telling others
about Jesus.**

Lord, let Your presence be in us, around us,
breathing new life into us so that we may do
this work You have called us to.

**Now let the words of our mouths and the
meditation of our hearts be acceptable
to You, O LORD, our rock and our
redeemer.**

Sermon: “My Rock and My Redeemer”

***Prayer Song:** #2002 I Will Call Upon the Lord
The ushers will collect prayer requests.

Hearing Joys and Concerns

Dwelling in Prayer

*Speak your heart to God, bringing to God the
needs and concerns of your life, family,
work, and church. Here are some
suggestions to include in this time of prayer:
for the eyes to see God’s work in the world
around us; for God’s care and comfort in a
creation that groans; for veterinarians,
zookeepers, and Department of Natural
Resources officers.*

The Lord’s Prayer

Offertory

***Doxology:** #70 Glory Be to the Father

***Closing Song:** #569 We’ve a Story to Tell to
the Nations

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

Prayer for Family and Friends

Praise

Thank you, Lord, for job opportunities for me and
Ryan. I hope we both serve you and our church
and our community to the best of our ability.
You amaze me in your generosity and how
easy you made my transition out of Bronson!
~ Kris Miller

Updates and New Requests This Week

Cynda Buckallew is recovering from surgery at
her son Jeff’s in Traverse City. She thanks you
for the many prayers.

Elizabeth Heikes went to U of M Monday for an-
other hip injection. Please pray for lasting pain
relief.

Amy Hofmeister (former member) had emergency
surgery last week for intestinal problems.

Colleen Kiley’s brother-in-law is recovering from
bone stem cell transplant and is doing well, but
he has heart problems.

Flossie Lang is sore from a minor fall.

Joanne Larson (Debbie Swinehart’s friend) has
been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Joel and Brenda Nelson (Beth Griner’s friends)
are recovering from a motorcycle accident.
They are at Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids.
Betty Witcher has a back injury. She can’t have
visitors, but cards would be appreciated. Her
address is: The Fountains, 1700 Bronson Way
Apt. 229, Kalamazoo MI 49009.

Previous Requests

Carol Eaton is recovering from surgery. Your
thoughts and prayers are appreciated.
Please continue to pray for appropriate housing
and work for Elizabeth Heikes.

Ken Heikes is recovering from knee replacement
surgery.

David Morton (Dee’s grandson) is 13 years old
and is being bullied. He is small for his age and
has some health issues. Please pray for David.
Please pray for the family of Max Speelman, who
passed away.

Debbie Swinehart is in excessive pain and sched-
uled to have hip replacement surgery Aug. 26
in Tucson, AZ. Please pray for coping skills and
successful surgery.

**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.

Generous Hands Wish List



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

Special Church Council meeting

EVERYONE is invited to attend the Church Council special meeting this Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Taylor Room. Meet Kristin Flynn and ask whatever questions you have about the direction of the church.

Thank you

Thanks to all who supported the Summer Salad Supper. 38 people attended, and we raised \$238 for Ministry Shares. Everyone had nice visits, delicious food, and entertainment by Arden.

In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler
Ryan Miller
Walker Polsinelli

Tyler Smith
Geoff White

For Cheer and Hello

David Bretz
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland
Beverly Nimmo

Robert & Carmen
Parsons
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Mina Willett

Weekly Donations

Needed each week

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

Received Aug 7-12

General Fund:
\$ 3,250.50
Building Fund:
\$ 429.00

This Week's Calendar

Today

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. High School Youth in the youth rooms

Monday, August 19

no activities are scheduled

Tuesday, August 20

1:00 p.m. Priscilla Circle at Kathy Moore's house
2:00 p.m. Sew What Now God, Taylor Room
7:00 p.m. Special Church Council with Kristin Flynn in the Taylor Room

Wednesday, August 21

no activities are scheduled

Thursday, August 22

no activities are scheduled

Friday, August 23 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities are scheduled

Saturday, August 24

9:00 a.m. UMW District Executive Team planning in the Library and Taylor Room

Next Week

Monday, August 26

6:00 p.m. Preschool Parent meeting in the Preschool area
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee in the Library
7:00 p.m. Worship Committee in the Library
8:00 p.m. SPRC in the Library

Tuesday, August 27

6:00 p.m. Preschool Parent meeting in the Preschool area

Coming deadlines

- Items for the September newsletter are due in the church office by Monday, Aug. 26.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3.

Needed: more disciples!

"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." This is VUMC's mission. It's why we're here. If you have a passion for the gospel (even if you're willing to get a passion) and an earnest desire to see Christ change lives through this church, you are invited to join us on this journey, going forward to be and do what God wants us to be and do. New member orientation will be in September. Interested? Pray about this — and let's talk. Call Pastor Greg at the church (269-649-2343) or e-mail (gpculver@-mac.com). You can even approach him today!

Apprentice Class starting in September

Beginning Sept. 12, Apprentice Class will continue the "Good and Beautiful" series. The Thursday afternoon class will meet at 1:00 in the church Library, and the Thursday evening class will meet at 7:00 in the Fish Room. If you are interested in attending the classes, please write Apprentice Class next to your name on the friendship sheet.

Just a reminder

UMCOR needs your monetary support as it works for the victims of floods and tornados. Remember, UMCOR is in it for the long haul, long after others have left.

Concert at Klines Resort

The Foresters will be appearing on Sunday, Sept. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Klines Resort Clubhouse, 22260 Klines Resort Rd., Three Rivers, 5 miles south of Vicksburg on Silver St. If you plan to attend, you will need to bring a lawn chair or blanket to this outdoor concert. An ice cream social will follow, and a free-will offering will be taken to support their ministry.

Program to manage falls

A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals for increasing activity, make changes to reduce fall risks at home, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

The next sessions are here at VUMC Tuesdays and Fridays, Sept. 10 to Oct. 4, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required by contacting South County Community Services, 269-649-2901, or Kelly Milliman, Area Agency on Aging, 269-373-5021.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

8/18	Doug Smith	8/22	Carol Lohman
	Brady Young	8/23	Brad Fenwick
			Marlie Hossink
8/19	Nancy Fulton	8/24	Mark Harrison
	Sally Kohler		
	Daniel Zonyk		
8/20	Sue McClish		
8/21	Rexalee Goecker		
	Bonnie Holmes		
	Kara Nic		

Anniversaries

8/20	Steve & Lori Ensing
8/23	Doug & Dorothy Smith
8/24	Ken & Doreen Akins

The Monday Breakfast Table

Coffee and donuts with friends. Juice and muffins with neighbors. What a great way to begin your week.

Come join us Monday mornings between 7 & 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center (gymnasium) at Vicksburg United Methodist Church.

Starting date:

Monday September 9th

Time:

Mondays from
7:00-9:00 a.m.

Cost:

donation



Kalamazoo Gospel Mission bread drive

We are continuing to collect bread for The Kalamazoo Gospel Mission. If you would like to contribute, please bring loaves of sliced white bread to the church, and they will be delivered.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Aug. 18: Marshall Linebaugh

Aug. 25: Joe & Betty Gruber

Prayer requests are available by phone

You can hear the weekly prayer requests by calling the church (649-2343) before 9:00 a.m. and after 1:00 p.m. When the answering machine answers, enter 370.

United Methodist Women and Supporters

It's not too late to pay your pledges to UMW if it happened to slip your mind. Please make checks payable to Vicksburg UMW. Thank you so much!

August 11 Worship attendance: 104