

Sunday  
**August 19, 2018**  
10:00 a.m.

## Thirteenth 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

Love

**one another.**

Love

**because love is from God.**

Love

**because God is love.**

Love

**because God loves us.**

Love

**as God loves us.**

Love

**one another.**

Love, love, love. It's all we ever talk about from pulpit to pew, in prayer and poetry, in song and Scripture. Love, love, love. It's all Jesus ever talks about as He walks about healing and holding, calling and comforting, chiding and challenging.

Love, love, love. It's all our story is about from before time started ticking to the timeless mystery of beyond, from a call to desert wanderings to a garden bursting with life. Love, love, love. It's all God is about. And to know love, to show love, to give love, all we need is God.

**God is all we need.**

#### \*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord God, You are a God of love; a God of peace; a faithful God. You love us each and every day. We love, because You first loved us. Lord God, You sent Jesus to Your world to wrap love in flesh; to show us how to love one another just as You love us.

**Holy Spirit, You surround us and embrace us; You inspire us and guide us; You challenge us to love everyone, every day. But it is not easy. We try but we do not always get it right. We try to love, often in our own way and not Your way. We give up on people too easily and walk away. For the times that we have failed to love and allow others to love us, forgive us. Holy God, help us to love one another, help us to forgive others, just as You have forgiven us. Lord, may we answer Your call, as commanded by Your Son with the guidance of Your Spirit. So be it. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verses 1 & 2)**

**Scripture Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21**

**Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong**

**Children's Time ~ Pastor Greg**

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will go with Therisa Gruber to POP!

**Sermon: "Love Drives Out Fear"**

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

**\*Hymn: #172 My Jesus, I Love Thee**

**Praying for Others and for Ourselves**

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**


**May all we offer this day of ourselves or our finances be an outpouring of love for You and Your world. May our offerings bring love to the unloved, compassion to the needy and provision for those who go without. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #170 O How I Love Jesus**

**\*Blessing**


**\*Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, Aug. 26: Fifth in a sermon series — "Walk in the Light" — with 1 John 5:1-6.



**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 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.**

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

Today's altar flowers are provided by Aileen Greanya.

August 12 Worship attendance: 81

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Updates and New Requests This Week

Pray for safe travels as Tom and Beth Aitken drive June Taylor to Pittsburg for her procedure.

Pray for safe travels for Joe and Betty Gruber as they vacation in Alaska.

Paul Moberly (Sue Hayes's dad) is back in Bronson for heart and bleeding problems.

Bonnie and Gordon Oswalt and family are mourning the loss of Bonnie's brother.

Pray for the family of Kathy Shelton, who passed away this week.

June Taylor's brain tumor treatment will be Tuesday at 5:30 a.m. in Pittsburgh.

The Tuinier family is mourning the loss of Mike's brother, Donald.

### Previous Requests

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

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

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

Pray for the Jourdan and Hardy families.

Pray for Noni Heikes and her students as they work with wildlife veterinarians in South Africa.

Jim (Mike and Jody Tuinier's friend) is mourning the loss of his fiancé, Kim.

Tyler Lynch is mourning the loss of his cat.

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

Tim and Lynne Melvin and family are mourning the loss of their niece, Karrie Melvin.

Dee Morton's doctors are trying to learn what is causing her to be so tired.

Randy Myers (Georgia Rolfe's brother) has severe kidney infection and blood infection.

Gordon Oswalt has been ill.

Mary Stenstrom has been ill.

Margie Thomas and family are mourning the loss of her husband, Al.

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

### **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.

## This Week's Calendar

### **Today**

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

### **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**

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

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

### **Wednesday, August 22**

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

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

### **Thursday, August 23**

*no activities are scheduled*

### **Friday, August 24 - Pastor's Day Off**

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

### **Saturday, August 25**

*no activities are scheduled*

### Next Week

### **Monday, August 27**

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

6:30 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*

7:00 p.m. *2019 Mission Trip information meeting in the Sanctuary*

### **Tuesday, August 28**

*Funeral and lunch for Julie and June*

*Taylor's sister, Sherry*

### **Thursday, August 30**

4:30 p.m. *Community Tailgate at Vicksburg High School*

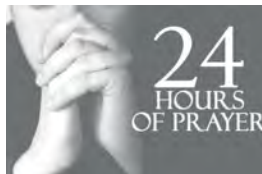
### **Friday, August 31**

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

## **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.

## **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.



This Week's Celebrations			
<b><u>Birthdays</u></b>			
8/19	Nancy Fulton	8/23	Marlie Hossink
	Sally Kohler	8/24	Mark Harrison
	Daniel Zonyk	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>	
8/20	Sue McClish	8/20	Steve & Lori Ensing
8/21	Rexalee Goecker	8/23	Doug & Dorothy Smith
	Bonnie Holmes	8/24	Ken & Doreen Akins
	Kara Nic	8/25	Kip & Tamara Young
8/22	Carol Lohman		
8/23	Brad Fenwick		



### In Service to Our Country

**Matthew Kohler**  
16 Claymore Dr  
Hampton VA 23669

**Ryan Miller** is home

**Walker Polsinelli**  
1230 Morehead Pl., Apt 202  
Sumter SC 29150

**Tyler Smith**

**Geoff White**  
5112 Hickory Ln  
Klamath Falls OR 97601

### Ushers are needed for a few weeks

We are looking for volunteers to usher for Aug. 26 and Sept. 2. Our regular ushers, Joe and Betty Gruber, are on vacation. Please contact Lori Ensing 649-1557.

### 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.

### 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

- Church Council submissions are due Tuesday, Aug. 21. Please email your Council/committee/board minutes to Polly by the end of that day.
- Newsletter items are due in the church office by the end of the day Monday, Aug. 27.
- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 Tuesday, Sept. 4.

### Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Aug. 19: Marshall Linebaugh  
Aug. 26:

### 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.