

Sunday
August 26, 2018
10:00 a.m.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Greg

Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

*Call to Worship

We gather to worship the One who crafted creation out of chaos,

our cries of joy join the anthems of the universe.

We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us voice,
we bring the songs which have echoed in our hearts all week long.

We gather as the children of God, our joy unbroken in God's love;

young and old, tone deaf and perfect-pitched,
lift the songs of faith.

*Prayer of the Day

You, God, raise Your hand and gently begin the concerto of creation: birds carry the melody while stars keep the beat; mountains dance in merriment and little children clap their hands with joy.

Love's Composer, our new songs are lifted to You.

The old, old song is made new in our hearts:

Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia!

You invite us to sing to a world deafened by despair and haunted by the tunes of fear.

Lord of the Dance, our new songs are lifted to You.

Believing we cannot carry a tune, we hesitate to join in the chorus of praise sung by all creation.

So, You softly and gently hum the melody in our hearts until they burst with You, raising a rousing chorus of Amazing Grace.

Music-making Spirit, our new songs are lifted to You.

Every song, old and new, is offered to You, God in Community, Holy in One, even as we lift the prayer Jesus teaches, Our Father . . .

***Hymn:** #553 We Shall Overcome

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ *Joanne Culver*

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will go with Jolene Cron to POP!

Sermon: "One in the Spirit; One in the Lord"

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

***Hymn:** #2223 They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Almighty God, Giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to give to You all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise You not with our words only, but with our whole lives. In Jesus' name, amen!

***Hymn:** #514 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, Sept. 2: Last in a sermon series — "*Walk in the Light*" — with 1 John 5:9-13.
Holy Communion will be celebrated!

Prayer for Family and Friends

Praise

Praises for the healthy birth of grandbaby number 1 to Holly and Steve Fryling. Mom and baby girl, Cipriano, are doing well.

Updates and New Requests This Week

Please pray for Bonnie Oswalt and all the family at the loss of Gordon this week and Bonnie's brother recently.

June Taylor is recovering from brain tumor treatment.

Please pray for successful treatments of pancreatic cancer for Vera Walker's nephew.

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

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

Pray for the Jourdan and Hardy families.

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

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

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

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

Mary Stenstrom has been ill.

Margie Thomas and family are mourning the loss of Al.

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

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



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



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

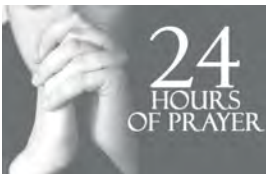
whole body. Children leave the adult worship service right after the kids' message and are returned back to service after the offering.

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

Today's altar flowers are provided by Fred and JoDee Nelson in honor of their 26th wedding anniversary.

August 19 Worship attendance: 96

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

Monday, August 27

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

6:00 p.m. *Preschool parent meetings*

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

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

Tuesday, August 28

12:00 p.m. *Funeral and lunch for Julie and June*

Taylor's sister, Sherry Blackmun

NO SEW WHAT NOW GOD

6:00 p.m. *Preschool parent meetings*

7:00 p.m. *Priscilla Circle in the Taylor Room*

Wednesday, August 29

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

Thursday, August 30

4:30 p.m. *Community Tailgate at the high school*

Friday, August 31 - Pastor's Day Off

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

Saturday, September 1

no activities are scheduled

Next Week

Monday, September 3

Labor Day — offices will be closed

Tuesday, September 4

7:00 p.m. *Trustees in the Library*

Wednesday, September 5

6:00 p.m. *Handbell Choir practice in the Sanctuary*

7:00 p.m. *Choir practice in the Sanctuary*

Thursday, September 6

10:00 a.m. *Play Gym in the FLC*

10:00 a.m. *UMW Executive Committee in the Library*

12:30 p.m. *UMW General meeting, Taylor Room*

6:00 p.m. *Play Gym in the FLC*

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.

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. Outside groups are requesting building reservations, and we want to be sure you get priority. Call 649-2343 or email reception@vicksburgumc.org.

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

Birthdays

8/28 J.R. Fulton
 Marlene Sherman
 8/29 Mike Hamilton
 8/31 Jo Ann Cain

9/1 Kylie Tuinier

Anniversaries

8/28 Fred & JoDee Nel-
 son
 9/1 Ryan & Kris Miller

Ushers are needed for next week

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

Coming deadlines

- Newsletter items are due in the church office
 by the end of the day tomorrow.
- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 Tuesday,
 Sept. 4.

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.

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.

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



There will be no Sew
 What Now God
 sewing group this
 week due to a funeral
 luncheon.

**Sunday
 Worship Schedule
 beginning September 9**

**9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship**