

Sunday  
**September 9, 2018**  
10:30 a.m.

## Sixteenth 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

Uncovered we come before God,  
**but we want more than Eden can offer, so we listen to the  
voices of this world.**

So, God comes to us and lovingly clothes us.

**Let us wear the clothes of God and not of the world: the  
belt of truth; the breastplate of righteousness; the shoes  
of Gospel peace; the shield of faith; the helmet of  
salvation.**

Uncovered we are no more, so let us wear the clothes of God.

**Let us worship God our Creator and Redeemer.**

#### \*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Holy One, Maker of heaven and earth, of sun, moon and stars,  
of all that lives and moves and has physical being, we praise  
You, Lord. We thank You for life. We are in awe of the  
attention You give us, of the love You bestow upon us, of the  
gifts You freely give us.

**Our bodies are frail, aging, used and worn easily, our  
minds are creative, thinking and always alert, our spirits  
lie deep within us aware of Your Spirit and seeking to find  
connection with You.**

Living God, Your breath gives life to all. Your Spirit flows freely  
around and within us. Your desire to connect with us is  
eternal and active.

**Lord, You know our deepest faults, You are aware of our  
failings, and yet You love us. Forgive us, Lord, for those  
times when we let You down, when we let other people  
down, when we let ourselves down.**

Forgive us and help us to learn from our mistakes to begin  
again, to try harder to get it right.

**Lord, we know right from wrong but we do not always want it. We enjoy being tempted, and we like being rebellious.**

Help us, Lord, to find our true joy in following You.

**Help us to rebel against the world and be the rebel You made us to be.**

So be it.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** #265 O Christ, the Healer (verse 1)

**Scripture Lesson:** Genesis 3:1-24

**Anthem:** Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

**Hymn:** #2233 Where Children Belong

**Children's Time** ~ *Pastor Greg*

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

**Sermon:** "The Choices We Make"

**\*Hymn:** #383 This Is a Day of New Beginnings (verses 1-4)

**Praying for Others and for Ourselves**

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Offertory: The Lord's Prayer

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

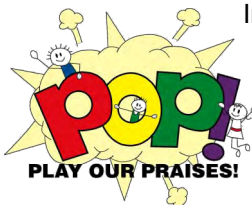
**Generous God, giver of all gifts, what can we bring? What do You desire of us? We bring our money as a sign and symbol of our very selves. You deserve our all. Take and use this money for the work of Your kingdom, at home and abroad. May it be used creatively and wisely. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:** #314 In the Garden

**\*Blessing**


**\*Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, September 16: "The Bible's First Hero", Genesis 4:1-24



In September, children age 3 to third grade will be learning about many Bible characters that were faithful because they put their trust in the one true God. Children leave the adult worship service right after the kids' message and are returned to service after the offering.

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



**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	

This Week's Celebrations	
<b><u>Birthdays</u></b>	9/15 Susan Moberly-Hayes
9/9 Carla Bland	Kourtney Moore
9/11 Todd Janer	
9/14 Paige Janer	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
Tamara Young	9/14 Carl & Denice Pauli
9/15 Cynda Buckallew	Loren & Holly
Rodger Hughey	Tarner

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Updates and New Requests This Week

Jane (Noni Heikes's friend) is from Zimbabwe, working in South Africa to earn enough money to build a house for her family.

Dora Phillips (Steve's mom) fell and has a broken pelvis. She needs bed rest and therapy.

Judy Pryor (Tamra Stafford's friend) is hospitalized with broken ribs, pelvis and finger and is mourning the loss of her husband, Todd, as the result of a motorcycle accident they were in.

Prayers for all students, teachers, and staff to begin a great school year.

### Previous Requests

Phyllis Barrett needs prayer.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Wayne (Lori and Bud Lash's 3-year-old grandson) has kidney problems.

Dick and Maxine Melvin (Lynne Melvin's parents-in-law) need prayer. Dick is on dialysis three times a week, and his health seems to be failing. His wife drives him to and from the treatments and is his caregiver/nurse.

Dottie Moberly (Sue Moberly-Hayes's mom) is recovering from leg surgery and is having a fib heart trouble.

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

Please pray for Bonnie Oswald and all the family at the loss of Gordon.

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

June Taylor is recovering from brain tumor treatment.

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

Trisha and Rob VanTichelt and family are mourning the loss of Trisha's mother. Trisha was our former secretary/finance person.

Vera Walker's nephew lost his battle with cancer. Please pray for his wife and all the family.

## 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

*Priscilla Circle Bake Sale*

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

### Monday, September 10

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

### Tuesday, September 11

*12:30 p.m. Staff meeting in the Library*

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

6:30 p.m. RAW (high school youth) in Room 107

*6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting in the FLC*

### Wednesday, September 12

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

2:45 p.m. SHED (middle school outreach), Rm 107

5:00 p.m. HELIX (middle school youth), Room 107

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

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

### Thursday, September 13

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

5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade), Rm 107

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

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

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

### Friday, September 14 - Pastor's Day Off

*no activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, September 15

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

### Monday through Friday

9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. Heart & Hands Preschool

### Next Week

#### Monday, September 17

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

#### Tuesday, September 18

*6:30 p.m. Scout Den meeting in the FLC*

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

#### Thursday, September 20

*9:30 a.m. Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room*

#### Friday, September 21

*10:00 a.m. Red Cross Blood Drive till 5:00, FLC*

## "Beginnings" Bible Study

David and Laurie Nic will lead a 12-week "Beginnings" Bible study on Sundays from 7:00-8:00 p.m., starting Sept. 23.

Some in the class have much Bible knowledge to start. Some have very little. No worries. ALL are welcome and ALL will be fed (both physically AND spiritually!).

Please contact David Nic, 269-823-5188, with any questions or to sign up and order your book. (He welcomes your text messages, or just call and leave a voice message.)



## 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.

## Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 Monday, Sept. 17.
- Minutes and reports for the Church Council are due in the church office by Tuesday, Sept. 18.
- The first 2019 Mission Trip payment is due by Sept. 21 (\$100).
- Newsletter items are due by Monday, Sept. 24.

## Tab, lids project is discontinuing

Please have all metal pop tabs and lids to the church by Sept. 24, as this program will be discontinued after this date. We will keep you posted as to when it will resume. Thank you to all who participated in this meaningful project that helped the Community House. Please continue to place pop cans in the collection barrel at the church entrance.

## Place your events on the calendar

If you have something planned 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@vicks-burgumc.org](mailto:reception@vicks-burgumc.org).

## Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Sept. 9: Joe and Betty Gruber  
Sept. 16:

Today's acolytes are  
Gabriel Cleveland and Xavier Cleveland

September 2 Worship attendance: 102



## In Service to Our Country

**Matthew Kohler**

16 Claymore Dr  
Hampton VA 23669

**Ryan Miller** is home

**Walker Polsinelli**

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Sumter SC 29150

**Tyler Smith**

**Geoff White**

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Klamath Falls OR 97601

## Red Cross Blood Drive

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. One donation can help save the lives of up to three people.

You can help by giving blood on Friday, Sept. 21, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Register online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or by calling 1-800-733-2767. Walk-ins are always welcome!

Volunteers to work the Blood Drive are also needed. Set up is from 9 to 10 a.m., and tear down is from 5 to 6 p.m. No heavy lifting is involved. Shift workers are needed to help with signing in donors and assist with nourishment. Please call Jessica Hawkins at 275-3557.

Food donations are also needed: cookies, breads, 100% juice, veggies, fruit, cheese, crackers. Please call June French at 649-3374.



**stewardship**

Have you thought about that lately?  
Your financial stewardship responsibilities to VUMC? "Rich Church Poor Church" suggests we think about it all the time!  
Our stewardship campaign is coming!

**Think about it!**

Donations + fantastic prices + volunteers =

## OUR FALL RUMMAGE SALE!



### Drop off dates:

Monday, September 24  
9:00 to 6:00  
Tuesday, September 25  
9:00 to noon

### Sale Dates:

Wednesday, **September 26**  
9:00 to 6:00  
Thursday, **September 27**  
9:00 to 2:00 (note new closing time)

**Needed:** Clean, gently-used clothing, electronics, jewelry, tools, toys, decorations, books, magazines, movies, CD, small appliances, furniture, household items, crafts, etc.! Clean, large paper grocery bags and food for the workers!

**We also need YOU! Men and women – YOU choose the days and hours – no previous experience necessary AND you'll have FUN while helping to make a positive difference in the world!**

Did you know that monies are distributed to South County Community Services, Generous Hands Backpack program, Kalamazoo Gospel Mission, United Methodist Community House, WMU Wesley Foundation, Church Women United, VUMC Youth Mission Trip, Vacation Bible School and UMW educational programs. Want more information about The United Methodist Women? Ask any member, come to a meeting, or give Aileen Greanya a call at 649-9003!