

Sunday
September 23, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Becoming disciples,
serving God's world.



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Bold print indicates congregation.
**Indicates please stand as able.*

Gather to Worship

Welcome

Ministry Opportunities

***Call to Worship — Based on Psalm 25:1-10**

We come, trusting in God's mercy and love, longing to know
and to learn more about God's ways.

**We come, to be guided in the ways of God's truth— to
experience the joy of God's salvation.**

We come, aware of God's steadfast love helping us to
overcome the trials and temptations which can descend on us
at any time.

**Lead us, O God, to do what is right in Your eyes and teach
us to follow the humble way of Christ, Your beloved Son,
our crucified and risen Lord.**

***Opening Prayer**

As in days of old, Creator God, we come to look for Your signs
of covenant promises. Like the rainbow days of Noah, we see
and know Your signs and hear Your voice again directing us
to the places of transformation in our lives and in our world.

Thank You, God, for Your covenant signs. Amen.

***Hymn: #2238 In the Midst of New Dimensions**

Scripture Lesson: Genesis 9:1-29

Anthem: Let's Have Some Old-Time Religion

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ Joanne Culver

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will go with Julie Griffin to POP!

Sermon: "Somewhere Under the Rainbow"

***Hymn: #140 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Covenant-keeping God, whose promise is rock solid; we offer our lives and these signs of our daily living, not simply that bread might fill empty stomachs, but that, through the working of Your Holy Spirit, empty lives may be filled, friendless, lonely lives find intimacy, depressed lives given hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn:** #707 Hymn of Praise

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, September 30: "Making a Name", Genesis 11:1-32.

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Evan (Lynne Melvin's coworker) passed away.

Please continue to pray for his family, friends, and coworkers.

Pray for Therisa Gruber's daughter, Marianna Hiemstra, and son, Elliot, and boyfriend, Nick, as their house caught fire, and they lost everything.

Family and friends of former Marine Beau Holguin (Kathy Phillips' son's friend), are mourning the loss of Beau, whose body was found after being missing for several days.

Julie Osterhouse (Jody Tuinier's mom) was admitted to Borgess Hospital for a blood clot in her leg.

Previous Requests

James and Phyllis Barrett

Bob (Beth and Lynn Griner and Dee Morton's friend) is having heart issues but has been told surgery is not an option.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Family and friends of Chris Button (Jeff and Cathy Johnson's son's friend) are mourning the loss of Chris, who passed away unexpectedly.

Beth DeRyke and Tyler are taking a family class together in order to heal.

Barb Griner has bronchitis.

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

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 aFib heart trouble.

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.

LaVon Rolfe had surgery and is at Bronson Commons in Mattawan off of Red Arrow Highway, room 303, and would love to have visitors.

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

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 acolytes are

John Paul Culver and Harrison Barton

September 16 Worship attendance: 126

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

9/23 Julie Oswalt

9/24 Michael Hoy

9/25 Cathy Johnson
Sharon Pendola

9/27 James Barrett
Mary Burke

9/28 Jessica Hawkins
Betsy Myers
Beverly Nimmo

9/28 Carl Pauli

Anniversaries

9/25 Rob & Carla Bland

9/29 James & Phyllis
Barrett

Greg & Becky
Berndt

Ron & Sharon
Steinacker



In September, children age 3 to third grade are 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.

“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 this evening.

Everyone is invited to attend. No prior registration is necessary.

Holiday Progressive Dinner is back

Holiday Progressive Dinner is back. Plan now and save the date: December 8.

We only need 1 more house to volunteer to make it a go for our Holiday Progressive Dinner. Call or text Betsy Myers at 269-207-5212 soon so we don't have to cancel!

Notice

Communion will be served in the pews the next 3 months.

UMCOR is helping after the storms

Please join in prayer for the areas affected and consider a gift to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Disaster Response. As UMCOR continues to assess the impact of storms affecting the Carolinas, the Philippines and the lingering suffering in Puerto Rico, please remember 100% of your gift through UMCOR is allocated to those who need assistance. Checks may be written payable to Vicksburg United Methodist Church (Storms 2018 on the memo line) or you can contribute on the web: www.umcor.org.

Kzoo Prayer Center needs 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, 649-1005.

This Week's Calendar

Today

9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone
10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. *Beginnings Bible Study in the Library*

Monday, September 24

9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale drop off till 6:00*
6:30 p.m. *SPRC in the Library*

Tuesday, September 25

9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale drop off till noon*
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

Wednesday, September 26

9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale till 6:00*
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
NO CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday, September 27

9:00 a.m. *Rummage Sale till 2:00*
NO PLAY GYM
5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade), Rm 107
7:00 p.m. Apprentice class in the Library

Friday, September 28 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities are scheduled

Saturday, September 29

no activities are scheduled

Monday through Friday

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

Next Week

Monday, October 1

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
7:00 p.m. *Worship Committee in the Library*
7:00 p.m. *Finance Committee*

Tuesday, October 2

6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting in the FLC*
7:00 p.m. *Trustees in the Library*

Wednesday, October 3

1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries in the Library*
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC

Thursday, October 4

11:00 a.m. *UMW Executive Committee, Library*
12:30 p.m. *UMW General meeting, Taylor Room*

Coming deadlines

- Newsletter items are due tomorrow.
- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 Monday, Oct. 1.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Sept. 23: Marshall Linebaugh
Sept. 30: Joe and Betty Gruber



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!



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24-Hour Prayer Vigil



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.



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.

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!