

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

## Nineteenth 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

Come, let us make bricks!

**Let us make more than bricks, let us create a strong and firm foundation.**

Come, let us build!

**Let us build a community wide and far reaching.**

Come, let us worship!

**Let us worship our Great God, all peoples all across our great earth, together.**

#### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord, some churches have a steeple, ALL churches have people.

**How we build, what we build, whether we build does not matter as much as the fact that to be a Church, people are drawn together in love for You, and for each other.**

Thank You for being present with us.

**Thank You for this place, this time, these people.**

Together, we worship You!

**In the name of Christ Jesus, amen.**

\*Hymn: #75 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

**Scripture Lesson:** Genesis 11:1-32

**Anthem:** The Bells of Autumn ~ *Handbell Choir*

**Hymn:** #2233 Where Children Belong

**Children's Time** ~ *Hank Stamm*

**Sermon:** "Making a Name"

\*Hymn: #428 For the Healing of the Nations (verses 1, 2, 4)

**Praying for Others and for Ourselves**

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Offertory ~ *Handbell Choir*

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

\***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious God, You scatter Your gifts far and wide, You scatter Your people to serve You in every place and across time, that Your kingdom of love might be given expression by Your people.

**May we scatter what we have to enable Your work of justice and compassion, spreading our money and talents and time to benefit Your purpose and will for all creation. Amen.**

\***Hymn:** #90 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (verses 1, 3, 4)

\***Blessing**

\***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, October 7: Scripture: Psalm 104 — “A World So Full”.

### Prayer for Family and Friends

**Praise**

Thank God for Chad Knowles’s successful hip replacement. Prayers for problem-free recovery and for his parents that took him in to help during recovery.

**Updates and New Requests This Week**

Bob (Beth and Lynn Griner and Dee Morton’s friend) is expected to have heart surgery soon. Pray for Tamra and Randy Stafford, Georgia Rolfe, and all the family and friends of LaVon Rolfe, who passed away Sept. 20.

**Previous Requests**

James and Phyllis Barrett  
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.  
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.

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

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

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.



There will be no POP! today, as it is the 5th Sunday of the month.

### This Week’s Celebrations

**Birthdays**

10/2 Vaughan Read  
10/4 Nicholas Akins  
Mina Willett  
10/5 Drew Geiger  
Vance Johnson  
Lori Lash

10/5 Tamra Puckett  
10/6 Alex Cannizzaro

**Anniversaries**

9/30 Daniel & Caryn  
Zonyk  
10/5 Greg & Joanne Culver

### For Cheer and Hello

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

Today’s acolytes are  
Gabriel Culver and Benjamin Culver

September 23 Worship attendance: 114



## 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.

### 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](http://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.

### Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Sept. 30: Joe and Betty Gruber  
Oct. 7:

### Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due by 2:00 tomorrow.

### Generous Hands and South County Community Services Open House

You are invited to help them celebrate their new shared quarters today from noon to 2:00 at 606 N. Spruce in Vicksburg, just north of the Vicksburg Historic Village.

## 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, 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 in Room 219*  
7:00 p.m. *Trustees in Room 125*

### Tuesday, October 2

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, October 3

10:30 a.m. Wednesday Winners in the Taylor Room  
1:00 p.m. *Caring Ministries in the Library*  
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  
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, October 4

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC  
11:00 a.m. *UMW Executive Committee, Library*  
12:30 p.m. *UMW General meeting, Taylor Room*  
5:30 p.m. ROUTE 56 (5th and 6th grade), Rm 107  
6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC  
7:00 p.m. Apprentice class in the Library

### Friday, October 5 - Pastor's Day Off

*no activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, October 6

*no activities are scheduled*

### Monday through Friday

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

### Next Week

#### Tuesday, October 9

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

#### Thursday, October 11

5:30 p.m. *Preschool Board in the Library*  
6:30 p.m. *Scouts District Round Table, Taylor Rm*

### 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.

### 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.

## Michigan looks to weave our future

In February 2019, hundreds of delegates will converge on St. Louis, MO, for a Special Called Session of the General Conference. They will seek a way forward on the issues surrounding LGBTQ persons.



At stake may be the future of The United Methodist Church.

While this event may have a significant impact on the future of the global church, here in Michigan, we recently declared that we are "Better Together" in mission and ministry. We have just formed a new annual conference with a new and exciting structure for creating disciples of Jesus Christ. That is not to say our new conference is free of disagreement.

As Michigan-Area Bishop David Bard stated recently, "While most of us like to think of the opinions we hold as well-supported, well-considered and well-argued, we would also do well to acknowledge that in many of the most important things we think about, there is always room for growth and new learning. Often well-considered, well-supported and well-argued opinions become so through shared conversation and dialogue. We should, then, be people who are open to new ideas, to new ways of looking at our lives and our faith, open to conversation and dialogue." In that spirit, Bishop Bard invites you into a continuing dialog on **Wednesday, Oct. 17, 7:00 p.m. at Kalamazoo First UMC.**

## In Service to Our Country

**Matthew Kohler**

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**Ryan Miller** is home

**Walker Polsinelli**

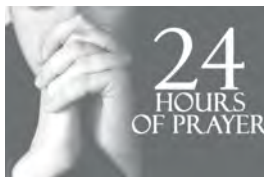
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## 24-Hour Prayer Vigil



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.



## 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!**



Over a river and through the woods...



**Progressive  
Dinner**

**December 8**

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!**