

Sunday  
**October 7, 2018**  
10:30 a.m.

Nineteenth  
Sunday  
after Pentecost,  
World  
Communion  
Sunday

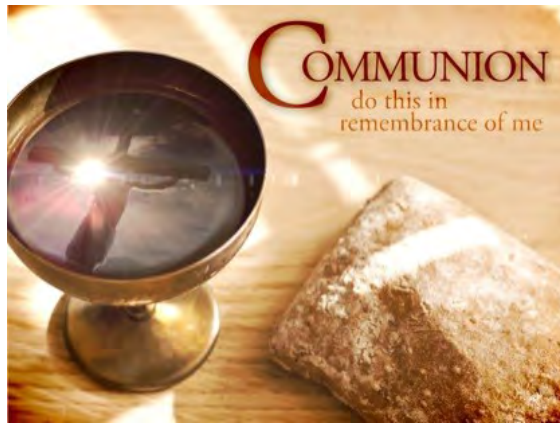
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Becoming disciples,  
serving God's world.



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Plain print indicates worship leader.  
**Bold print indicates congregation.**  
*\*Indicates please stand as able.*

*FYI: What is World Communion Sunday? Observed on the first Sunday in October, this day calls the Church to be the universal, multi-racial, inclusive Church. The day was first observed by Presbyterians in 1936 in response to the rise of fascism and Nazism in Europe. It was adopted by the Federal Council of Churches in 1940, and shortly thereafter observed in Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches.*

### Gather to Worship

#### Welcome

#### Ministry Opportunities

#### \*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**O Lord, my God, you are very great.**

You stretch out the heavens above.

**You set the earth on its foundations.**

O Lord, how manifold are Your works!

**In wisdom You have made them all and the earth is full of Your goodness.**

Thanks be to God!

**Thanks be to God indeed!**

#### \*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord of harvest, creation is in Your hands. You brought life to existence, You sustain life through Your Spirit.

**Bless You, Lord! From our soul we praise You.**

We thank You for setting the earth on its foundations, covering it with greenery and with water; for mountains and valleys, lakes and streams, urban and rural; we thank You for providing resources for the animals of our planet habitats and homes; for sunshine and rain and the crops in our fields.

**We thank You for the kaleidoscope of color in our world.**

We thank You for human beings created in variety and individuality.

**In wisdom You connect all things together in one creation and make it work.**

Lord, You never hide your face from us, even when we become a people who think stewardship over creation means the invitation to do what we like.

**When we plunder the planet's resources and risk scarcity for future generations, correct our ways.**

When we hoard the good things for ourselves and say others need to provide for their own needs, correct our ways.

**When we abuse our animals by mistreating them, or counting them as merely for our own sport, correct our ways.**

When we disrespect our fellow human beings by marginalizing and insulting them, correct our ways.

**Let wickedness be no more! Bless You, Lord. From our soul we praise You. You are kind and merciful. Renew us in Your image — in the image of Christ Jesus — we pray, amen.**

\*Hymn: #73 O Worship the King (verses 1,2,4 & 5)

**Retelling the Scripture:** Psalm 104

*Listen to this in Hebrew.*

**Choir Anthem:** This Is My Father's World *with flute by Lynne Melvin*

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

**Children's Time** ~ *Kathy Phillips*

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

**Sermon:** "A World So Full"

\*Hymn: #2264 Come to the Table

**Praying for Others and for Ourselves**

**Offering Our Gifts and Tithes**

Offertory: I Feel the Spirit

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

Lord God, You never stop giving. You desire good for all creatures, not just to satisfy our physical hunger but the hunger too of our soul. As You revealed Yourself fully in Christ, we have come to see the depth of Your love for all people.

**In gratitude we bring You these gifts.**

We offer money for the upkeep of the church's work, and gifts for the safekeeping of Your people especially the hungry and vulnerable.

**May we show gratitude too, in the way we live our lives, that we may play our part in bringing to fulfillment the harvest of Your kingdom. Amen.**

**World Communion**

Almighty God, from the ends of the earth, You have gathered us around Christ's holy table. We come to feast together. Have mercy on Your church, troubled and divided. Renew us and make us one.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth.

You created for Yourself a world filled with diversity and blessed by Your breath of life. Rainbow colors bloom in spring, summer breezes bring garden delight, and now as autumn comes our way we see the work of Your paintbrush upon every face and tree.

In mercy, while we still held to the chains of our winter, of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos You loved us steadfastly and delivered us as infants to reflect the beauty and diversity of Your grace, to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace.

And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise Your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are You, and blessed is Your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection You gave birth to Your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

He commissioned us to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today His family all over the world is joining at His holy table.

On the night in which He gave himself up for us, He took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over He took the cup, gave thanks to You, gave it to His disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we boldly proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by His blood. Renew our communion with Your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in Your name.

**By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at His heavenly banquet.**

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in Your holy Church, all honor and glory is Yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*The bread and then the cup will be served in the pews. Please pause and pray while others are served. We will then taste the goodness of the Lord together.*

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize Your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere. Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences. Give us a heart big enough to love Your children everywhere. We thank You, Lord Jesus, for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.**

\*Hymn: #147 All Things Bright and Beautiful

\*Blessing

\*Depart to Serve

Coming up next Sunday, October 14: Scripture: Genesis 37:2b-36 — "Generation to Generation".

## Prayer for Family and Friends

### Updates and New Requests This Week

Bob (Beth and Lynn Griner and Dee Morton's friend) had heart surgery and is doing well.

Please continue to pray for a good recovery.

Betty Gruber is recovering from heart surgery and is doing well.

Sally Kohler is having problems with her legs.

Pray for the family and friends of Iris McGahan, who passed away Sept. 28.

Pray for the family and friends of Gage Wilson, who passed away after a hiking accident in the dunes at Lake Michigan. He was a 6th grader from Pathfinder UMC.

### 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.

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.

Pray for Tamra and Randy Stafford, Georgia Rolfe, and all the family and friends of LaVon Rolfe, who passed away Sept. 20.

## This Week's Celebrations

### Birthdays

10/7 Ken Franklin	10/12 Doreen Akins
Mary Ruple	Margie Thomas
10/8 Mary Ann Kudary	10/13 Joan Smola
10/9 Brad Addis	<b><u>Anniversaries</u></b>
Jeff Johnson	10/11 Paul & June
10/10 Charlie Cannizzaro	French
Lucas Cannizzaro	10/12 Wil & Eloise Emmert
Ken Cron	Dennis & Bonnie
Greg Culver	Sellers
Elise Howard	10/13 Marvin & Kathryn
Mike Pendola	Starbuck
10/11 Jeannine Morris	

## For Cheer and Hello

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



In October, children ages 3 yrs. to third grade are learning about courage. We are focusing on Joshua 1:9 as our Bible verse.

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.

## 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.

Today's altar flowers are provided by Wil and Eloise Emmert in honor of their 55th wedding anniversary

Today's acolytes are Mac Read and Vaughan Read

September 30 attendance:  
Worship 125      Sunday School 40

## Stewardship Stories

The Finance Committee is looking for "Stewardship Stories" for our upcoming stewardship campaign and to highlight periodically throughout the year. Basically, a "Stewardship Story" is anything that you have participated in through this church that has provided a benefit to yourself, others in this church, people in our community, or anyone anywhere. This could include things such as quilting, Bible study classes, donating to missions, bake sales, raking leaves for someone who needs assistance, visiting someone in need, going on a mission trip, or almost anything where you are actively expressing your faith.

We have so many great things happening in this church. It's time we shared them. Please send any thoughts you have to [ddaileymu@gmail.com](mailto:ddaileymu@gmail.com) or mention it to any member of the Finance Committee. We thank you for your interest and support.

## 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).



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!**

## 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 8

6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC

### Tuesday, October 9

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, October 10

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  
6:30 p.m. Pickleball in the FLC  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

### Thursday, October 11

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*  
7:00 p.m. Apprentice class in the Library

### Friday, October 12 - Pastor's Day Off

*no activities are scheduled*

### Saturday, October 13

*no activities are scheduled*

### Monday through Friday

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

### Next Week

#### Sunday, October 14

9:00 a.m. *Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast fundraiser*  
3:00 p.m. *Scouts "Welcome Back" in the FLC*

#### Monday, October 15

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

#### Tuesday, October 16

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

#### Wednesday, October 17

7:00 a.m. *SCCS Fabulous Flapjacks in the FLC till 10:00a*

7:00 p.m. *General Conference Dialog at Kalamazoo First UMC*

#### Thursday, October 18

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

#### Saturday, October 20

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





## In Service to Our Country

**Matthew Kohler**  
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**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

## Notice

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

## 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.

## Coming deadlines

- Minutes and reports for the Church Council are due in the church office by Tuesday, Oct. 9.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Monday, Oct. 15.

## 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!**

## Thank you

I want to thank everyone who called and sent cards during my recovery from a burn on my foot. Thank you very much. ~ *Phyllis Barrett*

## 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.

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

**Oct. 18**, and there will be a

Halloween party on Oct. 25. We have lots of room in both classes. Register by calling the church at 269-649-2343 or online at <https://goo.gl/forms/n4AE9qogwc7fCpNn2>.

## 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.**