

Sunday
October 14, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor Greg

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

The Lord says, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." Today, let us prophesy together!

Today, let us dream dreams together!

Today, let us see visions for a better future together!

Today, let us worship God!

*Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Lord of Creation, to You be all praise!

The universe is full of Your glory; creation reflects the breadth, depth and quality of Your special character.

Like the colors of the rainbow, the life You create is varied and full of uniqueness yet blended together, it is all part of the one gift of life You make possible; a sign pointing us to the source of all that is good.

Lord, make us be willing to dream.

May we open our eyes to the potential within us and the possibilities that surround us.

Let us not settle for the minimum, but instead strive for the maximum.

Let us not wake up and be content to 'make do', but instead expand the gift of each new day to its full stretch.

Let us not limit the capability within us, as we hold back from giving what we can, but instead direct our energies and talents outwardly, that we might recognize, and affect, the good we can do in the world around us.

Merciful God, when we are dull, and safe, and guarded, and withhold from life the full gifted-ness that is within us, intervene with Your Spirit and challenge us to be more ambitious in using the talents You provide to us.

We know You are a God who gives second chances. Restore us, renew us, reinvigorate us. As people forgiven, reveal a new pathway; point us in a direction of travel that is more productive, towards the building of Your Kingdom, and that is more in tune with the life You will for us. **Amen.**

***Hymn: #375** There Is a Balm in Gilead

Scripture: Genesis 37:2b-36

Choir Anthem: Great and Mighty Lord *with solo by Diana Pomeroy*

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ Pastor Greg

Children 3 yrs. to 3rd grade will be dismissed to POP! with Therisa Gruber

Sermon: "Generation to Generation"

***Hymn: #352** It's Me, It's Me, O Lord

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Trust in the Lord

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Lord God, today receive these gifts we offer, for we present them to You in gratitude for all good things that are provided for us through Your love.

In the workings of this congregation, and the global church of which we are part, may we use them wisely, always for the good of Your mission to the world. Amen.

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

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, October 21: Scripture — Genesis 41:37-57 — "Famine Relief".



**TODAY, LET US SEE VISIONS
FOR A BETTER FUTURE TOGETHER!**



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.

For Cheer and Hello

Liz Anderson
David Bretz
Barb Griner
Pat McClelland

Beverly Nimmo
Robert & Carmen Parsons
Marv & Kitty Starbuck
Mina Willett

Today's acolytes are
Gabriel Cleveland and Xavier Cleveland

October 7 attendance: Worship 115

Prayer for Family and Friends

Praise

Praise for the birth of Lottie Caroline Aletheia at 3:20 a.m. on Oct. 4 to Aubrey and Robbie. She weighed 7 lb., 6 oz. Mom and baby are doing great!

Updates and New Requests This Week

Connie Anderson (coworker of Norm and Melva Kohler's daughter Ruth Kelly), has young children and is suffering fatigue and very low iron deficiency.

Jo Ann Cain and family are mourning the loss of her sister, Joyce Lobert, who passed away due to illness.

Rexalee Goecker is recovering from surgery after a fall that shattered her femur. If you would like to send a card, her address is 404 Ft Conde, Dauphin Island AL 36528.

Kris and Ryan Miller ask for prayer for difficult relations with ex-spouses and children that struggle with concerns of loyalty. Pray that kids feel nothing other than love.

Barb Roberts (coworker of Norm and Melva Kohler's daughter Ruth Kelly), and her husband Dale need prayer as Dale seems to be having a recurrence of cancer.

Cande Vermeulen is suffering from constant arm and shoulder pain.

Previous Requests

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.

Jack and Cynda Buckallew

Evan (Lynne Melvin's coworker) passed away.

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

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

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.

Sally Kohler is having problems with her legs.

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

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

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.



In Service to Our Country

Matthew Kohler
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Ryan Miller is home

Walker Polsinelli
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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.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

10/14 Olivia Cannizzaro
10/18 Tamara Janer
Roger Kroshinsky
Mardi White
10/20 Amelia Adams

Anniversaries

10/15 Greg & Mary
Burke
10/18 Jim & Jen Thompson

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.

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 ddaileysu@gmail.com or mention it to any member of the Finance Committee. We thank you for your interest and support.



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. *Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast fundraiser*
- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School for everyone
- 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- 4:30 p.m. *Scouts "Welcome Back" in the FLC*
- 7:00 p.m. *Beginnings Bible Study in the Library*

Monday, October 15

- 6:30 p.m. Family volleyball in the FLC
- 7:00 p.m. *Church Council in the Taylor Room*

Tuesday, October 16

- 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 17

- 7:00 a.m. *SCCS Fabulous Flapjacks in the FLC till 10:00a*
- 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
- 7:00 p.m. *General Conference Dialog at Kalamazoo First UMC*

Thursday, October 18

- 9:30 a.m. *Susanna Wesley Circle, Taylor Room*
- 10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
- 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 19 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities are scheduled

Saturday, October 20

- 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

Tuesday, October 23

- 6:30 p.m. *Scout Den meeting in the FLC*
- 6:30 p.m. *SPRC meeting with the DS in the Library*
- 7:00 p.m. *Church Conference in the Sanctuary*

Notice

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

Coming deadlines

- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 tomorrow.
- Newsletter items are due in the church office by Monday, Oct. 22.

Thank you

Thank you to the Church family for all the cards, calls and visits during my mom's brief hospital stay. Thank you also for the wonderful luncheon, support of Pastors Buff and Greg, to the United Methodist Women for their support of our loss, and to the Church Family for ongoing prayers and support for our family. ~ *Craig Rolfe, Randy and Tamra Stafford, Bruce and Crystal Rolfe*

12-Week study, "Unshakable Hope"

The Kum Join Us Class has started a 12-week study from one of America's most loved inspirational authors, Max Lucado. It is a video series based on his new book, Unshakable Hope. Each week we will view a short video, and discuss together the hope that God provides each of us. So, Kum Join Us, won't you!! Sunday mornings, 9:00, in the Fish Room.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Oct. 14:

Oct. 21: Marshall Linebaugh

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!

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.**



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>.

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.

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.