

Sunday
October 21, 2018
10:30 a.m.

Twenty-first 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**

Let us give thanks to God, our Creator and Maker.

Yes, we give thanks for all we have.

We cry out with all those in our world in desperate need of rain and water, where drought and famine starve the earth and its people.

Lord, hear our cries this morning.

Hear our cries for the world.

***Opening Prayer**

Money, money, money — sometimes that is all we seem to think about.

God, why did you give us money? Why is money and power so attractive to us?

Jesus didn't need money or power. He showed us the best things in life are free.

All we need is love.

Love can be hard, especially when our family and friends make us angry, or do something to hurt us. It is hard to love them then.

We know that sometimes we are the ones who make others angry or do something to hurt them.

Saying sorry can be hard.

But Lord, we are sorry, and we do forgive those who have hurt us or made us angry, and we hope they forgive us too.

Being a joyful family takes time and patience.

Help us to make time for our family, to be patient and understanding with them, even when they annoy us.

So be it.

Amen.

***Hymn: #2222 The Servant Song (verses 1 & 3)**

Scripture: Genesis 39:1-23

Choir Anthem: I Will Sing unto the Lord

Hymn: #2233 Where Children Belong

Children's Time ~ *Hank Stamm*

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

Sermon: "Keep Calm and Carry On"

***Hymn:** #185 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Praying for Others and for Ourselves

Offering Our Gifts and Tithes

Offertory: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Generous God, whether we are rich or poor, we have something to offer You.

Receive our offerings of money today. May they be used to build Your kingdom, to spread Your word, to let people see Your love at work.

And use us God, use our talents for your benefit,

help us not to hide them or be ashamed of Your gifts to us. Amen.

***Hymn:** #384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (verses 1-3)

***Blessing**

***Depart to Serve**

Coming up next Sunday, October 28: Scripture: Genesis 43:1-5; 45:1-18 — "Survival Games".

Prayer for Family and Friends

Updates and New Requests This Week

Eric Goldsmith (Betty Thomas's grandson) was diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia and is currently in ICU in a coma. Please **do NOT share on Facebook!**

Lynne Melvin and family are mourning the loss of her father-in-law, Richard Melvin, who passed away due to kidney failure.

Please pray for the communities and families affected by Hurricane Michael and its aftermath.

Previous Requests

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

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

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.

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.

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 reoccurrence of cancer.

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

Cande Vermeulen is suffering from constant arm and shoulder pain.

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

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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.

Thank you

Thank you to Pastor Greg and Paul and June French for visits. Thanks to Barb Addis for my beautiful prayer shawl. Thank you to Aileen Greanya for a wonderful casserole. And thank you to everyone for the many prayers and cards during and after my surgery. God has truly blessed us with an awesome church family we love! Sincerely ~ *Betty Gruber*

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.

Mission Moment—Plus 10 Families

Oct. 21: Marshall Linebaugh
Oct. 28: Joe and Betty Gruber

Notice

Communion will be served in the pews the next 2 months.

This Week's Celebrations

Birthdays

10/24 Jeff Kudary
10/25 Hank Stamm
10/26 Wil Emmert
Heather Fenwick
Tom Holmes
Octavia Valencia

10/27 Ronan Thompson

Anniversaries

10/21 Mark & Michelle Harrison
10/23 Rachel & Rob Ball
Jeremy & Anne Howard



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.

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.

For Cheer and Hello

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

Today's acolytes are
Henry Stamm and Lily Stamm

October 14 attendance:
Worship 145 Sunday School 32

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.

Coming deadlines

- Newsletter items are due in the church office by tomorrow.
- ScripCents orders are due in the church office by 2:00 Thursday, Nov. 1.

Red Cross Blood Drive



Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood. A single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. One do-

nation can help save the lives of up to three people.

You can help by giving blood on Friday, Nov. 16, 11:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Register online at <http://www.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.

All Saints Sunday is November 4

As we celebrate Communion with our departed saints, you are invited to bring your loved one's picture (framed, sitting upright would be ideal) to be placed on tables set up in the sanctuary symbolizing the great cloud of witnesses who are worshipping with us on this day.

We hope that this will be the beginning of a new, meaningful VUMC tradition.

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 22

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

Tuesday, October 23

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
6:30 p.m. *SPRC meeting with the DS in the Library*
7:00 p.m. *Charge Conference in the Sanctuary*

Wednesday, October 24

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 25

10:00 a.m. Play Gym in the FLC
6:00 p.m. Play Gym in the FLC
7:00 p.m. Apprentice class in Room 125 (fish room)

Friday, October 26 - Pastor's Day Off

no activities are scheduled

Saturday, October 27

no activities are scheduled

Monday through Friday

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

Next Week

Wednesday, October 31

NO WEDNESDAY WINNERS, SHED, HELIX,
BELL PRACTICE OR CHOIR PRACTICE

Thursday, November 1

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

Saturday, November 3

all day Girl Scout scrapbooking in the FLC



CHARGE CONFERENCE

Tuesday, October 23
7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary



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

A graphic for a stewardship campaign. It features a blue border and a white background. On the left is a cartoon boy with brown hair, glasses, a white shirt, and a dark vest, looking thoughtful. On the right is a cartoon girl with brown hair, glasses, a white shirt, and a dark skirt, also looking thoughtful. The word "stewardship" is written in a large, blue, cursive font in the center. Below the word, the text reads: "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!" At the bottom, the phrase "Think about it!" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.