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Dads

*are most ordinary men
turned by love into heroes,
adventurers, story-tellers,
and singers of song.*



Happy Father's Day
June 20

What's the Good Word? — “Planning Worship for a Family Reunion”

Are you planning a family reunion this summer? Don't forget about worship! If your reunion includes a Sunday, and especially if your group is quite large, you may want to “gift” your family with a worship service.

Since you probably won't find much “Family Worship” ideas on the internet, allow me to share some suggestions: I'm assuming you'll want your family service to be one where everyone — aunts and uncles in their 80s and 90s and their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren — will truly meet God and worship him together. The pitter-patter of little feet and the murmur of young voices are reminders that extended family is comprised of many ages.

- You might want to begin with a Call to Worship like this one from Psalm 133: “How good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity...for there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.” Another suggestion is Psalm 100, read responsively by those over 50 and those under 50.
- Vary your song selections, reflecting your family's heritage and blessings. Try an old and familiar song (“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”). Try more contemporary songs (“I Love You, Lord”). You may even have a very capable “praise team” in your midst. Any guitar players? Violinists? Horn players? Ka-zoo? Harmonica? Bongo players? Ask around.
- Share a multi-voiced “sermon” based on a scripture story. A free-flowing conversation about one of Jesus's parables could be quite enlightening. Give everyone a chance to share their impressions.
- The focus of the entire service should be about praise and thanksgiving for God's faithfulness to your family. Testify about your blessings. Tell one another how much God has blessed you. This is a great witness for the younger members of the family.

- In place of the congregational prayer, the service might include a family prayer, which concludes with a unison prayer of commemoration such as: “Almighty God, we remember before you those who have lived among us who have directed our steps in the way, opened our eyes to the truth, inspired our hearts by their witness, and strengthened our wills by their devotion. We rejoice in their lives dedicated to your service. We honor them in their death, and pray that we may be united with them in the glory of Christ's resurrection.

Amen” (from *The Service for the Lord's Day: Supplemental Liturgical Resource 1*. Westminster Press, 1984, p.80).

- Maybe your family could collect an offering for someone or some cause that has a special need. Don't forget to sing the familiar Doxology!
- Close your family worship with a beautiful blessing like this: “May the Mighty One of Jacob, the Shepherd, the Rock of Israel, the God of your ancestors help you; may the Almighty bless you with the blessings of the heavens above, blessings of the earth beneath... May the blessings of your ancestors be greater than the blessings of the eternal mountains, reaching to the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills. Let all these blessings of the Lord rest on the heads of each of the descendants of this family. And may all who come behind us find us faithful. May the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe and the lives we live inspire them to obey. May all who come behind us find us faithful. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Enjoy your family reunion! Make it an act of praise for the Lord for all to remember!

Grace and peace, your servant in Christ,

Pastor Greg



United Methodist Women

KEEP SAFE THIS SUMMER, SMELL THE ROSES, TALK TO GOD THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AND KEEP YOUR FINGERS CROSSED FOR A FALL RUMMAGE SALE!!

Important UMW 2021 dates:

Mission U's: July 9-10 & August 13-14 - Both will be Virtual & Free. More info in future newsletter.

Mission U: October 18-19 - Hopefully in-person!
Gaylord First UMC. Information & registration in future newsletter.

Third Annual UMW MI Conference Celebration: October 23 at Westwood UMC, Kalamazoo. More info in future newsletter.

Thank You!

Thank you to my church family for your calls and cards wishing me to get well soon. ~ Laverne

Dear Pastor Greg and VUMC family: thank you for all of your texts, messages, and phone calls during our family's bout with COVID. We are all feeling stronger and appreciate all the prayers from all of you. I know God heard them all. Love to all ~ the Tuinier family

Mission Moment

Metal can lids and tabs update! These are **no longer** being collected for the United Methodist Community House. Thank you for your contributions in the past and please recycle them in the future.

Priscilla Circle

Priscilla Circle will meet on June 22, 1:00 p.m., at the home of Joyce Newton. We will meet outside. Please bring a chair. Thinking of joining a circle? Come join us!

Midweek prayer meeting has ended

Wednesday online prayer meeting ended its run on May 26. Prayer requests can still be sent to the church office. Thank you for all your prayers!

Church Council

Church Council will meet on Monday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Taylor Room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Loaves and Fishes

Free groceries will be distributed on Saturday, June 19, 8:30 to 9:30 a.m., in the church parking lot. No referral or appointment is needed. Bring bags and boxes to carry food. Need Food Line: 269-343-3663.

Susanna Wesley Circle

The Susanna Wesley Circle's next meeting is June 17 at 11:00 a.m. We will be having a picnic lunch at Lakeview Park on Portage Road. Please bring your own lunch and beverage. Dessert will be furnished. Please RSVP to Mardi White at 323-9462 by June 12. Hope to see all of you there as we begin our summer break.

ShopWithScrip

ShopWithScrip orders are due in the church office by 2:00 p.m. Tuesdays, June 1 and 15.

Caring Ministry

Caring Ministry will meet on Thursday, June 17, at 1:00 p.m. in the library.

Daily e-mail devotions have ended

With in-person worship being reestablished and vaccines allowing more people to emerge from their homes, the emailed devotions on a daily basis have ended. However, devotionals will still be emailed on occasion.

Many thanks to those who contributed over the past 12 months: Brad Addis, Rachel Ball, John Cleveland, Ken Franklin, Aileen Greanya, Kathy Phillips, Diana Pomeroy, Polly Preston, Hank Stamm, Laverne Swinehart, Vera Walker, and Mardi White. Your inspiring words have been rays of sunshine during some pretty dark days. Thank you!



June Celebrations

Birthdays

- 3 Trevor Young
- 4 Lisa Beams
- 4 Bill McVeigh
- 4 Linda Willis
- 5 Beth Aitken
- 5 Marian Zimmerman
- 6 Barbara Griner
- 6 Matthew Kohler
- 7 Jack Hosner
- 10 Matt Fulton
- 12 Rachel Ball
- 12 Joyce Heath
- 13 Kathy Hambricht
- 14 Nick Tilbury
- 16 Amy Emmert
- 16 Zach Fenwick
- 16 David Hayes
- 20 Rob Ball
- 22 David Bretz

- 24 Arden Sult
- 25 Lauren Frantz
- 27 Barbara Bladt
- 29 Anna Knowles

Anniversaries

- 5 Tom & Beth Aitken
- 5 Mike & Julie Oswalt
- 6 Bud & Lori Lash
- 6 David & Laurie Nic
- 7 Tom & Karen Simpson
- 8 Bruce & Rae Ann Graves
- 8 Fred & Linda Willis
- 13 Rich & Betsy Myers
- 15 James & Linda Hulett
- 19 Danne & Raina Willoughby
- 20 Chris & Jeannine Morris
- 23 Keith & Sue McClish
- 26 Justin & Amy Moberley
- 30 Ken & Nancy Herson

VUMC's Mission Statement

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 from Heirloom Rose

Jim Stamper, Master Florist, is donating his services to Vicksburg Untied Methodist Church to provide a rose bud for members who pass away. In addition, he will provide altar flowers for \$25. Please contact Dee Morton before you place an order.

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Sunday Schedule

10:00 a.m. Worship
in the sanctuary

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The doors remain locked to protect preschool students and staff, so ring the doorbell during office hours to be admitted.

The Visitor

June 2021

June Calendar

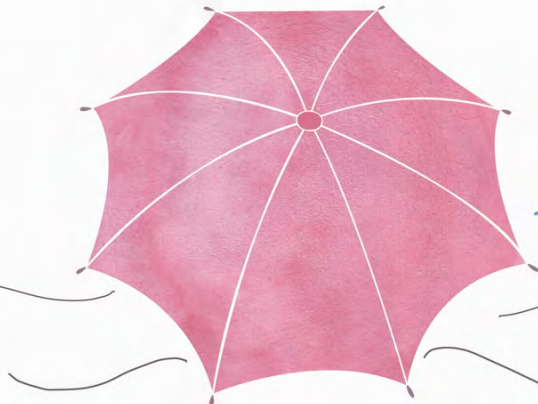
- 1 7:00p Trustees
- 17 11:00a Susanna Wesley Circle picnic
- 17 1:00p Caring Ministry
- 19 8:30a Loaves & Fishes
- 20 Father's Day
- 21 7:30p SPRC
- 22 1:00p Priscilla Circle
- 28 6:00p Finance Commt.
- 28 7:30p Church Council

Weekly Activities:

Sunday

10:00a Worship

Fridays are Pastor Greg's days off (his Sabbath). Please call him only in an emergency: 231-675-4452.



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