

## Activities & Meetings

### Sunday, January 7

8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School for All	All Rooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
12:15 pm	United Methodist Women Pledge Service	Belfry
5:45 pm	Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 pm	Light Supper for All Youth	Belfry
6:50 pm	Middle and High School Youth Meetings	Youth Rooms

### Monday, January 8

10:30 am	Staff Meeting	Room 36
12:00 pm	Senior Adult Ministries Lunch & a Movie	Library
5:45 pm	Cub Scouts	Downstairs
7:00 pm	Trustees	Library

### Tuesday, January 9

6:30 pm	Staff Parish Relations Committee	Library
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### Wednesday, January 10

9:00 am	Lectionary Group	Library
10:00 am	Interest Group	Rooms 11,12
7:00 pm	Troop 221 Eagle Scout Ceremony	Sanctuary & Dining Room

### Thursday, January 11

4:00 pm	VUMmer Hummer Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

### Finance Update:

General Fund Deficit: (Income - Expenses) \$ (25,076)  
 Unpaid Ministry Share: \$ (6,218)  
 Actual December Expenses: \$ (33,995)

December Income Needed: \$ 65,289

Received Week 1: \$ 10,305

Received Week 2: \$ 7,001

Received Week 3: \$ 10,601

Received Week 4: \$ 8,694

Received Week 5: \$ 6,082

Christmas Eve Offering: \$ 7,823

Matching Fund Gift: \$ 1,000

Advent Offering - General Budget: \$ 2,288 ← Through January 4

Year End Giving \$ 2,888 ← Does not include 2018 prepay

**Needed to Balance 2017: \$ 8,607**

Attendance for  
December 31: 97

# *Vestal United Methodist Church*

## Is it you, God? Sermon Series Part 1



*January 7, 2018*

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\* Indicates to stand if you are able

**Pre-service Music - A time of preparation for worship**

**Announcements and Greeting** (Please pass the attendance pads to those near you.)

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

**Prelude** *Star Medley* ARR MARILYN HAM  
**Bringing in the Light**

\* **Call to Worship** ~ written by Christine Sine

Leader: Let us kneel in the darkness.

**People: Until we see God's light emerge.**

Leader: Let us wait with hope filled hearts.

**People: As Christ's image grows within us and shows us life.**

Leader: Let God speak to us and teach us love,

**All: Until we open our hearts to be God's home.**

\* **254 Hymn of Praise** *We Three Kings* KINGS OF ORIENT  
[We will sing the chorus only after the 1st and 5th verses.]

\* **Passing of the Peace**

**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

**The Lord's Prayer** (895 in the red hymnal)

**Anthem** 8:30 *March of Kings* ARR CARL SIMONE  
11:00 *Chosen to Serve* MK BEALL/J CARTER

*Listen, Lord: A Prayer* by James Weldon Johnson

**O Lord, we come this morning knee-bowed and body-bent before your throne of grace. O Lord - this morning - bow our hearts beneath our knees, and our knees in some lonesome valley. We come this morning - like empty pitchers to a full fountain, with no merits of our own. O Lord - open up a window of heaven, and lean out far over the battlements of glory, and listen this morning. Amen.**

**Epiphany Lesson** Matthew 2:1-12 Pew Bible NT p. 1  
Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Recognizing our Acolytes** [see insert]

**Children's Message**

Nursery is available during the entire hour for children age 0-3 in room 21 of the church. Children age 3-5 may leave after the Children's Message for a 3-K nursery in room 22.

\* **454 Hymn** *Open My Eyes* OPEN MY EYES

**Old Testament Reading** 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Pew Bible OT p. 241  
Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Is it You, God?* Mike Willis

**A Litany of Covenant in the Tradition of John Wesley** [see insert]

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

Offertory 8:30 *Beautiful Savior* ARR JOHN INNES  
11:00 *This is Love* P KEVIN BOESIGER

\* 94 Doxology

\* Presentation of Gifts

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

\* **206 Hymn** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* [verses 1 & 2] HOUSTON

\* **Benediction**

\* **God's Light Goes Forth**

\* **2025 FWS Congregational Response** *As the Deer* [verse 1] AS THE DEER

\* **Postlude** *Prelude & Fugue in A Minor* JS BACH

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**Those Serving in Worship Today:**

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8:30	11:00
Acolyte: To Be Determined	Tom Stewart
Reader: Alice Weston	Jim Meade
Organist: Dan Rosenau	Dan Rosenau
Music: Dan Rosenau	Chancel Choir
Greeters: June & John Mabee	Greg & Cheryl Papa
Usher Team: Tom Cole	John Goodell
Welcomers: Linda Cage & Gene McGowan	Laverne & Jim Alexander



Welcome to all our visitors today! Please find our welcome packets in the pew back in front of you. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk with any of our staff or volunteers.