

## Activities & Meetings

### Sunday, April 15

8:30 am	Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 am	Sunday School for All	All Rooms
11:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary
5:15 pm	Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room
6:30 pm	Youth will have Chinese take out and make baskets to donate to the fundraiser for the Benjamins.	Belfry

### Monday, April 16

5:45 am	Cub Scouts Raingutter Regatta	Dining Room
7:00 pm	Finance Committee	Room 36

### Tuesday, April 17

1:00 pm	Dorcas Circle	Library
6:45 pm	Staff-Parish Relations Committee	Library
6:30 pm	Covenant Group 2	Room 24

### Wednesday, April 18

9:00 am	Lectionary	Library
10:00 am	Interest Group	Rooms 11, 12
4:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop 221 Pasta Dinner (take out available)	Dining Room

### Thursday, April 19

4:00 pm	VUMmer Hummers	Choir Room
7:30 pm	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

### Saturday, April 21

5:00 pm	FREE! Food & Fun Night	Belfry
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### Finance Update for April

April Income Goal: \$38,000

Week 1 Income: \$12,157

Week 2 Income: \$ 6,966

Income Needed for April: \$18,777

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# Vestal United Methodist Church

## Sermon Series Week 1



## April 15, 2018

Welcome to all our visitors today! Welcome packets in the pew back in front of you. We would appreciate it if you would take the time to complete the information card inside and return it in the offering plate. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to talk with any of our staff or volunteers.



\* 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** *I know That My Redeemer Lives* ARR WILBUR HELD

**Bringing in the Light**

**\* Call to Worship** *by Beth Merrill Neel*

Leader: We know God's desires of us;

**People: That we do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with God.**

Leader: We gather this morning to remind each other about that,

**People: To remember that now is always the right time to change those things.**

**All: God, lead us on your holy path and help us to always choose you.**

**\* 308 Hymn of Praise** *Thine Be the Glory* JUDAS MACCABEUS

**\* Passing the Peace**

**Silence**

**\* Gathering Prayer** *A Refuge and Distraction*

**Like an ant on a stick both ends of which are burning, I go to and fro without knowing what to do, and in great despair. Like the inescapable shadow that follows me, the dead weight of sin haunts me. Graciously look upon me. Your love is my refuge. Amen.**

**Silent Prayer and Meditation**

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

**Anthem** 8:00 am *Seek First the Kingdom* DAN & HEIDI GOELLER

11:00 am *Moses Was His Name* JIMMY TRAVIS GETZEN

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Come, Spirit of God, direct us and move us to seek your ways only. May the words of the scriptures and the proclamation of your word bring us a clear message of our lives. Open us to all of the new possibilities that come when we finally recognize you and follow. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading** Joshua 24:14-15 Pew Bible OT p. 211

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**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.

**\* 2130 FWS Hymn** *The Summons* KELVINGROVE

**New Testament Reading** Mark 14:32-36 Pew Bible NT p.49

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Choices - More Choices* Mike Willis

**Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Offering**

Offertory 8:30 *God So Loved the World* DAN & HEIDI GOELLER

11:00 *Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho* SPIRITUAL

**\* 94 Doxology**

**\* Presentation of Gifts**

**\* 592 Hymn** *When the Church of Jesus* KINGS WESTON

**\* Benediction**

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

**\* 473 Congregational Response** *Lead Me, Lord* LEAD ME, LORD

**\* Postlude** *When Morning Gilds the Skies* ARR VICTOR LABENSKE

Be sure to pick up a copy of the Sermon Series Study Companion as you leave worship today. Our Hospitality & Evangelism Team will be distributing them at the door.

**Those Serving in Worship Today:**

8:30 Acolyte: Madison Lilley Reader: Janet Nieburg Organist: Dan Rosenau Music: Chancel Choir Greeters: Ted & Cindy Zaparzynski Usher Team: Bob Strauss Welcomers: Sandy Kosty & Lorie Woughter	11:00 Thomas Stewart Dick Cook Dan Rosenau VUMmer Hummers Laurie Anderson Hal Ehrhardt Diane & Rudy Bernard
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Flowers in the chancel today are in memory of Dad and Bumpa, with love from Bill, Jean, Lindsay and Morgan Stout.