

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	11:00
Acolyte: Madison Lilley	Thomas Stewart
Reader: Janet Nieburg	Dick Cook
Organist: Dan Rosenau	Dan Rosenau
Music: Chancel Choir	VUMmer Hummers
Greeters: Ted & Cindy Zaparzynski	Laurie Anderson
Usher Team: Bob Strauss	Hal Ehrhardt
Welcomers: Sandy Kosty & Lorie Woughter	Diane & Rudy Bernard

Flowers in the chancel today are in memory of Dad and Bumpa, with love from Bill, Jean, Lindsay and Morgan Stout.