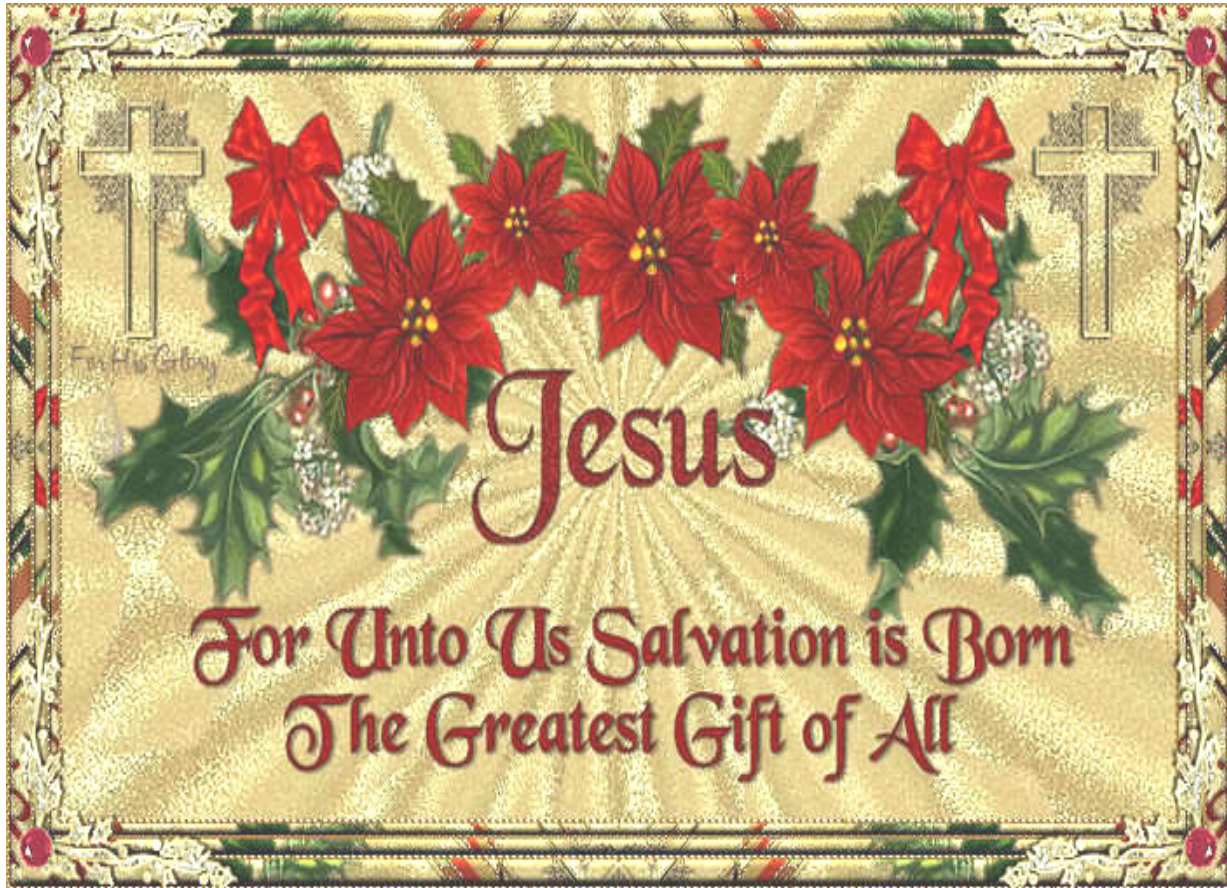


We are alive in Christ:

we love God,

we care for one another, and

we help people here and around the world.



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Sunday, December 25, 2011  
Christmas Day  
10:00 a.m.

*Pastor: Dr. Buff W. Coe*  
*Vicksburg United Methodist Church*  
*217 S. Main Street*  
*Vicksburg, MI 49097*  
*269-649-2343*  
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Sunday, December 25, 2011  
Christmas Day  
10:00 a.m.

**Entrance**

*\*Stand if you are able*

Prelude

\*Entrance of the Light (Please rise as the acolytes bring the light into the sanctuary.)

Greeting

\*Hymn of Praise

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O Come, All Ye Faithful  
(stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 6)

\*Opening Prayer



**Proclamation and Response**

Scripture Lesson

John 1:1-14

Children's Moment

Message

The Parable of the Birds

Pastor Buff Coe

\*Affirmation of Faith

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The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version

\*Hymn of Response

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What Child Is This

A Time of Prayer

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**Thanksgiving**

Ministry Opportunities

Offering of Our Gifts to God

Offertory

\*Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
(sung to the tune "O Tannenbaum")

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*The Lord's Prayer

**Sending Forth**

\*Hymn to Go Forth

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Love Came Down at Christmas

\*Dismissal with Blessing

\*Recessional



The acolytes today Avery Slancik & Scott Smola.  
The altar flower today is in honor of Opal Millers 100th birthday on December 30.  
An outline of today's message is available in the narthex.



This week's prayer focus: Almighty God, thank you for loving us so much that You sent Your Son to live among us.



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25**

CHRISTMAS DAY  
10:00 A.M. ~ ONE WORSHIP SERVICE  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

OFFICE CLOSED  
NO CHURCH COUNCIL

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27**

NO SEW WHAT NOW GOD  
2:00 P.M. ~ MEMBERSHIP CLASS

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29**

HELIX LOCK IN  
12:00 P.M. ~ UMW EXECUTIVE TEAM ~  
LUNCHEON OUT  
6:00 P.M. ~ SCOUTS ~ PATROL LEADER COUNCIL

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30**

OFFICE CLOSED

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1**

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
10:00 A.M. ~ ONE  
WORSHIP SERVICE  
NO SUNDAY SCHOOL



**MONDAY, JANUARY 2**

OFFICE CLOSED

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**

2:00 P.M. ~ MEMBERSHIP CLASS  
7:00 P.M. ~ TRUSTEE MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4**

2:00 P.M. ~ UNHANGING OF THE GREENS  
7:00 P.M. ~ BAPTISM CLASS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 5**

6:45 P.M. ~ PRAYER ACTION TEAM

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**SUNDAY** ~ 8:30 A.M. ~ P.I.T. CREW  
**SUNDAY** ~ 8:50 A.M. ~ CONTEMPORARY SERVICE  
**SUNDAY** ~ 10:00 A.M. ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL  
**SUNDAY** ~ 11:10 A.M. ~ TRADITIONAL SERVICE  
**SUNDAY** ~ 12:15 P.M. ~ HS ~ RAW  
**MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY** ~  
9:00 A.M. ~ HEART & HANDS PRESCHOOL  
**MONDAY** ~ 6:30 P.M. ~ OPEN VOLLEYBALL  
**MONDAY** ~ 7:00 P.M. ~ BOY SCOUTS  
**TUESDAY** ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ SEW WHAT NOW GOD?  
**TUESDAY** ~ 6:30 P.M. ~ DISCIPLE I  
**WEDNESDAY** ~ 9:30 A.M. ~ PLAY GYM  
**WEDNESDAY** ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ DISCIPLE II  
**WEDNESDAY** ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ BELL CHOIR  
**WEDNESDAY** ~ 7:00 P.M. ~ CHANCEL CHOIR  
**THURSDAY** ~ 6:30 A.M. ~ EMMAUS BREAKFAST @ YOGIS  
**THURSDAY** ~ 6:00 P.M. ~ HELIX (MS YOUTH)  
**THURSDAY** ~ 6:30 P.M. ~ INVITATION TO JOHN  
**FRIDAY** ~ 9:30 A.M. ~ GOT KIDS? COFFEE @  
BOUNDARY WATERS

Christmas Season Schedule

January 1 ~ one service @ 10am  
The church office will be closed  
December 26, 30 and January 2  
for the holidays.

Unhanging of the Greens  
Wednesday, January 4, 2-4pm.  
Please help us take down all the  
Christmas decoration!

**Mission Moment ~ Plus 10 Families:**

12/25 Michael & Lori Tichvon  
1/1 Bill & Laverne Swinehart

**For Hope & Healing. . .**

Joe Anderson  
 Ron Avis  
 Viola Benson (Dona Nichols' sister)  
 Barb Bladt's parents  
 Cheryl Good Bowen (asked by Laverne Swinehart)  
 Joan Bretz  
 Alice Dibble  
 Maxine Fuller  
 Phil Harris (Betsy Myers' father)  
 Carol (Susan Moberly Hayes' sister)  
 Susan Moberly Hayes' father  
 Velda Hoehne  
 Larry Kohler  
 Lucille Miller  
 George Neighbors (Mary Conlan's brother)  
 Alice Pasquarellai (asked by Ken Franklin)  
 Char Rice  
 Mike Skwark (Lori Ensing's brother-in-law)  
 Julie Broker Smallidge (Asked by Betsy Myers)

**Our Service men and women...**

Josh Bailey  
 Matthew Blythe  
 Mike Boyd  
 Dustin Colgate  
 Melissa Davis  
 Dr. Bob Dinsmore  
 Alec Emmert  
 Jeremy Hart  
 Patrick Hillenbrand  
 Houston Hunt  
 Jeff Kudary  
 Nick Lee  
 Loren Mayberry  
 Patrick Mooney  
 Rob Peterson  
 Phillip Philbrick  
 Ruben Rangle  
 Scott Sale  
 Tyler Smith  
 Richie Steinacker  
 Dan Taylor  
 Alex Torres  
 Andrew Torres  
 Steve Wilson

**For Cheer or Hello...**

Carol Berkey  
 Genevieve Bowyer  
 David Bretz  
 Joan Bretz  
 Virginia Caswell  
 Sue Coffey  
 Maud DeHaan  
 Madeline Dorbin  
 Ann Felker  
 Virlie Gill  
 Barb Griner  
 Louise Haas  
 June Hill  
 Mildred Kohler  
 Virginia Maslanik  
 Pat McClelland  
 Lucile Miller  
 Beverly Nimmo  
 Robert & Carmen Parsons  
 George Parsons  
 Char Rice  
 Amber Shirah  
 Alice Stephenson  
 Al Thomas  
 Mina Willett

**For the Family of Lost Loved Ones...**

Jake DeHaan  
 Todd Merritt (asked by Linebaughs)

A new Disciple Class will be offered.  
 Invitation to the New Testament  
 This is an 8 week Bible study.  
 No previous classes required. All are welcome.  
 Starting January 15 @ 6pm  
 Interested? Contact David or Laurie  
 Nic (269-598-2264)

Prayer Group meets Tuesday ~ 9:30 am  
 Laverne Swinehart's home  
 1/3 ~ Chuck & Vera Walker's home  
 Please join us for a wonderful time of prayer,  
 coffee and devotions.

**Attendance: December 18**  
**Contemporary ~ 77**  
**Traditional ~ 170**

**WELCOME** for members and new comers!!  
 We are in need of 8 people/couples who are willing to meet and greet at the doors or Welcome Center on Sunday mornings. Vera Walker would like to see a commitment of one Sunday per month for five months—let her know what week of the month and what service.  
 This requires being 1/2 hour early (10:40 for Traditional Svc & 8:40 am for Contemporary). Please prayerfully consider this and let her know if this is a service you or your family could do. Vera's # 327-4869



**This Week's Birthdays** ~ Dorothy Smith, MaDonna Nimmo, Matthew Wagner, Walker Polsinelli, Ellen Uithoven, Sandra Hanson, Caryn Bladt, William Heikes, Kellie Hiemstra, Scott Smola, Nathaniel Penning, Jeff Hossink, David Provost, Drake Dibble

**This Week's Anniversaries** ~ Ronald & Nancy Blanchard