

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, September 27th 6:30 pm Back to Home Planning Meeting
Wednesday, September 29th 8:00 am Prayer Meeting (Zoom)
(Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join)
Friday, October 1st Pastor Erika @ Leadership Institute
Sunday, October 3rd WORLD-WIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY
9:00 am Adult Sunday School
10:30 am Worship with Communion

Back to Home: An emphasis on *back to home (church)* will happen during October. Activities will be planned at the Monday night meeting.

Book Group: A group of folks are reading the book, *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*, by Isabel Wilkerson. Discussion of the book will be held the first week of October. Community members will participate in the discussion. Books may be obtained through McIntosh Memorial Library.

Save the Date—October 17th after church: Youth & Parent lunch and chat about the Youth Program.

There is a drop-off box in the narthex for new or gently used shoes. This collection is requested by Melody Metz who is working with a group in China. Jobs will be created as the shoes are refurbished and distributed to people in SE Asia. The drive ends October 13th.

Masks are highly recommended for everyone while in the building until further notice. Keep the situation in your prayers.

Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Janet, Bud, Joanne, Margarite, Keith & family, Debbie Kelly & family, Youth Program, those suffering from COVID.



Viroqua United Methodist Church

Our Prayer

God, the giver of life, generous giver of gifts and abilities, help us discover our talents and have the courage to use them to serve you and our community with unimagined new purposes on behalf of Jesus Christ. Amen.



Viroqua UMC
221 S. Center Ave.
Viroqua, WI 54665

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

September 26th, 2021
10:30 a.m.

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Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost

Viroqua UMC Worship Service—Sunday, 10:30 A.M.

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

***Please stand if you are able*

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE “**SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST**” *setting by Benjamin Culli*

****RINGING OF THE BELL**

****GREETING**

“Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. Rend your hearts, and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and filled with compassion and love.

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TO WORSHIP

****CALL TO WORSHIP**

L. Return to the Lord your God,

P. for God is gracious.

L. Confess to the Lord your God,

P. for God is merciful.

L. Repent to the Lord your God,

P. for God is slow to anger.

L. Praise the Lord your God,

P. for God abounds in steadfast love.

L. Worship the Lord your God.

P. Together, let us worship God!

****HYMN** “**COME THOU ALMIGHTY KING**”

UMH No. 61

****OPENING PRAYER** (*in unison*)

Lord our God, you yourself remind us through your holy people that all our religious practices are not worth anything if we use them to bend you our way. God, may we come to you in humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and to turn your way. Accept us as your sons and daughters, together with Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord forever. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

CHILDREN’S TIME

OLD TESTAMENT READING JOEL 2: 12-17

PEW BIBLE NO. 1073

NEW TESTAMENT READING JAMES 4: 1-10

PEW BIBLE NO. 1481

****GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 18: 9-14

PEW BIBLE NO. 1262

AL. This is the word of God for the people of God.

P. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“**WHO DO YOU LOVE THE MOST?**”

REV. ERIKA MARTINEZ-FLORES

****HYMN OF REAFFIRMATION**

“**O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE**”

UMH No. 430

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING “**PRAISE TO THE LORD**” *harmonization by Henry Colman*

****DOXOLOGY**

UMH No. 95

****OFFERING PRAYER**

****CLOSING HYMN** “**JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE**”

TFWS No. 2158

SENT TO SERVE

****APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION**

****SENDING FORTH** (*in unison*)

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths. May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds. And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full! Amen!

****BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

“**REJOICE IN GOD’S SAINTS**”

UMH No. 708

(verse 1)

****RINGING OF THE BELL**

****POSTLUDE**

“**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**”

setting by Edward Eicker

The radio broadcast and bulletins today are given by various members and friends of the church.