

CALENDAR OF EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| Today | Pastor Appreciation Sunday 11:45 am Youth & Parent Lunch & Chat |
| Tuesday, October 19th | 7:00 pm Finance Committee (Zoom) 8:00 pm Administrative Council (Zoom) |
| Wednesday, October 20th | 8:00 am Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns or to join) 1:30 pm Care & Nurture Committee 3:30 pm Confirmation Class |
| Sunday, October 24th | 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:30 am Worship 4:30-6:00 pm Mexican Dinner Drive Through |

Thank you always to Pastor Erika, but especially today on Pastor Appreciation Sunday—for her ministry here, and for the untiring leadership, love, and support she gives us.

Back to Home Month: During October, we're making an emphasis on getting back to church. **Masks are optional.** If you feel sick, don't come to church, but otherwise use your own judgment about masks. Everyone is welcome! Keep the situation in your prayers.

Mexican Dinner: Order your tickets by this Wednesday, October 20th so that we can know how much food to prepare. If you'd like to help with the cooking or selling tickets for the dinner, let the office know.

Another book read is being organized. *Waking Up White* by Debby Irving is the book choice. If you're interested, let the office know.

Shoe drop-off continues through the end of October.

Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Janet, Bud, Joanne, Gloria & family, family of Lynn Whitney, Youth Program, those suffering from COVID.

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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

Twenty Second Sunday of Pentecost

**October 17th, 2021
10:30 a.m.**

October 17, 2021

Twenty Second 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 "CHANT DU SOIR" by M. E. Bossi

**RINGING OF THE BELL

**GREETING

Come and worship, all you who love and serve the Lord—outsiders and insiders, old-timers and new-comers, the young, old and the in-between. Come as you are, for this is God's house—a house of prayer for all people, and God welcomes each one who comes.

WELCOMING WORDS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLED TO WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP

L. A word of encouragement came from prophet to people;

P. Live a life that is full – build, plant, eat, love, multiply--

L. Pray for your communities

P. Keep God in the center of all that is.

L. We enter into worship today with hope in our hearts

P. For something happens here that reminds us that we can live as God desires.

L. God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

P. and we can trust the promise.

**HYMN "CHRIST FOR THE WORLD WE SING" UMH No. 568

**OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Come, Lord, come down, come in, come among us. Enter into our darkness with your light. Come fill our emptiness with your presence. Dispel the clouds and reveal your glory. Come refresh, renew, restore us. Come Lord, come down, come in, come among us. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Madison Sommerfeldt Luke Garrett

CALLED TO REFLECTION

PSALTRY READING PSALM 102 PEW BIBLE NO. 718

OLD TESTAMENT READING ISAIAH 41: 1-10 PEW BIBLE NO. 853

**GOSPEL READING LUKE 1: 35-38 PEW BIBLE NO. 1225

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

P. Thanks be to God.

SERMON "PRAYING FOR RESTORATION" REV. ERIKA MARTINEZ-FLORES

**HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "COME YE SINNERS, POOR & NEEDY" UMH No. 340

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER, COMMUNITY PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING "ALL YE WHO ON THIS EARTH DO DWELL" arr. by A. Beck

**DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

**OFFERING PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN "AND ARE WE YET ALIVE" UMH No. 553

SENT TO SERVE

**APOSTOLIC BLESSING

**SENDING FORTH (*in unison*)

Go now and celebrate wherever God's name is honored. When suffering comes, pray in faith. In times of joy, sing songs of praise. Persevere in prayer and action to bring the fallen back to the truth. Amen.

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE "GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN"
UMH No. 672 (*verse 1*)

**RINGING OF THE BELL

**POSTLUDE "PRAISE YE THE FATHER" by Charles Gounod

The WVRQ radio broadcast is given in celebration of Kristen & Cavan's 25+1 wedding anniversary which was this Thursday, October 14th.

The bulletins are given by Janet Welch.