

<u>LIFE OF OUR CHURCH</u>		
Today	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship
	4:00 pm	VBS @ Westby
Monday, August 17th	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	
Tuesday, August 18th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Wednesday, August 19th	8:30 am	Prayer Meeting (Zoom) (Call 606-5009 with prayer concerns)
	12:00 pm	Banner Making
	1:00 pm	Soup Group
	6:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
Thursday, August 20th	10:30 am	Exercise Group
Sunday, August 23rd	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:30 am	Sunday Worship

A **huge thank** you to everyone who helped paint this week! It was a huge job! All the help made it possible.

Blessing of the Backpacks: August 30th.

Reception of New Members: September 13th. See Pastor Paul with requests or questions about this.

Fall Potluck: Sunday, September 13th.

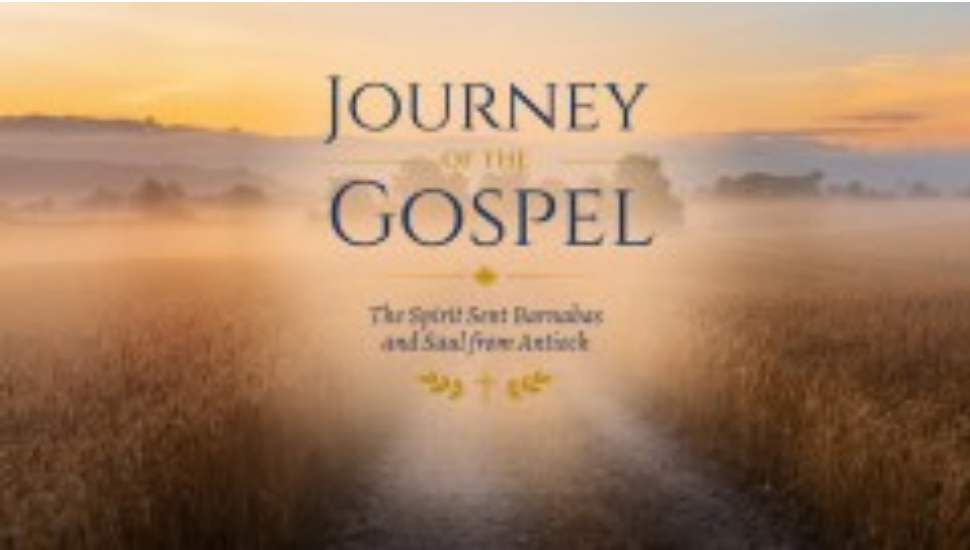
Note that the **Newsletter Deadline** is early this month. If you need more time, talk to Kathy.

Prayer List: All Homebound Members, Zoe, Ryleigh, Pat M, Jolene & Dale G, Ardith O., Hester N., Janice P., Pete G., Irene F, Janet W., all those suffering from personal stress, pain and/or illness.

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Viroqua United Methodist Church

August 16, 2026



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 and deepening love for Jesus Christ. Amen.

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



August 16, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Viroqua UMC Worship Service

Please turn off all cell phones and electronics

**Please stand if you are able

PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE "THOU ART MINE" James Southbridge

RINGING OF THE BELL (remain seated)

WELCOMING WORDS/LIFE OF THE CHURCH

CALLED TO WORSHIP

**CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

P: We gather here, ready to listen for the Spirit's voice.

L: Not by our own plans, but by the leading of the Spirit, the church sends and the church is sent.

P: Fill us with your presence, O Spirit, as we worship together this day.

L: Let us worship the One who calls, who sends, and who fills us with the Holy Spirit.

P: We come with open hearts, ready to follow where the Spirit leads.

**APOSTLES' CREED UMH No. 881

**HYMN OF PRAISE CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS" UMH No. 327

**OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Holy Spirit, just as you set apart Barnabas and Saul and sent them out from Antioch, call us together this morning. Guide us not by our own feelings or plans, but by your leading. Fill us, as you filled them, so that whatever challenges we carry this week, we may face them together with you. In the name of the One who sends and who stays with us, we pray. Amen.

CALLED TO REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE READING ACTS 13: 1-12 PEW BIBLE No. 1336

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

P. Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC by Janice Fortney

MESSAGE THE SPIRIT SENT BARNABAS AND SAUL FROM ANTIOCH

**HYMN OF AFFIRMATION "I'M GONNA SING WHEN THE SPIRIT SAYS SING" UMH No. 333

CALLED TO COMMUNITY AND TO SHARE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYER

COMMUNITY PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING/DOXOLOGY UMH No. 95

**OFFERING PRAYER

**CLOSING HYMN "SPIRIT SONG" UMH No. 347

SENT TO SERVE

**BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE "LORD, BE GLORIFIED" (vs. 1) TFWS No. 2150

**RINGING OF THE BELL

**POSTLUDE "RISE, GO JOYOUSLY INTO LIFE" Lane Smith

If this is your first time to worship here at Viroqua UMC, WELCOME!
Be sure to get one of our red welcome bags as you leave!

Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, Lead Courageously

The radio broadcast and bulletins this morning are given by members and friends of the church.