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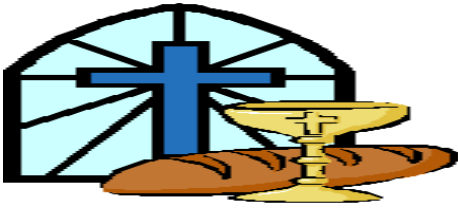
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Adult Sunday School - 9:00a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship



The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on:

July 6

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third Tuesday of each month.



**Let's Welcome JULY
with
Hope in our Heart,
Peace in our days,
Joy in our soul and
Trust that things will get
better.
May God Bless You and
Yours!
Amen.**



Musings From the Manse

I am sitting at the departure gate at Heathrow airport waiting for the airplane that will take us on the final leg of our journey back to the USA, at the end of a wonderfully exhausting tour of Scotland. I can't speak for the others on the tour, but for me, these past 10 days making our way around some of the most beautiful scenery, the most historically fascinating sites, and the most temptingly attractive tourist shops, I have found myself pondering, on more than one occasion, what the word "home" really means.

Scotland is, in one respect, my home country. I was born there and spent the first 39 years of my life there. I can't alter that, even if I wanted to (which I don't.) In terms of it being my place or origin, Scotland will always be my home.

During our tour, our group visited several places in Scotland where I had stayed, including Greenock, the town where I was born. We saw the church which I called my church home as a child, and the church I pastored while ministering in Scotland. Each of these places represents, in a small way, some of what home is.

Now, I'm at gate C53 in Heathrow airport waiting to board a British Airways flight to Cincinnati, OH and in a few short hours, I will conclude my journey to Ross, OH and finally see my wife, daughter and the numerous other occupants of my home, and I will be HOME.

So, “home” can have a multi-layered, many-faceted meaning. A place of origin, a place of rest, a place where the important people in one’s life share our space and heart – all fit together to make each one of us uniquely who we are. What this trip has shown me is how much I appreciate the home I have found with my family in Ross.

I have shared previously that I have a painting which was given to me by my parents-in-law. It’s called “Keepers of the Promise” and it has been my intention to hang it in our home. Not just in a house we live in, but in our home. At the end of this journey back to Ross from Scotland, one of my first tasks is going to be extricating the painting from its place in storage and hanging it in in the place we can finally call “home.”

Blessings,

Pastor Owen Derrick



"Keepers of the Promise" (detail) by Barry Barnett

Ushers

1st Sunday	Youth Group	<i>Lee Steenken will call on usher</i>
2nd Sunday	Deacons	<i>volunteers according to this</i>
3rd Sunday	Men of the Church	<i>General Usher Schedule.</i>
4th Sunday	Women of the Church	

Worship Assistants

July	August
06 Richard Bohne	03 Aly Bailey
13 Judy Bohne	10 Beth Ziepfel
20 Dave Toler	17 Richard Bohne
27 Tami Adams	24 Alan Marsh
	31 Emily Young

Communion Preparers

July 6th	Gayla Young
August 3rd	Joy Minks

Trustee of the Month

July	Dan Young
August	Clarence Bohne

Attendance

<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
04.....77	01.....66
11.....73 (Mother's Day)	08.....98
18.....66	15.....70
25.....67	22.....49
	29.....40

Thankful for You!

JULY



Please look below and on the following pages for opportunities to participate, serve, and have fun!
Announcements

Deacon Meeting - No meeting June, July, or August

Dorcas Circle - No meeting June, July, or August

Togetherness Circle - No meeting June, July, or August

Communications Meeting- Wednesday, **July 2nd**, 6:30pm, Annex

RAMM Meeting - Thursday, **July 3rd**, 6pm, Annex

Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, **July 8th**, 5:30pm, Annex

Session Meeting - Tuesday, **July 8th**, 7:00 pm, Annex

VPC Concert - Sunday, **July 20th**, 2:00 pm

Parish Life

Next Potluck luncheon will be on **July 13th**

There will be no Potluck luncheon in **August**

Youth Chili Fundraiser on **September 14th**

Service and picnic on **September 21st** at Heritage Park

MISSIONS

VPC will again be participating in the RAMM Back-to-School event on August 9th. Your generous donations to Missions will be used to purchase earbuds and headphones for Elda students in need. Elda Elementary students use headphones and/or earbuds with their Chromebooks to do individualized instruction.

For many, July might mean taking a break from school or a vacation, but the need for donations to our mission projects continues. Please continue to collect beverage tabs for Shriners, sorted and flattened plastic bags to make mats, and gently used blankets/throws/ afghans, shoes, and socks for community outreach.

If you have a July birthday, consider a small donation to the Birthday Blessings church to honor your birthday or that of a special someone.

HELPING HAND



The Venice Presbyterian Church pantry has had many visits throughout the year. We could not help this many families without your generosity and kindness. If you can bring just one item per week from our list of needed items, or would like to make a financial donation for “Venice pantry” to purchase needed items, it would be a great help.

1. Jelly & Peanut Butter
2. Cereal
3. Canned Meat (tuna, chicken)
4. Canned Pasta Meals and Soup
5. Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta
6. Ramen Noodles

Any questions, please see Dave Wheat or Rick Wepler.



RAMM
www.rammbutler.org

The RAMM meeting will be Thursday, **July 3rd** at 6:00 p.m. at the VPC Church Annex.

The RAMM monthly pantry is held the third Saturday of each month, from 10am to 11:30am at the Ross Intermediate School. If you would like to volunteer your time or have donations of perishable or non-perishable food items, personal care items, or cleaning supplies, please contact Greg Young at 513-212-7950.

Financial donations are greatly appreciated by cash, check or Venmo to @ RAMM-Ross and Morgan Ministries. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Sharing Closet

If anyone would like to help sort and hang clothing, we meet every Wednesday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please check with Carole Wheat for additional information.

July

Verona Presbyterian

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p>29</p> <p>Scotland Trip</p> <p>9:30am - LOFT</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Junior Church</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>7pm - Boy Scouts</p> <p>8:30pm - C</p>	
<p>5</p> <p>9:30am - LOFT</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Junior Church</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30pm - Trustees</p> <p>7pm - Session Meeting</p>	
<p>13</p> <p>Potluck Lunch (after</p> <p>9:30am - LOFT</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Junior Church</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	
<p>20</p> <p>9:30am - LOFT</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Junior Church</p> <p>2pm - YPC Summer</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	
<p>27</p> <p>9:30am - LOFT</p> <p>10:30am - Worship</p> <p>11am - Junior Church</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	

Jul 2023 (Eastern Time - New York)

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 6pm	2 6pm - RAMM - Annex	3 Independence Day	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12
13	14 10:30am - JOY Cutting	15	16 RAMM
17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24
25	26 7pm - Boy Scouts	27	28
29	30	31	1
2	3	4	5

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VBS THANKS!

A huge THANK YOU to all who gave their time to make VBS a success this year! Everyone gave of themselves so fully and willingly and the kids who attended were blessed by the love of God shown through the words, actions, smiles and love of His people. We had 51 kids attend and collected \$225 and 231 food items for RAMM! We can't wait to do it again next year. Tentative date for VBS 2026 has been set for the week of June 8.



Here are a few pics from VBS. We had a great week!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

True North VBS TEAM: Beth Ziefel, Director

<p>Crafts: Jen Guenther, Lois Beddard, Kathryn Lind</p>	<p>Sticky Scripture: Kim Young, Dyllan Brandenburg</p>	<p>Snacks: Candy Wepler, Sharon Tragesser, Jan Krier</p>
<p>Imagination Station: Sue Pigg, Karlana Boyle, Addison and Emma Asher, Cooper Cope</p>	<p>Bible Adventures: Reverend <u>Clif</u> Bailey, Pastor Owen Derrick</p>	<p>Games: Becky Berling, Cindy Licata, Ryder Gibson</p>
<p>Registration, Check-in: Martha Young, Sharon Thompson Monday Registration crew: Jean Wilhelm, Emily Young, Carol Wheat</p>	<p>Music: Aly Bailey Opening/Closing: Aly Bailey, Kim Young, Dyllan Brandenburg</p>	<p>Publicity, Administration: Emily Goodwin, Carole Gilmore, Martha Young, Beth Ziefel</p>
<p>Tech Team: Bob Young, Owen Ziefel, Audrey Sparks</p> <p>Spotlight Video: Elianne Derrick</p>	<p>Group Leaders: FOXES - Winnie Ziefel, Meghan Eldridge BEARS - Gayla Young, Jenny Grubbs OWLS - Barb and Candace Fathman SALMON - Chris Mastin, Kyler Grey WOLVES - Carol Shelton, Hailey Lind SUPER SUBS: Tracy Smith, Kaylee Grey, Nate Shelton</p>	
<p>Decorations: Gayla & Dan Young Sharon & Denny Thompson Mary, Kevin & Anthony Unwin Jill Fox and family Sue Pigg Richard Bohne Kim & Greg Young Chris Mastin Karlana Boyle Jen Guenther</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>		

Adult Sunday School & Coffee Conversations

Adult Sunday School and Coffee Conversations are taking a break for summer!

Junior Church

Junior church continues working through the *Character By God's Design* curriculum.

Youth Group L.O.F.T. = Living Our Faith Together through service, study, prayer & fun!

See below for this month's activities! Contact Beth Ziepfel for more information. Beth: 513-490-5408 givemeaz303@gmail.com



JULY

- Sunday, July 6:
 - Youth will usher/greet this week
- Sunday, July 13
 - Setup/serve/clean up Coffee Hour
- Friday, July 25
 - Pool Party 5:30-8:30 at Young's 3908 Fiscus Ct.

L.O.F.T.
ANNUAL SUMMER
pool party

7/25/2025
5:30 – 8:30PM

THE YOUNG HOUSE
3908 FIGUS CT.
HAMILTON, OH 45013

Questions? Call or text Beth
513-490-5048 or
email: givemeaz303@gmail.com

We had a great turn-out and a wonderful time at Whiskey's in Lawrenceburg, Indiana on June 19th.



Our July outing is scheduled for Thursday the 17th. We will need to leave the church at 10:30 a.m. for a scheduled tour at 11:00 a.m. of the Harrison Village Historical Museum. We will plan to go to lunch afterwards at Harrison

Market Street Grill. The tour should take around an hour, so if you can only join us for lunch, that will be fine! Also mark your calendar for August 21st. We are going to try to have our outing to the Cincinnati sign museum on that day and will end with lunch at Camp Washington Chili. Hope you can join us for food, fun, and fellowship! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email me or call. Thanks, Gayla.





VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUMMER 2025 CHOIR FUNDRAISER CONCERTS

ALL PERFORMANCES BEGIN AT 2:00PM




6.8.2025 - BEN TWEEDT PLAYS THE
GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK



7.20.2025 - HOUSTON TYRRELL -
AN AFTERNOON OF ART SONG

8.24.2025 - THE BEN TWEEDT TRIO -
ORIGINAL PIANO TRIO MUSIC FROM THE
QUEEN CITY



4244 Layhigh Rd
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PRAYERS

Please Pray for Wilma Butterfield, Kenley Commins, Dianne Derrick, David Garrett, Nick Guenther, MaryAnn Guenther, Ruth Guenther, Dale Hanson, Pat Jackson, Kylee Phillips, Nancy Renner, Carolyn Richardson, Debbie Schwab, J.T. Swartzel, Rick Weppler, Rosemary Wisecup, Joan Wright, and Jackie Yust.
****Ongoing Love offering** for Debbie Schwab and her family. If you would like to give, please write “Debbie” or “Schwabs” on your giving envelope.
Prayers and cards are especially needed at this time.



July

BIRTHDAYS

- 06 Sorin Davis
- 07 Jacob Butzin
- 08 Candy Weppler
- 16 Dyllan Brandenburg
- 17 Kim Williams
- 18 Joey Godbey
- 18 Thomas Kirk
- 23 Darlene Reynolds
- 27 Becky Berling
- 29 Debra Schwab
- 31 John Krier
- 31 Chase Young



ANNIVERSARIES

- 07 Jerry and Helen Rohrer
- 11 Kevin and Mary Unwin
- 11 Michael and Beth Ziepfel
- 12 Leon and Marcia Collinsworth
- 20 Jon and Jan Krier



If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office at 513-738-1317. Thank you.

