

Venice View

A monthly newsletter of Venice Presbyterian Church

May 2024

Established 1828



“Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples of Jesus”

Venice Presbyterian Church

4244 Layhigh Road

PO Box 41

Ross, Ohio 45061

Phone: (513) 738-1317

email: churchoffice@thevenicechurch.com

www.thevenicechurch.com

Adult Sunday School - 9:00a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship



The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on:

May 5

Please “Like” our
Facebook page.
Venice Presbyterian
Church!



Venice Presbyterian Church
4244 Layhigh Road
P.O. Box 41
Ross, OH 45061

Office Hours
Monday-Friday
9:00a-12:00p
Phone
(513) 738-1317

Fax
(513) 738-0456

Email
churchoffice@thevenicechurch.com

Website
www.thevenicechurch.com

STAFF

Pastor
Rev. Owen Derrick

Administrative Assistant
Gwen Kohlman

Intermediate Youth Director
Beth Ziepfel

Choir Director
Houston Tyrrell

Music Director
Ben Tweedt

Audio/Visual
Owen Ziepfel

Custodian
Larry Hayes

Venice View is published monthly.
All items should be submitted by the
third Tuesday of each month.



Welcome *May* *Blessings..*

May You be happy.

May You be well.

May You be safe.

May You find comfort.

May You have strength.

May You have courage.

May You find healing.

May You have peace.

May You have joy.

May You be filled with loving kindness.

MAY YOU BE BLESSED

TODAY & *Always.*



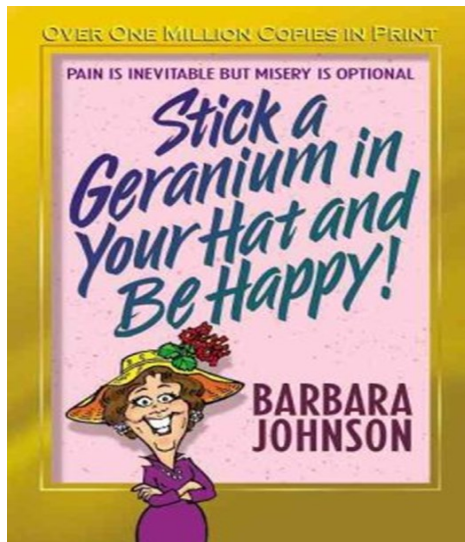
From the Pastor

As I write this, I have just celebrated 7 months as your pastor. As we get to know each other, I'm sure there will be things I do that you don't understand, and maybe don't even like. That's OK. It might surprise you to know that there's a possibility there are things you do that I don't understand or like too! What is important is that we all approach life at Venice Presbyterian constructively. There may well be things that won't be done the way they've always been done. That doesn't make either the old way or the new way right or wrong. It simply means that we're trying something new. **Constructive** feedback is always welcome.

The Christian writer, Barbara Johnson, wrote a book quirkily titled "Pain is Inevitable, but Misery is Optional. So Stick a Geranium in Your Hat, and be Happy!" We can't pretend that things haven't changed. Instead, we make a choice: we either allow misery to define our response, or we take the new circumstances, and see them as a fresh opportunity to do God's work in the world. Maybe we'll designate a Sunday this spring as "Geranium in Your Hat" Sunday! Or would that be too much of a change?

Yours in the risen Christ,

Pastor Owen Derrick



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

May	June
5 Alan Marsh	2 Sue Pigg
12 Jan Krier	09 Dan Young
19 Kim Young	16
26 Jerry Rohrer	23 Lee Steenken
	30 Richard Bohne

Communion Preparers

May 5th	Karlana Boyle
June 2nd	Sue Pigg

Trustee of the Month

May	Ron Mienheartt
June	Nancy Bohne

Attendance

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>
04.....83	03.....79
11.....74	10.....68
14.....54 Ash Weds.	17.....72
18.....78	24.....106 Palm Sunday
25.....84	28.....47 Maundy Thurs.
	29.....153 Good Friday
	31.....127 Easter Sunday

Thankful for You!

MAY SPRING

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

Announcements

Deacon Meeting - Wednesday, **May 1st** at 6:00 p.m. in the Annex

Dorcas Circle - Tuesday, **May 21st** at 10 a.m. at the home of Sharon Thompson. Martha Young will offer the devotion.

Session Meeting - Date Change: The next Session meeting date has been changed to Thursday, **May 23rd** at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex.

Togetherness Circle - Tuesday, **May 28th** at 1:30 p.m. in the Annex

Trustee Meeting - Tuesday, **May 7th** at 5:30 p.m. in the Annex

Parish Life

Potluck Luncheon - Our next Potluck Luncheon will be Sunday, **May 5th** after church. Please bring food to share and if you like bring your table service to save the Deacons purchasing supplies. Table serve will be available for those needing it.

Just a reminder - If you received flowers in a vase from a Potluck Luncheon, please return the vase to Joy so they can be re-used. Thank you very much!

Church Coffee Hour - We are still in need of donations on Coffee Hour Sundays. The Deacons are grateful for all the wonderful goodies being received!



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, **May 2nd** at 6:00 p.m. at the VPC Annex.

The RAMM monthly pantry is held the third Saturday of each month, from 10am to 11:30am (except November and December when it's 10am-12pm), 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.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

May 2024

INTERMEDIATE YOUTH GROUP

(Sunday mornings 9:30-10:15 in the LOFT room of the annex).

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



We love our youth!

LOFT Living Our Faith Together

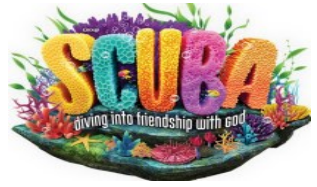
May

- Sunday, May 5 LOFT 9:30am - 10 only
 - Youth will usher/greet this Sunday!
- Sunday, May 12 LOFT 9:30am
 - MOTHER'S DAY!
- Sunday, May 19: LOFT 9:30am
 - Youth will setup/serve/clean up for Coffee Hour today!
- Sunday, May 26: LOFT 9:30am

In addition to the above noted events, LOFT will be going to Miami White-water Forest Harbor after church on Sunday, **May 19** (weather permitting). Please mark **June 11th** as an outing to the Reds Game as well. Contact Beth Ziepfel with questions 513-490-5048 or givemeaz303@gmail.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is quickly approaching! It will take place **June 24th-28th** from 9am-11:45am. Registration forms (digital & print) are available on our website under the VBS tab. Please reach out to Beth Ziepfel if you are able to help. Stay tuned for a decorating date and donation sign up sheets. Beth: 513-490-5048 or givemeaz303@gmail.com.



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Sunday mornings @ 9 a.m. in the annex)



Adult Sunday School will continue with Max Lucado's You Were Made For This Moment: How the story of Esther inspires us to step up and stand for God. **There will be NO Adult Sunday School on May 5 or May 12.** Please see Kim Young for more information

JUNIOR CHURCH

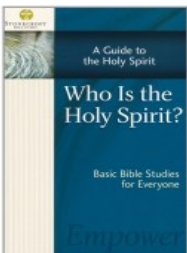
(Sunday mornings during worship)

Junior church continues meeting each Sunday during worship. We are into our 3rd series of lessons in the Grow Together Now curriculum. Our lesson focus is on having a SERVANT'S HEART. We are learning God wants us to serve rather than be served.



COFFEE CONVERSATIONS

(Thursday mornings @ 9:30 a.m. in the annex)



We have begun a new lesson series that will take us through May. This study will reveal who Jesus is, what He does, and what life is like when He lives within you. Learn what the Holy Spirit does in the life of a Christian and how He can help you grow to be more like Christ. Come join us as we answer, Who is the Holy Spirit? See Judy Bohne for details.

JOY (Just Older Youth) Group



We had a great time at the Tea Party at the Benninghofen House in Hamilton. Cass Ruhlman was our hostess and gave a lovely talk about the house and the traditions of tea

parties. Each place setting had formal heirloom place settings and the food and tea were amazing! Cass makes her own varieties of teas from organic plants grown in Butler County.

Our next JOY Group outing is planned for **May 16th, 2024** at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. to go to the Mullen Dairy and Creamery for a tour. We will plan to go to lunch after the tour. I am still waiting to confirm this tour, so please watch and listen for announcements in case there is a change. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex at church. We hope you can join us! If you have any questions, please call Gayla at 513-836-0020 or email her at gaylayoung@fuse.net.



May Preschool News



We will be wrapping up the 2023-2024 school year at the end of this month. We are grateful for this year with our students and all of our wonderful families. We are proud of our students and how much they have all grown since September.

This month we will be reviewing what we have learned this year and getting ready for our parent conferences. We will also be making the handprint t-shirts for our students to wear to our graduation ceremonies at Hanover Park on May 29 and 30.



Missions

Many of you know that we are no longer able to continue the One Way Farm mission project. Due to their move from Fairfield to the Middletown area, they are just too far away to continue to supply birthday decorations and personal care items. Any personal care items already in the bin will be redistributed to RAMM. Thanks to all who so generously supported this mission in the past!

On the other hand, we appreciate your continued support of **Haven House** with cleaning products/paper goods, **Shriners** with beverage tabs, and the homeless with **plastic bags** for mats, and **gently used blankets/throws, shoes, and socks**.

Do you or a family member have a May Birthday? Then remember to honor that birthday person with a small donation to Birthday Blessings.



LADIES, LADIES, LADIES! - Mother's Day is Sunday, **May 12th**. Wouldn't it be fun and a nice honor/memory of all our Moms by wearing a hat! It can be homemade, from a thrift store, or anywhere. Help us decorate our church by honoring our Moms, and wearing a hat!



RUMMAGE SALE



RUMMAGE SALE INFORMATION

The VPC Youth Group will be holding a Rummage Sale on Saturday, **July 13th**, from 8:00am-2:00pm. Here is how you can help:

1. Save your newspapers and circulars for us. We need them to wrap breakable purchases at our sale.
2. Save grocery bags, both plastic and paper.
3. Go through your closets, cupboards, drawers, attics and basements, and put aside anything you no longer want or need.
4. Box up your items, newspapers, circulars and bags and bring them to the Annex to be placed in the basement with other rummage sale items. **PLEASE**- Mark that all of your items are for the Youth Group Rummage Sale. Please **DO NOT** leave items outside at the Annex as sometimes things have a way of disappearing from the porch.

Rummage Sale “Set Up” information will be in the June and July Newsletters. If you have any questions, please call Martha Young 513-738-1966.

***The VPC Youth Group thanks you in advance!**





**** Prayers for Kenley Commins, David Garrett, Katie Gobin, Ruth Guenther, Dale Hanson, Ray Hill, McMichael Family, Family of Dana Mehl, Kylee Phillips, Missy Jo Peacock, Nancy Renner, Debbie Schwab, J.T. Swartzel, Rick Wepler, Rosemary Wisecup, and Jackie Yust.**

Thanksgivings from Members to the Church



To all the wonderful people at VPC,
You do know who you are. I can't thank everyone enough for all the prayers, cards, kindness, and everything else good. Everything has so overwhelmed me. I'm on the trail back now, I hope. Anyway, thank you so much again.

Love to all of you,
Ruth Guenther

Dear Venice Presbyterian Church Members,
Words are not enough to express my gratitude and appreciation for your out pouring of love and support given to Dana and I over these past months. The tears swell up in my eyes just thinking about all you have done for him, the cards, visits, flowers, gifts and most of all your prayers. Dana loved your cards. I would take them to the hospital each day, he would open them up and read each one. When he was not able, I read them to him. Dana got to experience the love you have for him and that gave him strength to face his final journey.

Thank you for a wonderful Memorial Service conducted in the church he loved with the people he loved praying and celebrating his amazing life.
Love,

Martha Mehl

Thank you for the cards, texts, positive thoughts, and prayers during recovery from my recent surgery. All were very appreciated and meant a lot!

Sue Pigg

MAY

BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Tad Adams
- 08 Addison Asher
- 09 Shirley Hamilton
- 10 Rick Wepler
- 11 Winnie Ziepfel
- 14 Ellie Boyle
- 15 Dianne Derrick
- 15 Carole Wheat
- 15 Kim Young
- 17 Kara Brandenburg



ANNIVERSARIES

- 09 John and Sue Pigg
- 14 Brent and Mandy Guenther
- 17 Clarence and Nancy Bohne
- 22 Rick and Candy Wepler
- 30 Jody and Rebecca Asher



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