

Venice View

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*"Reaching God through:
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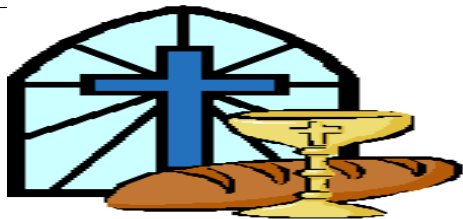
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Adult Sunday School - 9:00a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship



The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on:
March 5th

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Venice Presbyterian
Church!



Attendance

<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>
4.....76	1.....42
11.....75	8.....57
18.....84	15.....68
24.....75	22.....Snow
25.....35	29.....57



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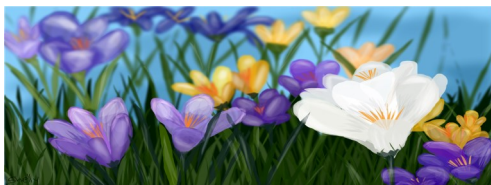
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March



This month we have a lot going on, so please look below and on the following pages for opportunities to participate, serve, and have fun!

Opportunities:

Worship Technology— If you love technology, sharing worship virtually, and helping out with sound, reach out to Owen Ziepfel!

Announcements:

Deacons' meeting is on Wednesday, March 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Annex.

Dorcas Circle - Will meet on Tuesday, March 21st at 10 a.m. and will be at the home of Martha Young.

Togetherness Circle -Will meet on Tuesday, March 28th at 1:30 p.m. in the Annex.

Session - The next Session meeting will be March 9th at 7 p.m. in the Annex.



Welcome
March



Look at the birds of the
air that they do not sow,
neither do they reap, nor
gather into barns, and yet
your Heavenly Father feeds
them. Are you not worth
much more than they?

Matthew 6:26



LIVING CHURCHES UPDATE

The Living Churches Team met on February 11th and was able to complete our work on Goals and Strategies. Those goals and strategies support the vision that was created for our church's future. This work will be shared with the Session over the next month and input will then be sought from the congregation. All of this work will be instrumental as we move forward with creating a relationship with a new pastor.

MISSIONS

****One Great Hour of Sharing****

During the Lenten Season, February 22-April 9, we join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors in need around the globe. OGHS supports three programs- Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People- all working in different ways to serve individuals and communities. Supporting programs in over 100 countries, One Great Hour of Sharing works to provide food, clean water, sanitation, education, opportunities, and hope. Envelopes with your contributions may be returned with the offering or to the church office.

****One Way Farm****

This shelter in Fairfield houses approximately 20 abused, neglected, troubled, and abandoned children, both boys and girls, who may range in age from as young as 6-7 to 18. The kids would GREATLY appreciate donations of:

1. Good-smelling body washes, deodorants, and shampoos.

For example, for the guys: Axe (many scents), Dial "Cedar Leaf"

For the girls: Bath and Body Works (for example, Pink Pineapple Sunrise, Champagne Toast, Thousand Wishes), or anything with a fresh, fruity smell

2. Birthday Decorations ONLY. Napkins and plates for 30, and possibly cups and an "age" candle if you like. A theme for the younger kids may be appropriate.

A sign-up sheet in the upper hallway with ages/names/birthdates coming soon!

****Haven House****

An emergency shelter in Hamilton, Haven House relies solely on private contributions and donations. The facility consists of 12 separate apartments, sharing a common dining area where staff prepare breakfast and evening meals. On average about 25 people stay there each night. Haven House serves single mothers with children, single fathers with children, married couples, and families.

HAVEN HOUSE has a Wish List on their website, which lists current needs.

*The Mission Committee at VPC is asking for donations of paper goods and cleaning products, for example:

Paper napkins	Toilet bowl cleaner
Paper towels	Comet
Toilet paper	Windex
Styrofoam plates (sectional, 8" +)	
	Tide
	Spic 'N Span

Bins for your donations are provided in the upper hallway. If you have questions, please contact Sue Pigg or any member of the Mission Committee.

****Aluminum Can Drive****

Please feel free to continue donating aluminum cans to the choir as a fundraiser for them.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWSLETTER

March 2023

INTERMEDIATE YOUTH GROUP



Intermediate Youth Group LOFT = Living our Faith Together
through service, study, prayer, & fun!

The youth group has been busy sharing love! In February, they worked to make fleece blankets which will be donated to Children's Hospital. Thanks to those that donated funds and fleece for the project! They also got together for a friendly Valentine's Day movie. More fun and service will be coming up in March. Beth will share information for Youth Group members as it becomes available. In the meantime, we continue meeting Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:15 in the upper level of the annex. Again, if you are interested in helping the Intermediate Youth Group with contributions of your time, money, or talents, or if you have service ideas, please contact Beth Ziepfel at 513-490-5048 or at givemeaz303@gmail.com.



JUNIOR CHURCH

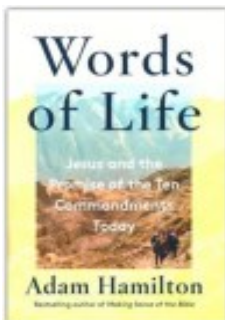
(Sundays during worship)



Junior church continues each Sunday during worship. We continue with the All Together Now curriculum designed for multi-age groups (ages 4-12). A big thank you to Nancy Bohne who joins the Junior Church teaching staff. Nancy has graciously volunteered to teach the 5th Sunday of the month! Ongoing thanks to our teaching staff: Becky Berling, Karlana Boyle, Gayla Young, Cindy Licata, & Nancy Bohne as well as Kim Young for her ongoing support.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Sunday mornings @ 9am in the annex)

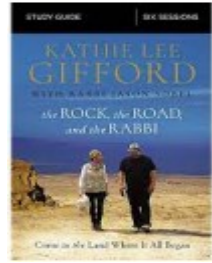


Adult Sunday school continues with The Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today by Adam Hamilton. This study will continue through March and into April. Please note that there will **NOT** be any Adult Sunday School on March 5 or March 12. Classes **WILL** be held March 19th & March 26th. See Kim Young for more information.

COFFEE CONVERSATION

(Thursday mornings @ 9:30 in the annex)

Beginning March 2, Coffee Conversations will begin a new study called "the ROCK, the ROAD, and the RABBI". The land that God promised to Abraham and his descendants is a dry, rocky piece of dirt roughly the size of New Hampshire.



It has been quarreled over for millennia because it lies on a land bridge linking Asia and Africa, and is thus a key part of the trade route between those two continents. Every time an empire from the Middle East wanted to expand into North Africa (or vice versa), its army had to march through what we call the Holy Land. Some of the events of the Bible took place outside the Holy Land, but nearly all of Jesus' earthly life was spent there. So, if we want to understand what His life was about, we need to know about the places where He lived and taught and died and rose again. This study aims to bring those places alive in ways that will illuminate the message of the Gospels - the message of Jesus. You will also be discovering the very Jewish background of the Gospels in ways that shed fresh light on the Scriptures. If you think you already know what happened in Bethlehem or Jerusalem, get ready to be amazed! Get ready to deepen your faith with the ROCK (Jesus Christ), the ROAD (Israel) and the RABBI (God's Word)! Everyone is welcome! Please come join us! See Judy Bohne for more information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is back! Please save the date! VBS has been scheduled for the last week of June (June 26-30). This year's VBS theme is "READY, SET, MOVE! Follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere!" by Orange publishing. Beth Ziepfel has volunteered to be the coordinator this year. THANKS BETH! More information will be forthcoming, but for now, mark your calendars!





March Preschool News



We are ready for spring weather!!



2023-2024 Registration

If you are interested in registering your child for the 2023-2024 school year, please contact us at 738-0158 or preschool@thevenicechurch.com. We currently have two 2-day spots open for next year.

What are we Learning this Month?

Blue Class (Mrs. Baker) - We will focus on letter sounds and the beginning sounds in words and continue to practice rhyming and syllables. We will continue to practice sounding out and reading CVC words, such as hat and mat. We will work on counting and identifying those tricky teen numbers and continue to practice patterns.

Red Class (Mrs. Fathman) - We will continue to learn about our community helpers with a focus on healthcare and medical workers. We will play name games, practice rhyming words, talk about Easter and get ready for Grandparents Day.

Yellow Class (Mrs. Meade) - We will explore the letters B, Q and U, the color green and the triangle shape. We will practice our songs for Grandparents Day.

We are looking forward to having the grandparents of our students join us on March 27 and 28.

Spring Break is April 3 - April 10.



Parish Life

The next PotLuck luncheon will be Sunday, March 26th. After lunch there will be CPR and defibulator training.

Church Coffee Hour donations are greatly appreciated. There is a sign-up sheet on the table at the top of the stairs.



High School Graduates. The Deacons are once again planning to honor high school and college graduates who have been part of our church family. All names and information should be submitted to the church office no later than May 1st.

Ushers

1st Sunday Youth
2nd Sunday Deacons
3rd Sunday Men of the Church
4th Sunday Women of the Church

Lee Steenken will call on usher volunteers according to this General Usher Schedule.

Worship Assistants

March

5th Lee Steenken
12th Emily Young
19th Jacob Butzin
26th Judy Bohne

April

2nd Dave Toler
9th Greg Young
16th Bill Steenken
23rd Tami Adams
30th Alan Marsh

Communion Preparer

March 5th Gayla Young
April 2nd Bob Young

Trustees of the Month

March Becky Berling
April Pete Berling

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 Weppeler.

RAMM

The RAMM monthly open pantry is held the third Saturday of each month, from 10am to 11:30am, at the Ross Schools Administration Building. 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! Thank you for your continued generosity and support! RAMM now has a website: **www.rammbutler.org** You may now donate thru Venmo @ RAMM-Ross and Morgan Ministries!



On February 23rd, the JOY Group went to the movie theatre on Harrison Avenue to see “A Man Called Otto” and then finished the afternoon with dessert at Graeters.

The next JOY Group outing will be lunch at the Hofbrauhaus in Newport, KY on Thursday, March 23, 2023. We will plan to leave the church at 11 a.m. and carpool down to the restaurant for a time of food and fellowship.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Hope you will be able to join us! If you have any questions, please call me at 513-836-0020 or email me at gaylayoung@fuse.net.

EASTER LILIES



We will be decorating our Sanctuary with Easter Lilies once again this year. They may be purchased in honor or in memory of loved ones. You may take your Lily home after the Easter service. Each Lily cost \$12.00. **Orders must be in by Sunday, April 3rd.** Order envelopes are on the desk at the top of the stairs.

PRAYER LIST



** Prayers for **Mary Ann Guenther** who fell and has broken bones and bruises.

** Prayers for **Pastor Jan Dillaman** whose mom passed away on Sunday, February 19th. Cards may be mailed to 4027 Mikehill Drive, Fairfield OH 45014.

** Continued prayers for healing for **Mary Unwin**.

Continued prayers for **Rick Weppeler for comfort and healing. Cards may be mailed to 3209 Kirchling Rd. Hamilton OH 45013.

Please keep **Nancy Renner in your prayers for healing. You may send a card to: 2774 Laurie Ct, Fairfield OH 45014.

Please keep **Debbie Schwab and her family in your prayers. You may send a card to: 3748 Herman Rd, Hamilton OH 45013.

Please remember **Kristen Oldham as she is home and doing better. You may send a card to: 7821 Plainfield Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45236.

Prayers for **Kim Young for successful treatment for sight in her right eye.

Continued healing prayers and praises for 16-month-old **Angus Perry who had tubes put in his ears. The fluid has drained out of his ears, and he can hear voices!

Continued prayers for a miracle for **Gail Richardson who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 inoperable breast cancer.

Thanksgivings from Members to the Church

From Dale Hanson: Thank you for your continued thoughts, prayers, and cards. My surgeons for cancer and the hernia which occurred afterwards have said my recovery has gone well and have released me with no planned follow-up. I have a final checkup with my surgeon for my thyroid removal next week. No complications are expected.

On February 10, I begin follow-up treatment for any possible remaining cancer to ensure there is not a recurrence. The treatment will be Immunotherapy. Treatments will be once a month for a year. A standard treatment is a two hour intravenous feed of a solution which stimulates my immune system to attack any remaining cancer cells that I may have. Side effects are minimal. Generally there is no sickness after treatment, no hair loss, no loss of appetite, etc.

Regards,

Dale Hanson

From Kim Williams on Feb. 3rd: I have 5 more weeks to go in the wheelchair without walking. That would be a total of 12 weeks since my second surgery. I am so grateful for the prayers and cards. I can't wait to come back to church. I really miss the people. Thanks to all and I look forward to my return!

With Love,

Kim Williams

From Bettie Carmack: I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for my **100th birthday celebration**. The lovely cake, beautiful decorations, all the well wishes and so many cards were so appreciated. Everyone went above and beyond to make this very special, and it meant so much to me.

Thank you,

Bettie Carmack



MARCH

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Andrew Brown
- 1 Hannah Brown
- 1 Zach Webster
- 2 Brent Guenther
- 2 Marcus Guenther
- 2 Mike Schwab
- 2 Bill Steenken
- 4 Ethan Boyle
- 16 A J Eads
- 17 Dan Young
- 19 Joel Sackenheim
- 26 Cindy Licata



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jay and Genevra
Butterfield
- 22 Kevin and Tracey Spille
- 31 Alan and Donna Marsh

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