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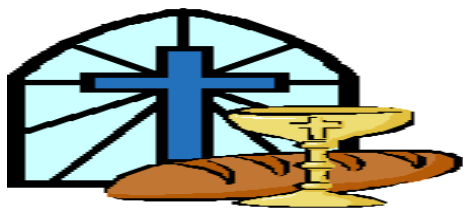
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Adult Sunday School - 9:00a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship



The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on:

June 1

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Welcome June

New month, new chapter,
new page and new wishes.

May this month give you
courage, strength, confidence,
patience, self love and peace.

May everyday of June
fill your days with
joy, fun and laughter.



Musings From the Manse

**I lift up my eyes to the hills—
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

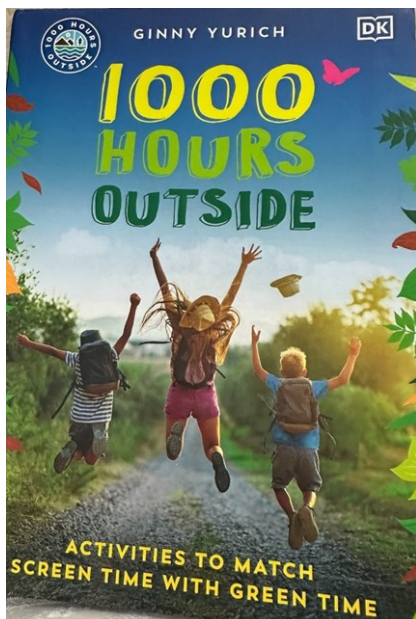
Psalm 121:1-2

During a recent Sunday service, for the “Purple Bag” moment with the children (if you need to know about the “Purple Bag,” drop me a note and I’ll tell you), Eddie and Ben Guenther brought a book to share. It was called *1000 Hours Outside: Activities to Match Screen Time with Green Time*.

The concept of the book is that together, families (and individuals) can become intentional about tearing themselves away from all of the electronic media that tends to entrap us in our homes, and replace that with time spent in the open air, enjoying God’s creation.

I admit that the whole idea has caught my attention. During my talk with the kids that followed finding the book in the bag, I felt inspired to take the approaching summer months as an impetus to encourage the congregation to take on the challenge of finding 3 hours a day to get outside. It needn’t be strenuous, or even activity-based. Sitting on your back porch watching the grass grow counts toward your 3 hours!

And, since I know we have some members in our congregation who are house-bound, I made the executive decision (since we’re making the rules up as we go along anyway!) that anyone visiting someone who can’t get out can count that time toward their 3 hours – because, let’s face it, your visit is like a breath of fresh air to that person. (And, incidentally, it’ll be like a breath of fresh air to you too!)



I've even had a word with our congregational librarian, and she has agreed to purchase a few copies of the book for the church library! So – no excuses. Let's enjoy the approaching summer, and take this opportunity to step out into God's beautiful world.

As we lift up our eyes, we see God's creation with renewed perspective. With eyes cast down – whether through sadness, or insecurity, or to check phone messages – we miss so much of the universe around us. We fail to see the glory in a beautiful sunset, the majesty of a towering oak tree, or the vast panoply of night-time stars that are spread across the night sky. We also miss the joyful glint in a loved-one's eyes, the neighbor playing catch with his son in the yard, the Amazon driver stopping to let a family of ducks cross the road.

On April 8, 2024, we all collectively looked upward. We lifted our eyes to the heavens as we collectively witnessed the total eclipse across large parts of our country that day. The thing is, we had to go outdoors to see it. And, while many of us were trying our best to capture the moment on our phones, most of us, phone or not, captured the awe of that moment in our hearts.

So, let's agree to accept the challenge of 3 hours a day outdoors. With heads held high!

Blessings,

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

June	July
01 Sue Pigg	06 Richard Bohne
08 Kim Young	13 Judy Bohne
15 Dan Young	20 Dave Toler
22 Brent Guenther	27 Tami Adams
29 Lee Steenken	

Communion Preparers

June 1 st	Sue Pigg
July 6 th	Gayla Young

Trustee of the Month

June	Nancy Bohne
July	Dan Young

Attendance

<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
06.....79	04.....77
13.....82	11.....73 (Mother's Day)
17.....41 (Maundy Thursday)	18.....66
20.....99 (Easter Sunday)	25.....67
27.....69	

Thankful for You!

JUNE



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

Vacation Bible School- June 2nd - June 6th, 9:00am - 11:45am

Communications Meeting- Wednesday, June 4th, 6:30pm

RAMM Meeting - Thursday, June 5th, 6pm, Annex

Trustees Meeting - Tuesday, June 10th, 5:30pm, Annex

Session Meeting - Tuesday, June 10th, 7:00 pm, Annex

Scotland Trip - Friday, June 20th - June 30th

NOTE: Pastor Owen leaves for Scotland on Monday, June 16th

Parish Life

There will be no potluck luncheon in **June**.
Our next potluck luncheon will be **July 13th**.
Please mark your calendars.

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, June 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 June 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 Weppeler.



RAMM
www.rammbutler.org

The RAMM meeting will be Thursday, **June 5th** 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.

JUNE

SUN Jun 1	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am LOFT 10:30am Worship 11am Junior Church 	9am Vacation Bible School		
8	9	10	11
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15	16	17	18
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22	23	24	25
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29	30	Jul 1	Jul 2
Scotland Trip		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30pm Communion
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ED 4	THU 5	FRI 6	SAT 7
am Meeting	● 6pm RAMM - Annex		
1	12	13	14
8	19	20	21
		Scotland Trip	RAMM
5	26	27	28
2	3	4	5
am Meeting	● 6pm RAMM - Annex	Independence Day	

MANY, MANY THANKS!

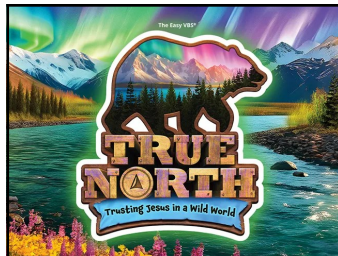
I believe I speak for everyone, when I say “Thank You” to Beth Ziepfel and the LOFT Youth Group. The Mother’s Day Brunch was so very thoughtful, as well as delicious. So much time was spent in planning, prepping, cooking, set up and clean up. Our thank yous go out to Beth, Michael, Winnie, Kyler, Kaylee and Elianne. The Brunch was appreciated by all, especially those Moms who didn’t have to cook on Mother’s Day!



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School

We are looking forward to VBS, *TRUE NORTH - Trusting Jesus in a Wild World!* Huge thanks to everyone that has volunteered their time to advertise the event, to decorate, handle registrations, donate snack items, run stations, lead kids where they need to go, run the tech, and clean up after the kids each day. It takes many hands to pull it off and our church always does an awesome job! Thanks to Beth Ziepfel for leading it all. Thanks again to everyone involved!



Youth Group **L.O.F.T. = Living Our Faith Together** through service, study, prayer & fun! Please contact Beth Ziepfel for more information about LOFT or if you have service project ideas. See below for this month's activities! Beth: 513-490-5408 givemeaz303@gmail.com

LOFT Living Our Faith Together

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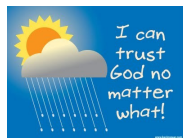
- **Sunday, June 1** Last LOFT for the summer 9:30am
 - Youth will usher/greet this week
- **Monday, June 2 - Friday, June 6:**
 - **VBS 9 -11:45** We need youth volunteers!
- **Sunday, June 8** VBS Sunday!
 - Set up, serve and clean up Coffee Hour/VBS Celebration
 - **VBS Teardown - all hands on deck!**
- **Sunday June 15: Father's Day!**
- **Week of June 22:** Horseback riding at Nation Road in Oxford - Date and time TBD

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. Our new lesson series focuses on *Trust*.



JOY (Just Older Youth) Group
Thank you to everyone for the love, prayers and the understanding of the need to cancel the JOY group outing in May. My Mom loved to hear about our activities and there was even a picture of her when she joined us for the Keeneland trip.

Due to the trip to Scotland being on the 20th of June, we are going to keep the outing for June 19th fairly simple. There may be people needing to pack. We will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. and drive to Lawrenceburg, Indiana to eat at Whiskey's. The peanut slaw is really good and it is usually a pretty drive over to the restaurant. Please sign up and let me know if you are able to attend, so that I can give them a final number. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Hope you can join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Gayla

DEACONS NEWS

Thank You From The Deacons:

The Deacons want to thank everyone who has generously brought in goodies for Coffee Hour. You never cease to amaze us with the delicious items to share. So, with summer here and we're all busier than normal, we would like to ask you to continue to sign up and bring something to contribute. Even though we have some excellent cooks in our congregation, coffee hour items do not have to be homemade. Everyone seems to enjoy our fellowship after the service, and we appreciate your donations. Thanks again and have a wonderful, fun and safe summer.

COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CHAIRPERSON NEEDED

I have decided to step down as the Country Christmas Chairperson, beginning with this year's event. I have written up a 5 page document, spelling out everything that needs to be done to have a successful Country Christmas. If you are interested, just let me know and I will get you a copy of this document. The Women's Circles of VPC use our profits from our Country Christmas to fund local missions. If there are any questions, just give me a call at 513-738-1966, or email me at meyoung3299@gmail.com.

Thank You,
Martha Young

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, Monica Schwab, J.T. Swartzel, Sharon Thompson, Rick Wepler, 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.**



Dear Venice Church Family,

There are no words to express how much the support from our Venice Church Family has meant to my family with the loss of our Mom and Mamaw. She loved this church and I know she would have been pleased with the words of comfort from Pastor Owen, the flowers, the overflow of cards, and the many people who traveled to Frankfort to show their love. You all are amazing! Please continue to lift us up in your prayers. 94 years was a long time to live, but still seemed to short. I will miss her phone calls, her input about our church service, and her unconditional love. With deepest gratitude to all of you,

Gayla Young and Family

June

BIRTHDAYS

04 Sally Schwoeppe
06 Grace Asher
06 Gary McBreen
07 Genevra Butterfield
07 Elianne Derrick
07 Carol Shelton
11 Ashley Kirk
13 Keith Eby
25 Don Osborn
29 Gwen Kohlman
30 Judy Bohne



ANNIVERSARIES

07 Tom and Cindy Licata
12 Matt and Kara Brandenburg
18 Mike and Debbie Schwab
18 Tom and Vicki Kirk
21 Marcus and Jennifer Guenther
23 Dennis and Jennifer Rauen
25 Ben and Angie Tweedt
29 Allen and Karlana Boyle



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

VPC CHOIR FUND SUMMER **RECITAL SERIES**

We are excited to announce the dates for the Venice Presbyterian Church Summer 2025 Choir Fundraiser Concerts as follows:

June 8 - Ben Tweedt Plays
“The Great American Songbook

July 20 – Houston Tyrell
“An Afternoon of Art Song”

August 24 - The Ben Tweedt Trio
“Original Piano Trio Music From
The Queen City”

All performances will begin at **2:00pm.**