Venice View

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"Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples of Jesus"

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Junior Church - during worship

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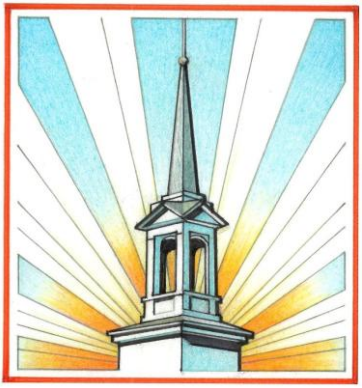


The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated on:

November 1

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November Blessings
May the LORD bless you and protect you.
May the LORD smile on you and be gracious to you.
May the LORD show you His favor and give you His peace.
Numbers 6:24-26



Pastor's Musings

A Thanksgiving That Becomes a Way of Life

As Thanksgiving draws near, we gather around tables laden with food and surrounded by people we love. We give thanks for the gifts that sustain us: family and friends, daily bread, shelter, beauty, and the kindness of neighbors. Some of us may also be pausing to remember loved ones whose place at our table is empty this year. The holiday invites us to pause and notice how much we have received and to express our gratitude to God.

The church's celebration of the Eucharist carries that spirit of gratitude into worship. In many traditions, the central prayer of the liturgy is called the **Great Thanksgiving**. Together, we remember God's goodness, give thanks for creation and the gift of life, recall the story of Jesus, and ask the Holy Spirit to be present with us. We bring ordinary gifts of bread and wine to the table, and receive them as signs of grace, nourishment, and communion.

The Great Thanksgiving reminds us that gratitude is more than a feeling—or a once-a-year obligation. It is a way of seeing the world as gift, and of recognizing that we belong to one another. When we sharein Communion, we are welcomed to the table not because we have everything figured out, but because God's generosity makes room for us. And having received, we are sent to carry that generosity into our homes and communities.



This season, may our thanks find expression in caring for those who are lonely, sharing with those who are in need, and making room at our tables for others. May the gratitude we offer in worship shape the way we live throughout the week.

With thankful hearts, let us give thanks—and let our lives become part of the thanksgiving.

Grateful blessings,

Pastor Owen

Ushers

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

Worship Assistants

November	December
01 Dave Toler	06 Judy Bohne
08 Beth Ziepfel	13 Children's Program
15 Emily Eberwine	20 Kim Young
22 Richard Bohne	27 Jan Krier
29 Youth Group	

Communion Preparers

December 6	Greg Young
December 24 (Christmas Eve)	Sue Pigg

Trustee of the Month

November Ron Meineheartt
December Garrett Boyle

Attendance

September	*October*
06…….70	**04……57**
13…….44	**11……67**
20…….63	**18……47**
27…….59	**25……53**

Thankful for You!



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

Announcements

Deacons Meeting - Monday, **November 2nd,** 6pm, Annex

RAMM – Thursday, **November 5th,** 6pm, Annex

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

Session Meeting - Tuesday, **November 20th,** 7:00pm, Annex

Bob Evans Fundraiser - Monday, **November 16th,** 7am - 9pm
Bob Evans Main Street, Hamilton, OH

Dorcas Circle – Tuesday, **November 17th,** 10am, Lois Beddard

JOY Group Luncheon - Thursday, **November 19th,** 11am, Wooden Barrel
West Chester, OH

RAMM Food Pantry - Saturday, **November 21st,** 10am-11:30am
Ross Administration Building

Choir Practice - Every **Wednesday,** 5:00pm

Coffee Conversation - Every **Thursday,** 9:30 am, Annex

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 Weppler.

RAMM

www.rammbutler.org

The next RAMM meeting will be on **Thursday, November 5th,** 6pm, in the Annex.

The RAMM monthly pantry is held the third Saturday of each month, from 10am to 11:30am at the Ross 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 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.

MISSIONS: It is hard to believe that when this newsletter is published, Christmas will only be 55 days away! As a result, the Mission Team has been busy planning. Starting on **November 8,** there will be a decorated gift box on the table in the narthex for depositing money or gift cards in support of Haven House. If monetary donations are easier, we will buy gift cards for you as in the last several years. This year, Haven House prefers Walmart or Meijer gift cards for families to buy gifts. Kroger, Target, and Kohl's cards are acceptable.

As decided earlier, Birthday Blessings funds will be donated to Harts for Hope, the local mission that provides birthday parties and Christmas gifts to area communities. Your generous donations will allow us to write a check for $500 to Harts for Hope in November. Thank you so much for your generosity!

The congregation's prior donations to the Noisy Offerings on Mission Sundays will result in $300 being given to RAMM's Hope for the Holidays this Christmas season. This is **just a beginning** in helping local families have a merrier Christmas. There will be more opportunities to contribute to Hope for the Holidays in the coming weeks, as well as a decorated tree in the upper hallway with gift tags that may be taken to buy designated items.

Thank you, congregation, for the products that were donated to Haven House. The bin was emptied twice and products delivered. Thank you, too, for the 53 tubes of toothpaste donated so far! The box was overflowing, so most of the toothpaste was stored. **The toothpaste collection will continue in the coming months.**

In the colder months ahead, community outreach appreciates gently used blankets, afghans and throws; sturdy shoes, and warm socks, as well as sorted and flattened plastic bags to make mats. VPC Pantry needs non-perishable food, and RAMM needs non-perishable food and personal care items. Beverage tabs are still being collected for Shriners.

If you have a December birthday, a small donation to the Birthday Blessings church will allow us to continue our support of Harts for Hope.

NOVEMBER



Venice Presbyterian, Holidays in United States

Nov 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Daylight Saving Time 9am - Adult Sunday 9:30am - LOFT 10:30am - Worship 11am - Junior Church	2 6pm - Deacons	3 Election Day No Boy Scouts	4 5:30pm - Deacons Mtg 5:45pm - Choir Practice 6:30pm - Comm Meeting	5 9:30am - Coffee 6pm - RAINBI - Annex	6	7
8 9am - Adult Sunday 9:30am - LOFT 10:30am - Worship 11am - Junior Church	9 6pm - Girl Scouts	10 5:30pm - Trustees 7pm - Boy Scouts 7pm - Session Meeting	11 Veterans Day 5:45pm - Choir Practice	12 9:30am - Coffee 10:30am - Grief 5:30pm - Grief	13	14
15 9am - Adult Sunday 9:30am - LOFT 10:30am - Worship 11am - Junior Church	16 7am - Bob Evans	17 10am - Deacons Meeting - 7pm - Boy Scouts	18 5:45pm - Choir Practice	19 9am - Coffee 11am - JOY Group	20	21 10am - RAINBI Food
22 9am - Adult Sunday 9:30am - LOFT 10:30am - Worship 11am - Junior Church	23	24 7pm - Boy Scouts	25 Thanksgiving Break 5:45pm - Choir Practice	26 Thanksgiving Day	27 Black Friday	28
29 Pot Luck Luncheon 9am - Adult Sunday 9:30am - LOFT 10:30am - Worship 11am - Junior Church	30	1 7pm - Boy Scouts	2 5:30pm - Deacons Mtg 5:45pm - Choir Practice 6:30pm - Comm Meeting	3 9:30am - Coffee 6pm - RAINBI - Annex	4	5 Country Christmas

November Preschool News

What are we Learning this Month?
We will be talking about what we are thankful for. Our Bible story for November is about the ten lepers. We will begin learning the songs for our Christmas Program.

Blue Class (Mrs. Baker) – We will continue to work on letters and letter sounds, focusing on the letters at the beginning of our names. We are still working on learning the letter chant! We will practice rhyming and clapping the syllables in words. We will also continue working on counting and number recognition, focusing on 6-10.

Red Class (Mrs. Fathman) – We will continue working on letters, name recognition and number recognition with 0-10. We will learn about the colors brown and yellow and talk about turkeys and being thankful.

Yellow Class (Mrs. Meade) – For November, our theme is being thankful. We will work on the color brown and the letters S and T. We will also continue working on name recognition.



Registration for 2027-2028
Registration for the 2027-2028 school year will open to church members in December. Registration opens to current students in January, and to the public in February. Please contact the preschool at 738-0158 or preschool@thevenicechurch.com to request the registration form or for more information.

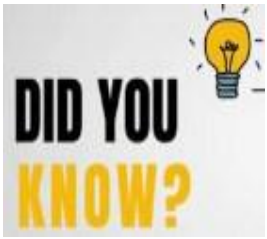
Parish Life

Our next Bob Evans fundraiser is **Monday, November 16th, 7am-9 pm,** dine-in or carry-out at the Hamilton Main Street location. You must let them know when paying it's for the Venice Presbyterian Church fundraise. Then we get 15%.

Our next potluck luncheon is Sunday, November 29th after church. Please bring food to share. As always, great food and fellowship you don't want to miss!

Cake will be served to celebrate Sue Pigg's Birthday, Compliments of her family.

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Holiday Shopping Expo at the Lawrenceburg Event Center 91 Walnut Street, Lawrenceburg, IN 47025 on **November 20-22**. Friday 2-8 pm, Saturday 10 am-7 pm, Sunday 11 am-4 pm. Over 160 vendors. Adult admission $7.

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Stay Safe from Scams: Pause. Reflect. Protect. Most scams share three triggers: unexpected contact, heightened emotion and urgency. A pause helps restore logic. Ending the communication and taking time to independently verify details can stop scams.

Greetings from your Financial Secretary!

It is hard to believe that we are approaching the last quarter of the year. With that in mind, if you have any questions concerning the status of your 2026 pledge, please contact me either by phone (513-616-1924) or email (hlwr0707@yahoo.com) and I'll be happy to get the information to you. Helen Rohrer



MANY THANKS

Once again, I want to thank everyone for their cards, calls, food and prayers. This has been a difficult journey, and it is not over yet. I ask that you please continue with your prayers. Surgery is getting nearer and prayers are especially needed at this time. My family and I are especially blessed to have such a wonderful, caring church to call family.
Thank You, Bob Young

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Many thanks to all who reached out to me following my hip surgery. All was much appreciated.
Sincerely, Sue Toler

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Hello from Cody, Wyoming! Thank you very much for all of your prayers and cards. I am going to be here, from my hip replacement surgery. We have the very best church family! Love to all, Wilma



COFFEE CONVERSATIONS

(Thursday mornings @ 9:30 am in the annex)

"Coffee Conversation" is on Thursday mornings, **at 9:30 am** in the annex. We are working through ***The God of His Word.*** The names of God will be explored and we will discover what those names reveal about God's nature and character. We will also learn that God's love, mercy, and care for His creation never changes. The ***God of His Word*** always keeps His word and He promises to always care for you! We will review **Session 1** ***God of Creation*** and begin **Session 2** ***God of Mercy.*** Those of you who have your books, please read those lessons and those who would like to join us, I have books for you. Let me know if you have any questions.
Judy Bohne
(513)895-3079.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Sunday mornings @9:00 am)

Our Adult Sunday School class will start on Max Lucado's *What Happens Next A Travelers Guide Through The End of this Age* in November. It is a six week study. All are invited to see what he has to say about the End of Time.





JOY (Just Older Youth) Group

The JOY group really enjoyed our lunch at Patterson's Café. The food was very good, and the trees were starting to change colors, so it was a pretty drive to Oxford. Next month, we are planning a trip to the Wooden Barrel in West Chester. We will meet on Thursday, November 19th at 11 a.m. at the church to carpool to the restaurant. Hope you can plan to join us. We are sure to have good food, great fun, and wonderful fellowship. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex so I can let the café know a number attending. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. Thanks, Gayla

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Please note, that we are changing the date of the Children's Christmas program to **December 13th** during the worship service. Several of the children had a conflict with **December 20th**. The Children's Christmas program this year is called an "Interactive Christmas." We will be planning on the congregation to be a part of this year's performance.
We are starting to practice the songs and will be handing out parts the first two Sundays of November. We hope your child can be a part of the program. If you have any questions, please call or email me. Thanks so much, Gayla Young



COUNTRY CHRISTMAS
DECEMBER 5
10 am to 2 pm

Venice women will share Christmas with the community.

Vendors will bring new items, locals will have crafts of crochet, quilting, woodcrafts, bead works, etc.; baked goods for sale; Granny's Closet will have items you are clearing out from your attic or cabinets. Opportunity Baskets will be raffled with treasures.

Your help is needed to bring this all together. Clear out your attic or cabinets of unused or unneeded items in good condition. Contribute to the bake sale – cookies, cupcakes, muffins all in small bags for individual servings. Provide Crafts that you enjoy making that others can enjoy having. Crocheted, woodcrafts, quilted items, etc. talk with Judy Bohne about those. Buy tickets for the raffle baskets.

Contributions to the Opportunity Baskets that will be raffled off are needed. Nancy Bohne will receive those items. At this time Gift Cards, Sweets, and Cincinnati themed items are needed.

Your contributions are needed for the lunch- sign-up sheets in the narthex for what you can provide.

Setting up will take place on Friday night Dec. 4 at 6 PM to 8 PM and early Saturday Dec 5. at 8:30 a.m.

There will be a delightful menu for your enjoyment before or after you shop.

We hope you will participate and support our congregational effort. The funds raised will be used throughout the year for mission efforts in the community.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO COUNTRY CHRISTMAS AND YOU



BIRTHDAYS

10 Kevn Spille
13 Clarence Bohne
13 Clara Young
14 Bonnie Doherty
14 Natasha Ross
14 Sharon Tragesser
15 Bob Reynolds
16 Dan Doherty
24 Sue Pigg
24 Gayla Young
25 Sue Toler
27 Beth Ziepfel
28 Kaylee Grey
28 Kyler Grey
29 Aubree Spille





ANNIVERSARIES

01 Joe and Lauren Youn
19 Greg and Kim Young
26 Dave and Sue Toler

Anyone wishing to explore any of the following should let pastor know they are interested:

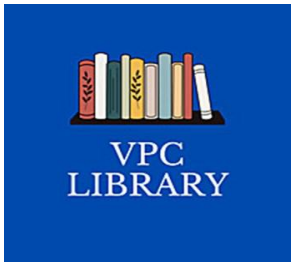
- **New members** - if you aren't a member at VPC but would like to find out what membership entails.
- **Confirmation** - anyone who hasn't been confirmed yet, or who wants to know what that means.
- **First Communion** - normally for children who haven't been taking communion. (Here at VPC, I work on the "open table" principle where anyone can take Communion, including children who have not received instruction yet. Nevertheless, even if a child has been taking Communion, learning about it and why we do it is still important.)

Classes will be arranged once we know who will be involved.

Prayers

**** Prayers for Kara Brandenburg, Wilma Butterfield, Kenley Commins, David Garrett, Ruth Guenther, Pat Jackson, Jan Krier, Kylee Phillips, Nancy Renner, Carolyn Richardson, Bernice Roop, Debbie Schwab, J.T. Swartzel, Rick Weppler, Jane Wickert, Joan Wright, and Bob Young.**

****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.**



The Venice Church Library is open for business! First of all, thank you to everyone whose generosity has made the library possible. Over the past few months, donations of books, shelves, and money through the noisy offering have meant that our shelves are well stocked. There are some wonderful books available to be checked out. Feel free to come into the library and look around - and if you are not in a hurry, have a seat and read a book. We have a beautiful carpet for the wee ones.

Checking out books - there is a link to the library catalog on the Venice Presbyterian Church website **www.thevenicechurch.com**. Feel free to peruse the collection. To keep check out simple, there will be a 3-ring binder on the white table. Please write the title of the book, your name, and the date of checkout. When finished, please place the book in the basket below the table and enter the check-in date in the binder.

If you have questions, suggestions for books or other library related matters, please feel free to contact me - Dianne Derrick (**dkhderrick@gmail.com**).