

# Venice View

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*“Reaching God through:  
Enrichment, Education and Extending Our Hands”*

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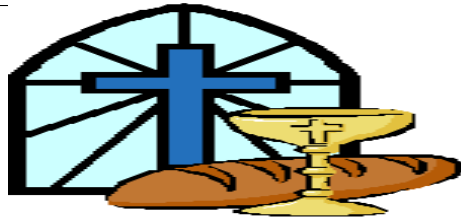
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Adult Sunday School - 9:15a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship

Youth Group - during worship



*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*  
will be celebrated on:  
**Sunday**  
**June 6, 2021**

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**Attendance**

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7.....Online	4.....44
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third Tuesday of each month.

Hello VPC! Congratulations to all of our graduates and I hope you all have had a wonderful Memorial Day. This month as a church we are taking a sabbatical from Bible studies. As many of us have grandbabies on the way, surgeries for ourselves or family members, we are going to take a deep breath and rest in the practice of our weekly worship.

On June 2 if you are fully vaccinated (your full vaccination process plus two weeks) you are able to choose whether or not you want to wear a mask. If you are not fully vaccinated you must wear a mask while at the church. Thank you for your continued communal love, following of Jesus' teachings, and support of our world.

In July I will begin teaching a hybrid Bible study on the book of Revelation. It will be offered in person and also over zoom, so all can be included. If you are interested in this study, please reach out to me by June 15. Once I have a list of everyone interested we will discuss what time works best for everyone. As we will be studying the entire book and reading it together, the study will be from July to the beginning of September. Everyone is welcomed to join for the whole study or for some sessions.

I look forward to our first summer together! May you enjoy the rest, break, and sabbath that God is providing. May God also continue to heal, to protect, and to encourage us all. Amen.

Peace,  
Pastor Mary

## **LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MISSIONS!**

In the Gospel of John 20:21 , Jesus says, "*As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.*" God expects us to be his Kingdom of Priests in this difficult world. Jesus's ministry was a ministry of word and deed, evangelism and service, not just one or the other.

Our ministry to the world should be the same. We need to reach out to others in our community, the nation and the world. We have served our community well with our pantry, RAMM, Sojourner's House and other mission activities. What else can we do to love our fellow man and spread the love of Jesus Christ? As the new Session head of the Missions, I'm looking for a committee of dedicated people who want to explore different opportunities? We need to brainstorm and come up with ideas for our church.

Please join me in this exciting opportunity. Will you become a member of this committee? Let me know by email, phone or just tell me at church. My email is [kiteachu54@yahoo.com](mailto:kiteachu54@yahoo.com) and my phone number is in the directory.

Please pray and I hope I hear from you so we can have our first committee meeting soon. Thank you Helen Rohrer for volunteering already.

Kim Young  
Missions Committee Chairperson

## **WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION REORGANIZATION**

The Women's Association Executive Committee of our church met recently to discuss the future of our organization. Over the past years we have reduced our number of meetings, and attendance to those meetings has decreased as well. We are considering disbanding the Women's Association and keeping our Dorcas and Togetherness Circles. We would want to keep our Church Service Committee for our Funeral Luncheons. We would also still like to hold fundraisers to support local missions. We value the input of any Circle or Women's Association member, past or present. If you have any ideas, concerns or comments regarding this situation, please feel free to call me at 738-1966 and I would be happy to discuss this with you. We will need your input by June 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a Women's Group Meeting after church on July 18th, for a discussion and a vote on the future of our group. We are encouraging all women to attend this meeting.

Thank You,  
Martha Young

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## **DEACONS**

The Deacons will be taking the summer off and not be meeting until September 1st at 6:30pm, unless a need requires them to meet.



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Our College Graduates:

Garrett Boyle, University of Northwestern Ohio  
Rev. Mary Hayes, Princeton Theological Seminary  
Deven Riley, Mt. Carmel School of Nursing  
Alyson Rohrer, Ohio Northern University

Our High School Graduates:

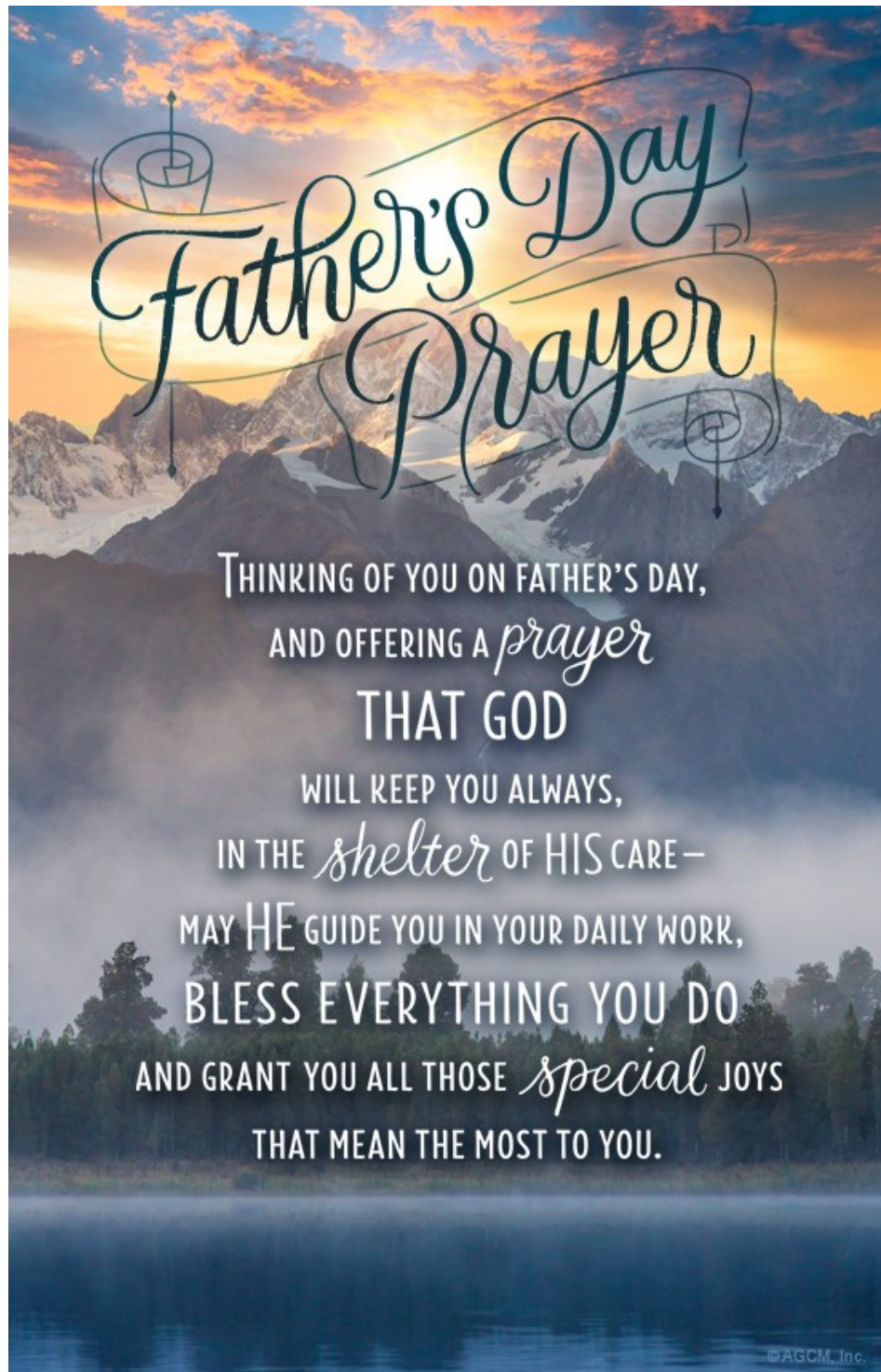
Ethan Bohne, Carroll High School  
Ethan Boyle, Ross High School  
Lisa Brandenburg, Ross High School  
Ethan Krier, Diamond Oaks  
Will Lee, Ross High School  
Samantha Porter, Simon Kenton High School  
Jessica Rosteutscher, Badin High School  
Jennifer Schwab, Ross High School



We hope you have had a chance to enjoy the Labyrinth area. We thank Tad Adams and the Trustees for creating this beautiful setting for our church to celebrate Pentecost.

Come out and walk, pray, or enjoy the sights and sounds of nature from our beautiful seating area.





### Kroger Rewards:

The church has received a check for \$154.62 from the Kroger Rewards program for the period February 1, to April 30, 2021. Thank you to the 37 families from our church who participate in the program.

Note that participation in the program does not take away from your own Kroger points that you earn for fuel savings. You can sign up to give credit to Kroger rewards to VPC through the Kroger website. If you need help, please contact Melanie Hanson at 513-314-2633.

Dale Hanson  
Treasurer of VPC





To my Church Family,

My thanks and appreciation to you for your prayers, cards, food, phone calls and visits, so Joy could have a break. Hopefully, I can get the boot off when I see the surgeon in June.  
Thanks for caring about me.

*Love and Blessings,  
Wilma Butterfield*

The Venice Presbyterian Church pantry has had **58** visits through May. 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



Any questions, please see Dave Wheat or Rick Wepler.

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### Trustees

Trustee of the month:

June: Ron Mienheartt      July: Dan Young

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Jean Wilhelm has a new address:

**3868 Piper Lane, Hamilton, OH 45013**

Jerry & Helen Rohrer have a new address and home phone number:

**187 Timepiece Ln, Harrison, OH 45030**

**Home Phone: 513-715-1090**

**Helen's new email address: hlwr0707@yahoo.com**



This will give you an update on the Income vs Expenses for May and the year. Thank you for your continued financial support of the church.

	<b>EXPECTED FOR MAY</b>	<b>ACTUAL FOR MAY</b>	<b>STATUS FOR THE YEAR vs EXPECTED</b>
<b>2020 PLEDGES</b>	0	0	\$2,116
<b>INCOME</b>	\$12,021	\$11,150*	-\$582
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$17,839	\$13,553	-\$9,310

\*Estimated

Our operating expenses in total for the year are more than our income by \$10,209.

Major projects that have been done at the church through May which were not included in the budget are:

Completion of attic cleaning:	\$16,008
Live streaming services:	\$10,760
Rewire Annex for internet:	\$ 3,267
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,465</b>

Major projects and operating expenses have utilized \$30,000 from investments so far in 2021.

Anyone who would like to review our full financial report for the month, please contact me.

Dale Hanson  
Treasurer of VPC

### **Ushers**

<b><u>June</u></b>		<b><u>July</u></b>	
6th	Youth Group	4th	Youth Group
13th	Deacons	11th	Deacons
20th	Men's Group	18th	Men's Group
27th	Women's Group	25th	Women's Group

### **Worship Assistants**

<b><u>June</u></b>		<b><u>July</u></b>	
6th	Dan Young	4th	Bill Steenken
13th	Dale Hanson	11th	Judy Bohne
20th	Gayla Young	18th	Rob Rollins
27th	Richard Bohne	25th	Tami Adams

### **Communion Preparer**

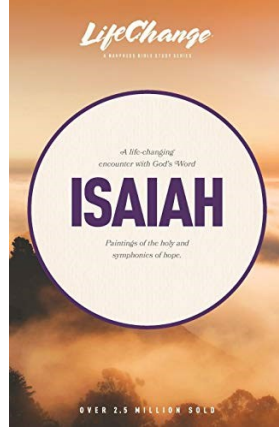
June 6: Kim Young

July 4: Bob Young

## **Christian Education**

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

Judy Bohne has finished 3 lessons on Isaiah which has been absolutely excellent. She will continue this study after Labor Day. Please join us for this enlightening adventure about one of the most interesting books of the Bible.



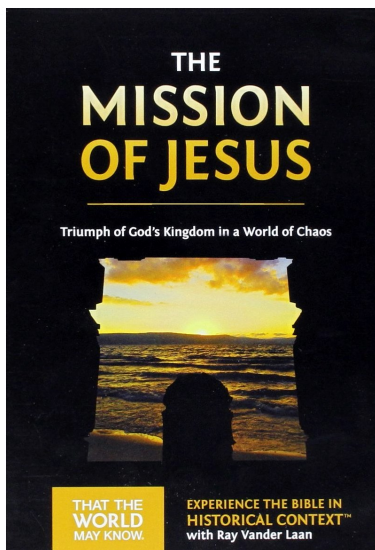
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### **Junior Church**

Junior Church will continue in the summertime for young people who attend.

## Adult Sunday School

Kim Young won't be having Adult Sunday School during the summer. We will start after Labor Day with Ray Vander Laan's *The Mission of Jesus*. It's easy to think of the Bible as a collection of short stories, but each one makes up a greater story- one of a God who created the universe and Entrusted it to His human partners to care for it. They were unfaithful, and it fell back into chaos and sin. But God didn't give up on His creation. He decided to redeem it, preparing the way through His covenant with Israel and finally by sending his son, Jesus, to become the cornerstone of of it all through His life, death, resurrection, and ascension. What does it mean for a people oppressed by the Roman Empire, and what does it mean for believers today? If you haven't experience a Ray Vander Laan video series, plan on attending in the Fall. You won't regret getting up early.



## **RAMM Back to School Event**

The RAMM Back to School Event will be held on Saturday, August 14th from 12:00pm to 2:00pm at Elda Elementary.

We are seeking donations of new and very gently used gym shoes for kindergarten through 12th grade.

We are in need of donations of personal care items for the hygiene kits. (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, bar soap, feminine products and deodorant). We thank Tami Adams for coordinating and preparing our hygiene kits again this year. Please see Tami with any questions.

We will be bringing back the game booths this year! We thank Barb Fathman for once again being our game booth coordinator, planning all the games and prizes and recruiting the volunteers for this area!

We will need a few volunteers from the church to help Debbie organize our current school supplies and put backpacks together. We will need some school supplies to complete the backpacks and will announce needed items during weekly announcements. Please see Debbie Schwab if you are interested in helping or have any questions.

We will also need volunteers for the day of the event. There will be both inside and outside positions. Please see Debbie Schwab if you would like to volunteer.

## **RAMM**

The RAMM monthly open pantry is held the third Saturday of each month, from 10am to 12pm, at the Ross Schools Administration Building. We are hoping to return to “open pantry” beginning in June. The monthly fresh market open pantry had 278 visitors thru May 2021. If you would like to volunteer your time or have donations of perishable or non-perishable food items, or personal care items, 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](http://www.rammbutler.org)**

You may now donate thru Venmo! RAMM-Ross and Morgan Ministries

Our next RAMM meeting will be on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 9:00AM, at the Venice Presbyterian Church Annex. All are welcome!

A huge Thank You to everyone that has assisted with the new pantry and sharing closet space renovations and moving. So many people from our church and our community have worked tirelessly to create these new spaces.



## **Youth Group**

By now Ellie Boyle is our newest Confirmed member of Venice Presbyterian Church and our Seniors; Ethan, Lisa, Will, and Jennifer have graduated from Ross High School! Congratulations to our youth, we are very proud of you!

We will be kicking off our summer youth season with our annual grill out and swim party at Cindy's in June! We are also looking to go to the Drive In, a Red's game, the Cincinnati Zoo and other fun things this summer!

Have a wonderful and safe summer everyone!

In Christ's Love,  
Jen Lee



Our deepest sympathy to Curtis Wurzelbacher and family for the loss of his mother, *Patty Wurzelbacher*, on May 5, 2021. Patty was a long time member of Venice Presbyterian Church, and a volunteer with RAMM.

You may send a card to Curtis at:  
2052 Carolina Trace Rd  
West Harrison, IN 47060

Memorials may be made to:

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

American Cancer Society  
P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123

RAMM—Ross & Morgan Ministries  
P.O. Box 41, Ross, OH 45061

### **PRAYER LIST**

Please keep **LaVerne Mehl** in your thoughts and prayers. You may send a card to: 5251 Dixie Hwy, Apt. 1115, Fairfield, OH 45014

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Please keep **Amanda Roberson and Nicara Wilson** in your prayers for healing.

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Please keep **Dyllan Brandenburg** in your prayers for continued healing. You may send a card to: 3091 Buell Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013

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Please keep **Rick Wepler** in your prayers for healing. Rick has begun chemo treatments. You may send a card to: 3209 Kirchling Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013

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Please keep **Ruth Guenther** in your prayers for healing. You may send a card to: P.O. Box 175, Ross, OH 45061

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Please keep **Wilma Butterfield** in your prayers for healing. You may send a card to: 2206 Timberman Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013

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# JUNE

6-4 Kevin McBreen  
6-4 Sally Schwoeppe  
6-6 Grace Asher  
6-6 Gary McBreen  
6-7 Carol Shelton  
6-7 Genevra Butterfield  
6-11 Ashley Kirk  
6-11 Adam Schwoeppe  
6-13 Keith Eby  
6-15 Vern Tragesser  
6-15 Dave Schrimper  
6-17 Jenny Young Garcia  
6-30 Judy Bohne



6-12 Matt and Kara Brandenburg  
6-18 Tom and Vicki Kirk  
6-18 Mike and Debbie Schwab  
6-23 Dennis and Jennifer Rauen



If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please contact the church office. Thank you.