

# Venice View

A monthly newsletter of Venice Presbyterian Church

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

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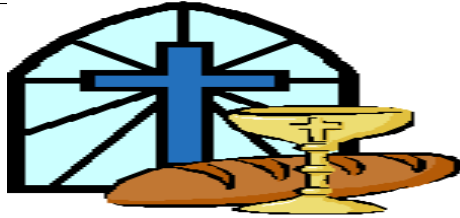
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Sunday School 9:15a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship

Youth Group - during worship



*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*  
will be celebrated on:  
**Sunday, November 10, 2019**

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**Attendance**

<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
4.....56	1.....86
11.....84	8..... 68
18.....62	15.....78
25.....65	22.....71
	29.....69

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third Tuesday of each month.

Dear Church Family:

The month of November resounds with Thanksgiving. Yes, Thanksgiving Day falls on the fourth Thursday, but did you know that November begins with a note of gratitude?

November 1 is All Saints Day. As the Church began to recognize so many saints that the calendar was cluttered with Saint's Days and concerned that there are saints who hadn't been named, the Feast of All Saints was named to recognize all those saints who had not been canonized.

We Protestants have broadened the field considerably. We believe that the saints aren't just those who have been officially named but all who live lives of faith as best they can. So, all those who have nurtured your faith over the years are saints. By the way, you're a saint too. We give thanks for all saints on the first Sunday of November.

Then, we round out the month with Thanksgiving Day, which was first proclaimed by President Lincoln in the midst of the War Between the States. I prefer the Southern name for that war, because there was nothing Civil about it! Our 16<sup>th</sup> President wanted us to render thanks to Almighty God for God's abundant blessings, even in the midst of that terrible war.

Today our nation is as divided as it ever has been since the 1860's, and our country and the world are burdened with many concerns, yet there is much for we may be thankful.

I propose that we make the entire month of November a season of Thanksgiving. Let us each think of something for which to be grateful every day from November 1 through November 30. I'll even ask some of you to share your thanksgiving notes during worship.

Feeling especially blessed,

Your Interim Pastor and Friend,

David



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS "Country Christmas" December 7, 10-2



- Watch for the Food Signup List
- Bring in your Opportunity Basket items (by Sunday, Dec. 1)
  - Gift Card Basket
  - Cincinnati Basket
  - Sweets Basket
- Prepare donations for the Craft table, Bake Sale, and Granny's Closet
- Make a financial donation
- Volunteer to help
- Attend the event....Lunch, Carryout, Shop

*All proceeds from this event benefit the Women's Mission Projects!*

Free photos with Santa Claus 10am to 1pm! Children can shop in our Sugar Plum Shop for gifts for parents, grandparents and siblings. All items are \$1.00 and under!



Pictures  
with Santa

We are in need of small gift bags for the Sugar Plum Shop. If you have any extras, please place in bin marked Sugar Plum Shop in vestibule.

### WOMEN'S GROUP

**November 21, Thursday**

**7:00 pm**

**Dorcas Circle**

Judy Bohne will host the meeting at her home.

It's "CHILLY" outside  
& "CHILI" inside



Chili Lunch After Church

November 10th  
Chili, hot dogs, drinks  
+ Bake Sale Table

**We are in need of homemade goody donations for  
our Bake Sale Table**

**All you can eat while you are here.  
\$5 for carryout.**

Free Will Offering.  
Proceeds benefit Women's Assoc.  
Mission's Outreach



## JOY (Just Older Youth) Group

A huge thank you to Joyce Brown for a lovely outing at Brown's Family Market. The group enjoyed the hayride, lunch and picking out pumpkins and gourds. The weather was beautiful. If you haven't been to Brown's Market, make sure you visit.

Our next outing will be on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be meeting at the church at 11am to go for lunch at Tano Bistro, 150 Riverfront Plaza in Hamilton. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please sign-up or email me at [gaylayoung@fuse.net](mailto:gaylayoung@fuse.net) so that I am able to make reservations.

Hope you are able to join us.

Thanks so much, Gayla



## **Worship Assistant Schedule**

### **November**

3rd - Lee Steenken  
10th - Greg Young  
17th - Melanie Hanson  
24th - Richard Bohne

### **December**

1st - Dave Toler  
8th - Gayla Young (Children's Christmas Program)  
15th - Judy Bohne  
22nd - Kim Young  
29th - Alan Marsh

## **Communion Preparers**

November 10 - Rob Rollins

December 1 - Dale Hanson

## **Ushers**

### **November**

3rd - Youth Group  
10th - Deacons  
17th - Men's Group  
24th - Women's Group

### **December**

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22nd - Women's Group  
29th - Back Row Ladies

## November Preschool News

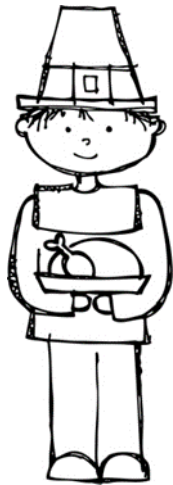
Our theme in November will be Around the Town, which will include community helpers and transportation. We will be focusing on the letters Pp, Dd and Bb and continuing to practice counting and patterns.



The preschoolers will have their Thanksgiving Feasts on November 25 and 26. We will not have school November 27-29 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Barb, Morgan, Nancy and Dana



This is the 41st year for the Preschool!



## **ORNAMENTS FOR SALE**

I am pleased to notify you that The Women's Association of The Venice Church is once again selling wooden ornaments of our Church. The cost is still an affordable \$5.00. Please send in your cash or check in an envelope marked Church Ornament and the number of ornaments being ordered.

Please make checks payable to: Venice Presbyterian Women's Association.

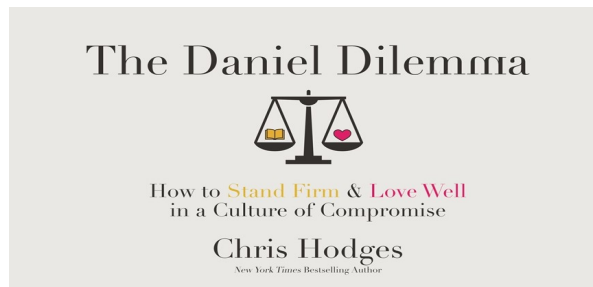
If you have any questions please call Martha Young at 738-1966.



## **Christian Education**

### **THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

Judy Bohne is on the third section of her Bible Study, on Thursday mornings, called *Daniel's Dilemma: How to Stand Firm and Love Well in a Culture of Compromise*. In this six-session video Bible study, Chris Hodges examines the dilemma facing all Christians today: how can we influence a world that rejects everything we believe while still standing for God's truth?" Chris looks at the lives of Daniel and Jesus, showing how we can stand for our biblical beliefs without alienating those we want to reach. The goal is never about winning the argument but about winning hearts, and when we connect before we correct, we can respond to hard questions without compromising God's grace or truth.



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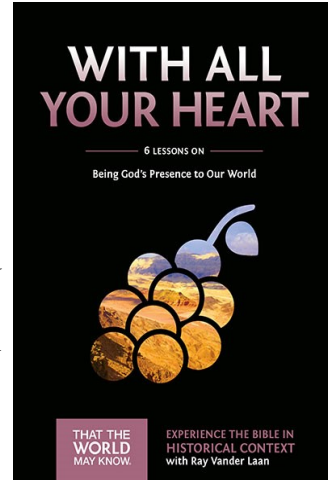
### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

We would like to thank Becky Berling for stepping forward and helping once a month with Junior Church. We will continue the popular *Deep Blue* for the fall and winter. Gayla Young will be working with the children for the Christmas play.



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School class will start our favorite author Ray Vander Laan's *With All Your Heart* which will start on Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and last into December. Ray Vander Laan takes us on a journey through Sinai and Israel, a region that is still largely desert but at times filled with lush, bountiful places. We will discover how Jesus called people to live in the Promised land. What can we learn during times of abundance and in times of desert. God led his people back to the desert often to relearn the lessons they had forgotten. John the Baptist and Jesus had powerful encounters in the desert. We will learn that the desert is where we are closet to God. It is where our relationship with God is at peace.



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## Community Thanksgiving Eve Service

The Community Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at Ross Community UMC at 7:00pm on November 27th.



The Venice Presbyterian Church pantry has had **201** visits this year. Your donations are serving 20-25 families a month at the church. 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. Pork & Beans
6. Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta



Any questions, please see Dave Wheat or Rick Wepler.

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### **RAMM**

RAMM meetings are held the first Saturday of each month at Venice Presbyterian church annex at 9:00am. All are welcome! Please join us!



The RAMM monthly open pantry is held the third Saturday of each month, from 10am to 12pm, at the Ross Schools Administration Building, room 101. The monthly fresh market open pantry has had **252** visitors through October 2019. 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. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Our Thanksgiving pantry and Hope for the Holidays program planning are underway! If you can help out with a turkey, other holiday meal items, a financial donation or would like to sponsor an individual or family for Christmas, please contact Greg Young or Debbie Schwab. Thank you!

RAMM now has a website! **[www.rammbutler.org](http://www.rammbutler.org)**

Venice Presbyterian Church  
2020 Stewardship Campaign



The 2020 Stewardship Campaign is underway. The route books are circulating.

**Why Give your Time & Talent and your Financial Support?**

We have seen that stewardship in the Scriptures always relates to the management of something that does not belong to us, but to someone else. Even our talents and special abilities belong to God. We own nothing that was not first given to us:

*"And what do you have that you did not receive? But if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?" (1Cor. 4:7).*

God has entrusted us with aptitudes and abilities, and as good stewards, we must use them for His glory and not our own. This is true not only of musical, artistic, athletic, academic, business, and persuasive talents, but also of the spiritual gifts we have received.

*"And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly" (Rom. 12:6).*

**Consider your relationship with God as you make your pledge for the coming year.**

If you have any questions about the Stewardship Campaign, please contact Dale Hanson at 603-0732. Besides the route books there will also be pledge cards and envelopes in the vestibule.

**VPC 2019**  
**Choir Information**

The Venice Presbyterian Church Choir is looking for singers all ages to worship with us, spreading love through music each Sunday morning.



**Weekly Rehearsals:** Wednesdays, 7:15pm-8:15pm

**Weekly Services:** Sundays, 10:00am rehearsal, 10:30am service.

**Where:** Venice Presbyterian Sanctuary

**Who:** Anyone with an interest in singing

**Questions or more information?** Contact Director, Sterling Finkbine at [vpcchoirdirector@gmail.com](mailto:vpcchoirdirector@gmail.com).

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## SHOE BOX CHRISTMAS!

It's not too soon to start thinking about our 5th annual Shoe Box Christmas to benefit Haven House Homeless Shelter! The results in the past three years were AWESOME! Remember, it's easy.....a shoe box filled with small gifts for a woman, man or boys or girls. The gifts, for example for a woman, can be filled with lotions, hairbrush, warm socks, knitted hat, gloves, candy bar, etc. All can be purchased at a dollar store (Dollar Tree - where everything is \$1). Then Christmas wrap them and put a tag on the outside indicating whether it is for a woman, man, etc. Last year we collected and delivered over 100 boxes.

Let's do it again this year! Start bringing in filled shoe boxes after Thanksgiving and we will be delivering to Haven House during the 3rd week in December. Thanks in advance.

Questions! Call Candy Weppner at 513-868-6044



### Deacons

The Deacons will be meeting on November 6th at 6:30pm.

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### Trustees

Trustee of the month of November: Greg Young  
December: Ron Mienheartt

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### Noisy Offering

The Noisy Offering is being collected each week as follows:  
1st & 4th Sunday - Youth Group  
2nd & 5th Sunday - Church food pantry  
3rd Sunday - School Lunch Program

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Thank you to **Joyce Brown** for donating apples for the  
RAMM Open Pantry on October 19th.

*Venice Women's Association*

A big Thank You to **Brown's Farm Market** for donating the  
festive Autumn decorations in front of the church.





## GOTTA HAVE FUN BUNCH

The next outing for the Gotta Have Fun Bunch is to listen to some pretty awesome Jazz Music with our own Ben

Tweedt playing the piano  
at Aster's Downtown Cincinnati on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ben Tweedt's girlfriend Angie is having her Album release party on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 10:00 pm. We can meet at the church around 8 pm and carpool downtown for drinks and appetizers and some great jazz music! Below is the write-up on Aster's website.

Angie Coyle is extremely versatile; in addition to playing jazz, she frequently works with pit orchestras, blues bands, and R&B bands – and occasionally indie-rock groups and singer/songwriters. "Far From Home" will be a collection of original jazz tunes, featuring one of the best rhythm sections in Cincinnati: Matt Wiles (bass), Jeff Mellott (drums), and Ben Tweedt (piano), as well as Brandon Coleman (guitar) on some tracks.

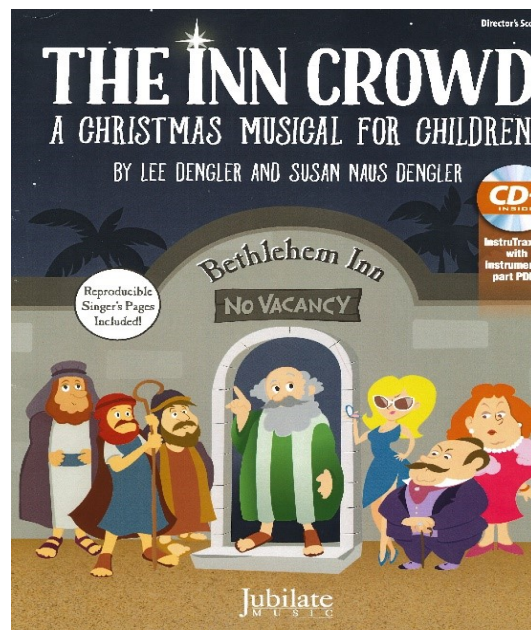
There will be a sign-up sheet so that we can know how many to expect. If you are able to be a driver, please make a note next to your name. Thanks! If you have any questions you can talk to Gayla Young, Joy Minks, or Jerry Lutterbie for more details. Hope to see you there!!!

## *Children's Christmas Program*

This year's program is a cute story about the Inn in Bethlehem. With a light touch, it helps us remember that we are all part of God's "In Crowd" and that we are all important to Him.

We have begun practicing the music for the program during junior church. We plan to assign parts by the 10<sup>th</sup> of November, so if you have a child or grandchild who would like to be in the play, please let Gayla know. There are roles for everyone! The children always seem to have a good time telling the Christmas story. Please spread the word to your children and grandchildren! I look forward to working with them!!!!

If you have any questions, call me at 513-836-0020 or email me at [gaylayoung@fuse.net](mailto:gaylayoung@fuse.net).





There will be an All Saints Day celebration during the worship service on November 3, 2019 at 10:30 am.

We will be honoring those people who have been a part of the church family who have passed away this past year. Pastor Amy Arnold will be leading the worship and the choir will sing a memorial anthem.

Please plan to join us for this special recognition.

**Please note:**

Communion will be moved from November 3<sup>rd</sup> to November 10<sup>th</sup>.

## PRAYER LIST

Please continue prayers for Ray and Millie. You may send a card or note to: **Ray & Millie Miller**: PO Box 172, Ross OH 45061

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Please keep **Patty Wurzelbacher** in your prayers as she continues to recover. You may send a card to: 60 Robert Dr, Hamilton OH 45013

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Please keep **Debbie Siekerman and family** in your prayers. You may send a card to: 4104 Hamilton Scipio Rd, Hamilton OH 45013

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Please continue to keep **Donna Marsh** in your thoughts and prayers for healing. Please send a card to: 3217 Morgan Ross Rd, Hamilton OH 45013

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Please keep **Vern Tragesser** in your thoughts. He has moved to Berkley Square. You may send a card to: 100 Capitol Crescent, Apt 111, Hamilton OH 45013

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

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**PNC request**: Please pray for us that God will direct us in this task.

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Please keep **Martha Young** in your prayers for healing from knee replacement surgery. You may send a card to: 2031 Demoret Ln, Hamilton OH 45013

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Please keep **Missy Jo Peacock** in your prayers for healing from spinal cord surgery. You may send a card to: 2220 Morgan Ross Rd, Hamilton OH 45013

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Please keep RHS student **Lyla Brinck and her family** in your prayers as she recovers at UC Medical Center from a terrible car accident on October 4th. You can receive updates on the Facebook page “Lou Lou’s Army”. Please address cards to: #LoveforLyla, 3940 Thinnes Ct, Hamilton OH 45013. Cards may also be dropped off at the high school.

We want to keep the other families involved in the accident in our prayers. **Minges Family, Spencer Family and Winsted Family.**

# November



11-10 Kevin Spille  
11-13 Clarence Bohne  
11-14 Bonnie Doherty  
11-16 Dan Doherty  
11-17 Lisa Courtney  
11-18 Eunice Maynard  
11-20 Millie Miller  
11-24 Sue Pigg  
11-24 Gayla Young  
11-24 Steve Stitsinger  
11-25 Sue Toler  
11-29 Aubree Spille



11-19 Greg and Kim Young  
11-26 Dave and Sue Toler



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