

# Venice View

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

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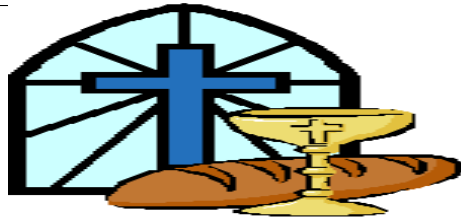
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Adult Sunday School - 9:00a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship

Youth Group - during worship



*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*  
will be celebrated on:  
**Sunday**  
**November 7, 2021**

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third Tuesday of each month.

Hello VPC! I am so thankful for you all. As we are coming into the month of November, we are getting excited for Thanksgiving and Advent.

November 7 Rev. Mary Campbell Hay will be leading us in worship. She is a wonderful woman with great spirit.

November 14 Rev. Amy Arnold will be leading us in worship. She is wonderful. I know you all will be looking forward to seeing her and catching up.

November 21 will be our Thanksgiving worship service, which I will be leading. The liturgy is based from a historical worship service that occurred at VPC! It is beautiful and very moving.

November 21 we will have our regular worship service at 10:30am. We will also have another service at 3pm on the 21st for my official Installation service! As many of you joined my virtual ordination service, this service will seem a bit familiar. Now that I have been ordained, I now will be installed in each church I serve, including VPC. Members and pastors from all over our Presbytery will be in attendance. Rev. Rebekah Nolt will be leading us in worship that afternoon. Afterwards we will have a small reception of celebration and thanksgiving. I look forward to seeing you there!

November 28 is the first Sunday of Advent, which is focused on the theme of hope. Advent begins that Sunday! Advent is the season where we are waiting for the arrival of God becoming human, of Jesus' birth! We are simply waiting for the coming of Christ. How wonderful!

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For the Advent season, we will be offering a study time together. We will be going through the advent devotional from Hagar's community church, *Unlikely Prophets: An Advent Devotional from Behind Bars*. A few of us used their Lenten devotional and were extremely moved. There is an entry and reflection for each day of Advent. If you would like time together to reflect on our readings for that week, some of us will be spending time in study and prayer Thursday evenings at 7pm. As we are reading the words of women in prison, we are hopefully going to meet at The Fringe Coffee shop in Hamilton, which supports people who have been incarcerated. If you are interested in partaking, please let me know so I can order books for everyone.

Thank you all so much for your gifts, service, and time. You all show me God constantly. Very thankful for this Thanksgiving and Advent season.

Peace and blessings,  
Pastor Mary

## **CHURCH ORNAMENTS**

Our VPC Circles are selling wooden ornaments of our church. They are wonderful keepsakes of your membership, your child's baptism, confirmation, time at our Preschool, their wedding, or simply your time at our church. If you previously purchased an ornament for your family and your child is now grown and on their own, wouldn't it be nice if they had their own ornament. The price remains at \$5.00. The number of ornaments left to sell is limited, so, if you would like to purchase one call Martha Young at 738-1966 to place an order.



### **Deacons**

The Deacons will be will be meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd at 6:30pm in the Annex.

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### **Togetherness Circle**

The Togetherness Circle has cancelled their meeting dates for the remainder of the year due to the ongoing health threat.

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### **Giving Tree Envelopes**

We have The Giving Tree envelopes on the table by the stairs to help the Deacons purchase Wal-Mart gift cards for pantry clients that are not included in the RAMM Hope for the Holidays program. Please place envelope in with the offering, or you may drop it off at the church office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated to help us make the holidays a little brighter for those less fortunate in our community. Please see Dave Wheat or Debbie Schwab with any questions.

The Venice Presbyterian Church pantry has had **134** visits through October. 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, Carole Wheat or Rick Wepler.

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I would like to thank everyone for the cards, prayers, visits and food during my healing. I greatly appreciate everyone thinking of me, and the meals were very much appreciated.

*Much love, Nancy Renner*



Thank you so much for the love, prayers, and support shown to us during the loss of our mom. The cards, calls, and visits to the funeral home were so comforting.

*With deep appreciation, Darlene Reynolds and Don Osborn*

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

	<b>EXPECTED FOR OCTOBER</b>	<b>ACTUAL FOR OCTOBER</b>	<b>STATUS FOR THE YEAR vs EXPECTED</b>
<b>2020 PLEDGES</b>	0	0	\$2,116
<b>INCOME</b>	\$12,020	\$12,025	-\$3,800
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$17,555	\$19,100*	-\$13,360

\*Estimated

Our operating expenses in total for the year are more than our income by \$42,220.

Major projects that have been done at the church through October 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
TOTAL	\$30,465

Major projects and operating expenses have utilized \$55,000 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**

### **November**

7th Volunteers will be contacted  
14th Deacons  
21st Men's Group  
28th Women's Group

### **December**

5th Volunteers will be contacted  
12th Deacons  
19th Men's Group  
26th Women's Group

## **Worship Assistants**

### **November**

7th Greg Young  
14th Dan Young  
21st Richard Bohne  
28th Dave Toler

### **December**

5th Judy Bohne  
12th Gayla Young  
19th Kim Young  
26th Alan Marsh

## **Communion Preparer**

November 7: Rob Rollins  
December 5: Dale Hanson

## **Trustees**

Trustee of the month:

November: Greg Young      December: Ron Mienheartt

## **Christian Education - Missions**

### **ONE WAY FARM**

Kathy Mienheartt and Kim Young went to One Way Farm to see what their needs were. One Way Farm has rooms for 10 female and 10 male children who have been through a lot in their young lives. We asked what we can do to make life a little better for these children. Here are the two missions we are going to do:

Good smelling shampoo, body gel, bath soap, lotion, deodorant, and perfume are really special to the residents. They usually get non-smelling inexpensive items and there is no smell. The boys love Axe, Old Spice (Sports and Wolfthorn), Bath and Body Works Men's Sea Salt Mimosa, Acqua di Gio by Giorgio Armani, etc. The girls love Bath and Body Works and anything that smells nice, fresh and pretty.

Birthdays – Do you love to bake? We need cakes to feed 30 people Here are the dates- I will have a sign-up sheet on the table.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>age</u>	<u>person</u>
11/16/21	8 male	Archie
12/20/21	15 male	Harold
1/10/22	16 female	Alexius
1/24/22	9 male	Levi

You can use the name on the cake but not the age

We also need donations of party supplies that are neutral – pink or blue that could go with the party. Again, it would be for 30 people – plates, cups and decorations.

If you don't want to go out and buy items, please make a donation and put on it Missions: One Way Farm. Thank you.

### **MISSIONS – ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY**

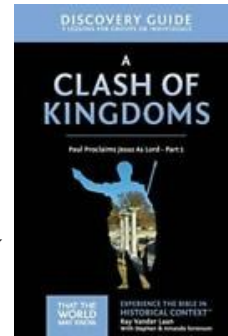
#### **HAVEN HOUSE GIFT CARDS**

The Women's Association did a fantastic job in the past with collecting shoe boxes and gift cards for Haven House Homeless Shelter. Last year we collected \$1390.00. The Session is going to continue this most important mission. We will collect gift cards every Sunday starting November 7<sup>th</sup> until December 12<sup>th</sup>. We would like to have most of them by December 5<sup>th</sup> so Haven House can plan for the families. These are the gift cards Haven House needs: Target, Kohl, Meijer, Walmart, and Kroger cards. There will be a box upstairs that you can put the gift cards in and will be collected weekly after church. Let's show the love we did like last year! Haven House was amazed.

If you don't want to go out and buy a gift card, please make a donation and put on it Haven House.

## Adult Sunday School

Kim Young will finish Ray Vander Laan's *The Mission of Jesus* on November 7th. She will begin his next series *A Clash of Kingdoms*. In this five part series, you'll discover how the passionate faith of his followers prepared the way for Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross. Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did. If you've never experienced a Ray Vander Laan video you are missing out on an amazing journey of history, Bible knowledge, and connections between the Old and New Testament.



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## Youth Group

The Session approved the hiring of a Youth Minister who will concentrate on the Intermediate age students 4-6th grade. It will be similar to KICK (Kids in Christ's Kingdom) and will meet during church after the choir sings. Our goal is for the new Youth Minister to do social events with the younger students twice a month. We also want the new Youth minister to meet with the High School Youth several times a month and do some social events. We will continue with Jen Lee and Cindy Licara in doing Youth Group events at this time. Please pray that we find the right person for this most important job.

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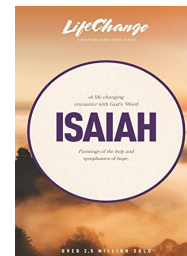
## Junior Church

The Junior Church will continue with a new series that is called Celebrate Wonder which is a continuation of the Deep Blue. Gayla Young is planning on doing a short Christmas program with the children. Thank you Rob Rollins for stepping up for the fourth Sunday!

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## Thursday Morning Bible Study

Judy Bohne continues her fascinating study of *Isaiah* on Thursday mornings at 9:30. There are still *Isaiah* books available and there is so much interesting information to learn. Please come join the group at any time.



## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN 2022

You will soon be receiving your packet of materials for the 2022 stewardship campaign. The packet will contain information about church programs and activities as well as a copy of the proposed 2022 budget. You are asked to prayerfully consider how you wish to support your church in the coming year both financially and with your time and talents.

While we always consider stewardship campaigns to be about the money, the donation of your time and your individual talents are what enable the church to continue all of its programs and outreach. When you see the list of opportunities available to serve, you will be amazed.

Once you have determined how you can help, please complete the pledge forms and return them to the church in the envelope provided. You may mail them or put them in the offering plate. We ask that they be returned no later than Sunday December 5.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 513-715-1090.

Jerry Rohrer  
Stewardship Campaign Chairman

## **RAMM**

The RAMM monthly open pantry is held the third Saturday of each month, from 10am to 12pm, at the Ross Schools Administration Building. The monthly open pantry had 447 visitors thru October 2021. 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](http://www.rammbutler.org)

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

**We are preparing for our Thanksgiving and Christmas pantry, and our Hope for the Holidays program. If you can help with donations of turkeys or other holiday meal items, please contact Greg Young at 513-212-7950.**

**If you are interested in sponsoring a child or adult for the holidays, please contact Debbie Schwab at 513-550-1470.**



## JOY (Just Older Youth) Group



We had a great time at Brown's Family Market at our last outing! Although we were small in numbers, we enjoyed a beautiful day. Joyce Brown took us on a hayride and supplied delicious apple cider for our picnic. A huge thank you to Joyce and Jody for always making it a fun

event. Next month, we will be going to Whiskeys Restaurant in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. We will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> and carpool over for an 11:30 lunch reservation. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Hope you will be able to join us! We have a great time filled with food, fun and fellowship! If you have any questions, please call us at 513-836-0020 or email me at: [gaylayoung@fuse.net](mailto:gaylayoung@fuse.net).



## November Preschool News

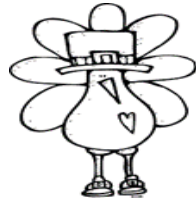
### What are we Learning this Month?

We will be talking about what we are thankful for. Our Bible story with Pastor Mary for November is Moses with the theme of truth.

**Blue Class (Mrs. Baker)** – We will continue to work on letters and letter sound.s. We will continue to practice rhyming and clapping the syllables in words. We will also continue working on patterns, counting and number recognition. We will be talking about nocturnal animals, hibernation, and Thanksgiving.

**Red Class (Mrs. Fathman)** – We will learn about the letters P, B and D, the numbers 6, 7, and 8, the colors black and blue, and the shapes heart and triangle. We will begin working on letter sounds. We will be talking about forest animals, family and being thankful.

**Yellow Class (Mrs. Meade)** – For November, Mrs. Meade's students will be working on learning letters F and G, color brown, numbers 6 and 7. Students will continue to work on writing and recognizing their name.



### Registration for 2022-2023

Registration for the 2022-2023 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 pre-school at 738-0158 or pre-



### **PRAYER LIST**

Please keep **Nicara Wilson** in your prayers for healing.

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Please keep **Rick Weppler** in your prayers for healing. 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 **Lloyd Stander** in your prayers for healing. You may send a card to: C/O Rob Rollins, 39 Hidden Creek Dr, Oxford, OH 45056

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

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Please keep **Dana Mehl and Family** in your prayers. Dana's mother, *LaVerne Mehl* passed away on October 25, 2021. You may send a card to: 2085 Demoret Ln, Hamilton, OH 45013

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Please keep **Mike and Sharon Tragesser** in your prayers. Mike's father, *Vernon Tragesser* passed away on October 26, 2021. You may send a card to: P.O. Box 1, Ross, OH 45061. Memorials may be made to Venice Presbyterian Church.

# November



11-10 Kevin Spille  
11-13 Clarence Bohne  
11-14 Bonnie Doherty  
11-16 Dan Doherty  
11-17 Lisa Courtney  
11-24 Sue Pigg  
11-24 Gayla Young  
11-25 Sue Toler  
11-27 Dottie Christophel  
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.