

# Venice View

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

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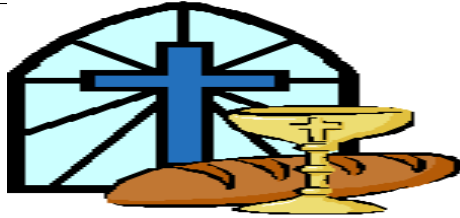
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Sunday School 9:15a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship

Youth Group - during worship



*The Sacrament of Holy Communion*  
will be celebrated on:  
**Sunday, February 2, 2020**

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**Attendance**

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
3.....73	1..... 85
10.....74	8.....110
17.....75	15.....75
24.....84	22.....73
	24.....89
	29.....46

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Venice View is published monthly.  
All items should be submitted by the  
third Tuesday of each month.

Below is a list of the dates and ministers who will be leading worship.

February 2, Rev. Monnie Caine (she will lead us in communion and conduct our annual meeting)

February 9, Rev. John Specht

February 16, Rev. John Specht

February 23, Rev. Amy Arnold

Our schedule for the rest of 2020 will depend on the timing of the hiring of a fulltime pastor. Continue to keep the committee and the church in your prayers as we allow God to lead us in the calling of a pastor. If anyone has a need or has questions during this transition period, please call the church office or one of the Deacons or Elders.

Sincerely and With Christ's Love,

Gayla Young  
Worship Committee



## **YOUTH GROUP AND JUNIOR CHURCH**

To stress the importance of showing love to others, the Junior Church children and the Youth Group will be making Valentine Cards, decorating gift bags, and making blankets during Junior Church on the first two Sundays of February. On the second Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, we will plan to eat lunch and then take the items to the nursing home. Children, ages four and up, are welcome to join us in the outing. We will need some additional chaperones and drivers. If you can help, let me know. The residents at the nursing home always enjoy the visits from the children and the kids will get a feeling of how rewarding community service to others can be.

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

Thanks, Gayla Young

# ANNUAL REPORT

The 2019 Annual Report has been completed and is now available on the table outside of the Sanctuary. If you did not receive a copy, please contact the church office.

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Please mark your calendars for February 2, 2020. We will be having our Annual Congregational meeting following worship for presentation and approval of our Annual Report.



## JOY (Just Older Youth) Group

The next JOY group outing is going to be on Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. We will be heading to La Comedia for brunch and the play “Nunsense.” We will meet at the church at 9:30 am to carpool for a 10:30 am arrival time. I have purchased 20 tickets in order to get the group rate. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. The cost will be \$40 which includes the meal, the show, and water, tea or coffee. Additional drinks and a tip will be extra. Please let me know if you have any questions. Plan to join us for a fun day full of good food and laughter!

Gayla Young (513-836-0020 or [gaylayoung@fuse.net](mailto:gaylayoung@fuse.net))

## **Ushers**

### **February**

2nd	Youth Group
9th	Deacons
16th	Men's Group
23rd	Women's Group

### **March**

1st	Youth Group
8th	Deacons
15th	Men's Group
22nd	Women's Group
29th	Back Row Ladies

## **Worship Assistant**

### **February**

2nd	Tami Adams
9th	Dale Hanson
16th	Jan Krier
23rd	Gayla Young

### **March**

1st	
8th	Dan Young
15th	Kim Young
22nd	Jerry Rohrer
29th	Judy Bohne

## **Communion Preparer**

February 2	Alan Marsh
February 26 (Ash Wednesday)	Joy Minks

March 1	Gayla Young
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### **Deacons**

The Deacons will be meeting on February 5th at 6:30pm.

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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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Please join us at our next Potluck dinner on Ash Wednesday, February 26th, at 6:00pm. Please bring a covered dish to share. After the dinner, we will move upstairs for the Ash Wednesday service. The service will be a meaningful beginning to the weeks leading up to Holy Week. If you are unable to make the potluck dinner, you can just come for the service at 6:45 p.m. Plan to share in the fellowship of this important start to Lent.





## **Power up for Rocky Railway Bible School**

It is that time of year to begin planning for Vacation Bible School. The literature has been ordered and the dates are set for July 13-17 from 9:00—11:45 am. The theme this year is Rocky Railway—Jesus Power Pulls Us Through! We will be in need of area leaders, group leaders, and a trainload of kids!

**Hope you can be a part of the excitement.**

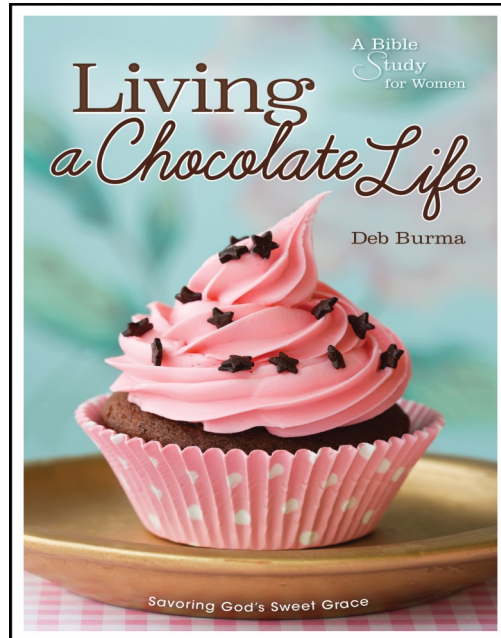
Contact Gayla Young at 513-836-0020 or [gaylayoung@fuse.net](mailto:gaylayoung@fuse.net) for more information.



## **Christian Education**

### **Thursday Morning Bible Study**

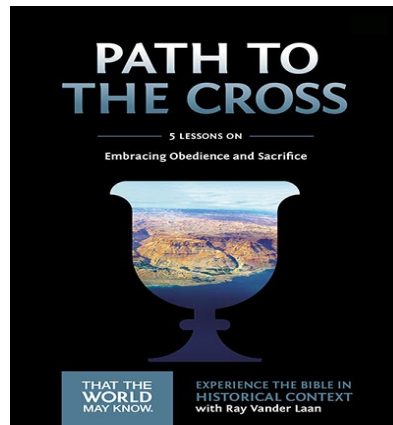
Judy Bohne began her next study called *Living a Chocolate Life* by Deb Burma. Fun, friendly, and engaging, Burma's study invites women to savor God's rich and endless supply of grace in Christ. Whether they're sampling everything from bitter nuggets of pain to sweet morsels of joy, this study reminds readers that the Holy Spirit fills them with sweet faith in the Savior and it is only He who can truly satisfy. Written with a fun chocolate theme, each session focuses on one aspect of life as a Christian woman, encouraging readers toward introspection and personal reflection



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

### **Adult Sunday school.**

Kim is recovering from shoulder surgery so she will be starting the new Ray Vander Laan's series *Path to the Cross*, as soon as she is back on her feet again. Stay tuned to the bulletin for an update on the restart date. We'll discover how the passionate faith of followers prepared the way for Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross. Then, be challenged in your own life to live as they did.



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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*Deep Blue* will continue through the winter and spring for Junior Church. The children enjoy the curriculum that has videos, activities and Bible lessons. Thank you to all our volunteers who teach!



The Venice Presbyterian Church pantry has had **29** visits in January. 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 Weppler.

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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 **385** visitors through December 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. Financial donations are greatly appreciated! Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

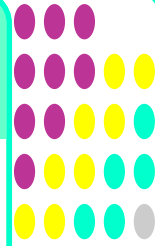
RAMM now has a website! [www.rammbutler.org](http://www.rammbutler.org)

## WOMEN'S GROUP

*Let your light shine so they may see your good works...Matthew 5:16*

**February 20,  
Thursday**

**7:00 pm Dorcas Circle**  
Melanie Hanson will host the meeting at her home  
and she will have devotions



# Ross Local School District

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Hamilton, Ohio 45013  
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3425 Hamilton-Cleves Rd.  
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3980 Hamilton-Cleves Rd.  
Hamilton, Ohio 45013  
(513) 738-1972

**MORGAN ELEMENTARY**  
3427 Chapel Rd.  
Hamilton, Ohio 45013  
(513) 738-1986

January 8, 2020

Dear Mr. Hanson and Ms. Schwab,

Again, on behalf of the Ross Local School District, please accept our sincere thank you for the donation to our Angel Funds. We appreciate this second donation to use for students whose accounts are at our allowable limit for charges. Your continued support for our students and our cafeterias is amazing.

I deposited the money this time to our middle school account whose fund was in need of replenishment.

The generosity of the Venice Presbyterian Church is very much appreciated.

Thank you,



Karen Trousdell

Food Service Director of Ross Local Schools

**A note of appreciation for our 3rd Sunday Noisy Offering for the Ross Local Schools Lunch Program called "Angel Funds". Thank you for your generosity!**

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, cards and calls I received. I greatly appreciate my church family.

*Thank You!*

*Sincerely, Dave Schrimper*

My wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ,  
Please accept my sincerest thank you for prayers, cards, calls, flowers, food and visits. I've been overwhelmed by your kindnesses and love after my very difficult surgery. I won't bounce back as quickly this time but I feel your prayers pulling me through.

*Thank you so very much, Kim Young*

Thank you for the kindness and generosity shown to our family during Becca's ongoing illness. We appreciate you more than we can say.

*Becca and Jody Asher*

## February Preschool News

### **2020-2021 Registration**

If you are interested in registering your child for the 2020-2021 school year, please contact us at 738-0158 or [preschool@thevenicechurch.com](mailto:preschool@thevenicechurch.com).

### **What are we Learning this Month?**

Our theme will be animals this month. We will talk about different types of animals and where they live. We will also be talking about Noah's Ark.

**Blue Class (Mrs. Baker)** – For handwriting, we will work on Aa, Vv and Gg. We will continue to work on counting and identifying those tricky teen numbers. Some of my students are still working on identifying letters and sounds while other students will be working on simple sight words (such as see, like, the) and CVC words (such as dog, cat, sun). We will also begin practicing their address and phone number.

**Red Class (Mrs. Fathman)** – We will learn about the letters Gg, Aa, and Vv and number recognition. We will continue to practice patterns.

**Yellow Class (Mrs. Bohne)** – We will explore the letters G, A and V. We will continue working on shapes and number recognition 1-10.

We will be having our Valentine's Day parties at the preschool on February 13 and 14!





News from the VPC Treasury:

This will be the start of a monthly update on the finances of the church.

	EXPECTED FOR JAN	ACTUAL FOR JAN	STATUS FOR THE YEAR
INCOME	\$11,500	\$13,152	+\$1,652
EXPENSES	\$10,098	\$12,933	-\$2,835

Our income for the year has exceeded our expenses by \$219.  
PNC expenses to date are \$200.

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

Dale Hanson  
Treasurer of VPC

## **YOUTH GROUP**

In January we volunteered at Matthew 25 Ministries and then ate at McDonalds! We had lots of fun sorting medical supplies and knowing that what we were doing will make an impact in a Country that needs the supplies. We also had a Lock In with Freedom Baptist Church's Youth Group. There were lots of kids, food, games and fun! We also learned that while we sometimes resist God and think that he is just trying to help we can always count on him to know what we need! It was nice meeting new friends and getting together with kids that we already know from Ross. Freedom has four different schools represented.

February we will be making Valentines and going to a nursing home with the younger children in our church for a visit! It's so nice to have so many kids in our church again and the residents will really appreciate it as well. We may even make little goodie bags and possibly lap blankets! Youth will also have another fun activity in February.

We will have our first fundraiser of the year on March 8th with a pork chop lunch after church! A big Thank You to Tommy Licata for helping us!

We're starting a new series on wisdom this week called Influencer, how we can be influenced and be Influencers.

In Christ's Love,  
Jen Lee

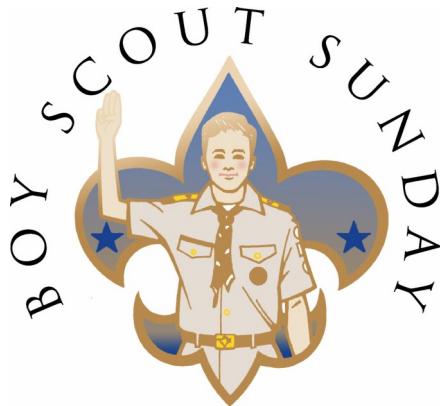
Kind regards,

Jennifer Brock-Lee  
513.504.2950



Join us Sunday, February 9th in Celebration of Scout Sunday.

Troop 923 will be preparing a pancake breakfast following worship. Please join us in honoring the scouts for all they do for our community.



### 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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Please keep **Christopher Guenther** in your prayers for healing after being hit by a car on his bike. You may send a card to him at: c/o Ruth Guenther, PO Box 175, Ross OH 45061

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Please keep **Dana Mehl** in your prayers for healing from knee replacement surgery. You may send a card to: 2085 Demoret Ln, Hamilton OH 45013

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Please keep **Kim Young** in your prayers for healing from shoulder surgery. You may send a card to: 3908 Ficus Ct, Hamilton, OH 45013

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# February

2-4 Alex Schwab  
2-11 Lee Steenken  
2-11 Amy Brandenburg  
2-12 Kyle Young  
2-12 Ron Mienheartt  
2-15 Dave Wheat  
2-16 Crystal Butterfield  
2-19 Nancy Renner  
2-21 Greg Young  
2-23 Trish Lutterbie  
2-23 Bettie Carmack  
2-25 Jennifer Rauen  
2-27 Deloris Eby  
2-27 Lisa Brandenburg  
2-28 Saralee Young



2-12 Denny and Sharon Thompson



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