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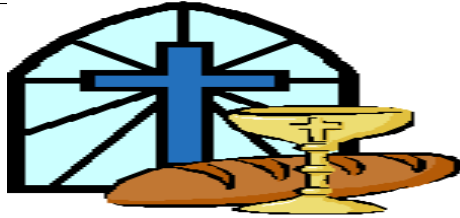
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Adult Sunday School - 9:15a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship

Youth Group - during worship



The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on:

September 6, 2020

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Attendance

<u>June</u>	<u>July</u>
7.....Online	5.....34
14.....Online	12.....33
21.....Online	19.....26
28.....Online	26.....40

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third Tuesday of each month.

Worship

The worship services have been wonderful! A huge thank you to Rev. John Specht and Rev. Amy Arnold for continuing to lead us in worship. Their messages have touched our hearts and inspired us to be better disciples of Jesus.

We feel that everything has been very safe and all attendees have been considerate of others. If you are not comfortable joining us for worship, the service will continue to be available to download on our website later on Sunday evening. Just go to www.thevenicechurch.com, click on virtual services and select the date to view the Sunday worship service.

The scheduled ministers through September are as follows:

September 6: John Specht (Communion) and Music by Trudy Jester

September 13: Amy Arnold

September 20: John Specht and Music by Rachel Brown

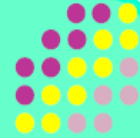
September 27: Amy Arnold and Music by Rescue Me Ministries

We pray that the services are meaningful to you and that you feel the presence of God, His Love and Peace during our time of worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Gayla Young
Worship Committee

WOMEN'S GROUP

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



Please note that due to the unsettling times,

Women's events previously scheduled in the Women's Booklet are being postponed until further notice.



This includes Evening Circles, Meetings and Country Christmas.

This will be the first time since its conception in 1951 that there has not been a Country Christmas event led by the church women. Without our major fundraisers, Country Christmas and Rummage Sale, we will unfortunately lose the ability to support our mission outreach as planned this year. With a lot of prayer, we will look forward to the time when we can get back to doing what we do best...continuing traditions that offer fellowship and that help our budget so we can help those in need.

The picture above of the group of hands says it all. We are in this together and our hearts are always together in spirit. We can't lose hope, and someday our yearly schedule of meetings and events will return again.

Mission Support:

The church investments have done extremely well since the first of the year. As a result, the Session has approved \$5,000 to be set aside for support of local missions. On an immediate basis, \$1,000 will be given to RAMM and \$500 will be given to Haven House.

The rest of the money will be available for other mission work as the need becomes clear.

Stewardship 2021:

It is time to think about the Stewardship Campaign for 2021. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, we will not do our traditional route books this year. Instead we will utilize pledge letters requesting your Financial and Time & Talent pledge for 2021. Look for letter in the mail in mid-October.

Kroger Rewards Program:

The church has received a check for \$154.95 from the Kroger Rewards program for the time period of May 1, 2020, to July 31, 2020. We have 36 households who participate in this program. Thank you for your participation. If you are currently not participating but would like to, contact myself (603-0732) or Melanie Hanson (314-2633) and we can help you sign up. Your participation in this program does not affect your individual rewards that you can get from any Kroger programs.

Dale Hanson
Treasurer - VPC

The Venice Presbyterian Church pantry has had **142** visits through August. Your donations are serving 15-20 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. Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta

Any questions, please see Dave Wheat or Rick Wepler.



Deacons

The Deacons next meeting will be September 2nd. They will be communicating through email for this meeting.

Thank You *Lisa Brandenburg* for your devotional to our congregation on August 2. The story you shared about depression and anxiety was very stirring and is something that we all should acknowledge. You are an truly an inspiration to our church and everyone around you. May God continue to inspire you, keep you strong and guide you each day through your path in life.



Submitted by a member of our church

VPC Deacons,

Thank you so much for thinking of me during this graduation season and sending me a thoughtful card & gift card! The gift card came in handy while dorm shopping!

Thanks again, Julia Ziepfel

Trustees

The sealing of bat entrances was completed the week of August 17-21.
Inside work will begin later this year.

The parking lots and annex driveway were resealed in August.

Trustee of the month: September: Becky Berling
October: Pete Berling

Noisy Offering

1st Sunday: Youth Group

2nd Sunday: VPC Food Pantry

3rd Sunday: Ross Schools Lunch Program (Angel Fund)

4th Sunday: Preschool Donna Marsh Education Fund

5th Sunday: RAMM (Ross and Morgan Ministries)



Ushers

September

6th	Youth Group
13th	Deacons
20th	Men's Group
27th	Women's Group

October

4th	Youth Group
11th	Deacons
18th	Men's Group
25th	Women's Group

Worship Assistants

September

6th	Dan Young
13th	Alan Marsh
20th	Dale Hanson
27th	Rob Rollins

October

4th	
11th	Jan Krier
18th	Gayla Young
25th	Jerry Rohrer

Communion Preparers

September: Joy Minks

October: Richard Bohne

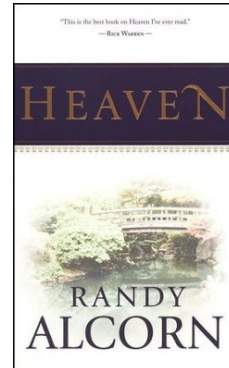
Christian Education

Thursday Morning Bible Study

Judy Bohne will continue Coffee Conversation Bible Study on **Thursday, September 10th at 9:30AM** in the Annex. The study is “*Heaven*” by Randy Alcorn.

What is heaven really going to be like?
What will we look like?
What will we do?
Will there be marriage?
Will heaven get boring?

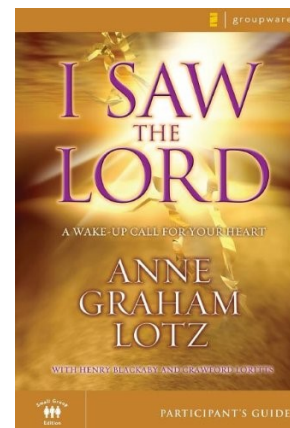
We can't begin to imagine what heaven will be like.
After reading this study, you can tell them.



Adult Sunday School.

Adult Sunday School will begin on **Sunday, September 13th** in the manse. I ask all participants to wear a mask please. We will social distance as much as possible too. We never ended the Ray Vander Laan's The Path to the Cross. We will finish the fifth section, The Fifth Cup: Our Way of Hope. It's an extraordinary video.

We will then do a 8 session journey Anne Graham Lotz's I Saw The Lord A Wake-up Call For Your Heart. Anne is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Billy Graham. I've ordered 4 participants guides which are \$8.00 each. If you want one, please let Kim Young know to save it for you. You can give her the \$8.00 on the first day of class. Look forward to seeing you!!!



Youth Group

School is back in session the week of September 8 and our youth kids are excited to go back to school! All of our sports and the band are practicing and games have already started.

We have started our new curriculum and are doing Squad Up! a series on Friendship. We're Better Together (sound familiar?)!

Our Big Ideas are:

We can be part of God's family. Ephesians 1:1-23

We can do for others what God has done for us. Ephesians 2:1-22

We can grow together. Ephesians 4:1-32

We can stand strong together. Ephesians 6:10-20

Praying for a safe and successful fall being back to school, sports and band for all of our kids!

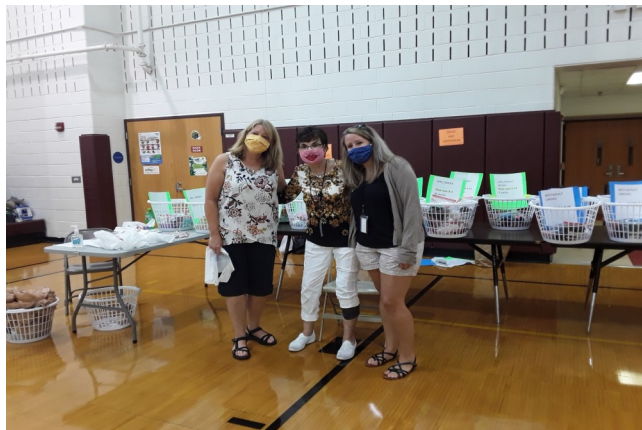
In Christ's Love,
Jen Lee

As most of you know, I lost the job of my dreams in January. Immediately I knew that God had a plan! I didn't know what the plan was but I knew he had one in store for me! If I had to be out of work, this was truly the best time. I was able to be home with my kids during spring distance learning, we had food, insurance, unemployment and when needed, early on, help from our church family. I am happy to report that I accepted a job as an IT Executive Assistant at ADM today and am thrilled for this opportunity! Thank you for all of your thoughts and prayers, they were truly felt and appreciated more than you will ever know. And to Kim Young, a very special thank you for always checking on us, praying with me and for us and for asking our congregation to pray too. God heard our prayers!
Jen, Will and Grace Lee

Junior Church

Junior Church is up and running. We need kids! We will continue to do Deep Blue. We will social distance in the classroom. If there are a lot of kids, we'll go into the social hall. We have individual packets that will be for each child which no one else will touch.





RAMM

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. We have changed to a “drive-thru” pantry beginning in March due to Coronavirus. The monthly fresh market open pantry has had **314** visitors through August 2020. 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**

The next RAMM Open Pantry will be on September 19. If your family is in need of food, please contact RAMM at 212-7950 to register for the September pantry.

The RAMM Back to School Event was held on August 8th at Elda Elementary from 12pm to 2pm. We had 66 families, 128 backpacks distributed.

A huge Thank You to Tami Adams and Robyn Shupp for preparing the hygiene kits, Barb Fathman and Candace Fathman for making all the goodie bags, Lacy Seng and Andrea Payne for helping prepare the backpacks. A special thanks to the volunteers, Greg Young, Kim Young, Debbie Schwab, Alex Schwab, Andrea Payne, Jan Krier, Tami Adams, Barb Fathman, Candace Fathman, and members of Ross Community UMC (special thanks to Nancy Beckman & family), Rooted Church Ross, (special thanks to Pete Witt and Rebecca Butz, St. Al's (Jon Stow), White Oak church (Ken Fangman & Walter Wilson) and Ross Christian (Deb Sauerland, Regina Shaw).



September Preschool News

The preschool staff started back to work on August 24, and our students will be starting school on September 8 and 9. While there will be many changes this year, we are looking forward to a year of learning and fun!



In September, we will be getting to know our new friends and learning about rules and expectations at school. We will start exploring colors, sorting, and shapes. We will be learning how to write the letters Ll, Hh and Tt, and we will be talking a lot about the letters in our names. Our Bible story this month will be "Jesus Loves the Little Children."



News from the VPC Treasury:

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

	EXPECTED FOR AUGUST	ACTUAL FOR AUGUST	STATUS FOR THE YEAR vs EXPECTED
INCOME	\$11,500	\$16,195*	+\$3,500*
EXPENSES	\$9,020	\$10,872*	+\$2,700*

*Estimated

Our income in total for the year has exceeded our expenses by \$800.

PNC expenses to date:

2019: \$200

2020: \$1,169

Several major projects have been undertaken this year. To date the following has been paid on major projects:

Sanctuary Painting: \$3,300
Sidewalk replacement: \$1,500
Video Streaming: \$1,704
Bat removal deposit: \$4,002
Sanctuary drape replacement: \$5,685**

** Paid for by Memorial money

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

Dale Hanson
Treasurer of VPC

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

Please keep **Patty Wurzelbacher** in your prayers for healing. You may send a card to: 60 Robert Dr, Hamilton OH 45013

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

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

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

Please keep **Marcia Collinsworth** in your prayers for healing. She is now at a rehab center. You may send a card to: 4088 Mikehill Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014

Please keep **Judy Turley** (friend of the Schwab family) in your prayers for healing. Judy is receiving chemo treatments for stage 4 bone cancer. Please send a card to: 8603 Meadowview Dr, West Chester, OH 45069

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

Please keep the following families in your prayers: **Amanda Roberson Family, Michael Hamilton Family.**



9-5 Diana Vereker
 9-13 Nancy Bohne
 9-13 Garrett Boyle
 9-13 Michelle Schwab
 9-18 Monica Schwab
 9-19 Karlana Boyle
 9-19 Grayson Ozias
 9-25 Sharon Thompson
 9-26 Tom Licata
 9-29 Mari Courtney



9-4 Steve and Eunice Maynard
 9-8 Gary and Diane McBreen
 9-11 Tad and Tami Adams



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