

Venice View

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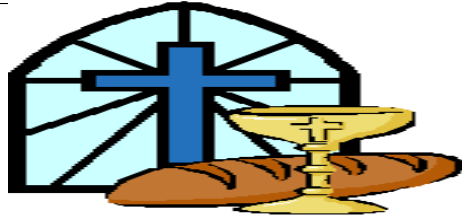
Pastor Janet Dillaman

Sunday School 9:15a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship service

Youth Group - during worship except 1st Sunday: 12-2



The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on:
Sunday, June 11, 2017

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Attendance

<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
5.....83	2.....66
12.....58	9.....72
19.....67	16.....104
26.....89	23.....71
	30.....116

A Father's Day Prayer

**God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.
Amen**

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third Tuesday of each month.

Dear Friends,

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.

(Matt:16:18-20)

These words of Jesus are the final words to his followers at the conclusion of his physical ministry. Though Jesus was leaving the sight of his disciples, he had promised he would be with them. The amazing gift of the Holy Spirit that comes at Pentecost puts Jesus within us.

The month of June begins with Pentecost, followed by Trinity Sunday. We celebrate the power, authority, and gifts that come from God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

As the church reaches out to share the Good News of Jesus with Pentecost, Trinity Sunday, VBS, and the Youth Mission trip, let's challenge ourselves to be faithful to the command of Jesus. **MAKE DISCIPLES!** Let's just share our true selves within and beyond the church doors. Every guest I have ever talked with shares how unusually friendly we are! **UNUSUALLY FRIENDLY** implies that some congregations are more like social clubs than disciple makers.

Remember the show **CHEERS**? Where everybody knows your name? That should be the attitude at Venice. Let's be the Cliff who is the mailman who knows everyone on his route. Let's be the Norm, who doesn't know a stranger. Let's be the Sam Malone, who is ready to find a way to make you feel comfortable and come back again and again.

Have a few friends over from church, and invite a neighbor or two for a BBQ. Just be yourselves. Invite your golf partner, your friends who are without a church, come to VBS and "adopt" a child and family to get to know, smile and greet those around you at Wendy's, Flubbs, Eli's and Big Buls. Discover your way!

At a women's retreat a few years ago, there was a young women around 25 years old who finally put the whole story of salvation together. She had been in church occasionally but never made the heart connection Jesus brings. No one had ever really invited her to be a disciple.

Jesus leaves us one task to do. With all the issues of our culture and world, we need to be very intentional about making disciples. Pray for the awareness of how and when you will find or create an opportunity. The first step is up to you.

This command is our mandate. Your focus is on bringing one new person to join our church family. Young or older, the goal is 100 in worship by the end of 2017. **Therefore go...**

With blessings

Pastor Jan



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Venice Presbyterian Church**



Dear Church Family,

The care of my mother, Gail, will require my presence in Grand Rapids for the next two months. The issues are difficult and I am so grateful as your prayers will give me strength as I negotiate the proper next steps.

The support of the Session and so many that will be my heart and hands goes with me. A pulpit supply will be here and Deb will assist in worship planning and pastoral calls.

Would you please pray for calm in my spirit, discernment of God's leading and that the resources necessary will be provided. I will return for a wedding at the end of June and write an update.

Thanks and Blessings,

Pastor Jan

The Venice Presbyterian Church pantry has provided 36 families with food already this year. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

- 1) Perishable items (meats, dairy, produce, breads, baked goods)**
- 2) Spaghetti sauce and dry pasta & canned pasta meals**
- 3) Boxed meals**
- 4) Pet food and treats**
- 5) Canned meats (tuna, chicken, spam, beef stew)**
- 6) Breakfast Foods (cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, syrup, granola bars, pop-tarts)**

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 served 81 families this year. If you would like to volunteer your time or donations, please contact Greg Young, Dave Wheat or RAMM at 513-212-7950. Thank you for your generosity!

Strawberry Festival

RAMM will have a booth at the Strawberry Festival in Shandon on June 10th from 10am to 5pm. We will be handing out RAMM brochures, ice cold water, and will have several raffle baskets to raise funds. Thank you to Robyn Shupp from Macedonia Christian Church for pledging a raffle basket. If anyone else can help provide raffle items, please let me know.

We will also need volunteers to work the booth on this date. It is our hope we can have 2 to 3 volunteers at all times. We want to thank the following people for pledging their time.

Laurie Kile 2pm-5pm
Dave and Carole Wheat 10am to 2pm

Please contact Debbie Schwab at 513-550-1470 if you would like to volunteer your time or if you can help with a raffle basket.

RAMM is partnering with Ross Community United Methodist Church on June 17th for a rummage sale at the Ross Schools Administrative Building. We are in need of donations of household items. The drop off times are June 3rd and June 10th from 10am to 12pm at the Ross Schools Administrative Building. Drop off zone is the parking lot on the right side of the building. Contact Debbie Schwab with questions.



For many years the Preschool Staff had asked to form a Preschool Board. Finally, in 2002, the Session gave the green light for that formation. Bob Young was the Elder in charge of the Preschool, so was instrumental in forming the first Venice Presbyterian Preschool Board. Bob worked with the original Board members to set guidelines, policies and create a mission for that Board. He has, since 2002, remained the Chairperson of the Board. Bob has worked on budget, salaries, policies, teacher and aide job descriptions, new room usage and many, many other projects.

Bob made the decision to resign his position this year. The Preschool Board wants to thank Bob for his time and talents over these last fifteen years. We appreciate all you have done to create, sustain and further the objectives of our Preschool and the Preschool Board.

Thank you,
The Preschool Board

WOMEN'S SPRING BANQUET

The Women's Spring Banquet was migh-tea fun! The banquet committee provided food, a program, and hospitali-tea to 39 guests. After an evening of laughabili-tea and uni-tea, we were filled with spirituality-tea!





Church Picnic Coordinators: Two volunteers are needed to plan and coordinate the annual church picnic. The planning has to begin by July.
Call Pastor Jan

Technology Worship Assistant: One or two volunteers are needed to set up projector and run computer power point slides on Sunday mornings.
Contact Pastor Jan for information and training.

Parish Life Elder Coordinator: One member volunteer is needed to coordinate church family events. Game nights, going out to eat, attending a local venue such as the Reds or one of the many festivals around Cincinnati. WE JUST WANNA HAVE FUN!
This is a Session position with a meeting once a month.
Call Pastor Jan or Alan Marsh

Stewardship Elder: Stewardship partners with the other committees on Session to assist and/or lead events to further our spiritual growth. One member volunteer is needed to assist with the picnic, plan some summer activities, and organize the annual fall Time, Treasure, and Talent drive coming up in October.
This is a Session position with a meeting once a month.
Call Pastor Jan or Alan Marsh



Preschool News

Venice Preschool News

You can reach the Preschool in the following ways:
Phone: 738-0158, Email: vpcpreschool@thevenicechurch.com



TREASURER'S REPORT

Cost Savings Measures at VPC:

The Trustees and the Treasurer have taken several steps in the past two months to reduce the monthly expenses of running the church. The following changes have been made:

- Service from Rumpke for trash pickup has been changed from weekly pickup to every two week pickup. This will save \$360 per year.
- Phone and internet service has been changed from Time Warner to Cincinnati Bell. This will save \$720 per year.
- Electricity and gas suppliers have been changed and locked into 3 year contracts. The savings is over \$900 per year, with the 3 year savings being over \$2700. Duke Energy will remain as the supplier who distributes the electricity and gas to the church, but the actual companies who generate the electricity and provide the gas have changed.

Total yearly savings to the church with these savings are over \$2000 per year. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Dale Hanson
Treasurer of VPC

Graduation Recognition Sunday

The Deacons will be recognizing 2017 Graduates on June 4th during worship. Please join us in celebrating our Graduates!

Crystal Butterfield - Ross High School
Brandon Hanson - Fairfield High School
Alex Schwab - Ross High School
Michelle Schwab - Miami University



Youth Group

We are on a mission. I am Andrew Story, the new Youth Group Director at Venice Presbyterian. Members of our Youth Group called LOFT along with 10 adults from our church family are traveling to Beattyville, Kentucky on June 25 through June 30. We will be building, painting, wiring, plumbing, and just about any other house maintenance you can imagine. Lending a helping hand and heart is always welcome to the families of Beattyville.

You may consider a financial donation to assist in the cost of materials online at <http://www.thevenicechurch.com/mission-trip-donations-2017.html>.

Youth are the most important members of society. When we pour into youth, we are building our tomorrow. They will become our work force, innovators, future families, and the church. That is why I am so excited to be a part of the ministry team at Venice Presbyterian Church. The LOFT meets each Sunday at 10:30am with the church family, and break off to our youth room for activities. Once a month we have an extended event day. All youth 5th grade to young adults are welcome. Young adult mentors are also needed on our Youth Team. If you have any questions, please send them to me at the l.o.f.t.v.c.@gmail.com. I look forward to meeting the Ross community as LOFT moves ahead. On behalf of LOFT and Venice Presbyterian Church, we thank you for your consideration of assistance for the families in Beattyville, Kentucky.



VPC Women's Group

The VPC Women are proud to be a contributor to the RAMM Fresh Market. May was the first month that the Women contributed the majority of the fresh groceries to the monthly event. They donated items to make Sloppy Joes (ground beef, manwich, buns) and took carrots, dressing, and homemade bundt cakes. The Women will also provide fresh groceries in August and November. Twenty three families shopped at the RAMM Fresh Market, where a total of 62 people benefiting from our fresh groceries and the canned goods and box meals that have been donated from our church family.

The new RAMM Food Pantry is now located at the Ross Schools Administration Building and serves individuals and families in the Ross Local School District. The shoppers really enjoy their shopping experience and appreciate the items they receive for their families.



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Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be June 19-June 23!
9:00am-11:45am

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Registration is now open for VBS! You can register online at www.thevenicechurch.com, click on the VBS link. We also have registration forms on sign up table, or contact the church office.

At Maker Fun Factory, kids age 4 through 6th grade, discover that God made them - and for a purpose! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Funshop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time.



Please keep our friends and members in your thoughts and prayers.
Please make a visit, send a note or make a phone call.



Please keep prayers going, her health is deteriorating. **Jean Wagonfield:**
Bradford Place, 1302 Millville Ave, Hamilton OH 45013

Millie is continuing to improve, please keep the prayers coming. **Ray & Millie Miller:** PO Box 172, Ross OH 45061

Please keep **Clydene Spangler** in prayer for healing. Send a card or note
to: 2701 Chopin Dr, Cincinnati OH 45231

Please keep **Diana Davis** in your prayers. Send a card to: 10439 Deer
Trail, Harrison OH 45030

Please keep **Beth Dieselberg (friend of Tami & Tad Adams)** in your
prayers for healing. She is battling lung cancer at 33 years old. Please
send a card or note to: 1538 Beth Lane, Cincinnati OH 45230

Please keep **Ruth King** in your thoughts and prayers and send a card or
note to: 4137 Hamilton Cleves Rd, Fairfield OH 45014

Please keep **Zoerado Mills** in your prayers for healing. You may send a
card to: 3373 Kirchling, Hamilton OH 45013

Please keep **Viola Powell** in your thoughts and prayers. You may send a
note or card to: 2135 Noble Ave, Hamilton OH 45015

Please keep **Ginny Schradin** in your prayers. Send a card to: 2993
Acer Ct, Hamilton OH 45013

Please keep **Ruth Guenther** in your prayers. Send a card to: PO Box
175, Ross OH 45061.

June

- 4 - Sally Schwoeppe
- 4 - Kevin McBreen
- 6 - Jane Wilkinson
- 6 - Gary McBreen
- 6 - Grace Asher
- 7 - Genevra Butterfield
- 7 - Gina Stitsinger
- 11 - Ashley Kirk
- 13 - Keith Eby
- 15 - David Schrimper
- 15 - Vernon Tragesser
- 17 - Jenny Young-Garcia
- 21 - Steve Maynard
- 30 - Judy Bohne
- 30 - Patty Wurzelbacher



- June 12 - Matt & Kara Brandenburg
- June 18 - Tom & Vicki Kirk
- June 19 - Dennis & Barb Ross



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