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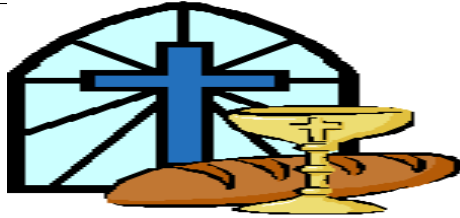
Pastor Janet Dillaman

Sunday School 9:10a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship

Youth Group - during worship



The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on:
Sunday, February 4, 2018
Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018

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Attendance

<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>
5.....77	3.....67
12.....60	10.....71
19.....72	17.....75
26.....61	24.....78am & 55pm
	31.....42

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third Tuesday of each month.

Dear Friends,

On February 14 we will gather for Ash Wednesday. This day is set aside in our culture to focus on love and relationships. How fitting it is to eat a meal together and receive the Bread and Cup. What greater love can there be?

God so loved the world that he sent his only Son our Lord, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be complete.

This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you...I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another. John 15: 9-17

See what love the Father has given us; that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this; when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. 1 John 3:1-3

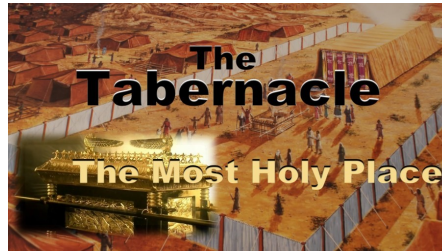
The world's love is conditional and selfish. God's love is unconditional and nothing can separate us from the love of God in in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8: 39

Bring a covered dish,
your own table service and drink
and create a clean heart within us as we remember:
We Are Dust and To Dust We Shall Return.

Pastor Jan

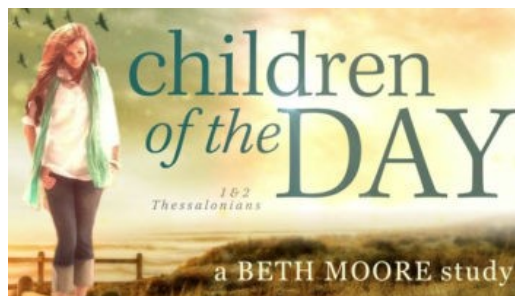
Thursday Morning Coffee Conversations: 9:30 am

Feb 1	Tabernacle: Illuminate: The Lampstand
Feb 8	Tabernacle: Presence: Bread & Incense
Feb 15	Tabernacle: Separated, Exposed, Covered



CHILDREN OF THE DAY: 1&2 Thessalonians
Beth Moore Study
Begins February 22

The New Testament believers carried the Spirit of God as they walked along the shores of Thessalonica, just as you carry your light today. Your circumstances and conditions are not coincidental in your journey. God's timing is impeccable. Join Beth on the Thessalonian shores as you face real crises, real medical diagnoses, real afflictions, real relationships, real doubts, real concerns, and real fears. Let the tide wash your eyes with fresh vision. Don't let pride or timidity come between you and the presence of God. Press in tightly. This is your journey to the shores of Thessalonica where you'll write your name in the sand.



Venice Presbyterian Church pantry has 11 families with food this year. Your donations are greatly appreciated! Our biggest needs are:

- 1) Peanut butter and Jelly**
- 2) Spaghetti sauce and dry pasta**
- 3) Beef Stew**
- 4) Canned meats and meals (tuna, chicken, ravioli)**
- 5) Breakfast Foods (cereal, oatmeal, granola bars, pop-tarts)**
- 6) Personal Care items**

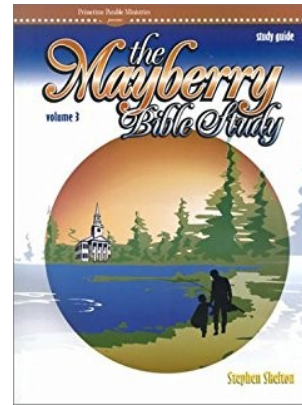
The RAMM monthly open pantry is held the third Saturday of each month, from 10am to 12pm, at the Ross Schools Administration Building, room 101. The monthly fresh market open pantry served 268 families in 2017. If you would like to volunteer your time or perishable donations, please contact Greg Young at 513-212-7950. Thank you for your continued generosity!



Christian Education

Adult Sunday School

The Mayberry Bible Study has been so popular that we are going to continue it in February. We have watched the antics of Andy, Barney, Aunt Bee, Opie and the gang while learning Christian principles. So far, we have dealt with pride, accountability, courage and gossip. We still have many more topics we can choose from such as service, peace, mercy, commitment, folly, discernment, trouble and teaching.



I'm going to have the class pick four of the topics which interest them the most. Come to Adult Bible School at 9:15 on Sundays.

Junior Church - We are continuing the Deep Blue series.

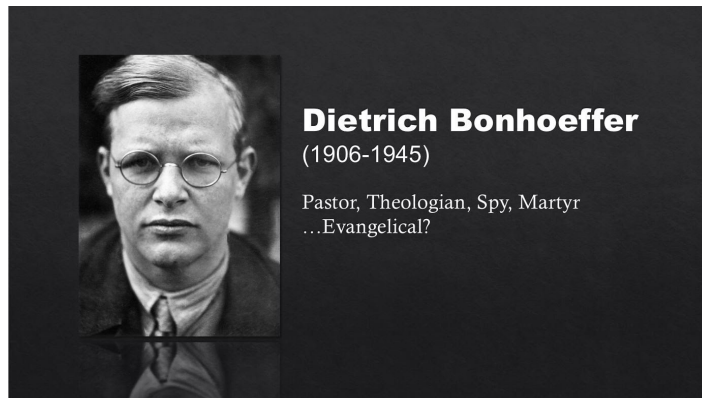


Lenten Experience Wednesdays 5:30 pm

Four Wednesdays during Lent Pastor Jan will host a DVD study on Dietrich Bonhoeffer: his life and the major themes of his writing and speaking and how he not only helped transform an entire faith in Germany during World War II but how his beliefs continue to impact the Christian faith of people throughout the world today.

Feb 21	What is the Church
Feb 28	Living in Christ's Community
March 7	Religionless Christianity
March 14	Come and Die

You may bring your own dinner if you wish. Join in a fascinating study in the annex.



Please note: Bryan and Linda Kile have a new address:

Bryan & Linda Kile
7847 Stalmer St. Apt. C
San Diego, CA 92111
kept my old phone number: 281-235-4008

Happy February!

First off, I would like to thank everybody who has purchased candy grams from us for the reverse fundraiser for VBS. We appreciate your contributions and support!

We hosted our game night January 14th and had 12 kids show up! We had lots of fun and the kids really enjoyed our game 'Black Ops hide and seek'.

After receiving feedback from the youth group members and parents, the January lessons were received very well. We talked about how to put God at the forefront of your life and in your goals for 2018 and beyond, how God loves you even though people cast judgement on you, what to do when you're afraid, and we took happiness selfies reflecting Mark 5. We learned that our youth group member's biggest fears are chocolate going extinct and getting called on in class when you don't know the answer.

Here's what's going on in February!

February 4: Don't Just Sit There, Do Something!

February 11: Are you There God? It's us, Venice Youth.

February 18: Girl Boss Esther

February 25: Sports and the Bible

On February 25th after service, we're going tubing at Perfect North! If you would like to help us chaperone the trip, please contact me at schwabm3@miamioh.edu or 513-888-0912.

Thank you all for your never-ending love and support. I appreciate it more than you know.

Monica Schwab - Youth Director



Ash Wednesday

Please join us on Ash Wednesday.

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your own table service and drink
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Shall Return.**

6:30pm Dinner
7:00pm Worship



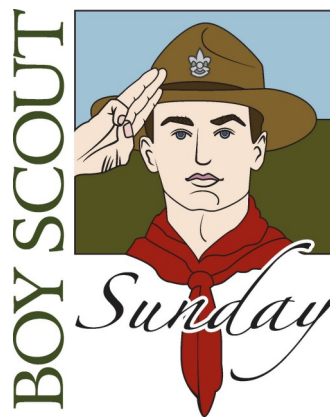
WOMEN'S GROUP

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

Feb 15, Thursday

**7:00 pm Dorcas Circle
at the home of Kathy Mienheartt**





Boy Scout Sunday and pancake breakfast will be on Sunday, February 11, 2018.

Please join us as we recognize the service of the Boy Scouts. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a pancake breakfast following worship.



Personnel

Our Youth Director, Andrew Story will be joining a larger church to be the Youth Director there. We want to thank Andrew and Erin Story for sharing their time with us over the past year. The youth group was able to engage in missions and activities that were very meaningful for them and others. Their highlight was the week in Beattyville, Ky where the local residents were served in housing repairs.

Erin helped weekly with the Youth Group in addition to serving in the nursery. We wish the all the best in their new venture.

Fortunately, Monica Schwab has offered to move into the role of Youth Director until we find a replacement. Monica is a home grown product that has been leading teams at Miami University for student orientation along with a number of other services. She has great ideas to start out the year, and we are excited to see her back with our youth.

Dave Toler

We are currently hiring a Nursery Assistant to work the first (2) Sunday's of each month, and alternating 5th Sunday's. Hours are 10:00am to 12:00pm. Compensation is \$12.00/hr. A background check is required.



Please contact Dave Toler or the church office if you are interested in filling this position.



JOY Group (Just Older Youth)

On Thursday, February 15th, the JOY Group will be going to First Watch for lunch and then heading to the movies. The times will be determined as we get closer to that day. I will need to take into consideration the movie that we will see and then check movie times. We will tentatively plan to meet at around 10:30 am at the church. One movie that is coming out that looked good to me was 15:17 to Paris which is based on a true story. If any of you have a suggestion for a movie that you would like to see, please let me know. If you have any questions, give me a call at 738-1414.

I am writing this before we meet at Judy and Richard Bohne's for the soup and games party! I know we will have a great time and I want to thank them in advance for their hospitality. Please plan to join us next month for lunch and a movie.
Thanks, Gayla Young

Usher Schedule

February

4th - Youth Group
11th - Boy Scouts
18th - Dale Hanson, Carroll Metzger, Ron Mienheartt, Rob Rollins
25th - Becky Berling, Nancy Bohne, Tami Adams, Emily Eberwine

March

4th - Youth Group
11th - Lee Steenken, Diana Vereker, Candy Weppler, Dave Wheat
18th - Bill Steenken, Dave Toler, Rick Weppler, Dan Young
25th - Melanie Hanson, Donna Marsh, Lois Metzger, Helen Rohrer

Worship Assistant Schedule

February

4th - Monica Schwab
11th - Gayla Young
18th - Jan Krier
25th - Dale Hanson

March

4th - Bill Steenken
11th - Dan Young
18th - _____
25th - Jerry Rohrer (Palm Sunday)

Communion Preparers

February

4th - Alan Marsh
14th - Gayla Young

March

4th - Joy Minks
29th - Richard Bohne



Be sure to mark your calendar for a fun filled Bible School week of being “Shipwrecked and Rescued by Jesus”. Bible School will be held the last week of June (25th - 29th) from 9:00 -11:45 am.

Check your schedule and be sure to plan your vacation another week so that you can join us for this awesome adventure.

We will need all hands on deck to help with the planning, decorating, teaching, and leading the groups from station to station. If you are able to volunteer, please call me at 738-3708 or 513-836-0020. We always need a bunch of help to pull off this meaningful week of fun for the kids of the community. On line registration will begin at the end of March. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask.
Thanks in advance for your help!

Gayla Young



February Preschool News

Happy Valentine's Day to all!

The preschoolers will enjoy a party and celebration on February 14th and February 15th.

The letters and numbers for this month are P, Q, R and 14, 15 and 16.

Venice Presbyterian Preschool Staff
Jane, Nancy, Sarah, Morgan, Barb



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 **Jean Wagonfield** in your prayers:
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 good health. Send a card or note to: 2701 Chopin Dr, Cincinnati OH 45231

Please keep **Diana Davis** in your prayers. The cancer has spread and she is now in palliative care. Send a card or note to: 10439 Deer Trail, Harrison OH 45030

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

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

Please keep **Ronna Woodruff** (Gayla's sister) in your prayers for healing from pneumonia. Please send a card to: 1725 Onan Bend Rd, Frankfort KY 40601



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



Feb 12
Denny & Sharon Thompson



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