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Worship Service - 10:30a
Junior Church - during worship
Youth Group - during worship

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
will be celebrated on:
Sunday, April 1, 2018

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Dear Friends,

April 1 as the sun rises, Easter alleluias fill the air. The light emerges from the darkness. The cold becomes warmer. The symphony of bird songs break the silence of night. The message resounds around the world: **the Lord is risen. He is risen indeed!** Your voice joins the brothers and sisters of all nations to declare Easter as the center of your faith.

The world would like to "fool" you to focus on bunnies, chocolate eggs, ham with all the fixings. You don't even have to gather with family and friends. You can just go to an Easter brunch (if you made reservations a month ago). We put on our Easter bonnets, pick out the red jelly beans, and get "presents" in our basket. We plan our Easter service with special music and sing our special songs. The world says Easter is about our pleasure.

The past week started with "Hail Him" and moved to "Nail Him". The message and messenger would be finished as the opponents placed the body of Jesus in the tomb. Just to be sure, guards are placed outside. The followers of Jesus have scattered and denied Him.

On the third day the stone rolled away; daybreak arrived to the news that Jesus has been risen from the dead. The memory of Lazarus coming back to life sends the message quickly to the faithful that had remained together.

The cost of the Sacrificial Lamb has been paid in full. The separation of God and God's creation has been completed. Jesus appears to his followers to bring the truth. The old penalty of death for sin has passed; the new covenant of eternal forgiveness and life is from the Risen Lord.

Easter is not about having a great show for our guests; it isn't measured by how many have gathered to sing their alleluias**. It is about JESUS.** It is about God's love and mercy poured out. Jesus paid the price. It is not about what we do or deserve. It is about grace; unconditional eternal love that emerges out of darkness into light.

With each alleluia, we shout the message of Easter:
Jesus is risen. He lives within our hearts.

Pastor Jan.

DAYBREAK IS COMING!

A vision priority is to give Jesus to the children and younger generations. With that desire, Ron Meinheartt and Pastor Jan met with Marcus and Jen Guenther to see what adaptations or accommodations would help them keep their church connection.

Out of the conversation, Marcus and Jen brought up the possibility of an 8:00-8:30 am service Sunday morning called DAYBREAK.

While still in the discussion and planning stage, the service would have music videos, message, prayer and sacraments as appropriate. While some of the songs will be more contemporary to what the younger generation listens to, there will still be the hymns of our tradition.

This unique service time can invite those who seek to worship and fellowship together and still meet other Sunday obligations.

The initial service will occur in April. Watch for Announcements.

If you would like to be a part of the launch team, contact Pastor Jan.

Venice Presbyterian Church pantry has 27 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) Dessert Items
4) Canned meats, soups 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!

VPC Website change:

Our Website provider, Outreach, will be making a change in their webpage host software on April 15. This change promises to provide a more user friendly environment for adding items to our VPC webpage and will also add new capabilities linking to our VPC Facebook page. The added benefit is the cost for the webpage services will be reduced from the current $71/month down to $40/month. We look forward to making this transition in April.

Dale Hanson
VPC Treasurer

Our deepest sympathy to the family of ***Jean Wagonfield.*** Jean passed away on March 3, 2018. You may send a card to her son Will Wagonfield and family at: 2357 Robin Ave, Fairfield OH 45014

JOY Group
(Just Older Youth)

The JOY Group had a beautiful day to go to the Krohn Conservatory and to Montgomery Inn Boat House. A special thanks to Dan Young and Jan Krier for driving. The next outing will be on Thursday, April 26, 2018. We will be headed to Great American Ball Park for a Reds game. The game is a 12:35 p.m. start against the Atlanta Braves. We will meet at the church at 11:00 a.m. and carpool to the game. Dress for the weather. I will need to know if you are going to be able to attend in order to preorder the tickets. Please let me know by April 15th if you plan to go. Plan to join us for fun, fellowship and hopefully a Reds victory.

Gayla Young (513-738-3708)

Happy April!

Starting this month, the first Sunday of every month will have the noisy offering collected for the youth group in order to start saving for our STAY Mission this year! Our youth members that went on the Beattyville trip last year really loved the impact they had on helping the community there, so we decided we were going to do it in Ross! Our youth group will be partnering with RAMM to help our own community members with home projects they might have. This will be an ongoing throughout the entire summer as we roll out our Summer of Service. This summer will include trips to Matthew 25, soup kitchens, and your backyards!

I have also had the opportunity to put the youth group members up for some 'friendly competition'. Each time they come to youth group, bring a friend, do something nice, complete their bible challenge for the week, etc., they get points on our leadership board. At the end of each quarter, the winner receives a $25 gift card to wherever they want! This quarter, Amy Brandenburg SWEPT the leaderboard with a whopping 42 points! Congrats Amy!

Here's the schedule for what we're going to do in April!

April 1: No youth group! HAPPY EASTER!
April 8: Encouragement + MOVIE DAY
April 15: RESPECT find out what that means to Jesus
April 22: #blessed
April 29: The Social Media Monster

April 8th, we will be watching a movie after church (to be voted on by the youth group members, age appropriate, don't worry!). As part of their points challenge, I'm challenging all of our youth group members and leaders to wear their SILLIEST PAJAMAS to church on April 8th. Feel free to join us in wearing silly pajamas, it'll be so much fun!

As always, your Servant in Christ,

Monica Schwab
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Saturday, April 7th
Annual Spaghetti Supper
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Hosted by: **The Venice Choir**
Theme: **Disney Songs**
(Mickey Mouse March, Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah, Whistle While You Work, and much more!)

Tickets: $10.00 adults - $5.00 kids (kids under 5 eat free!)

WOMEN'S GROUP

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

Mar 31, Saturday	**9:00 am Rummage Sale Planning Meeting** **10:00 am Spring Banquet Planning Meeting**
Apr 19, Thursday	**7:00 pm Dorcas Circle** **Melanie Hanson will have devotions and will also host the meeting at her home.**
Apr 24, Tuesday	**1:30 pm Togetherness Circle** **Location to be announced**
Apr 28, Saturday	**9:00 am Rummage Sale Planning Meeting**

Time to clean house and save your items for our sale on

JUNE 9

Volunteers and Planners are needed for the event.
First meeting will be on March 31 at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee Hour

The Deacons are seeking donations for coffee hour. If you can help us with fruit, veggies, cookies, bars, breads, crackers or cheeses, please sign up on the Coffee Hour Sheet in the upstairs hallway.

2018 Graduates

The Deacons will be recognizing our High School and College Graduates during a worship service in June. Please submit your Graduate's information to Debbie Kuhlenbeck or a member of the Deacons. Thank you.

Trustees Report

March 26th, the carpet was replaced in the church entry.

April 3rd, the boiler inspector will be in to perform the required inspection and certification.

April 28th, This will be church clean up day including outside landscaping, lot, and emptying the annex garage of debris that has collected over the years.

We have begun some discussion on updating the restrooms to make them more user friendly, and long over update, with majority to be on the woman's restroom, and hopefully removing the pink walls.

Thank you Ron Mienheartt

Trustee of the month:

April: Pete Berling

May: Greg Young

Christian Education

The Adult Sunday School will complete the Mayberry series on Sunday, April 8th. There will be no adult Sunday School on the following dates:

April 1st, and April 15 due to Kim not being available. After the Mayberry series, we will do a Ray Vanderlaan video series.

Our last adult Sunday School will be Sunday, May 13th.

Junior Church - We are continuing the Deep Blue series.

Please plan to stay after Church for a Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, May 6th.

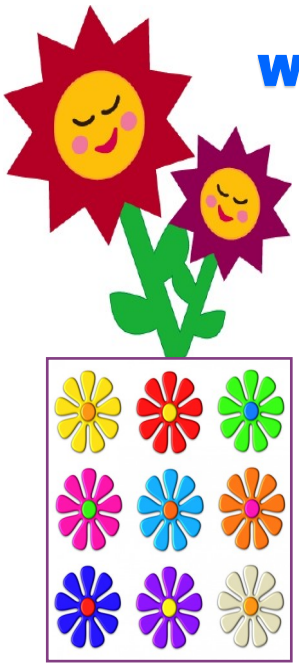
Bring your favorite dish and table service.

Donations Needed:

We are in need of clean and empty 2 liter plastic bottles (15) and 16-20oz plastic bottles (90) for a VBS craft. Please see Gayla Young or Sally Schwoeppe if you can help out with this.
Thank you!

We are currently hiring a Nursery Assistant to work the first (2) Sunday's of each month, and alternating 5th Sunday's. (schedule is flexible) 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.



WOMEN's SPRING BANQUET

Thursday, May 3
6:30 pm

Mark your calendars
and bring a friend!!

Usher Schedule

April
1st - Youth Group
8th - Bonnie Doherty, Shirley Hamilton, Lee Steenken, Diana Vereker
15th - Pete Berling, Greg Young, Clarence Bohne, Dale Hanson
22nd - Carol Shelton, Sharon Thompson, Sue Toler, Candy Weppler
29th - Back Row Ladies

May
6th - Youth Group
13th - Candy Weppler, Dave Wheat, Bonnie Doherty, Shirley Hamilton
20th - Alan Marsh, Steve Maynard, Carroll Metzger, Ron Mienheartt
27th - Carole Wheat, Martha Young, Tami Adams, Nancy Bohne

Worship Assistant Schedule

April
1st - Judy Bohne (Easter)
8th - Dave Toler
15th - Rob Rollins
22nd - Greg Young
29th - _____

May
6th - Alan Marsh
13th - Jan Krier
20th - Kim Young (Pentecost)
27th - Jerry Rohrer

Communion Preparers

April
1st - Dave Toler

May
6th - Dale Hanson

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. Online registration will begin at the beginning of April, at **WWW.THEVENICECHURCH.COM**. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to ask.
Thanks in advance for your help!

Gayla Young

April Preschool News

As our school year begins to wind down, I would like to thank the wonderful Preschool teachers. They give of themselves to our students everyday.

We continue with our letters and numbers this month, and begin to review everything the students have learned this year.

Please note registration for 2018-2019 school year continues. Spread the word. For information, please call 513-738-0158.

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

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

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 **Clydene Spangler** in prayers. She is recovering from knee surgery. Send a card or note to: 2701 Chopin Dr, Cincinnati OH 45231

Please keep **Diana Davis** in your prayers. She is now under hospice 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: c/o Debbie Kuhlenbeck, 9781 Weik Rd, Cincinnati OH 45252

Please keep **Debbie Siekerman 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. Please send a card to: 1725 Onan Bend Rd, Frankfort KY 40601

Please keep **Rev. R. Thomas and Pam Brackbill** in your thoughts and prayers. **Pam** has been recently diagnosed with Leukemia and Parkinson's. You may send a card or note to Tom at: PO Box 312, Alma, MI 48801. His email address is: tbrackbill@charter.net

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Please keep **Paul Christophel SR** (Dottie's brother-in-law) in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with Leukemia and will be hospitalized for treatment for the next 2 weeks. Please send a card to: 2518 Grant Ave, Cincinnati OH 45231.

5 - MaryAnn Guenther
11 - Tracey Spille
12 - Richard Bohne
13 - Jennifer Lee Hatten
13 - Joe Young
24 - Pete Berling

15 - Ron & Kathy Mienheartt

23 - Carroll & Lois Metzger

23 - John & Jan Dillaman

26 - Jerry & Trish Lutterbie

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