

Venice View

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

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Adult Sunday School 9:15a

Worship Service - 10:30a

Junior Church - during worship service

Youth Group Sundays: 12-TBD



The
Sacrament of Holy Communion
 will be celebrated
 on
Sunday, May 3, 2015

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Attendance

February	March
1..... 75	1.....60
8.....103	8.....82
15.....73	15.....98
22.....58	22.....78
	29.....91



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Dear Friends,

The month of May brings many new opportunities. Some are happy events such as cleaning up the dead of the winter from our yards and watching the amazing rate of growth in the renewing of our landscapes. We begin dreaming of the fall harvest and plant our gardens. We fill our planters and yards with the beautiful flowers of spring and summer.

Within our church family, we also welcome new opportunities. We gather together to praise and thank God for calling Kirsten to share her talents with us in worship for the past five years, She has truly blessed and touched our hearts. It is hard to say “good-bye,” but we also are so happy that she will be using her faith and calling full time in ministry at White Memorial Presbyterian in Raleigh, North Carolina.

We say, “Happy Mother’s Day” and celebrate the wondrous gifts of God within familial and community families. Over the years there have been many “mothers” to my own children. It is so wonderful to say, thank you; for the touch of mothers,

We share the Day of Pentecost when the Truth of God’s love in physically touched and created the Body of Christ we know as the church. With these opportunities, I wish to share a reading from the May 17 Guidepost about growth.

“In North America, the majority of churches don’t have as many members as they did ten, twenty, or fifty years ago. Some experts say there’s no hope for the church. My friend Bill is not one of them. Pastor of one of those small-and-getting-smaller churches in the Midwest, he never seems discouraged about that reality. So one day I asked him, ‘How do you stay so positive when your membership keeps shrinking? Aren’t you afraid you’ll close?’

Bill smiled, ‘I don’t know what you’re talking about. We’re not shrinking. We’re growing—up ten percent from last year.’ ‘Can’t be, I said. I’ve seen your membership numbers. Down every year for the last ten.’

‘You count numbers,’ Bill said, ‘but we count *touches*. Anytime anyone in our church does something for someone else in the name of Jesus, that’s a touch: a card sent, a phone call made, a meal delivered, a donation to the food pantry. And our goal is to increase touches. In the five years that we’ve counted this way, we’ve grown every year.’

Bill’s wisdom has changed the way I live my life. My initial goal was one touch per day; too small. Now it’s five. And here’s what I’ve discovered: when my touches grow in number, I grow in faith. *Show me, God, where I can bring your hope and love to someone else today*” –Jeff Japinga

Let’s make a month together created and celebrated touches.

Blessings, Pastor Jan



The Lily Cross added a special touch to our Easter Service. A big “Thank You” to Lee Steenken for her time and talents.

Thank you to the many people that ordered lilies in honor and memory of your loved ones.

A special “Thank You” to our Music Director, Kirsten Homdrom, Naomi Guth, cellist, and Venice Choir for the beautiful music and voices.





Celebration! May 3rd!

Be sure to join together for a special celebration and recognition of the dedication and service to our church by **Kirsten Homdrom**, our highly talented Music Director over the past 5 years! She has completed her Doctorate of Music degree and will be embarking on her career at White Memorial Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, NC.

All our best and warmest wishes and prayers will go with her.

Let's get together to "sing her praises" on May 3rd.

Greetings everyone,

It's hard to believe I've been at Venice for almost five years, and now our time together has come to a close. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving this congregation, and I have been blessed in so many ways through my experiences here. Thank you so much for all of your support over the years.

Peace,
Kirsten Homdrom

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! Psalm 146:1

Spring Women's Banquet

Thursday, May 7, 6:30 p.m.



It's for you ladies and your lady family and friends...a special evening for fellowship and to reminisce.

- **Bring an item/s to share of a family memory. Or tell us a brief story of a special point in your past that is a treasured memory.**
- **Bring a covered dish.**
- **Bring a personal hygiene item for Haven House.**



Community Meal Center

**We need volunteers for 4th Friday
in June!**

**Also for any even numbered month
for the rest of the year.
(Aug., Oct., Dec.)**

Sign up on yellow list on downstairs bulletin board or call
Sharon Thompson at 742-9292.

Thank you in advance!



Men's Group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month for
breakfast at the Country Barrel in Okeana at 8:30am



Our Annual **Joint Officer** Meeting will be held at 10:00 am to 12:00
pm on Saturday, May 16 in the Fellowship Hall. All Session Elders,
Trustees and Deacons should try to attend this important session.

Christian Education News



The Adult Sunday School Class is led by **Kim Young** on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in the church annex. The class just started a new series entitled The Case for Faith. We will explore many of the difficult questions that we ask ourselves in our daily walk with our Christian Faith. Sunday school is a great time to learn more about the Bible and to relate what is discussed to current events and to your own personal walk with Christ. Please plan to join the group on Sundays for a time of coffee, fellowship, and sharing of faith.



Mission Team participant and parent meeting will be held Sunday, May 3rd, following Kirsten's reception. Please let Pastor Jan know if you are not available for the meeting but are coming on the trip.

Bible School News

- ☒ New friends ☒ Amazing experiments
- ☒ Glacier games ☒ Lip-smacking snacks
- ☒ Surprising adventures ☒ Fun Crafts
- ☒ Incredible music

Location: Venice Presbyterian Church

VBS will last from: July 6 – 10, 2015

From: 9:00 – 11:45 AM

For more information, call: the church office at 738-1317 or Gayla Young VBS Director at 738-3708

The Coolest Week of the Summer!





Ashley Kirk
Amy Brandenburg
Jessica Walker
Jakob Walker



WOMEN'S GROUP MEETINGS:

Dorcas Circle
Thursday, May 21st, 7:00pm
Home of Melanie Hanson
1634 Hine Rd - 868-7288
Program by Kathy Mienheartt

Togetherness Circle
Tuesday, May 26th
1:30pm - Annex
Hostesses:
Bernice Roop
Nancy Renner



Venice Preschool News

May marks the last month for the 2014-2015 school year! For the past 9 months we have enjoyed getting to know the children and seeing them become comfortable with going to school and watching them grow and learn. We have some fun activities planned for this last month including "hand-print" painting t-shirts to wear to the graduation picnic at Harbin Park. This has been an annual tradition for many years and we look forward to handing out preschool diplomas to the children as they stand on "the rock" under the tree.

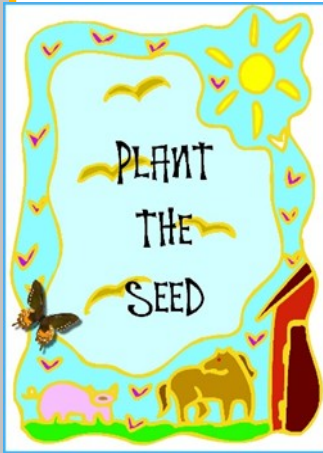
We will finish up our learning concepts with the letters Y and Z and continue to review numbers 1-20, colors and shapes. The bible story for this month is Zacchaeus and the tree.

We still have openings in our 3 day p.m. class for the 2015-2016 school year. Please contact us for more information: 513-738-0158, ypcpreschool@thevenicechurch.com, www.venicepreschool.com.

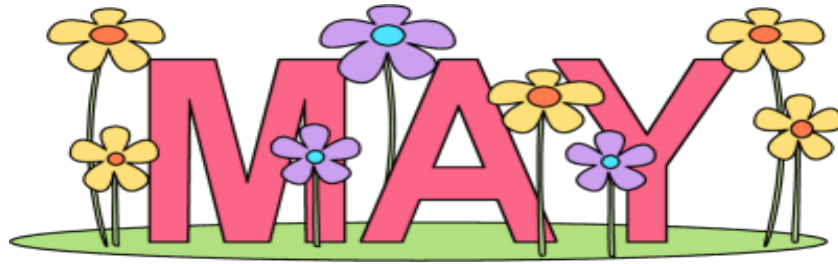


Children's CHURCH

Junior Church



Junior Church is continuing to focus on our Faith Weaver's Bible Study Series. The teachers will also be reading from a Bible Story Book each Sunday. We are trying to reinforce some of the traditional Bible stories and are encouraging the students to learn where those stories are in the Bible. We will also be sending home student study sheets beginning with the summer curriculum. We hope that you will ask your children what they learned that morning. Encourage them to share the Bible lessons and review the study sheet that they will be bringing home with them. Learning the Bible stories, becoming familiar with the Bible and sharing the information with others is a way for students to help put on the armor of faith to prepare them for the challenges that they will face as they grow into young adults. Junior church takes place on Sunday mornings during the worship service. Bring your children and grandchildren to church and plant the seed of faith.



7- Tad Adams
9 - Shirley Hamilton
10- Rick Wepler
13- James Dillaman
14- Ellie Boyle
15 - Jennifer Strube
15 - Carole Wheat
15 - Kim Young
17 - Kara Brandenburg
21 - Ralph Guenther
25 - Patty Jackson
30 - Chris Young

May 9
John and Sue
Pigg

May 17
Clarence and Nancy
Bohne

May 22
Rick and Candace
Wepler

May 30
Jody and Rebecca
Asher

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the office.

GRANDPARENTS DAY AT VENICE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL



Grayson Ozias with her grandmother Mrs. Ozias, and Grayson Ozias and Mari Courtney with their grandmother Candy Wepler.



Dyllan Brandenburg with his-
Grandmother.



Zoe Ramstetter and her grandmother
Barb Ross.

**Kroger is giving
\$4,000,000**

To local nonprofit organizations in 2015.



To RE-ENROLL update your account at **KrogerCommunityRewards.com**. Select Venice Presbyterian Church, Org # 82261 as your Community Rewards Organization.

To ENROLL FOR FIRST TIME, log on to **KrogerCommunityRewards.com** and select Enroll Now to set up My Account. Then select Venice Presbyterian Church, Org # 82261 as your Community Rewards Organization.

Then, just swipe your Kroger Plus Card every time you shop, and you'll earn \$\$\$ to support VPC!

If you DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER, call the church office at 738-1317 for assistance. support our church!

IMPORTANT!!!

If you do not re-enroll, your card will NOT record the church rewards after the end of April.

VPC...Let's continue getting our portion of that contribution!

Last year, VPC received \$1,143.... An easy way to generate income for the church!

IF YOU HAVE ONLINE PROBLEMS, CALL 1-866-221-4141 or call the church office at 738-1317.

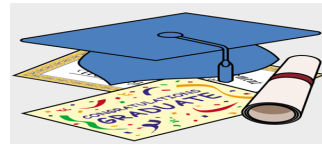


Please join us for worship on Mother's Day, May 10th.

A gift of a packet of seeds will be distributed to each woman in the congregation during worship.

Happy Mothers Day There will be no coffee hour.

Please join us on Sunday, June 7th for **Graduation Recognition Day.**



The **Deacon's** were able to help (11) families with an Easter Basket of food, thanks to your generous donations to our food pantry. Thank you for helping to support our community!



I would like to sincerely thank Pastor Jan and our church family for all the prayers during my recent surgery. Your prayers and cards have helped to keep me positive throughout my illness. I feel so blessed to have such a caring church family supporting me.

Sincerely, **Linda Engel**

Bible Wordsearch

The Vineyard
Workers

Wordsearch 175

Matt.20:1-16

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FOREMAN STILL
GENEROUS TOLD
GRUMBLE UNFAIR
HEAVEN VINEYARD
HIRE WAGES
WORKERS

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a
Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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