

# Venice View

A monthly newsletter of Venice Presbyterian Church

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

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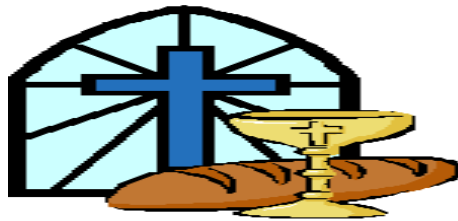
**Pastor Janet Dillaman**

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, August 2, 2015**

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**Attendance**

May	June
3.....86	7.....71
10.....80	14.....66
17.....68	21.....86
24.....63	28.....75
31.....70	



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**Youth & Young Adult Director**

James Dillaman

**Custodians**

Marvin and Patty Jackson

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 reserves the right to edit articles for  
 space and content.

Dear Friends,

While we are in the midst of our mission study, I thought it would be helpful to share what our constitution, *The Book of Order*, states about the ministry of membership from G-1.0304:

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participation in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

- Proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
  - Taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
  - Lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
  - Studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
  - Supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
  - Demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the church,
  - Responding to God's activity in the world through service to others,
  - Participating in the governing responsibilities of the church, and
- Reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.**

These traits are open to all who worship and serve within our church with the exception of governing responsibilities. Notice how all the verbs are continuously active; never bringing to an end as an involvement that has been completed and therefore no longer necessary.

During the next few months as well as participating within the mission study allows us to be engaged in the highlighted area of member ministry: the review and evaluating of the integrity of our personal participation.

As with all our brothers and sisters engaged in ministry, financial concerns can cripple and distract us from fulfilling our unique role in Christ's mission. The purpose and process of our giving can sustain or increase as the Spirit speaks to each one of us in this time of review and opportunity. Our monthly expenses are greater than income each month. We FREELY give and we should review the patterns of our mission and make sure that the financial demands do not become a stumbling block at this time or in the near future.

Your participation in surveys and interviews will allow the review of the other areas of membership ministry and find ways to make them more meaningful.

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As this month brings the beginning of the program year in sharper focus, we have the unique opportunity to visually and actively participation in Christ's mission with the Back to School picnic. I fondly remember this as the very first "Venice" activity with RAMM when I began my journey with you. We hosted the event and I was so impressed with the support of the membership and the area churches.

Let us enjoy this final month of review and evaluating even as active planning begins for the Fall Program Year Launch. This Fall we welcome a new Music Director, have the church picnic, elect our leadership teams, and complete our Mission study.

Welcome Rev. Gallagher as I enjoy a two week vacation to get ready for the starting line of our next "lap" of ministry together.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Jan

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**Pastor Jan Dillaman** will be on Study Leave beginning Monday, July 27th through Friday, July 31st. She will be on vacation Saturday, August 1st through Friday August 14th.

During this time if you have a Pastoral emergency, you may contact **Pastor John Specht**, from **The Shandon Congregational Church**. He may be reached at 738-4127 or 374-6691.

We are blessed to have **Pastor Jan Gallagher** lead us in worship on August 2nd, and August 9th.

Please give Pastor Jan Gallagher a warm welcome during her time with us.

## COFFEE HOUR DONATIONS NEEDED



Would you be able to help the Deacons, by donating a treat for Coffee Hour? You don't even need to cook or bake anything, if that isn't something that you are comfortable with. Feel free to pick up cookies, donuts, breads, cakes, fruit or cheese and crackers at the store. These are appreciated just as much as anything else. Check the sign-up sheets on the table upstairs. Pick a Sunday that you can help and sign your name in that spot. A new sheet is placed there every month. The more people willing to sign up, the better. ...."Many hands make light work!"

Please let us know if you can help us with our Coffee Hour Time.

Thank you in advance!  
The Board of Deacons

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## WOMEN'S GROUP MEETINGS:

There are no Dorcas or Togetherness Circle meetings in August

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Thank  
You!

Thank you for all the cards, and thoughts, and prayers during my recuperation. They helped make it easier.

Sincerely,  
Jan Krier



**The new directories have arrived! Please check the table outside the Sanctuary for your copy. We have the directories labeled on the front with names. If you can not find a directory with your name on it, and would like to have one, please notify the office.**

**Thank you!**

**We still have copies of the last directory, if anyone would like one before they are sent to recycling, please notify the office.**

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## **Preschool Opening**

### **Administrator**

Jennifer Strube (our current administrator) has informed the Preschool Board of her plans to retire at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.

That gives us just two years to find someone to replace her. Jennifer has done an excellent job and we will miss her greatly.

College courses in early childhood development with either a certificate or a degree are required.

If you are interested, or know of someone who might be interested, please contact the Preschool Board through the Church office or any of the following members: Donna Marsh, Sue Toler, Eunice Maynard, Martha Young, or Bob Young

## Community Meal Center

We could still use at least 2 more volunteers for the Friday, August 22, 2015 date at the Community Meals Center. Please sign up if you can on the yellow sign up sheet on the downstairs bulletin board.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank several people I can always depend on to help out at the Meals Center. Jan and John Krier, MaryAnn and Bucky Guenther, and Jean Wilhelm. You are always my go-to people. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Also, thank you to those who bake and donate desserts for the Meals Center to serve to guests: Ruth Guenther, Martha Young, and all the above mentioned volunteers who bring desserts. I am sure I am forgetting many names, but the appreciation is still there. A big thank you to those who come when they can and are not mentioned above, your being there is a big help in our outreach missions work. We always need your help, whether it's once a year or several times. Thank you again! Contact me with questions about volunteering. **Sharon Thompson**, 742-9292

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### **WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO HELP?**

Perhaps, at some time, you have heard the term, "Funeral Luncheon" at our church. This is a service provided by the Women's Association's Church Service Committee.

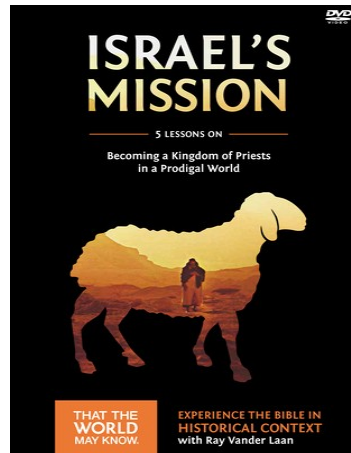


We offer this service, to the members and friends of our church, who are going through a most difficult time in their lives. The luncheons rely on donations from other members and friends at our church.

If you have never been asked to help, by donating food or drinks, and think that this may be a way in which you may serve, please let me know. You don't need to be a cook or baker. We need donations of many items that can simply be picked up at the grocery store.

Please consider helping us in this way. If interested, please call **Martha Young** at 738-1966, so she may add your name to the list of volunteers.

Thank you, in advance for your help!



## Christian Education

**Kim Young** will begin Adult Sunday School once again on Sunday, September 13th at 9:15am sharp in the manse. The first series is a new Ray Vander Laan video, "Israel's Mission: Becoming a Kingdom of Priests in a Prodigal World". The lessons will last 5 weeks, skipping the week of October 4th, due to the teacher being out of town.



## New Treasurer!

**Dale Hanson** has assumed the duties of Treasurer from Bob Young.

While Treasurer, Bob replaced an archaic operating system with a new, very functional, professional, and user friendly financial program.

**BOB YOUNG, THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF SERVICE TO OUR CHURCH!**





## **A Big Thanks to everyone for another successful Week of Vacation Bible School !**

### **Bible School Workers**

A big thanks to Debbie Schwab for helping with all of the phone calls, emails, and printing! And another extra big thanks to Bob Young who handled any and every problem that came up all week long. The week would not have happened without him!!! Thanks also to everyone who donated money and food! We truly appreciate your support! And THANKS to all of the following workers

### **Rotation Areas:**

**Crafts:** Jennifer Strube, Eunice Maynard, Janet Strube, Nancy Beckman, Judy Kottman, Kara Brandenburg

**Snacks:** Sue and Dave Toler, Kathy and Ron Mienheartt, Candy Weppler, Ruth King, Patty Wurzelbacher

**Music:** Judy Bohne, Monica Schwab, Sara Winsted, Monica also played the part of TREK

**Games:** Jane Wilkenson, Rob Rollins, Ethan Boyle, Nick Chernock, Ethan Bohne, Dave Toler, Isaac Fathman

**Science:** Karlena Boyle, Shirley Hamilton

**Video:** Donna Marsh and Bonnie Doherty and Jacob DeLaet

**Bible Story:** Pastor Jan Dillaman, Vicki Kirk, Ashley Kirk and Tom Kirk

**Registration:** Martha Young, Sharon Thompson, Debbie Schwab, Emily Young, Wilma Butterfield, Kim Schaefer, Carole Wheat, Trish Lutterbie, Bob Young

**Technology and kid video:** Bob Young, Michelle Schwab, Alex McSwain

### **Group Leaders:**

**Foxes** (4 year olds): Lisa Brandenburg, Jennifer Schwab, Madison Minges, Garrett Boyle, Kathy Mienheartt, Jake Kahmann

**Red Pandas** (4 & 5 yr. olds): Tina Ozias, Alex Schwab, Paige Hall

**Rams** (5 yrs. Olds): Riley Kelsey, Taylor Kelsey

**Bears** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade): Grace Asher, Hannah Brown, Will Lee

**Leopards** (2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade): Alan Marsh, Mariah McConnell

**Yaks** (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade): Ken Smith, Will Young,

**Wolves** (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade): Lindsey Beckman, Madison Houlihan, Lexie Bramel, Bre Jones

**Decorators:** Sharon and Denny Thompson, Ron and Kathy Mienheartt, Dale and Melanie Hanson, Wilma Butterfield, Shirley Hamilton, Becky Berling, Cindy and Tom Licata, Dan Young, Diane McBreen, Vicki Kirk, Richard Bohne, Pastor Jan Dillaman, Jennifer Strube, Jill Foxx, Nancy Beckman

This church and community overwhelm me with the generosity of time, talents, money and love. Thank you for giving of yourselves to spread the "Power of God's Love" to the children of the Ross Area!  
In Christ, Gayla Young

The Deacons appreciate all the generous donations to our food pantry. Any non-perishable food or personal care items you can donate will help your neighbors in need.



Thank you in advance for your support!

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We are in need of volunteers to clean the church each week while Patty Jackson is caring for her husband Marvin. Please contact Dan Young, if you are able to help out. He can be reached at 738-3708, or [dmyinross@fuse.net](mailto:dmyinross@fuse.net). Thank you in advance!

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Our annual church picnic will be on Sunday, September 13th, at Heritage Park. Please watch for sign up sheets outside the Sanctuary. Please join us for a fun day of games, great food, and great people.

Please take the time to fill in the attached to assist in gathering the critical data for our five year plan for leadership and vision here at VPC. Your participation is important. You may place completed forms in offering basket, in the prayer request basket at the sign-up table, or mail them in to the church office.

What qualities do you feel are important in a pastor? Please rate 1,2,or 3 according to importance: 1 being most important; 3 being least.

- Experience
- Spirituality
- Preaches and lives the Bible
- Knows and teaches scripture with interesting sermons
- Combines history of the Bible with application to today's world
- Dedicated leader
- Morale builder with a healing patient personality
- Resolves conflicts calmly and efficiently
- Caring, compassionate
- Good listener
- Friendly
- Sense of humor
- Communicates well with church boards
- Communicates well with congregation
- Works well with church staff
- Reaches out to the ill, shut-ins, those in need
- Supports the Preschool
- Reaches out and becomes involved in the community
- Creates and encourages group Bible study
- Encourages congregational feed back and participation
- Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

What do you see as strengths/weaknesses of our church?  
Write S or W.

----- Pastoral leadership

----- Historic congregation and building

----- Friendly congregation

----- Strong music department

----- Christian Education

----- Preschool

----- Community outreach

----- Youth Group

----- Communication among boards

----- Communication between boards and congregation

----- Communication between pastor and boards

----- Financially sound/debt reduction

----- Use of facility for outreach groups

----- Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

What do you feel is important for a healthy congregation? Check all that apply.

- Pastoral leadership between boards and members
- Youth group program and leaders
- Healthy music department
- Preschool program
- Outreach to the community-evangelism-programs such as RAMM, Back to School Picnic, Choice Pantry, RAMM
- Junior church, Sunday School
- Friendly, welcoming church family
- Fellowship-family nights, picnics, coffee hour, Gotta Eat Club, etc.
- Vacation Bible School
- Facilities
- Mission outreach to the community
- Bible study- day and evening classes
- Congregational growth
- Address financial issues
- Other – please specify \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to see for our church five years from now?  
Check all that apply.

----- Outreach to fill membership goals

----- Community meeting place for organizations

----- Multipurpose center to encourage awareness of our church  
Meeting places for seniors, singles, sporting activities

----- Multi services

----- Outreach/Mission work

----- Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you. Donna Marsh and Sue Toler  
Mission Study Team. (Kathy Mienheartt, Donna Marsh, Sue Toler, and  
Dan Young).



## Venice Preschool News

During the summer break, preparations have been made to prepare for the 2015-2016 school year. New supplies have been purchased, teachers have taken classes to keep up to date with our licensing rules, a candle fundraiser has been chosen, and continued enrollment has taken place. Please keep the preschool staff and students in your prayers for another successful year as this is our 37th year!

You can contact our office in the following ways:

738-0158, [vpcpreschool@thevenicechurch.com](mailto:vpcpreschool@thevenicechurch.com),  
[www.venicepreschool.com](http://www.venicepreschool.com)

## We're Going Back To School





## **THE STORY**

**GETTING TO THE HEART OF GOD'S STORY**

Begin the Journey or start one in your home with your friends. Resource books are available at Amazon and most Christian Bookstores:

The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People Book: Randy Frazee

Participant's Guide: The Story: Randy Frazee

If you are using this as a resource in your home, also buy the companion DVD video sessions.

The journey **BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 6:00 PM**. This is a 31 week overview of the Bible. Don't miss out and bring a friend.





3- Dave Toler  
12 - Missy Jo Peacock  
13 - Emily Young Eberwine  
17 - Jean Wilhelm  
18 - Martha Young  
18 - Harlan O'Connor  
20 - Pastor Jan Dillaman  
21 - Joyce Brown  
24 - Jan Krier  
24 - Jerry Lutterbie  
24 - Mike Peacock  
25 - Lois Metzger  
26 - Vickie Kirk  
29 - Rob Rollins

3 - Dave & Carole Wheat  
4 - Ray & Audrey Boehringer  
4 - Dan & Gayla Young  
12 - Pete & Becky Berling  
17 - Ralph & MaryAnn Guenther  
20 - Ted & Saralee Young  
22 - Bill & Lee Steenken  
29 - John & Joyce Brown  
31 - Dan & Bonnie Doherty

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

# **Back to School Picnic**

**DATE: Saturday, August 15**

**TIME: 12pm-2pm**

**PLACE: Ross Christian Church**

**We need 5 volunteers to help out at the picnic with drinks and backpacks.**

**Please put your backpacks and supplies in the bin outside the sanctuary.**

**You can also donate money for us to buy the supplies by putting it in with the regular offering, or send in to office.**

**All supplies must be collected by AUGUST 12**

**Please contact Michelle Schwab for additional questions or details at [michelle.schwab13@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.schwab13@gmail.com)**



# **Back to School Picnic**

## **Backpack Supply List**

- **Scissors**
- **10 pack Crayola markers**
- **24 pack crayons**
- **12 pencils**
- **1 pack of loose paper**
- **1 spiral notebook**
- **5 two-pocket folders (yellow/green/red/blue/purple)**
- **2 glue sticks**
- **1 box of tissues**
- **1 box of gallon storage bags**
- **1 box of sandwich bags**
- **1 3-ring binder**
- **Index cards**
- **Highlighters**
- **Pens**
- **Erasers**



Please keep the following people in your prayers. Let them know we are thinking of them by sending a card, making a phone call, or a visit.

Please keep **Ray and Mildred Miller** in your thoughts and prayers. Send a note to: PO Box 172, Ross, OH 45061 or give Ray a call at 738-2248.

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**Russell "Gene" Oder** could use some notes of cheer, or a visit:  
Doverwood Village, Russell Oder, Room 16  
4195 Hamilton Mason Rd, Fairfield Township OH 45011

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Keep **Linda Engel** in your prayers as she continues to recover. You can send a note to: 4154 Dry Run Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013

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Please send prayers and get well wishes to **Harlan O'Connor**. He is at Berkeley Square receiving physical therapy after his hospitalization. Send cards to: 100 Berkeley Square, Hamilton, OH 45013

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Please keep **Ray and Audrey Boehringer** in your thoughts and prayers. Send a note or make a call: 3440 Hamilton New London Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013 - Ph. 738-1985

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**Clydene Spangler** is going to need heart valve surgery, let's keep praying for her and send a note or make a call to: 2256 Bella Vista Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014 - Ph. 967-1269

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Please keep **Jean Wagonfield** in your prayers. She has been hospitalized several times since March with multiple health concerns. Please send a card to: PO Box 703, Ross OH 45061.

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**Gary Butterfield**, nephew of Wilma Butterfield, and a Ross Schools alumni, could use some prayers and words of cheer. Send a note to: 7452 New York Way, Dayton, OH 45414

## PINEAPPLE BLUEBERRY OOEY GOOEY BUTTER CAKE

### Crust Ingredients:

1 box yellow cake mix  
1 egg  
½ C. butter or margarine (1 stick) melted  
¼ cup pineapple juice  
2 cups blueberries (frozen or fresh)

### Topping ingredients:

8 oz. cream cheese softened  
2 eggs  
1 (16 oz.) can crushed pineapple – drained well – reserve juice  
½ cup butter or margarine (1 stick) melted  
3 cups confectioner sugar  
1 tsp. vanilla extract

### Instructions:

In a mixing bowl dump the cake mix, egg, ½ cup melted (1 stick) butter and pineapple juice. Mix well until thoroughly combined. Press on the bottom of a greased 11 x 13 pan. Sprinkle the blue berries over the base. Press them down lightly into the batter. In a another bowl combine the cream cheese, ½ cup melted butter (1 stick), eggs and vanilla. Mix until combined. Make sure the crushed pineapple is well drained. Add to the cream cheese. Mix until combined and add the confectionery sugar. When mixed pour over the blueberries. Bake at 350 degrees for about 50 min. to one hour. (325 if using glass pan). Start checking at about 45 min. Toothpick should be clean when you check it.

**Thank you Sharon Thompson for this recipe!**