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

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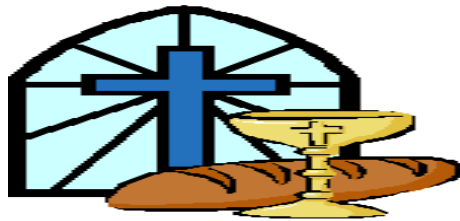
Pastor Janet Dillaman

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, November 1, 2015

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Dear Friends,

November brings the abundant harvest into full view. It is a time for praise and gratitude for all we have been provided. The hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” expresses this great abundance.

Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your Faithfulness. (Lamentations 3: 22, 23)

One of the important lessons the Children of Israel had to learn during their wilderness journey was that God’s provision of manna for them was on a morning by morning basis. They could not survive on old manna nor could it be stored for future use (Exodus 16: 19-21). While enduring hymns are born out of a particular dramatic experience, this was simply the result of the author’s “morning by morning” realization of God’s personal faithfulness in his daily life. Shortly before his death in 1960, Thomas Chisholm wrote:

“My income has never been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. But I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care which have filled me with astonishing gratefulness.”

Thomas Obediah Chisholm was born in a crude log cabin in Franklin, Kentucky. From this humble beginning and without the benefit of high school or advanced education, he somehow began his career as a school teacher at the age of 16 in the same country school where he had received his elementary training. After accepting Christ as Savior, he

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became editor of “The Pentecostal Herald” and later ordained as a Methodist minister. Throughout his long lifetime, Mr. Chisholm wrote more than 1,200 sacred poems, many of which have since become prominent hymn texts.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father! There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not; Thy compassions, they fail not: As thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above, join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide, strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow—blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.

Chorus: *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

Live with this spirit of grateful praise, celebrate the abundance of our God.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Pastor Jan

*”Amazing Grace: 366 Inspiring Hymn Stories for Daily Devotions,”
Kenneth W. Osbeck, Kregel Publications, 1990.

CHURCH ORNAMENTS

The Women's Association is selling wooden ornaments of our church. They are wonderful keepsakes of your membership, your child's baptism, confirmation, time at our Preschool, wedding or simply your time at our church. If you previously purchased an ornament for your family and your child is now grown and on their own, wouldn't it be nice if they had their own ornament. The price is \$5.00. They will be for sale in the Fellowship Hall during Coffee Hour. If you are unable to get to Coffee Hour, call Martha Young at 738-1966 to place an order.



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

Dec. 5

“Country Christmas”

Ways to Support the Women’s Fundraiser?

† Donate items for the Opportunity Baskets

(Gift Cards, Cincinnati items, Sweet Treat items)

† Donate food items for the luncheon

† Donate handmade crafts

† Donate baked goods

† Donate items for Granny’s Closet

† Volunteer at the event

† Make a financial donation

† Attend the event...Lunch, Carryout, Shop

***We really appreciate any donations you can make.
All proceeds from this event and your financial donations
Will benefit the Women’s Mission Projects!***

WOMEN'S UPDATES

Kitchen Cleaning - Volunteers are asked to stop by on Nov. 14 at 9:00 am to help clean the Church kitchen.



Meetings:

Dorcas Circle - Nov. 19 at the home of Sue Toler

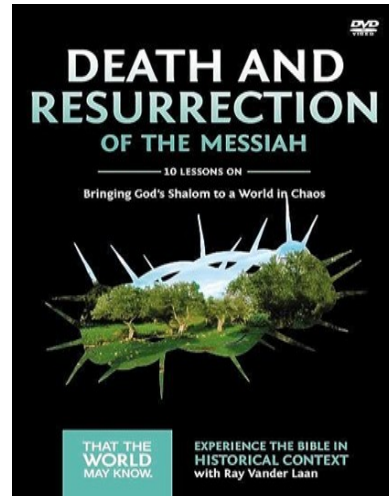
New members are always invited to attend Women's events!

Coffee Conversation

Coffee Conversation bible study is held each Thursday at 9:30am in the annex.



Christian Education



SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Adult Sunday School is going to revisit a Ray Vander Laan series - Faith Lessons: On the death and resurrection of the Messiah from Focus on the Family. It is a 10 session series which includes the following lessons: When Storms Come, Piercing the Darkness, Gates of Hades, City of the Great King-the Temple, City of the Great King- Jerusalem, The Lamb of God, The Weight of the World, Roll Away the Stone, Power to the People and ending with Total Commitment. Ray Vander

Laan's series are filmed in the Holy Land and his historical and Biblical background makes an amazing video with discussions before and after watching. We invite everyone to join us at 9:15 sharp!! Everyone is welcome!!!!

GOING DEEPER IN THE STORY



WEDNESDAYS 6:00pm - Youth Room in Annex

Materials needed: NIV The Story Bible and Participants Guide
(These are available at Lifeway Bookstore on Winton Road, or available online)



Junior Church

The Children's Christmas program will be held on December 20th during the worship service. The title of the program is "The Very Best Gift of All." We have started practicing the music during the last ten minutes of junior church on Sundays. CDs have been given to many of the children so that they can begin listening to and learning the songs. If your child would like to be a part of the program, please let me know as soon as possible. We are waiting to hand out the speaking parts until we have a definite number of performers. The lines are easy to learn. The play is based on the premise that there are many special gifts at Christmas time, but the very best gift of all is the gift of Jesus Christ. We hope your child can be a part of the program and that each of you will mark your calendar to attend on December 20th. If you have any questions, please call me at 738-3708 or my cell (513) 836-0020. Thanks so much, Gayla Young



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Preschool News

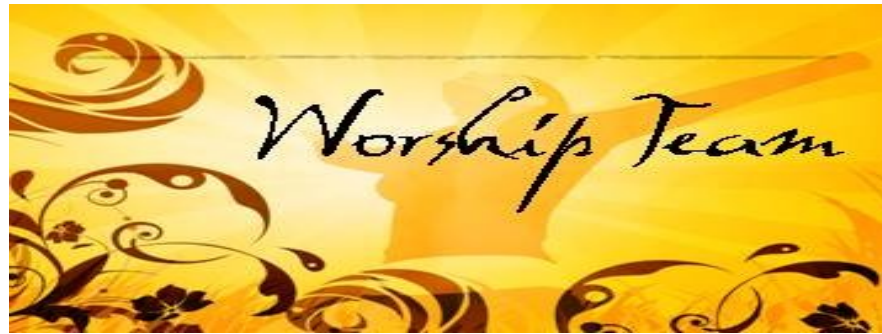
Venice Preschool News

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to everyone for being so understanding and cooperative during the re-paving of the parking lot process! I'd like to give a big shout out to Dan Young for being the liaison between VPP and the crew working on the parking lots. Dan was very helpful and understanding when Mrs. Strube was stressed out over the process. Thanks again Dan!

Now that November is here we will be celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday with some fun activities including a Thanksgiving Feast where the children will join together for yummy treats while wearing a cute turkey headband. The bible story is called: 5 kernels of corn based on Psalms 92:1, It's good to give thanks to the Lord. The story is about Pilgrims surviving on 5 kernels of corn a day, they prayed for better crops and then were blessed with an abundance in the fall. The pilgrims placed 5 pieces of corn on their plate every year to remind them of God's provisions. Each piece of corn represents God's Love, God provides us with our needs, God provides us with good friends, God has provided us with people to love us, and God hears our prayers and answers them. The learning concepts are the letters: G, H, and I; the numbers 7, 8, and 9; the colors yellow and brown; and rectangle.

We will begin our annual fundraiser this month. We are selling journey of faith candles. The label has an inspirational word and a bible scripture and there are some yummy scents. The cost is \$12.00 each. Please let us know if you want to place an order.

We can be reached in the following ways: 513-738-0158,
ypcpreschool@thevenicechurch.com, www.venicepreschool.com.



Notes from the Worship Team:

November 1st is All Saints Day. Worship will be especially meaningful as it will be celebrated as a Taize service.

November 25th there will be a Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00PM at a community church to be announced. Plan to “gather together” to offer thanks to the Creator for the many blessings we have received.

The season of Advent will be here soon! Plans are in place for exciting and meaningful worship experiences during this time of preparation. It is also time to prepare for creating an inspirational worship space for the season, so again we will be offering the opportunity to donate poinsettias for the sanctuary in honor or memory of loved ones. This year the flowers will be white and the cost will be around \$9.00 per plant. A firm price from the greenhouse will be announced soon.

PUMPKIN COOKIES

Cookies ingredients:

2-1/2 c. flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. baking soda
3 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
1/2 tsp. salt
1 stick butter or oleo (1/2 c.) softened
1 c. white sugar
1/2 c. brown sugar
1-1/4 c. canned pumpkin
1 egg
2 tsp. vanilla

Frosting ingredients:

1 (8 oz.) block cream cheese softened
1 stick butter or oleo (1/2 c.) softened
3 c. powdered sugar
1-1/2 tsp. cinnamon

To make cookies: Mix butter, both sugars, pumpkin, egg and vanilla til fluffy in a bowl. Then add dry ingredients (flour, baking powder, baking soda, pumpkin pie spice and salt) and mix well. Scoop out with small ice cream scoop or tablespoon on baking sheet. Bake 15-18 minutes.

To make frosting: Mix cream cheese, butter, powdered sugar and cinnamon until fluffy. Frost cookies after they are completely cool. Store lightly covered in a cool place. Enjoy!

Thank you Sharon Thompson for this yummy recipe!

SHOE BOX CHRISTMAS



Last years gifts of filled shoe boxes to the adults and children at Haven House Homeless Shelter were, a roaring success. We delivered, thanks to you and Indian Trails Girl Scouts, 67 filled, wrapped shoe boxes. Rev. Bobby Grove III from Haven House shared with me that the boxes were a hit with all ages and made Christmas a little brighter for those in need.

For those of you not familiar with the outreach:

Take an empty shoe box

Decide whether you are doing a boy, girl, adult man or adult woman

Choose small items that will fit in the shoe box, i.e. children: crayons, socks, mittens, small toys, candy bar, Adults: socks, lotion, gloves, disposable razors, shave cream, deodorant, warm scarf, etc.

Wrap it in Christmas wrap and label it for "Boy, Girl, Man, Woman, (whichever you are buying for)

Bring to church and put in old downstairs office before Dec. 15 so that we may deliver them to Haven House before Christmas

Don't limit yourself to the above listed suggested items. Let your imagination run wild. If you go to a dollar store (specifically one where everything is only \$1) you can really fill the box for only \$12=\$15.

That's not much to make such a difference for someone on Christmas morning. Come on you ladies that knit or crochet, you can whip out a simple warm scarf for adults or children in nothing flat and stick it in the box using left over yarn you already have!

Let's make this a success again this year. Questions? Call me: Sharon Thompson 742-9292



Trustees Monthly Report

Highlights of the Trustee meeting:

*Sewer project completed

*Sink hole in parking lot repaired

*Sidewalk installation and landscaping for church and annex to take place in spring.

*Rhino-Shield paint applied to exterior windows and steeple

Thank you from the Trustees for your patience while the sewer project was being done. Special thanks to Jennifer Strube and the preschool staff for their patience and help in re-routing traffic during the construction.

Any building concerns or questions may be directed to your Trustees.

Dan Young, Clarence Bohne, Greg Young, Tom Kirk, Ron Mienheartt, and Becky Berling

Session Monthly Report

Highlights of the Session meeting:

*Treasurer's Report: \$15,600 was transferred from the Investment Fund to pay for the following: Manse Sewer \$2500, Church Sewer and Sinkhole \$10,600 and another \$2500 was needed for budget support,

*The Deacons are as active as usual and we served two families with food items in September. There was a suggestion to put the Sunday bulletin on line.

*The Trustees have been working overtime on projects and can happily say the sewer project is near completion with the new parking lot paving and filling in of the sinkhole. The Session thanks the Trustees for all the projects they have completed this year.

*Dale Hanson did an excellent job on the Stewardship letter and presentation. The Session thanks him.

*Sunday, October 25th: This will be a celebration of the long time service of Bob Young as our Treasurer. There will be a presentation at church and food/cake afterwards during coffee hour. The Session thanks Bob for his dedicated service.

*Youth: The Session has approved a Youth Worship which will begin on Sunday, January 10th in the space that is formerly the office area. James is going to lead the service which will be a more contemporary service with music and videos, James will present the sermon to the Youth.

*Worship is planned out through the month of December. Gayla is already working on the children's play.

*There will be a Congregational meeting on November 1st to call the PNC committee. The committee includes the following members: Dan Young (Chairman), Carroll Metzger, Kathy Mienhartt, Donna Marsh and Sue Toler, Nominations will be open from the floor. We will also have a Corporation meeting to approve our new Trustees.

*RAMM - Dare to Care is ready to go on Saturday, October 24th.

*Nominating: Steve Maynard continues to look for Session members. Please look deep in your heart and volunteer to help in this capacity.

Deacons Activity for September

Sunshine – Shirley Hamilton sent out one Thinking of You card to a member of our congregation. Judy Bohne sent flowers for Harlan O'Connor's funeral. \$35 was sent from the Deacons' budget to the Marvin Jackson memorial fund.

Ushers/Greeters –The Deacons serve as ushers/greeters the first Sunday of each month. Deacon members Shirley Hamilton, Eunice Maynard, Kathy Mienheartt and Martha Young served as September's ushers/greeters. Carole Wheat solicited other church members to fill the slots the rest of the Sundays. Carole and Dave Wheat served as ushers/greeters when other members did not volunteer.

Coffee Hour – Deacon members supplied goodies the first Sunday of the month. Martha Young solicited other church members to bring in snacks the rest of the Sundays.

Community Needs – Dave Wheat served two Ross families this month with food from our Food Pantry. Elda Elementary is having a food drive for RAMM. Dave reported that our pantry will receive a share of the food collected at Elda. Dare To Care is being held October 24 to raise funds and canned goods for RAMM.

Other – The Deacons talked about the recent congregation survey and discussed ways to improve communications between the church boards and the congregation.

Note: The Deacons need your help. Carole Wheat is having difficulty getting members to serve as ushers/greeters. Please consider giving of your time during church to volunteer for this easy job. All you need to do is arrive a little early, greet people as they come in, hand out the bulletins and collect the donations. So, if you've never volunteered for this before or if you haven't ushered in a while, we'd love to have you help. Please call Carole at 738-4545.



November



- 5- Julia Dillaman
- 10 - Kevin Spille
- 11 - Jessica Strube
- 13 - Clarence Bohne
- 14 - Bonnie Doherty
- 16 - Dan Doherty
- 18 - Eunice Maynard
- 20 - Mildred Miller
- 24 - Sue Pigg
- 24 - Steve Stitsinger
- 24 - Gayla Young
- 25 - Sue Toler
- 29 - Aubree Spille

November 19
Greg and Kim Young



November 26
Dave and Sue Toler



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



NEED A BIBLE?

If you need a bible, please take one from our “Bible Shelf”. If you would like to donate a bible, please place on the shelf, or bring by the church office. Thank you!



We are going to perform ‘*Breath of Heaven*’ by *R. Mauldin* for our Christmas Eve Concert on December 24th at 7pm.

This is a beautiful arrangement with hymns and carols, and it will be accompanied by chamber musicians.

Anyone that wants to join in, please see Kwi-im! We need more voices for the joyful noises to God!

We meet every Wednesday 7:30p-8:15p in the Sanctuary.

I look forward to seeing you!



Food Pantry Donations Needed

The following items are needed for the Church's pantry to provide families in need for Thanksgiving. We appreciate any donations you can make. You may also donate funds with the regular offering and designate "food pantry", or you may send in to the office. Questions? Please see **Dave Wheat**, pantry coordinator.

OCTOBER 25: Vegetables/Fruit

NOVEMBER 1: Breakfast Food

NOVEMBER 8: Canned Meats/Stews

NOVEMBER 15: Peanut Butter and Jelly

NOVEMBER 22: Pasta/Dried Meals

Thank you for all of the RAMM Dare to Care donations of candy, food items, and Halloween costumes. Thank you to those that gave their time and talents to make this annual event so successful!





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. Millie is continuing to improve. Send a note to: PO Box 172, Ross, OH 45061 or give Ray a call at 738-2248.

Russell "Gene" Oder has been at Doverwood for some time now, let him know we are thinking of him. Doverwood Village, Russell Oder, Room 16 4195 Hamilton Mason Rd, Fairfield Township OH 45011

Please keep **Ray and Audrey Boehringer** in your thoughts and prayers. Audrey is caring for Ray at home with help from hospice. Send a note or a call: - Ph. 738-1985, 3440 Hamilton New London Rd, Hamilton, OH 45013

Clydene Spangler is recovering from 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

Please keep **Jean Wagonfield** in your prayers. She has had multiple health concerns since March. She is currently at Bradford Place in Hamilton. Please send a card to: PO Box 703, Ross OH 45061.

Please keep **Greg and Kim Young** in your thoughts and prayers. Send a note or card to: 3908 Ficus Ct, Hamilton OH 45013

Gary Butterfield, nephew of Wilma Butterfield, and a Ross Schools alumni, could use prayers as he battles multiple health issues. Send a note to: 7452 New York Way, Dayton, OH 45414

Please keep **Viola Powell**, Aunt of Debbie Kuhlenbeck, in your prayers. Her health has declined, and now requires full time care. Please send a note or card to: 2135 Noble Ave, Hamilton, OH 45015

Please keep **Linda Engel** in your prayers as she continues her recovery. 4154 Dry Run Dr, Hamilton, OH 45013



Thank You

Dear Church Members,

Thank you for the lovely flower arrangement sent in honor of our Uncle Harlan O'Connor. Your thoughts and prayers were appreciated for Harlan and his family. Harlan is with his sweetheart now, and that helps us all as we move forward in life.

Sincerely, Harlan O'Connor Family

Donations for the **Jackson Family** are still needed. Please make gifts payable to VPC and designate Jackson Family to help.

Thank you for helping a 20 year valued staff member in need.

Monica Schwab is raising funds to study abroad for 10 days in Samoa this summer. She will be learning about the criminal justice system with 11 other students, and the MU Criminal Justice Department Head Professor. She is selling t-shirts through Bonfire Funds, and also has a Go Fund Me page if you would like to support her educational endeavors. Thank you.

www.gofundme.com/monicastudyabroad

<https://www.bonfirefunds.com/monicas-study-abroad-to-samoa>



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