

Connect, Grow & Go

To Glorify God as a Disciple-Making Outpost of Kingdom Life



Summer Recap

Here's What's Going on at VPC in September 2018

**Pastor Chris
Returns!**



***Ordination and
Installation of
Carolyn Wilson***



Our Vision in Action

To Glorify God as a Disciple-Making Outpost of Kingdom Life

Worship Service Hours

Sunday, 10:00am

Church offices will be closed Sept 3 (Labor Day)

9AM Wednesday Communion starts 9/5

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Friday, 9:00am - 12:00pm

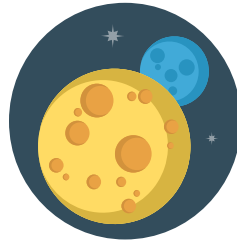
Phone 941-488-2258

Hello! Welcome to September! Where did summer go?

Wednesday mornings staff gather and pray for each other, the congregation, the church, world events, or whatever God lays on our hearts. August 22nd, we prayed for many of these things. We also reminisced about the summer at VPC in anticipation of Pastor Chris's return from his sabbatical. We are so excited to have our Senior Pastor, spiritual leader, office mate, friend back!

While talking, I could not believe all the really great things that happened from May thru August! The Festival of Worship, under Jamal Sarikoki's leadership exposed us to a wide variety of preaching styles blessing us deeply. We've experienced the sacrament of Communion in different and meaningful ways this summer through the variety of pastors who have blessed us with their traditions. The music has been meaningful and well thought out. Testimony has told us the Holy Spirit is present and moving in the congregation of VPC!

Cedarkirk Day Camp hosted Vacation Bible School for 40 kids on our campus for a week in June! What a great time of love, laughter, learning about Jesus, and excitement the week was. If you were on campus the week of June 11 – 15th you were able to witness seeds



being planted for a lifetime into children! VPC lived out our mission of being a disciple-making outpost of kingdom life. The kids had fun learning about the

love of Christ in a safe fun way while, again the Holy Spirit moved through not only the kids but the leaders.

Who can forget our Church Picnic to celebrate our country on July 1st! We had about 300 people stay after our worship service to share a meal, enjoy each other's company and wait for the exciting results of the first ever Pie Eating Contest! Cindy Gossman won the overall prize for the Best Pie! As one of the judges, it was truly delectable! Speaking for all of the judges, we had a fantastic time! Kelly Wensley, Jamal Sarikoki, Pastor Joshua Rasdall, and myself put our all into judging this contest!

We celebrated some significant milestones with our next Associate Pastor, Carolyn Wilson! Our Congregational Meeting was July 15th where she was voted to BE our next Associate Pastor, if the way be clear.



August 9th at the called Presbytery meeting hosted by Venice Presbyterian Church, the way was cleared! We celebrated, once again with Carolyn her final examination by the Presbytery, which she passed with flying colors! September 2nd we will Ordain and Install Carolyn! She is a fantastic addition to the VPC staff.

Another memorable day at VPC this summer was Day 4 Hope. We hosted 150 underprivileged families as they prepared for school. Over 300 volunteers helped to make this happen. There were doctors, dentists, hair stylists, an ice cream truck, and so much love! My favorite display was from Detwilers foods! They brought bags of healthy food for each family to take home. It was beautiful and smelled so good! The best part about the day were the smiles, shared comradery and best of all, the way the Holy Spirit was moving on the campus of VPC and in the hearts of those receiving and in those giving of their time.



We also moved from My VPC to REALM as our Church Management Software. This is a recent move that we are still working on. Two hundred twenty of you are signed in and using REALM. You will continue to hear about this one! It is the way to connect with the church, know what is going on, check on your giving or to give online. Keep your ears open for more on this!



It has indeed been a busy summer! We've renovated the office building by installing new floors and painting, installed a new sound system in the Sanctuary, grounded the sanctuary for lightening protection; we've worked hard, played a little, prayed a lot, and are looking forward to what God has in store for the next season for VPC! There is a good spirit here! My prayer continues for you to get connected to Christ and to the church, to Grow in your relationship with Christ, and to Go spread your love for Christ!

Christine O'Brien

Chris O'Brien
Executive Director

Worship Ministry

You are invited!

To the ordination & installation of Carolyn Barks Wilson to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament as Associate Pastor of Venice Presbyterian Church September 2, 2018 at 4:00pm



The service will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome Back Pastor Chris!

September 2 at 10am



Joshua: Living Into God's Promises

"Be Strong and Courageous"

Joshua 1:1-9 (English Standard Version)

**Communion Sunday,
September 2 &
October 7**



10am Service

Communion will be served in the pews. Please hold the bread until all have been served so all may partake together. All bread is now Gluten-free bread.

9am Wednesday Communion Service in the chapel resumes September 5. All are welcome.

**Be a Part of VPC's
Worship Service**

There are many ways to be a part of the worship service. Use your skills, passion for Christ and desire to serve to enhance the experience for you and others. We are in need of acolytes (Judy Edmunds at 941-488-8949), greeters (Bob Jelenchick, robert.jelenchick@gmail.com) and ushers (Jane Clemmer, grandysj@yahoo.com)

Thank you
*to all the amazing speakers
who participated in the
2018 Festival of Worship.
Attendance was at an all-
time high, sermons were
stirring, powerful and
reflective and the music was
beautiful while encouraging
our spiritual journey.*



Children's Ministry

Venice Presbyterian Church Presents

FAMILY NIGHT Scavenger Hunt

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Parents are encouraged to stay as there is **no drop-off** for this event. A pizza dinner will be served at 6.

6PM TO 8PM
September 21
Fellowship Hall
825 The Rialto, Venice, FL
www.venicepres.org

UPCOMING CHILDREN EVENTS NOT TO MISS!

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October 26 (6pm)

November 18 (during Worship)

December 9 (1pm)

Fall Festival, Trunk or Treat

Thanksgiving Feast

Impromptu Christmas Pageant

OPERATION Christmas Child

After taking a few years off, Venice Presbyterian Church will be collecting shoeboxes in collaboration with Samaritan's Purse this fall. As we try to reach our local community with activities and invitations to our church, this is a way that we can reach beyond to children around the world.

HOW TO PACK YOUR SHOEBOX GIFT



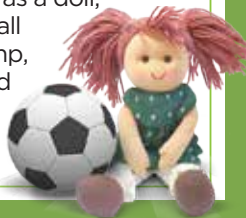
Get a standard size shoebox to pack for a boy or girl.

1 Need shoeboxes? Boxes are available in the Narthex starting September.

4 Most importantly, **pray** for the child who will receive your gift. Include a personal note and photo.



2 Select a quality **"wow"** toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.



5 A donation of **\$9** is critical to cover shipping and other project costs. Give online through **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your shoebox.*



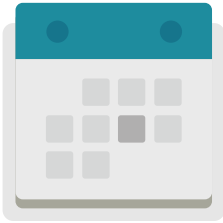
3 Fill with other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.



6 Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection Week, the third week in November** (11/4 to 11/12) in the Narthex.



Youth Ministry



The Hub's Discussion Schedule for September - October 2018

Sundays, 6 - 8pm, Youth Room

SEPTEMBER

All of September will be from the Bible app plan "Unoffendable"

Sept. 2nd	Unoffendable Session 2/5	The Critic in me, The Goal of Chatter
Sept. 9th	Unoffendable Session 3/5	Strangers on the Internet, You Can Handle the Truth
Sept. 16th	Unoffendable Session 4/5	Margin For Error, Allowance
Sept. 23rd	Campfire & Hot Dogs at Conrad's House	
Sept. 30th	Unoffendable Session 5/5	Join The Party, I'm Sorry

●●●●●●●● *Campfire & Hot Dogs* ●●●●●●●●



Stories are still told of the intense games of Yahtzee and Uno, as well as epic conquests of Monopoly that have been witnessed at the Knepp household in the past! However, for those who prefer to be active and outside, the campfire will be going and the music will be turned up all evening! Don't miss this fun time (*and the free food*). As in the past, the evening will run from 6-8 pm and all food and drinks will be provided!!

SAVE THESE DATES IN OCTOBER

Details to follow

Oct 7th	Hidden Treasure (Matthew 13: 44-46)
Oct 14th	Sharing Our Faith 1/2 (Luke 13:13-17)
Oct 21st	Sharing Our Faith 2/2 (Matt 28:18-20)
Oct 27th	Fun Night (Saturday)
Oct 28th	Fall Party X-treme Punkin' Carvin'!!!!
	<u>Side note:</u> Conrad's 2 year mark!!



Care & Compassion

Stephen Ministers

Hurting?

Often, we keep our struggles hidden, stuffed deep inside, believing that if we ask for help, it is a sign of weakness. That's not God's plan. Galatians 6:2 says, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." God wants us to care for others and allow others to care for us in our time of need. Stephen Ministers are waiting to help you. Please call Marcia Bickmore 488-9379, Laura Saye 269-339-5907, or Pastor Burke Johnson 488-2258.



Prayer Groups

Please submit any special prayer requests to our prayer groups through the website, www.venicepres.org. We have active groups who meet on a regular basis and hold your needs in their hearts and minds during prayer.

Planning the Party

Pre-planning your Christian funeral or memorial service is one of the best ways to help your family during their difficult time of grief and loss. By leaving them specific information regarding your own personal desires, you will greatly ease your family's burden of making decisions and trying to guess what you would have wanted. We have a booklet available to make your preferences known and preplanning easy for both you and your loved ones.

Memorial Service/Receptions

Memorial Services are a special way to remember those we love. After services, it is common for the family to want to spend time visiting and reminiscing with each other. VPC offers a reception serving cookies and coffee after each memorial service so that families are able to visit with their loved ones.

Volunteers are currently needed to assist in the reception area.

For more information, contact Connie Sayers, csayers@venicepres.org

Knit One, Pray Too

Shawls and baby hats are knit by a group of ladies. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the items are sent on their way. The blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God!

Mondays, 12pm - 2pm, Room 9

2018/19

SEASON

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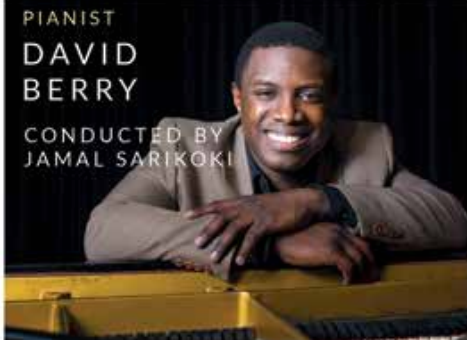
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CRAIG WILLIAMS
WORLD RENOWNED
ORGANIST

SATURDAY
DECEMBER 8
3:30 & 7PM



JAZZ ENSEMBLE
STEPHEN
LYNERD
FRIDAY
JANUARY 18
7PM



PIANIST
DAVID
BERRY
CONDUCTED BY
JAMAL SARIKOKI

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 3PM
WORKS FOR PIANO & ORCHESTRA
BEETHOVEN PIANO CONCERTO #5
GERSHWIN RHAPSODY IN BLUE

BRASS QUINTET
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SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 3PM & 7PM



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tickets available online at www.venicecommunityconcertseries.com

Music and Worship Arts Ministry

The 11th Season of the Venice Community Concert Series

"Each concert is engaging in its own way and sure to be enjoyable for the whole family."

December

We welcome back Craig Williams, performing alongside the 110 voices of Key Chorale and a full brass ensemble under the direction of Maestro Joseph Caulkins. This concert, full of Christmas carols, will be a sure-fire way to start your holiday season.

January

We will be joined by the jazz stylings of the Stephen Lynerd Group. This eclectic ensemble, which includes vibraphone, piano, bass, and percussion, is sure to impress you with their fresh takes on both classic and new literature.

February

We are excited to present our Masterworks Concert, which Jamal Sarikoki will be conducting, featuring repertoire for piano and orchestra. Dr. David Berry,

with his thrilling and emotional interpretation, will perform Beethoven and Gershwin on our brand-new concert grand Steinway.

March

Concluding our 11th Season, we welcome for the first time in Venice, the world famous, Canadian Brass. The hallmark of any Canadian Brass performance is entertainment, spontaneity, virtuosity, and most of all fun—but never at the expense of the music. This is sure to be a spellbinding concert for the whole family.

We look forward to welcoming you all throughout the season.



Local Proprietors & Patrons *Sponsorship Opportunities Available!*

Each year we receive interest from local proprietors and patrons who would like to partner with us to invest in the concert series' future and meet our goals to engage our community, build meaningful relationships with new audiences, increase accessibility, and pursue artistic innovation. As a result, we have added advertising opportunities in each concert's playbill for those who align with our vision. By promoting your business you contribute to the future of the Venice Community Concert Series while gaining access to an audience with shared interests and values.

To find out about advertising opportunities and details, contact Kelly Wensley, Communications Director, at 941-488-2258 or kwensley@venicepres.org

Missions

September Monthly Mission Partners

TCM, FCA, Mision Peniel, Beth-El, Cedarkirk, and the McGills

To support the Monthly Mission Partners, please add your donation to the yellow envelopes in the pews. We appreciate you support.

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TCM International

TCM is committed to taking Christ to millions around the world by training Christians for ministry. They currently have 1,465 students and 587 graduates working in 43 countries. TCM offers various degree programs in a flexible format so that the Christian leaders they train can remain and serve in their home countries throughout their education so that they can continue to influence their churches, cultures and countries for Christ. Over a hundred are from Muslim-dominated nations and many of these are former Muslims themselves and at least two are former Muslim Imams. Our partnership with TCM is a clear way we are helping to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ to go into all the world and make disciples.



Missionaries Jim and Jodi McGill

Jim and Jodi McGill are PCUSA missionaries located in Niger. Jim works to ensure sustainability for clean water and sanitation at the community level and to ensure the church is a strong presence in the rural development of Niger and South Sudan. Jodi works to create and staff church-run health clinics and to train students in their new nursing school. The area they work in is one of the African continent's most economically impoverished countries and is at the bottom of the UN's human development index.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes

FCA seeks to make disciples through our methods of engaging, equipping and empowering coaches and athletes to know and grow in Christ and lead others to do the same. They engage

relationally by connecting with individuals and through events in many different environments, including schools, by building genuine trust, sharing our lives and sharing the gospel. FCA is active in Venice High School working with coaches, athletes, and huddles that all students are welcome to attend.

Mision Peniel

A shared mission of the churches of Peace River Presbytery, Mision Peniel serves the migrant farmworker community in Immokalee, Florida, east of Bonita Springs. Every week they serve 300-700 meals, provide pastoral care and counseling, hospital visitation, and assistance in orienting migrants to a new culture. Every year, several tons of clothes and food are provided to farmworkers and their families.

Beth-El

Beth-El is a joint mission between Peace River Presbytery and Tampa Bay Presbytery. It is a ministry to migrant farmworkers in Wimauma, Florida, near Sun City Center. The mission provides weekly worship in Spanish, a food pantry, health care services, a day care and K-8 charter school, scholarships and career mentoring. They seek to feed the mind, spirit, and body of farmworkers and neighbors in need through hunger relief, education, healthcare, and spiritual development.

Cedarkirk Campground & Conference Center

Cedarkirk is a year round camp and conference center owned by the Presbyteries of Tampa Bay and Peace River. In addition to their scheduled activities, church groups and individuals can schedule retreats and other activities, e.g. weddings, there. The spaces Cedarkirk offers range from indoor areas for 100 to outdoor spaces for up to 250 people and is a favorite place for youth group retreats.



Day 4 Hope Thank You

from Laurie Wright, Clerk of Session

It is with deep gratitude that I write this letter. Day 4 Hope was a wonderful success and served so many people. It wouldn't

have happened this year without your leadership and servants' hearts. What a blessing you are to our church and to the many low-income and homeless families, especially children, who were helped that day. As one mother expressed, "I am so, so very thankful. Today was exactly what we needed." Over 120 families were served. Glory to God!

Next year's Day 4 Hope date is
July 27th, 2019

THANK
YOU!

Save the Date

Family Promise Dreamwalk

Saturday, November 10th, 2018
9am at VPC

Sponsorship opportunities available.
[www.familypromisessc.org/
family-promise-dream-walk/](http://www.familypromisessc.org/family-promise-dream-walk/)



September 15
10am - 1pm
Fellowship Hall

3 Cents A Meal

On Sunday, September 23,
please visit Christine Hart at
the table in the Narthex and
exchange or pick up a food
container. Every penny counts.

Adult Ministries

Join Us!

Monday

MnM Men's Group
6pm - 7pm Glass House
Alan Penick, adpenick@comcast.net

Tuesday

Working Women's Bible Study
7pm - 9pm Room 6
Kim Jason, kljason@comcast.net

Dorcas Bible Study (Women's)
10am - 12am Room 6
Beth Tieman, bethtmn@comcast.net
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month until June

Men's Bible Study
8am - 10am Glass House
Dick Edmunds, kcid1961@gmail.com
Starts 2nd Tuesday in Jan. through May 7 weekly



Wednesday

Ann Woody Bible Study
3pm - 5pm Room 6
Ann Woody, eawoody45@gmail.com

Thursday

MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers*)
8:30am - 12pm
Fellowship Hall

*Moppets
8:30am - 12pm
Family Life Center
Gathers the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month starting September 6



2018 Presbyterian Women Upcoming Events

Save the Date

Wednesday, October 17, 6pm Chick Flick
Saturday, November 3 Leadership Challenge
Saturday, December 1 Christmas Tea

Welcome

We welcome all who desire to Connect, Grow and Go with our adult ministry. If interested, contact, Carolyn Wilson, Pastor of Connection and Outreach at cwilson@venicepres.org

YOUR TALENTS ARE NEEDED

VOLUNTEERS

ARE NEEDED
AT THE

Church



VPC is blessed by many church members who hear God's call to serve. If you would like to explore how you might best get connected with our volunteer ministries, please contact

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November 6

October 23

November 13

October 30

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