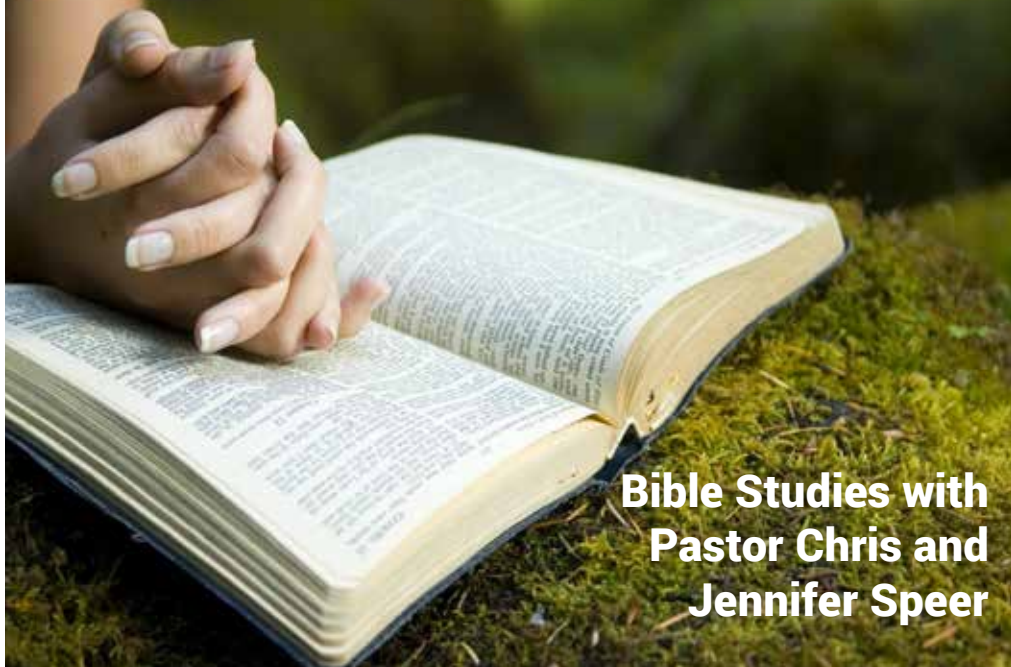


Connect, Grow & Go

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



**Bible Studies with
Pastor Chris and
Jennifer Speer**

Here's What's Going on at VPC in January 2019



**Stephen
Lynerd**



Care & Compassion

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

Worship Service Hours

Sunday, 9am & 11am
9am Wednesday Communion

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday, 10-12pm
Sunday, 8:30-11:30am

Office Phone

941-488-2258

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Thursday, 9:00am - 4:00pm
Friday, 9:00am - 12:00pm

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Make 2019 the year of Living Generously

This year, we at Venice Presbyterian Church, would like to think more about living generously in thought, heart, mind and soul, intentionally living into the vision of Glorifying God as a Disciple Making Outpost of Kingdom Life through seeing the blessings God gives us every day.

To begin thinking in a generous mindset, we would like to challenge you this month with a generosity challenge.

Below are suggestions for you to do something for someone else that you may or may not normally do. For the next 21 days, pay attention to how it makes you feel to give back intentionally. We want to hear about what you are doing to live generously! Drop us a note in the offering plate, through our web page or email cobrien@venicepres.org. We want to hear your stories and believe these acts of kindness and generosity change not only the lives of others but also enrich our own!

Random Acts of Kindness Suggestions

- Day 1 Smile at someone you don't know and say hello
- Day 2 Hold the door open for someone
- Day 3 Give a friend a book from your library that made a difference to you
- Day 4 Write down 5 things for which you are grateful
- Day 5 Pray about someone that you would like to invite to Church
- Day 6 Call someone you've been meaning to call but have been too busy
- Day 7 Pay for the person behind you
- Day 8 Buy an extra Gospel of Luke and give one to a friend
- Day 9 Invite that someone to church you were praying about on Day 5
- Day 10 Tell the special people in your life that you appreciate them
- Day 11 Read Scripture and pray about what God is saying, then share His word
- Day 12 Send a kind note to someone through the mail
- Day 13 Volunteer your time for a day to a cause that is meaningful to you
- Day 14 Offer a friend a ride and get to know them better
- Day 15 Write letters to soldiers
- Day 16 Buy a movie ticket for the person behind you in line.
- Day 17 Donate your old clothes to a charity
- Day 18 Write a letter of encouragement to someone who needs it
- Day 19 Buy someone flowers
- Day 20 Pray for someone, for the greatest influence you can be to others is to pray
- Day 21 Notice if you judge others' history or actions, give them grace and realize you many not know their journey

Having a Generous Spirit, Luke 6:37-38

"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

A Heartfelt Thank You!

Our thanks go out to all of you for your support in 2018. Your offerings are so important in the life and ministry of our congregation. We cannot do all that we have committed to do without your generous and faithful gifts. 2019 Offering Envelopes will be available in the Narthex beginning January 6, 2019.



Are you a writer or photographer longing to show off your skills to the masses?

The communication department will be creating a task force to better tell the story of how God is working in our church. We will be meeting at the end of January to discuss the needs of the church. If you are interested, please email Kelly Wensley at kwensley@venicepres.org. If you have already send an email, you will be notified of the upcoming meeting.

Academic Scholarships Available

Members of Venice Presbyterian Church, their immediate family members and mission partners approved by the Mission Committee are eligible for scholarships to be used for tuition to fully accredited colleges, universities and technical schools.

Scholarships in amounts up to \$4,000.00 are granted on the basis of:

- Service to church, school, community
- Academic Standing
- Justifiable financial need
- Extenuating circumstances



Scholarship applications are available online after January 7, 2019 and must be completed by March 15, 2019.

Worship Ministry

Communion Sunday, January 6

9am & 11am Service
Communion will be served in the pews. Please hold the bread until all have been served so we may partake together. The bread is now gluten-free.



Wednesday Communion, 9am

Communion service is offered Wednesday morning in the chapel. *All are welcome.*

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Journeying with Jesus Through the Gospel of Luke

The VPC church community will be spending the first part of 2019 in the Gospel according to Luke. Our mission at VPC is “to know Christ and to make Christ known.” One of the ways we come to know Christ more deeply is to listen to His words and to reflect upon His life. Our ministry leadership is aligning many of our ministries over the first months of 2019 around this congregation-wide effort to go deeper in God’s Holy Word. The Sunday messages and Pastor’s Bible study will be based on a schedule of readings through Luke.

The daily readings are printed on a bookmark (available at the Welcome Center and the Church Library). Daily

passages will be listed in the Sunday bulletin and on the church website. You can also sign up through Realm to receive a daily reminder of each day’s reading from Luke. Each daily reading from Luke will be a very short passage—sometimes only a few verses. This is to allow us to read the section of Scripture slowly (even several times), to consider the words deeply, to listen for God’s nudging, and to allow the words to remain with us through the day. If you haven’t picked up a Luke Journal, you’re also encouraged to use this resource to write your own thoughts, reflections, and prayers alongside the Biblical text.

Gospel of Luke Journals available in the library during regular library hours. Donation is \$5 per journal. *Free bookmarks with the list of the daily readings from Luke will also be available for all.*



VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Beginning the
JOURNEY

≧ 5 WEEK NEW MEMBER CLASS ≦

2019 WINTER SESSION

January 22

February 12

January 29

February 19

February 5

one-time cost

— **\$10** —

for the entire five week series including dinner

• 5:30PM - 7PM •


❧ FELLOWSHIP HALL ❧

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.VENICEPRES.ORG OR
EMAIL CAROLYN WILSON AT CWILSON@VENICEPRES.ORG

825 THE RIALTO | VENICE, FLORIDA 34275 | WWW.VENICEPRES.ORG

Stephen Lynerd

January 18, 7pm



Join us as we welcome Stephen Lynerd and his Jazz Ensemble. The group blends styles and genres to create a balanced, dynamic sound that is accessible and intelligent. You will be treated to an evening of classical repertoire, and traditional and modern hymns in a fresh jazz setting. The Stephen Lynerd Group consists of vibraphone, piano, bass, and percussion. This is a concert for the whole family.

Born and raised in New York, Stephen completed a M.M. in Music Performance from the University of Maryland, College Park. During a pursuit of Doctoral work in New

York, Stephen picked up and moved to Dallas, TX, where he worked in the music ministry of a large church and founded The Jazz Package, a versatile collection of musicians who still work together today. Following some time in California, Stephen settled in Chicago, where he continues to work as a church music director, and freelance musician and recording artist. Stephen and his wife Deborah live in Woodridge, IL.

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South County Jazz Club presents

Randy Sandke Quintet

January 6 at 2:00pm at VPC, tickets available at www.southcountyjazz.com

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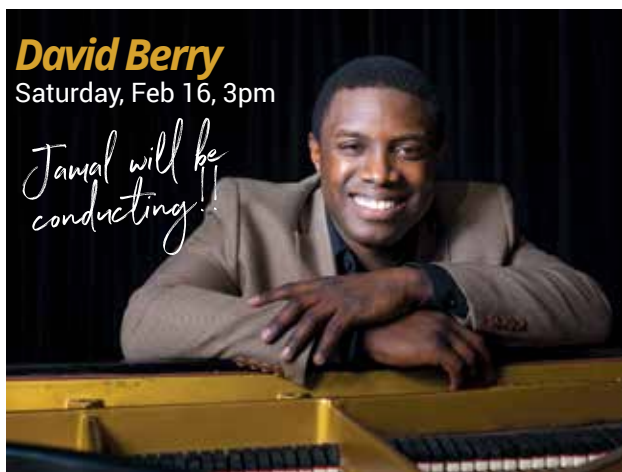


Choir Practice
Wednesday, 6:30-8:30pm

Handbells' Rehearsal
Tuesday, 3-5pm

Music Ministry

In celebration of the new Concert Grand Steinway at Venice Presbyterian, we welcome pianist Dr. David Berry for an explosive concert of works for piano and orchestra. The concert includes Piano Concerto No. 5 "The Emperor Concerto" Beethoven's final piano concerto. Ending this concert is Rhapsody in Blue by George Gershwin. Jamal Sarikoki, Minister of Music and Worship at Venice Presbyterian Church is conducting this concert.



David is currently Assistant Professor of Music at Eastern Mennonite University and is the president of the Harrisonburg Music Teachers Association.

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Canadian Brass

Saturday, March 30, 3pm & 7pm

Two Shows!



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Tickets available online at www.venicecommunityconcertseries.com or at the VPC Box office in the Narthex, Mondays, 10-12, Thursdays, 10-12 and Sundays after all services, 941-488-5525

Care & Compassion



Cognitive IMPAIRMENT

FIVE, ONE-HOUR LECTURES ON
LATE LIFE COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT



Dr. Robert G. Robinson, Professor of Geriatric Psychiatry and Neuroscience at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Univ. Iowa Hospital, author/editor of 10 books and 360 research publications, will be giving a series of five, one-hour lectures during Jan. and Feb. on “Late Life Cognitive Impairment”. Dr. Robinson winters in Venice and attends VPC.

This five-week series starts Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 2PM
The following dates are February 5, 12, 19, and 26 and will take place at Venice Presbyterian Church’s sanctuary. This series is sponsored by Stephen Ministry at VPC. There is no charge and the public is invited.

Venice Presbyterian Church, 825 The Rialto, Venice, FL 34275

This series is sponsored by Stephen Ministry at VPC.



GRIEF ♦ SUPPORT ♦ RECOVERY

TRANSITIONS

Begins Mondays, Starting January 14, 9:30 to 11:30
Venice Presbyterian Church, 825 The Rialto, Room 6

Transitions is a compassionate support group for people coping with the death of a loved one. Participation in a Transitions group is a special journey available to anyone who has lost a loved one. During the six week course, one travels through grief to a richer understanding, renewed personal purpose, deeper spirituality and total rebirth of self. Many in our community have found new life and new friends while their loved one remains always in their heart.

Call VPC at 941-488-2258

www.venicepres.org

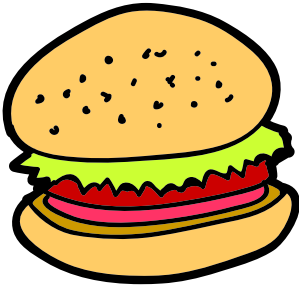
In order to facilitate a small, supportive environment, classes are designed to be small & intimate, therefore, registration is required.

the Hub! Youth Ministry

The Hub goes to the Beach

On January 27th, the Hub @ VPC will be meeting at the North Jetty from 2pm-5pm. There is a park, a beach, and plenty of space for salt-water fishing. Food and drinks available for purchase at the North Jetty cafe. Parents are welcome to join and stay for the event.

Contact Conrad Knepp at cknepp@venicepres.org for more information or to sign up



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Every Sunday night, the Hub breaks bread together. Volunteers are needed to either cook a meal or donate a prepared meal every Sunday night to feed about 15 hungry teenagers. Would you consider this one-time ministry opportunity to bless the youth of our congregation? We will do all the set up, clean up and provide the paper goods and drinks. You just deliver the food to be served buffet style.

Contact Karen Romig at romig2000@msn.com or sign up in the Glass House

..... Children's Ministry



VIP's, buddies, parents, and friends enjoyed a wonderful afternoon pageant during the December Buddy Break. It was a blessing to hear the scripture account of Christ's birth, as well as seeing the children enter in character. They did such a great job! This pageant is the highlight of

many children and workers in the program as they dance, sing, and praise the Lord together.

A big 'thank you' goes out to Sheryl Morford and Laurie Wright for their coordination of the pageant programming and Christmas gifts for the VIP's.

If you are interested in sharing in the joy of this ministry by being a buddy one Saturday a month, please reach out to Flora Hughes, hugjf@yahoo.com

For more information on signing up for Children's Ministry, contact Genna Molitor, gmolitor@venicepres.org, (217) 480-1216

Missions

**THANK
YOU!**

The Mission Committee would like to thank you for your generosity in purchasing Christmas gifts through our Alternative Gift Market. Because of you, many people will have food, education, hygiene, medical help, safe stoves, homes, Bibles, and much, much more, all in the name of Jesus. Many will hear the Gospel for the first time and learn of God's love for them and his provision for their salvation. What a generous church you are! May God richly bless you, beloved of the Lord.

The Guatemala Stove Team wishes to thank the congregation for their strong support for the team that is in place for departure on March 9th. The team could welcome just a few more members but final reservations need to be made very soon.

For information, contact Jim (941-914-4188) or Lois (320-250-3363)

Looking for ways to serve others in the new year?

January 18 is your opportunity to join a team from VPC for a day of distributing food and clothing to migrant farm-workers at Mision Peniel in Immokalee, Florida. Sign up in the Glass House or contact Laura Saye at sayet392@aol.com.



3 Cents A Meal

On Sunday, January 27, please visit Christine Hart at the table in the Narthex and exchange or pick up a food container. Every penny counts.



Missions



A Faith-Filled European Trip in 2020

figures of the Protestant Reformation; and we will visit the TCM International Institute at Haus Edelweiss, near Vienna, Austria, where VPC supports the education of pastors from across Europe and Central Asia.

As we travel together from Vienna to Salzburg to Oberammergau to Munich to Prague, we will enjoy a cruise on the beautiful Danube; visit churches, castles, historic sites, and cultural centers; and, of course, enjoy good food and friendship together!

We will be having another information meeting for those who may be interested in the trip after worship on Sunday, January 20 (in the chapel). Feel free to come and learn more/ask questions (no obligation to sign-up). A detailed brochure is available at the Narthex Welcome Center. Relatives and friends are welcome to join the pilgrimage! The total cost is \$3599 per person (which includes all land transportation, accommodations, professional tour guides, most meals and admission costs for group activities but excludes airfare). A \$500 deposit is due February 10, 2019. *For more information, contact Fred and Cindy Gossman: fredandcindy123@verizon.net or (513) 836-6839.*

if you enjoy traveling, you're invited to be part of a faith-inspiring pilgrimage to Austria, Germany, and the Czech Republic with Pastor Chris and other church friends in the summer of 2020 (June 24-July 4)! The highlight of this 11-day trip will be attending the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. This world-renowned production has been presented by the village of Oberammergau every ten years since the 17th century. At the end of the Thirty Years War, the townspeople vowed to enact the Passion story in gratitude to God—and the village has continued this tradition of glorifying God for nearly 400 years. Today, Oberammergau is also known for its souvenir woodcarving and the bright frescoes that adorn its charming Alpine homes and businesses.

Our faith journey will also take us to the Czech city of Prague, where we will take a walking tour in the historic footsteps of Jan Hus, one of the leading

Connections

Monday

Holy Yoga

9am - 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Line Dancing

10:30am - 11:30am, Fellowship Hall

Knit One, Pray Too

12pm - 2pm, Rm 9

Pat Pitha, sunnypatpitha@aol.com

Martha's Circle

1pm - 3pm, Rm 6

1st Monday of the month

Pat Radcliffe, patwrad@gmail.com

What IF Prayer Group

1:30pm - 3pm, Chapel

Carolyn Wilson, cwilson@venicepres.org

MnM Men's Group

6pm - 7pm, Glass House

Alan Penick, adpenick@comcast.net

Tuesday

Men's Discussion Group

8:00am - 9am, Rm 11

Doug Brown, dodobrown252@gmail.com

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Starts January 8, 2019

9:15 – 10:15 AM, Glass House. The study

will be on the Gospel of Luke. Dick Ed-

munds, (941) 488-8949

kcid1961@gmail.com

Nomads Bible Study

9:30am - 11 am in Room 11

Carolyn Wilson, cwilson@venicepres.org

Rachel's Circle

10 am- 12am, Rm 6

1st Tuesday of each month

Shirley Blood, clarkespinkle@gmail.com

Dorcas Bible Study (Women's)

10am - 12pm in Room 6

3rd Tuesday of each month

Beth Tieman, bethtmn@comcast.net

Women's Tuesday Fellowship

7pm - 9pm, Room 6

Kim Jason, kljason@comcast.net

Wednesday

Classic Creations and Crafting

Resumes in March, 10am - 11:30am, Rm 8

NoVelle Franklin, nouvelle313@comcast.net

Jennifer Speer Bible Study

10am - 12pm, Fellowship Hall

www.venicepres.org for tickets

Adult Coloring Crew

12pm, Library

Ardith Pinner, apinner@venicepres.org

Book Club

1pm - 2:30pm, Rm 8

1st Wednesday of the month

Mary Gregory

mgregorysmiles@gmail.com

Pastor Chris' Midweek Bible Study

6pm - 7pm, Sanctuary

No reservations required

Thursday

MOPS (Mothers of PreSchoolers*)

8:30am - 12pm, Fellowship Hall

1st & 3rd Thursday

*Moppets (1st & 3rd Thursday)

8:30am - 12pm, Family Life Center

Friday

Holy Yoga

9am - 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

Breaking Bread Together & Lunch Bunch Schedule

Sat 1/19 Lunch

Sat 2/16 Lunch

Sun 1/27 Dinner

Sun 2/24 Dinner

Lunch Bunch: 1 to 2:30pm

Breaking Bread Together Dinners: 5 to 7pm

Visit the glass house or contact Jean Peters at

jp.fp@aol.com

Mark Your Calendars

VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MIDWEEK PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY

WITH PASTOR CHRIS ROMIG

All are welcome, no sign-up necessary


825 THE RIALTO, VPC SANCTUARY

Starts January 09 6:00pm - 7:00pm

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Join Pastor Chris for a midweek Bible study in the sanctuary. We will be looking in depth at the daily/weekly readings from the Gospel of Luke. Bring your Bible and/or your Gospel of Luke Journals (available at VPC, \$5 donations) and invite friends to join us!

941-488-2258



VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS



Jennifer Speer

LEANING IN TO LISTEN

Depicting words from someone we love are important. We hang on to every syllable and lean in to hear every word. Likewise, Jesus' disciples listened intently to the final life-affirming and life-giving words of Christ, spoken to them in the Upper Room and recorded in John 13:35. The message Jesus speaks to the disciple is also His message to us, words of comfort, love, and warning, His final instructions, Lean in and listen.

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 TILL NOON
 JANUARY 9TH THROUGH FEBRUARY 27TH

825 THE RIALTO, VENICE, FL
 FELLOWSHIP HALL

TO REGISTER & PAY, VISIT WWW.VENICEPRES.ORG
 FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 941-488-2258




Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

Venice Presbyterian Church will host Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) for women beginning January 11, 2019. BSF is an international organization gathering to study the Bible chapter by chapter in over 70 countries! *“Verse by verse the Bible is approached as God’s truth to be savored and lived out.”*

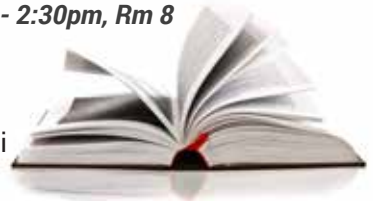
This group will meet Friday mornings from 9:45am to 11:15am in the Sanctuary of VPC. There will be a pre-school children’s program offered for children ages birth – Kindergarten. To register please contact Class Administrator, Tracy Patsel, at tracyjae@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Women

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| Jan 15 Travels with PW, share something from your travels. Potluck Lunch | Mar 2 Annual Garage Sale |
| Feb 19 God’s Quilt, The Pieces of Our Lives by Peg Moffett, Potluck Lunch | Apr 16 Moravian Lady by Diane Penick, Potluck Lunch |

Book Club, 1st Wednesday of the month, 1:00 - 2:30pm, Rm 8

- Jan. 9 *Suncoast Empire* by Frank Cassell
- Feb. 6 *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan
- Mar 6 *A Land Remembered* by Patrick Smith
- April 3 *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi
- May 1 *River of Doubt* by Candice Millard



VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

MEET & GREET

***VPC wants to welcome all new
guests, frequent visitors and friends***

*We would like to extend an invitation to "meet" our pastors
and leaders so we can get to know you and your family.*

*Sunday, January 13, 12:00 pm
following 11am service in Fellowship Hall*

