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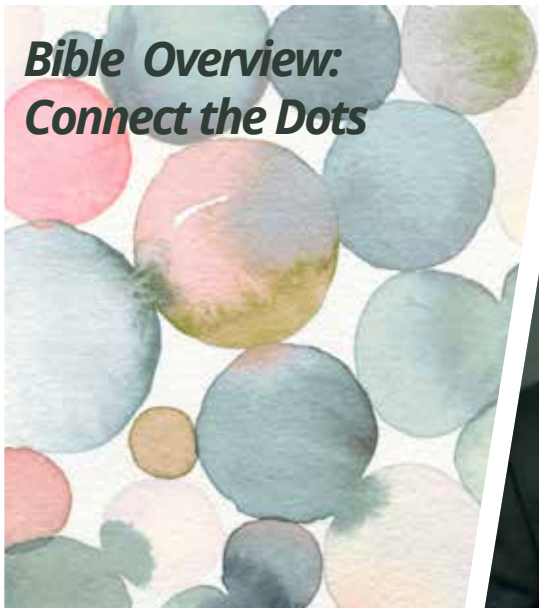
To Glorify God as a Disciple-Making Outpost of Kingdom Life



Holy Week Services

Here's What's Going on at VPC in Spring 2021

***Bible Overview:
Connect the Dots***



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Our Vision in Action

To Glorify God As A Disciple-Making Outpost Of Kingdom Life



COMMUNION ON THE LAWN

Third Wednesday of the month at 3 pm.

LIBRARY HOURS

Open during church office hours, please see the receptionist for entry or contact chaplin@gmail.com

CHAPEL HOURS FOR PRAYER

Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Thurs, 9 am - 4 pm
Fri, 9 am - 12 pm

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941-488-2258

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 - Text to: **73256**
 - Use Code: **Venicepres**
 - Add the giving amount: **50**
 - Example: **Venicepres50**
4. **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):** Automatically withdraw your gift from your checking account each month. Contact church office.
5. **Giving Boxes** are mounted on the wall by exit doors in the church to receive your gifts.
6. **QR Code**
 - Point your camera at the QR code on the right. →
 - Tap the pop-up notification to be taken to the Giving Page.
7. **Cash and Check:** We gladly accept cash and checks in the mail or dropped off at the office.



Pastor Chris's Book, "**The Beatitudes**" is now available in the church office. The cost is \$9.99 (\$10 for those who don't want your penny).

Please note, **all** the proceeds from this book go to our mission partner, Salud Que Transforma.

It is also available on Amazon.



You have Free Access to **RightNow Media**, a spiritual resource. To get access follow the steps below or call the office for instruction.

1. Email cloomis@venicepres.org to request access.
2. Receive your invitation email.
3. Click the "Get Started" button in the email.
4. Create your profile... and explore!

I already have a login:

Go to www.rightnow-media.org

Forgot my password:

Click the "Forgot Password" link at the bottom of the login page and a link to reset your password will be emailed to you.

Forgot my username:

Your username is your full email address.

Desk of Executive Director



Hello Church Family,

You are part of something larger than yourself, the body of Christ! Glory be to God!

Every few weeks it seems the theme of questions I receive regarding the pandemic become a little different. Therefore, I would like to address the reality we are currently living in and to answer some of those questions as we reach the one-year mark of our COVID-19 journey.

GOD HAS CARRIED US THIS FAR

Please remember, this is our first pandemic. There is no rule book or cutoff date to tell us when this whole thing is going to end. Wow, do I wish there was! If only there were a cheatsheet to show us how to manage all of the interesting twists and turns. We may not know but be assured God does. Below are our frequently asked questions:

Are you going to require everyone to get “the shot”?

There is no way we can “require” that everyone get vaccinated against COVID. There are some people who have allergies, medical conditions, some are not of age yet to receive “the shot”. We are a church, we are not able to mandate anyone to receive any type of medical care.

When will we begin to hold all of our meetings in person?

The answer is, when you are comfortable. We regularly ask those people who attend online meetings how they feel about in person meetings. If the collective groups are not comfortable then we continue to meet on Zoom.

We are currently offering a hybrid New Member Class. It is exciting to see we’ve been able to adjust and move forward. A year ago, hybrid classes would have been out of the question. Today, Zoom meetings are something we do often.

How long will we continue a mask mandatory worship service?

The candid, truthful question is, I don’t know. This will be a decision for Session to discern based on criteria from the CDC, local COVID numbers, and your comfort levels.

When will we go back to one worship service and what time will it be? Will it have masks?

Again, I don’t know. Session will need to discern how this will happen, when, and if! Please pray for Session as we navigate these questions.

How will you get people to come back to worship after they've been gone for so long?

Prayer, God's guiding, and their hunger for connection and community. As part of the Pastoral Team that is connecting with the congregation, I hear over and over how much people cannot wait to get back to church. Some are waiting until they get their shots, some didn't come back to Florida because of the virus but faithfully watch online, and remember our Canadian brothers and sisters' borders are still closed. I believe God will work this out. The really neat thing is we've heard from some that they have started coming to VPC because they found us online.

When will we resume children's programming during worship?

The Children's Ministry Team met March 1st and are not ready to resume quite yet. The volunteers would like to hold off a while longer. There are children's goodie bags that are changed up each week so the kids feel welcome and have something to look forward to! Our regular kids also receive God's Glory Boxes so they continue learning about Christ each month through this wonderful gift from VPC Children's Ministry.

I truly want to know what you are thinking. Email me anytime with questions or ways we can be praying for you as we navigate through this season together.
cobrien@venicepres.org or prayer@venicepres.org.



Christine Bruin
Executive Director, VPC

Stephen Ministry Cares

Maybe you are feeling COVID Fatigue: You are tired of being isolated from your family and friends; you are lonely and sometimes feel helpless; things seem so much harder to accomplish than before the pandemic. Maybe you have suffered a recent loss or setback during this difficult year. The usual support of friends and family are not as readily available as they were.

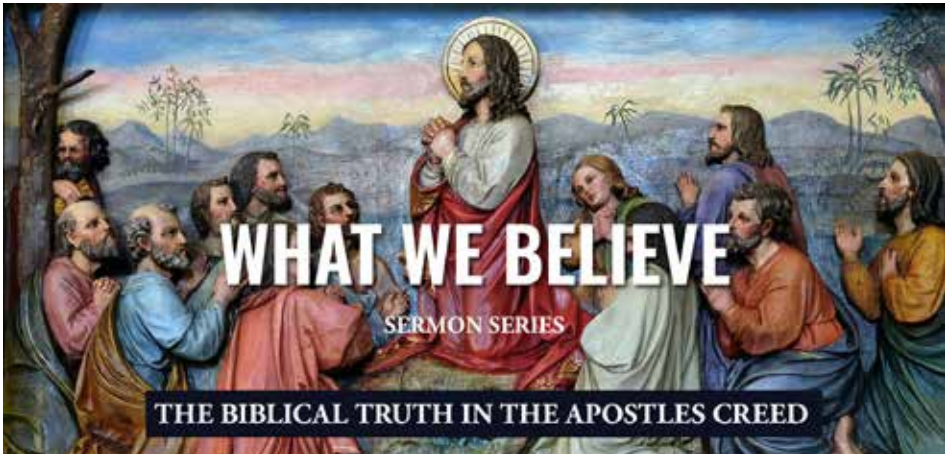
Stephen Ministers are ready to help shoulder the burden you carry. We continue to "meet with" those who need time and talk devoted just to them and their needs. We meet over the phone, via Zoom, Facetime and other video phone applications, and we meet in socially-distanced mutually agreeable settings.

Give us a call. Let's talk.

Marcia Bickmore - 941-488-9379
Laura Saye - 269-339-5907

Richard Gilbert - 941-485-1494
Email us at sm@venicepres.org

Worship Ministry



Sermon Series Continued

Why We Believe: The Biblical Truth in the Apostles Creed

Our Sunday messages will unpack the core beliefs of the Christian faith, looking in-depth at each phrase from the Apostles Creed – the oldest and most succinct summary of Christian beliefs. The goal of this preaching series is to help us better appreciate the essentials of our Christian faith, and to understand why it's so important to affirm these truths that have been shared by Christians across the centuries.

March 7	<i>Conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary</i>	April 18	<i>He Ascended Into Heaven and Sits at the Right Hand of the Father</i>
March 14	<i>He Suffered Under Pontius Pilate</i>	April 25	<i>Coming Again to Judge the Living and the Dead</i>
March 21	<i>He Was Crucified, Dead, & Buried</i>	May 2	<i>The Holy Ghost</i>
March 28 (Palm Sunday)	<i>He Descended Into Hell</i>	May 9	<i>The Holy Catholic Church</i>
April 4 (Easter)	<i>The Third Day, He Rose Again From the Dead</i>	May 16	<i>The Communion of Saints</i>
April 11	<i>Guest Preacher: Dr. Carl Ellis, Reformed Theological Seminary</i>	May 23 (Pentecost)	<i>The Forgiveness of Sins</i>
		May 30	<i>The Resurrection of the Body</i>
		June 6	<i>The Life Everlasting</i>

Communion on the Lawn

Join us outside on the front lawn of the church, March 17 at 3:00 PM to receive communion in this simple, intimate outdoor service.

Bring a lawn chair and sunglasses as we gather together while social distancing. All safety protocols will be in place.

Music & The Word Lenten Devotional Schedule

Wednesday March 10 *In Christ Alone: Music of Keith & Kristyn Getty*

While the church sings and appreciates the time honored and historic hymns of the faith, God is inspiring a new wave of Christian musicians and composers. Keith and Kristyn Getty, most famous for their song "In Christ Alone", are some of the most important and creative hymn writers of the modern era. They bring together the sounds and harmonies of their Celtic upbringings and deep theological truths of scripture to compose music that causes us to look beyond ourselves to the person and nature of the triune God we serve. Join Jamal for a time of scripture, prayer, and a look into some of his favorite hymns by Keith and Kristyn Getty.

Wednesday March 17 *Soli Deo Gloria: Music of Johann Sebastian Bach*

Johann Sebastian Bach is one of the most important figures in Western and Protestant Church Music. Most famous for his organ music, keyboard music and Instrumental works, Bach composed 3 oratorios, 2 Passions and 200 cantatas; 150 of them being sacred. Bach, being a Lutheran, reharmonized many of the most beloved German Lutheran hymns we sing today such as A Mighty Fortress and O Sacred Head Now Wounded. Join Pastor Chris and Jamal for a time centered on God's Word and a time travel through history to the life and music of the world's greatest and most important composer, Johann Sebastian Bach.

Wednesday March 24 *Hymns of the Cross*

Central to the life and theology of a Christian is the cross. The cross is where the full wrath of God was placed upon His son to save and redeem unworthy people from experiencing eternal separation from God. The theme of the cross has produced some of the greatest and most treasured hymns of the Christian faith. These hymns teach us about who we are in Christ and remind us of the suffering He endured so that we can live with the promise of eternal life. Join Pastor Carolyn and Jamal as they explore the hymns of the cross.



Wednesday March 31 *Music for Trumpet and Organ*

For our final Lenten Music and The Word, we are excited to welcome Tim Zimmerman of the King's Brass. Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass have inspired audiences for over three decades. While performing is their medium, they strive to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever they are. The sounds of brass and organ have inspired the believer for centuries. Join Pastor Chris, Jamal, and Tim Zimmerman for the final devotional in our Lenten season.

Palms will be available for pick up on Friday, March 26 and Saturday, March 27 for those who will be worshipping from home on Palm Sunday. There will be a table set up by the narthex doors, closest to the bell tower.

HOLY WEEK *Services**

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Mask Mandated Service



April 1, 2021 7:00pm

On Maundy Thursday we will gather together to celebrate the Lord's table and his commandment to love one another as He has loved us. We break bread remembering both the Last Supper with His Disciples but also to give thanks that his body was broken, and his blood was shed to become the Passover Lamb for those who place their trust in Him. This service will be a mask mandated service where holy communion will be served. Music provided by our VPC Handbell Choir.

GOOD FRIDAY

Mask Recommended Service

April 2, 2021, 6:15pm - Jamal Sarikoki, Vocal Recital
7:00pm - Tenebrae Service

Our Good Friday begins with a vocal recital by our Minister of Music, Jamal Sarikoki at 6:15 pm. Jamal will present vocal works based on Christ's Passion. Composers include Moses Hogan, Craig Courtney, Samuel Barber, and Johann Sebastian Bach.

At 7:00 pm we will remember the sacrifice of Christ's atoning work through a Tenebrae Service. The service of Tenebrae has been practiced by the church since the medieval times. Originally a service for the monastic community, it has evolved into an important and integral part of the Holy Week worship services for Christians all around the world. Tenebrae, meaning "darkness" or "shadows," is a prolonged meditation on Christ's suffering. Using readings, hymns, and choral anthems; we trace the story of Christ's passion. Concluding each reading of scripture, a candle is extinguished, eventually creating a dark room, which causes us to ponder Christ's suffering, his death, and the rejection by God the Father. Through this service we recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the events of Christ's passion. Concluding the service Jamal will sing the negro spiritual "Were You There" followed by the tolling of the bell 7 times to represent the fullness of Christ's sacrifice. We are delighted to welcome back guest organist Dr. Ann-Stephenson Moe and our VPC Chancel Choir.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4, 2021
8:00am

*Mask Mandated Service
without Congregational
Singing*

April 4, 2021
9:30am and 11:15am

*Mask Recommended Service
with Congregational
Singing*



On Easter Sunday, Pastor Chris continues the sermon series on the Apostle's Creed, preaching "On the Third Day He Rose." At the 8:00am service, we will enjoy triumphant music of Easter presented by the organ, brass, and handbells. At the 9:30am and 11:15am we will sing great Easter hymns of the faith and hear wonderful music from the organ, brass, and Chancel Choir. Join us for an exciting morning of worship as we celebrate God raising His son from the dead to reign victorious over sin and death. On Easter we lift our voices high to heaven thanking God for sending His Son to save us from eternal death and giving us life. Those who trust in Jesus no longer have to fear death but look forward with great anticipation to raising to new life through Jesus Christ.

"In the bonds of death He lay, who for our offense was slain, but the Lord is risen today. Christ hath brought us life again. Wherefore let us all rejoice, singing loud with a cheerful voice, hallelujah!" -Martin Luther

825 THE RIALTO, VENICE, FL 34285, 941-488-2258

Register online at www.venicepres.org | social distancing | temperatures at the door

*All services will be livestreamed and available to watch on our website and YouTube

Care & Compassion

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

GriefShare will be held via Zoom so if you are a seasonal resident and will not be in Venice for some or all of the sessions, you can still participate.

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Women's Group

Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 AM
March 2 – May 25

Contact

Mary Gregory, (716) 984-3613
Mgregorysmiles@gmail.com

Donna Wainright, (941) 800-4196
ravenblackVet2000@yahoo.com

Men's Group

Thursdays 10 AM - 12 PM
March 11 - June 3

Contact


Nick Clemmer, (941) 488-2258
nclemmer@venicepres.org

This is a free service available to the community at large.

Memorials at VPC

VPC has a wonderful ministry of celebrating the lives of those we love. We have the option of holding the memorials in the sanctuary, chapel, or outside at our beautiful Memorial Garden. We have the capability to share these services through live-streaming video so families can share in the memories, even while being apart. Cherie Loomis works alongside the pastors arranging the memorials. She can be reached at cloomis@venicepres.org.





The Stephen Lynerd Group
The Stephen Lynerd Group
is no stranger to Venice and
Presbyterian Stepflair and
his group have often been
taking a traditional fresh and
modern jazz approach.
Join us for a night of great
music and worship.
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**ONLINE (\$15) OR
IN-PERSON (\$25)**

www.venicepres.org/vccs-concert

A Shelter in the Time of Storm

Stephen Lynerd

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 7:00 PM

**VENICE
COMMUNITY
CONCERT
SERIES**

In-person or Online Concert Registration at www.venicepres.org

A ministry of Venice Presbyterian Church, 825 The Rialto, Venice, FL

Music Ministry

2 New Concerts
Added!



VENICE COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES

A Shelter In The Time Of Storm

In an effort to continue to bring great music to those in person as well as at home, we have added two new concerts to this season. Tickets for both concerts will go on sale **March 10** on our website, www.venicepres.org.

Hymns of the Living Church

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 AT 7:00 PM
TICKETS-\$25 IN PERSON, \$15 VIRTUAL ACCESS
Masks Recommended

The church is a living organism that carries out the mission and work of Jesus Christ. Part of the tradition of the church is singing. Through Hymns we learn scripture, we deepen our theology, and we create community by lifting our voices together. On April 10 th , we are excited to welcome back the dynamic duo of Michelle Kuhl and Jamal Sarikoki. Performing duets for organ and piano, they will present a concert of treasured hymns, gospel music, and spirituals. This 70-minute concert will be a night of worship, punctuated with the singing of hymns.

Let Everything That Has Breath

FRIDAY, APRIL 23 AT 7:00 PM
VIRTUAL ONLY
TICKETS-\$15

Venice Presbyterian Church has garnered a wonderful relationship with Key Chorale over the last four years. We have seen much of the choir world go dormant over the last year. However, Key Chorale has found many ways to virtually bring world class choral music to the community. As their season comes to a close, the Venice Community Concert Series is excited to present a concert called "Let Everything That Has Breath." This virtual concert celebrates the best and brightest of gospel music and spirituals. Not only will you be clapping your hands and tapping your toes to the lively sounds of the choir, Hammond B-3, and gospel band, but you might even shed a tear as the rich and dark tones of the chorale and soloist Amy Connours brings spirituals of pain, grief, and triumph.

Missions

March MMP Day 4 Hope



Day 4 Hope's mission, working with Hope 4 Communities, is to prepare homeless and under-privileged children to return to school on an equal basis with their peers by giving them a positive attitude and the items needed for a successful school year.

In 2019 we served 115 children, but in 2020 we served 165 children. COVID created additional needs for the children and their families. Before 2020, we held a full Day 4 Hope event with the doctors, dentists, and eye specialists as well as hair stylists and a photographer. We utilized over 320 volunteers to hold the event. In 2020 we were only able to have a drive through event. Thus, no hands on touching the children, NO doctors, dentists, eye exams, haircuts, or photographs. Our volunteer needs dropped to 65 people.

What will we do in 2021? We will plan for both types of events and hold off making the final decision as to which approach we take until late April. With COVID vaccines slowly proceeding

I doubt we will have all the kids, families, volunteers, and leadership team vaccinated by July 31st. Unless everyone is vaccinated, we will proceed with a drive through event.

With a Day 4 Hope drive through event, we will have colorful balloons, music, friendly waves, and smiles welcoming the families as they drive in, and prayers offered throughout the day, even though we were all masked and distanced to keep all volunteers and families safe from COVID-19.

Each child will receive a backpack full of school supplies, a bag full of personal care products, 20+ pounds of groceries, a bag of fresh fruit, and a box of fresh vegetables. With the trunk of the vehicle piled full of these items, the final stop is at the gift card table where each child will receive \$100 worth of gift cards to buy clothes and shoes, a Bible, and a packet including a letter of concern from VPC, immunization information, prayer request cards, and many other helpful items.

We will plan to serve 180 children this year whose names we receive from the local elementary schools. We will amend that total upward if we realize additional needy children to serve.

We cannot host this event every year without a team of dedicated volunteers who give of their time and talents. Bobbie and Richard Gilbert coordinate the processing of children and sending out invitations; Robin Maher-Frost coordinates with the schools in reaching children & families and operates registration; and Bob Jelenchick and Sheryl Morford obtain the supplies and lead a team preparing all the backpacks, care bags, groceries, vegetables, and fruit for the event. Cindy Gossman will coordinate obtaining the volunteers and maintaining the master volunteer

list. These six members of the leadership team always go above and beyond in giving of their time and energies. These major areas are supported by the remaining leadership team members and about 65 volunteers, including many teenagers. We also receive support and volunteers from Grace United Methodist Church and New Life Assembly of God.

VPC has truly blessed these children every year and we pray that you will again help with your financial contributions, prayer, and volunteer after you are vaccinated. Cindy and I am grateful for every person who works to make this day a Hopeful one for many less fortunate families.

Fred & Cindy Gossman
Event Coordinators



Clinica Medica Salvatore/Orphans

Built with the help of Venice Presbyterians and Friends, the clinic is located in an impoverished area of Guatemala where there is little access to basic medical services. Each week, hundreds of patients are treated and given the opportunity to participate in vocational training, health education and Bible studies. To sustain this effort, the clinic needs medical supplies, professional services and Bibles.

Dr. Erick Estrada heads a medical team that includes a general practitioner, a gynecologist, a dentist and dental assistant, a physiotherapist and three nurses. Outside the clinic, a list of fees for service is displayed at very reasonable rates, which are adjusted for income if necessary. Those over 60 and people with special needs are free.

Every day, the clinic staff performs checkups for babies, dental work in both Cortijo and rural sites, and vision care in the form of donated glasses being matched to patient needs. Along with poverty and malnutrition, diabetes is a major concern. The clinic staff treats the disease, and provides medicines and nutrition counseling in an effort to improve patient health.



In addition to the medical program, Clínica Médica Salvatore reaches out to provide food for the poorest children in the village school. Support for the teachers is provided through talks on nutrition, classroom discipline and shared ideas on coping with overcrowded classes. Visitors with expertise in any suitable area are gratefully welcomed and village parents are happy to attend sessions geared to their needs.

The Guatemala Clinic Team delivers mission funds, medicines, clothing and other supplies. They will also experience and assist the ministry of Dr. Erick and Cynthia Estrada and their staff at the clinic in El Cortijo and other clinic sites. Participants should be in good health, enjoy working as a team and desire to make a difference. You do not need to know Spanish nor possess any particular medical skills.

Larry Vanderwal
[lvanderwal@bkvpc.com](mailto:lvanterwal@bkvpc.com)



SAVING YOUR COINS? We are still collecting for 3 Cents-a-Meal. Simply drop off your donation at the church using any container you choose every 3rd Sunday. Or you can also give online using the GIVE NOW Button on the website or send it a check to the church office. Thank you for continuing to feed the needy in our area during the pandemic.



TOGETHER
FOR LIFE

WALK FOR LIFE 2021

Join Pregnancy Solutions for the 2021 Walk for Life: Together for LIFE! You do not want to miss this fun family day out! Walk with us, Together for Life!

Saturday, March 6, 9 am at Woodmere Park in Venice. To participate as a walker or to donate, visit PSWalkforLife.org



April MMP
Laurel Civic Association

Laurel Civic Association offers services and support to primarily low income and at risk children and their families through activities that educate, provide positive social interaction, and lead to self-sufficiency with the help of our funders, volunteers and, donors.

Major needs of our community are served through:

- decent and affordable housing
- educational opportunities for all children
- the ability to not be hungry
- safe supervised care for children after school
- social interaction
- a clean, safe neighborhood

Education is the foundation for all our programs

- Homework Assistance
- Earning by Learning
- Teen Empowerment

Community Development

Community Development is taking care of the people, the buildings and the land in our communities. We have done that by educating, supporting and empowering all ages with the tools to become self-sufficient, and making permanent and positive changes in the community.

- Affordable Housing
- Adopt-A-Road
- Community Clean-Up
- Healthy Mind & Body

Everyone deserves not to be hungry. We do our part by serving as a distribution site for USDA Food through All Faiths Food Bank .

- USDA Commodities
- Educational Field Trips
- Kids' Café

Social Development

Socialization is very important. All of our activities are safe and supervised by positive adult role models. We encourage everyone to expand their horizons every day in all our activities.

Family Ministry

Venice Presbyterian Church has the privilege of being chosen as Alec Ronald's Eagle Scout Project location. Alec has put countless hours into planning, seeking approval, raising funds, and building to provide our ministry with our very own Gaga Ball Pit. Gaga Ball is one of our students' absolute favorite games to play when Cedarkirk Day Camp is in town. Up until now, the camp has brought a portable pit with them. We are thrilled to have our own Gaga Ball pit installed in the playground area outside the Family Life Center.



Never heard of Gaga Ball? Basically, we throw a bunch of players and a soft dodgeball into a 'pit' (an octagonal playing field surrounded by short walls). Once the ball is in play, the players can hit it with an open or closed hand. If a ball touches a player below the knee, they are out. Balls bounce around the pit until only one player is left standing.

Completing an Eagle Scout Project is no easy feat. On average an Eagle Scout Project takes 130 hours! Alec was required to research and create a project that would help and benefit the Venice community. He also was required to provide leadership to those in his troop as they worked together to complete this project. All of the funds for this project were raised by Alec with the help of many of his mentors here at VPC. Alec had to defend his project's necessity both to his BSA Council and to VPC's leadership. Under Alec's leadership the Gaga Ball Pit was installed on February 27, 2021.

We are blessed to have Alec Ronald as a member of our church! He is a faithful member of our A/V leadership each week. ***If you see him around, be sure to congratulate him on this fabulous achievement.***



Academic Scholarship Deadline is fast approaching!

Members of Venice Presbyterian Church 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 are granted based on service to:

- church, school, community
- academic standing
- justifiable need
- special circumstances

Scholarship Opportunities are available in until March 15. To apply, go to www.venicepres.org.



Buddy Break Update

We have continued Buddy Break in creative ways! While we are not able to follow our traditional format of giving our parents the morning off, it has been a blessing to continue reaching out to families with children with special needs.

Our Saturday activities have included a drive thru, a petting zoo, a scavenger hunt, crafts, and more all offered outside on the lawn. Our Buddies have also been reaching out to the children we serve by sending them mail a couple of times a month. Please continue to pray for our Buddy Break families and that we find creative ways to help them feel the love of Jesus. We continue to host activities on the third Saturday of each month.

Youth Nights Return!



Begins March 10 beginning Wednesday evenings, 5:45-7pm
Family Life Center

- Please bring a water bottle
- Masks highly recommended
- In case of inclement weather, we will gather in the Glass House

Contact Genna Sarikoki,
gsarikoki@venicepres.org

Connect & Grow

"The Trials We Face" Women's Bible Study

The trials we face in life are meant to prepare us for glory! But often we are overwhelmed by them. Are you persevering in the midst of trials or have you surrendered to doubt, fear or blame? The oldest book in the New Testament gives us God's unique insight into handling trials so that others will see the image of Christ in us. Spend an hour in the first chapter of James to see God's imprint on our every trial and learn how trials will transform your life!

April 8, 10 AM - 11 AM, Sanctuary
registration begins Thursday, March 11 online at
www.venicepres.org




Candy Blackwood

Candy Blackwood has been teaching women's Bible studies for over 30 years. She has been using and teaching inductive Bible study skills that enable one to learn God's truth for themselves.

Through inductive Bible study she has learned the practical reality of Psalm 1:1-2 How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked... but his delight is in the law of the Lord.

Candy has been married to her husband, Jerry, for 47 years and is a mother of two and grandmother of five. She lives in San Angelo, Texas.



CHURCH WOMEN UNITED INVITE YOU
"World Day of Prayer" Picnic
BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION
Friday, March 5 at Noon
Englewood United Methodist

Contact Niki Steitz
nsteitz33@comcast.net



Nomads Bible Study

Nomads Bible Study will meet weekly on Tuesdays through April and is **open to all women in our church** and beyond. This year we will be using a study guide called "Colossians and Philemon" by Christopher A Beetham, contact group co-leaders

- Karen Langlais at kolanglais@verizon.net
- Anna Marie Brummett, amdrbrum@gmail.com
847-309-8005,

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study

Room 9, 9 AM each Tuesday, Contact Dick Edmunds for details at 941-488-8949, kcid1961@gmail.com

Knit 1 Pray 2

Every Wednesday from 10:00am to 12:30pm, This group meets virtually.

VPC Book Club

All are invited to participate. Initial meetings will be held on Zoom

March 3 **Where the Crawdad's Sing** by Delia Owens

April 7 **A Gentleman in Moscow** by Amor Towles

May 5 **The Great Alone** by Kristen Hannah

Contact: Mary Gregory, mgregorysmiles@gmail.com

Jennifer Speer's Study available online!

Live Strong - Facing Life with Faith in-person meetings have concluded but you are still able to watch all the studies on our website along with the corresponding notes and outlines. Go to www.venicepres.org to access. Thank you Jennifer for an amazing presentation.

PW Silent Auction yielded \$574! Thank you for working and contributing items to our auction

Presbyterian Women (PW) Gathering

Final gathering of the season will be on Tuesday, April 20 at 2 PM outside on the church lawn (*please bring a lawn chair*) with guest, appraiser Carrie Miles. Each lady is welcome to bring in 1-2 treasured items for appraisal. Also, the Honorary Life Member recipient (*Woman of the Year*) will be announced. Social distancing and masks are mandatory.

PW gatherings will resume on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2021 at 2:00 PM with a surprise chick flick. Please RSVP to Niki Steitz at nsteitz33@comcast.net or (941) 493-7628.

VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 AT 6:00
CHURCH SANCTUARY

A Ten Week Bible Study



Connect the Dots
A BIBLE OVERVIEW

Abraham, Passover, Joseph, the Judges, Promised Land, Rahab, Redeemer...do you ever feel like the people, stories, timelines, and places in the Bible are a Connect the Dot Puzzle? Or are you new to the Bible and not sure where to begin?

Join Pastor Carolyn and Karen Norwood as they connect the dots in A Bible Overview. Whether you know a lot about the Bible or almost nothing, this study will help you sort out the puzzle and connect those dots!

Register online at www.venicepres.org
This bible study will also be live-streamed for your convenience.

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