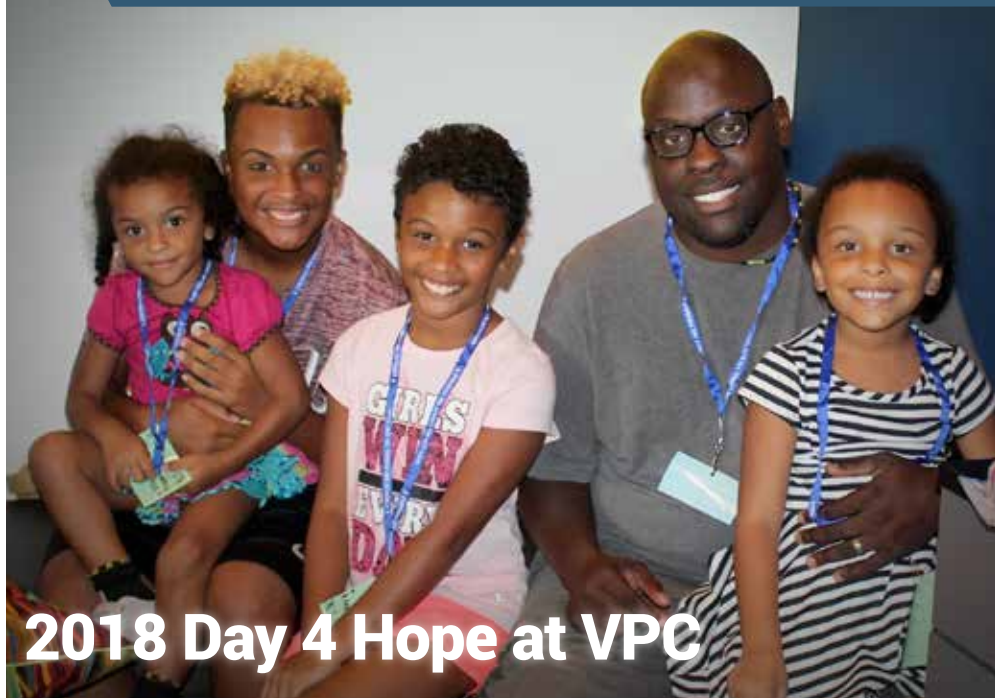


Connect, Grow & Go

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



2018 Day 4 Hope at VPC

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

Lunch Bunch



Christmas in July



Our Vision in Action

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

Worship Service Hours

Sunday, 10:00am

July 4th & Sept 3 (Labor Day)

Church offices will be closed

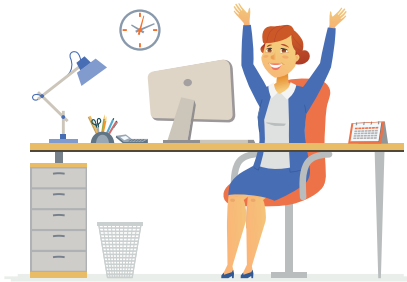
Regular Office Hours

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

Friday, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Phone 941-488-2258

Volunteers Needed and Appreciated



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 Cris Anderson, canderson@venicepres.org.

Congregational Meeting

July 15th, immediately following the 10am worship service, a Congregational Meeting will take place to approve the appointment of Carolyn Wilson as the next associate pastor. We welcome and encourage you to attend.



Don't mind our dust

Starting Monday, July 2, VPC will be installing new flooring on both 1st and 2nd floors of the church offices. Due to the dust, mess, noise and disruption, many of the staff will be working from home. It will still be business as usual but the friendly faces of VPC staff may not be immediately available when you walk in the door. This process will take 1 - 2 weeks. We thank you in advance for your patience.

Let's get connected.

What is Realm?

Realm is a **real** ministry tool.

Realm is an online ministry tool designed for real time connection. It helps our church connect with you and you connect with us. If you consider yourself part of this church family, you'll love it. Realm allows you to manage your personal information and who is allowed to see it, control your giving, and keep in touch with the groups that matter to you.

Why use Realm?

Realm strengthens church connections.

Being the church doesn't just happen at the church. Realm helps us serve you better and leads this church well between Sundays. Everyone can be connected from anywhere at any time, right from our mobile devices. It engages everyone in the life of our church by supporting the healthy relationships essential to our church's mission. We'll stay organized, and you'll stay informed about all of the

opportunities for fellowship. When we share life together, we will grow together.

What about my privacy?

Realm is safe, private, and secure.

Your privacy is one of our greatest concerns. Realm is only made up of the people in our church, it's not like a social network that's open to everyone. **Realm keeps your data safe and gives you control over what information you share and who can see it.**

What about giving?

Realm gives you control over your giving.

Giving should be easy, and Realm places giving right in the palm of your hands. You may set up recurring gifts, view your giving history, and make changes at any time. Realm automatically records all electronic gifts and adds them to your giving record making it easy for you to give, and easy for our bookkeeper to track.

How do I start? Follow these few simple steps.



1. Launch date is set for August 1.
2. For your convenience, we will have support personnel available in the Narthex after worship service on July 29 and August 5. Simply bring your smart phone and for iphones, you will need your apple ID and password or for android phones, bring your App Store login email and password.
3. **Please note:** In order to access Realm, each individual must have their own email account. Shared accounts are not allowed. Email addresses are free and easy to setup.
4. If you have any questions, contact the VPC office at 941-488-2258.

July 1, Joshua Rasdall

Rev. Joshua Rasdall currently serves as senior pastor at Grace Fellowship Evangelical Free Church in Milford, New Jersey.



Formerly a musician, Josh played trumpet in orchestras and jazz bands across the Midwest before hearing a call to ministry in 2008. Acting on this call

resulted in a Masters of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, Illinois. Immediately on graduation he worked for five years as Pastor of Youth and Family Ministries at Montvale Evangelical Free Church in Montvale, New Jersey, while also serving as a Navy Chaplain. Josh is married to his college sweetheart, Jessica. They are both avid fans of music, performing in their free time, when not serving the church, and even bigger fans of their two handsome boys, Isaiah and Timothy.

July 8, Rev. Victoria Millar

Rev. Victoria Millar, a Michigan native, graduated from The University of Michigan as a chemical engineer but immediately went to work in corporate banking for 17 years. After years of soul searching, she took a leap of faith to enroll at Princeton Theological Seminary (PTS). There she met and married her classmate the Rev. J.D. Millar, a retired career U.S. Air Force pilot. Post graduation, she served at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, First Presbyterian of Wilmette, IL and Covenant Presbyterian in Racine, WI. She is also Benedictine oblate. Her heart for mission has taken her to Cuba, Mexico, Kenya, Zambia and Guatemala. She first went to Guatemala with VPC joining PTS classmate Lyn Olson on a HELPS stove building trip. She then borrowed VPC's tool boxes and returned to Guatemala to bring HELPS a mission team from Racine. Because Lyn and Ron Olson welcomed them on countless occasions, she and J.D. fell in love with Venice and moved here in 2015. They travel extensively but both fill in at Presbyterian churches when available. When she's home, she can be found at the yoga classes on Venice beach.



July 22, Christmas in July

Typically, we like to give you details about special services, however, we want you to come full of anticipation and excitement. Come ready to worship God and contemplate how the Christmas story can apply to your life, in this season. We also invite you to bring any children or families, as there might be a special visit from St. Nicholas.



July 15, Brian Gurl



Brian Gurl has performed across the country featuring his unique musical creativity and deeply engaging performance style. His compelling, one-of-a-kind, jazz-pop-classical fusion instrumental and vocal arrangements have garnered rave reviews nationwide.

Born and raised in Lebanon, New Hampshire, Brian's training began at six with twelve years of classical piano study. He studied jazz piano including acting, dancing and voice lessons in Boston, MA. Brian began his professional career at eighteen- playing piano in the Northeast.

Additionally he was the pianist for the Woodstock Jazz Quintet playing be-bop to contemporary fusion, plus concurrently with a popular dance band. Brian and his wife Joey, residents of Florida as of July 2017, toured Florida with their musical comedy shows. Brian has appeared with the Venice Symphony Orchestra and was performer/musical director in over fifteen stage productions. In recent years, Brian has been lead as part of his musical mission, to offer his unique talents in worship services and church fundraisers. Brian is currently the pianist for Bay Point Church in Nokomis, FL. He is honored to share his music in worship for Venice Presbyterian Church.

July 29, Carolyn Wilson



Originally hailing from Michigan, Carolyn Wilson spent many years in the corporate world in the fields of Information Technology and Global Telecommunications. She also directed a

large multi-national, multi-site research and development organization based in France. In 2004, Carolyn left the corporate world, and spent the next seven years as a realtor and real estate investor during the market's big downturn. The Lord used the difficulties of that period in her life to draw her closer to Jesus, and led her onto a different and unexpected career path.

Carolyn has served the past seven years at Church of the Palms in Sarasota, primarily as the Director of Equipping Ministry. Her responsibilities included Adult Spiritual Formation, Small Group Development, Hospitality, New Members, Volunteer Ministry, and Women's Ministries. She is also a trained Stephen Minister.

This Spring, God called Carolyn to serve at Venice Presbyterian Church as the Director of Connection and Outreach as she completed her Master of Divinity degree at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary and the steps required for ordination as a Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the PC(USA). Her final step will be an examination before the Peace River Presbytery on August 9th and she will be ready for ordination and installation as Venice Presbyterian Church's Associate Pastor in early September.

Festival of Worship, August 2018



August 5, Rev. Dr. Winfred Neely

Rev. Dr. Winfred Neely is currently Senior Pastor at Judson Baptist Church in Oak Park, IL. He served as a missionary in Senegal, West Africa, as well as a pastor and church planter of a number of Chicago-land churches. Pastor Neely holds a B.A. from Trinity College, M.A. from Wheaton College Graduate School, D.Min. from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and is currently working on a Ph.D. in Old Testament.

Dr. Neely is a professor of hermeneutics, preaching, and pastoral studies at Moody Bible Institute and authored the book, "How to Overcome Worry: Experiencing the Peace of God in Every Situation".

He and his wife Stephne have been happily married for over 40 years and are the proud parents of four children and grandparents of nine grandchildren.

August 12, Jennifer Speer

Jennifer is a conference speaker, Bible teacher, writer, and founder of Word of Joy. She is a graduate of Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Jennifer's first book, "Women of Grace", is available now. Through her writing as well as her teaching, she reaches audiences of all ages, both in the United States and abroad, with fresh perspective on loss, grace, redemption, and the sovereignty of God. Jennifer and her husband Allen, who is the CEO of Agape Flights, live in Venice, Florida. All five of their children are grown, three of the five are married and four grandchildren are the icing on the cake.



Aug 19, Dr. Steve McConnell



Rev. Dr. Steve McConnell currently serves as senior pastor at Church of the Palms, in Sarasota. Steve is married to Amanda and they have a daughter Brittany.

He served churches in Philadelphia and Liberty Corner, New Jersey before coming to Sarasota in 2008. He loves reading, St. Louis Cardinal baseball, Michigan Wolverine football and getting lost in a good novel. He can also be found tooling around town in his vintage Jeep CJ7.



Aug 26, Music of the African American Church

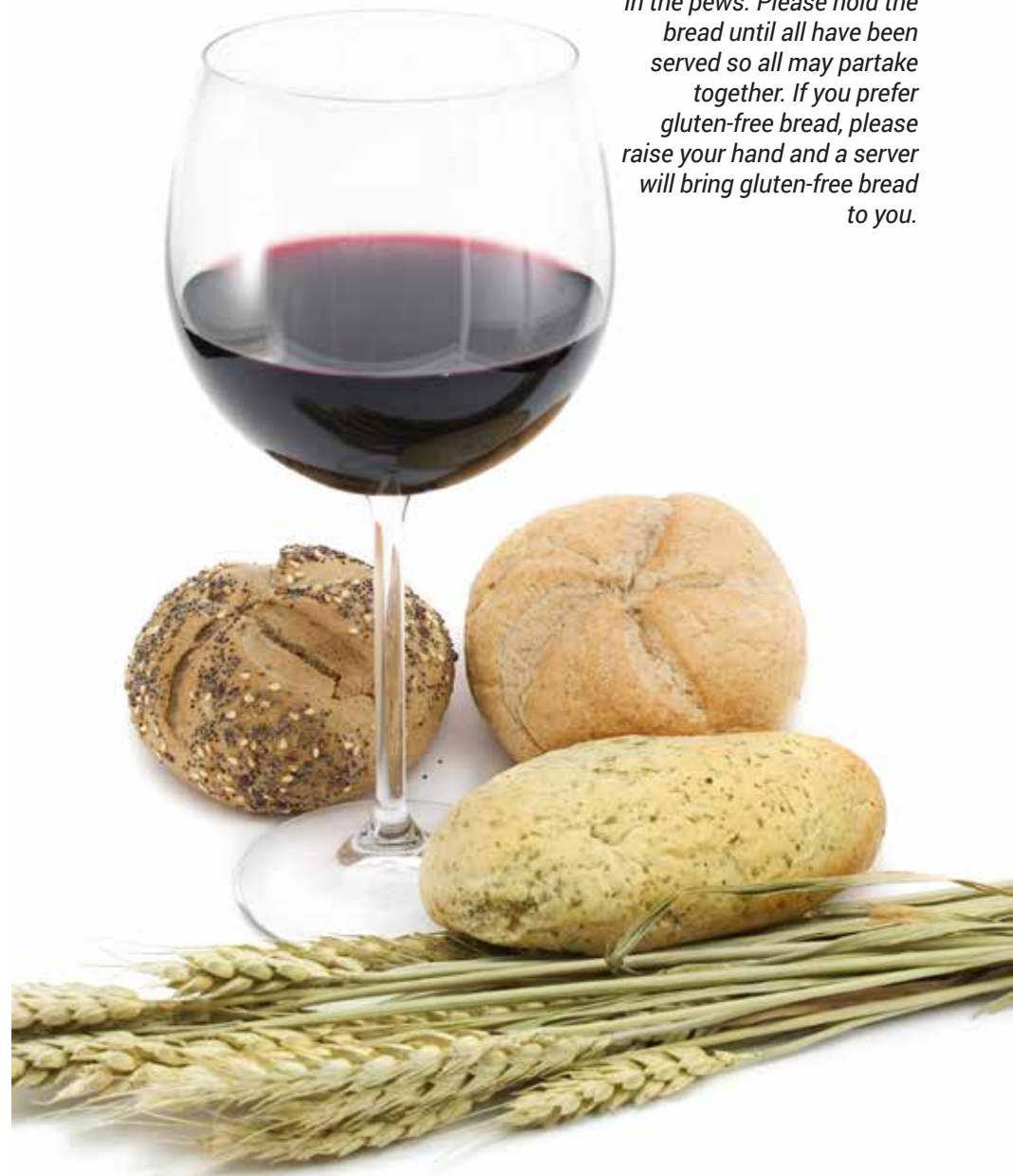
Jamal Sarikoki will present a worship service of music from the African American Tradition. This service will include spirituals sung by the choir and Jamal Sarikoki, duets for piano and organ, and memorable music from the Civil Rights Movement. Join us for this historical and spiritual journey.

Worship Ministry

Communion Sunday, July 1 & August 5

10am Service

Communion will be served in the pews. Please hold the bread until all have been served so all may partake together. If you prefer gluten-free bread, please raise your hand and a server will bring gluten-free bread to you.



Missions

Get Involved!

Day4Hope, July 28, VPC Campus

Be a part of this amazing outreach program by serving as a Day 4 Hope ambassador. Ambassadors are a pivotal part of the success of Day 4 Hope as they greet the children and parents, lead them through the process and interact with the families in a warm and friendly manner. We are currently in need of over 200 adult volunteers. This is a rewarding and fulfilling opportunity for all involved. Mandatory training with dinner will be provided July 23 at 5:45.

July 'Moment for Mission' July 8

Community Assistance Ministry (CAM)

August 'Moment for Mission' August 12

Habitat for Humanity

THANK
YOU!

MMP ReCap

May: The children and their parents who attend the summer school at Laurel Civic Association want to thank the VPC congregation for contributing \$3,276 toward this important and rewarding program.



There will be no Buddy Break in July.

Buddy Break will resume August 18th, 10am - 1pm Fellowship Hall 3rd Sat. of the Month

3 Cents A Meal

On the last Sunday of every month, your spare change is collected and distributed evenly to our four local food pantries. On Sunday, July 29 and August

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



PIZZA
DINNER

DAY 4 HOPE VOLUNTEER RALLY NIGHT

FREE DINNER (pizza, salad, cookies, ice tea and water) for all who have signed up to volunteer for Day 4 Hope.

Founder and CEO of Hope 4 Communities, Pam Hawn will be speaking.

T-shirts and name tags will be distributed. If you already have a Day 4 Hope T-shirt, please wear it!

This is sure to be a great time of training and preparation for all.



MONDAY, JULY 23 5:45 - 7:45
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Tickets: At Door
BrianGurl.com
(828) 284-2953
\$20 per person
Sundays @ VPC 11-noon.



2018/19 Venice Community Concert Series Line-up

Saturday, Dec 8 at 3pm & 7pm
Holiday Concert with Key Chorale*
Brass and Organ with 110 Singers

Saturday, January 19 at 7pm
Stephen Lynerd

Saturday, February 16 at 3pm
Dr. David Berry & Jamal Sarikoki
Works for Piano & Orchestra
Beethoven Piano Concerto #5
Gershwin Rhapsody in Blue

Saturday, March 30 at 3pm & 7pm
Canadian Brass

*This is the only concert Key Chorale will do in the Venice area during the holiday season

Tickets available **August 1** online at
www.venicepres.org

Children's Ministry



School Supply Drive

Be on the look-out for notebooks, pencils, erasers, backpacks, markers, glue—all the traditional school supplies that are starting to creep into the store fronts! Bring a bag full of supplies to worship with you so we can be a blessing to our community. We will be taking donated supplies to Venice Elementary School before school begins so teachers have resources to help students who may not have been able to bring in their required supplies. Collection bins will be in the Narthex from July 15th through August 5th.

Upcoming Children Events Not To Miss! Save the Dates

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| August 24 (6pm) | Blast Off into Fall |
| September 21 (6pm) | Family Scavenger Hunt |
| October 26 (6pm) | Fall Festival, Trunk or Treat |
| November 18 (during Worship) | Thanksgiving Feast |
| December 9 (1pm) | Impromptu Christmas Pageant |



Cedarkirk Daycamp Update

Day camp was a blessing to all who attended! We had 40 kids from the community, 15 volunteers, and 5 Cedarkirk staff. The kids focused on the concept of 'Beyond Belief'. We serve a God who is greater than we can comprehend! The kids painted, drew with chalk, played outside, sang, did water activities and more. Kids had daily Bible Study, Morning Meditation, and Worship. A highlight of the week was playing 'Gaga Ball'; a form of dodgeball. Kids loved their time at Day Camp so much that they were sad to have to leave at the end of the week!



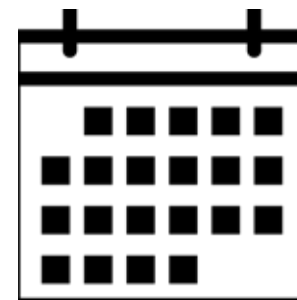
Youth Ministry

Prayers for the Youth

Prayers of safety, spiritual growth and fun for the youth ministry, headed by Conrad Knepp, as they head to Camp Anderson Summer Camp for the week of July 9th. Camp Anderson team members are passionate about partnering to help meet the spiritual needs of our teens

August Youth Events Sundays, 6 -8pm, Youth Rm

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| July 22 | No Hub Youth Night |
| August 5 | Back to School Kickoff |
| August 12 | Regular Youth Night |
| August 19 | Regular Youth Night |
| August 26 | Youth Movie Night |



On August 26th The Hub Youth Group will be meeting at Frank's Theater for a group-wide Movie Night. The time and movie will be announced shortly. If you have any kids ages 12-18 who would be interested in going, please contact Conrad Knepp at 941-780-7333.

Adult Group Meetings

Monday Night Men (MnM)

All men welcome
6pm - 7pm, Glass House

Working Women's Bible Study

For women of the church and friends who work during the day.
Tues, 7pm - 9pm, Room 11A

Men's Discussion Group

There will be not Men's Discussion Group for July and August. It will resume again in September.

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.

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

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.

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

LUNCH BUNCH

breaking bread together in our homes



SATURDAY, JULY 28 AT 12:00PM

ATTEND a lunch for 6 people and bring assigned food item, or
HOST a lunch for 6 people and provide the main lunch item

THREE WAYS TO REGISTER

- 1) Glass House
- 2) online at www.venicepres.org/events
- 3) call VPC at 488-2258

Registration closes July 21

For more information, contact Jean Peters at 484-6333

Men, Women, couples and singles all welcome!

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Joshua Rasdall

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