

## THE SPIRE

SUNDAY ~ January 6, 2019

### SPIRIT NIGHT EVENT

Join The Vanderbilt Learning Center tomorrow night, **JANUARY 7th**, 4pm to 8pm, for a fun evening at Red Robin (yummmm). Bring your flyer, family and friends to help us earn 20% back! Dine in between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Fund-raising proceeds go directly to VLC for educational initiatives, enrichment activities and teacher/student resources. Thank you for your support! Flyers are available in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. You gotta eat! Why not eat together?




**GRAND PIANO SERIES**  
 Tomorrow, **JANUARY 7th**, at **7:30pm**, Lera Auerbach will perform monumental work by M. Mussorgsky. **Tickets are required for this event. Info available at [www.grandpianoseries.com](http://www.grandpianoseries.com)**

### BIBLE STUDY BACK ON TUESDAYS

Join Pastor Rob as we focus on the passage of Scriptures on which he will be preaching the following week. The Men's Bible Study is resuming this Tuesday, **JANUARY 8th**, 9am to 10am in the Library.

### FRIENDS IN FAITH 2019: WOMEN'S WINTER STUDY

Join us to "Discover a Secretly Incredible Life in an Ordinary World". We'll be reading and discussing Bob Goff's book "**Love Does**". Friends in Faith" is a group of women who share their faith, pray for and support one another. **We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in Harp Hall at 10 am, beginning January 23th and ending April 10th** with a celebration luncheon. For more information or to join us, please call Twila Rowe at 239-455-6758 or email at [twilarowe@aol.com](mailto:twilarowe@aol.com).

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ VPC

Program will resume on **Wednesday, January 9th**, with two new opportunities:

- ◇ **5:30pm: Dr Lou Thompson** will be leading a study based on Walter Brueggeman's book, "*Sabbath As Resistance: Saying No To The Culture Of Now*". Please, sign-up for Dr. Lou's class so that we may order books in advance.
- ◇ 5:30pm: We are going to kick off the year with our new **Wednesday Night Book Club!** First book will read is "*Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine*"; beautifully written and incredibly funny, this book is about the importance of friendship and human connection.
- ◇ 5:30pm: **Alleluia Choir** will be starting back up, welcoming all children grades 1st - 5th.
- ◇ 6:30pm: **ALL-CHURCH DINNER!!**

### TIRED OF TREATING SYMPTOMS & READY TO TREAT THE CAUSE?

Join the Health Team and Lisa Hiller, a posture alignment specialist, while she describe a non-medical approach to improving musculo-skeletal function based on the principle that pain is often linked to misalignment in the body. The Wholistic Health Team is sponsoring this free seminar on **January 11th, at 10 am in Harp Hall**. Hope you will join us and the Health Team to learn about this therapy.


**SAVE THE DATE!!**

Peace River Presbytery and  
 Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church  
 Cordially invite you to attend  
 The Service of Installation for  
 The Reverend Robert J. Marrow

January 20, 2019  
 4:00 p.m.  
 Reception to Follow



**Vanderbilt**  
 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
 1225 Piper Blvd | Naples, FL 34110 | 239-597-5410



**Today's "goodies" are provided by the BUDGET & FINANCE Team**  
 The Parish Life Ministry Team provides setup, decorations and beverages, which are typically coffee (regular and decaf), hot tea and water. Let's get to know each other even better as we join together in fellowship on Sunday mornings, in Fellowship Hall, after the 9:30am service or before the 11:15am service.

### Financial Update - Operating Fund

	<u>YTD Actual</u> <u>Through</u> <u>November</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u> <u>Through</u> <u>November</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>2018</u> <u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 1,140,888	\$ 1,161,400	\$ 1,270,000
Expenses	\$ 1,159,154	\$ 1,110,000	\$ 1,270,000

### 2018 Weekly Attendance

December 30 416	YTD Average 449
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### NEW 2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE IN!

Please check in the Narthex for your new giving envelopes when you come for worship on Sunday or you can pick them up on weekdays during normal business hours (9am to 4pm). If you forget your envelope on Sunday, you can make your donation using one of the green envelopes, always available in the pews. You can also give Online, visiting [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org) and clicking on the GIVE section on the home page. It's secure, fast, and convenient!

### OUR NEW DIRECTORY IS NOW AVAILABLE!!!

The new picture directories are available: if you had your picture taken and haven't picked up your copy of our new directory, come to Fellowship Hall TODAY, between 10:30am to 11:30am ONLY or WEEKDAYS, by the church office, 9am to 4pm. If you didn't have a chance to have your picture taken yet, let us know as new photo sessions dates are coming up.

Willoughby Acres & Palm River

## COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM MEETING



Join your neighbors and get updates and be educated about issues affecting your community. Meet with members of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, North Collier Fire District and Collier County Code Enforcement. RSVP calling 239-2529117 or [Natalie.Ashby@colliersheriff.org](mailto:Natalie.Ashby@colliersheriff.org) Meeting will be in Fellowship Hall.

### PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ORIENTATION

**Wednesday, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> - 7pm to 8:30pm OR**  
**Saturday, FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> - 9am to 11:30am**

Have you ever wanted to know more about Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church? Whether you are relatively new to VPC or a long time attender, we would love to welcome you as an active new member or an affiliate. During our time together, will inform you about being a Presbyterian, available programs for adults, youth, and children, the role of the church boards and committees; small group ministry and available areas of ser-

vice. Led by Rev. Marrow, our orientation classes are for informational purposes only; there is no requirement to commit to membership. Call the church office at 239-597-5410 to register or sign-up in Fellowship Hall between services. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

### SUNDAY SEMINAR PREVIEW

If you're curious about this season's "Sunday Seminar" adult class, plan to attend the "preview" gathering on Sunday, **January 13, in Harp Hall at 10:40am** (between the two morning services). This year's Seminar will begin on January 20 and run through April 15, meeting at 11 a.m. in Harp Hall. Our "read" will be Harvey Cox's recent book *How to Read the Bible*, "an engaging, inspirational and accessible book by one of America's pre-eminent scholars of religion," (*National Catholic Reporter*). Join us in exploring how Cox blends the simple devotional study of Bible narratives with the scholarly methods of Biblical analysis, to produce a richer, more meaningful appreciation of our Sacred Scriptures. Copies of Cox's book will be available for \$9 during classtime on Sundays and during the week at the church's front desk.

### SAVE THE DATE

**VANDEBULDERS ANNUAL "POT-LUCK DINNER"**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 2019 AT 5:30PM**  
**IN FELLOWSHIP HALL.**

Vanderbuilders welcome all! Couples, singles, members, affiliates, attenders are invited to join this fun event where we will form small groups with those who have similar interests: concerts, dining out, Fun & Games, etc. It is a wonderful way to meet and form lasting friendships. Even if you have done this before, come, regroup and meet new friends. Sign up in Fellowship Hall between services or call the church office during the week at 597-5410 to let us know what you would like to contribute to the "Pot Luck" and what are your interests.

### STEWARDSHIP KICK OFF SUNDAY BRUNCH

**Stewardship is worship.** Far from being merely an obligation, managing God's property is an every minute opportunity to express our thanks to God for His goodness, to affirm our dependence on God in everything, and return His love for us as our expression of love for Him. One of the ways we return our love and thanks to God is through our stewardship gifts to the church.

**SAVE THE DATE** for our **Stewardship Kick Off Sunday Brunch, on JANUARY 27th**, after both services, in Fellowship Hall. A wonderful opportunity to discuss Stewardship and how affect all of us.

Sign up in Fellowship Hall between services or call the office, weekdays, at 239-597-5410. Hope you will join us for this important event in the life of our church!

# PRAYER REQUEST



Continue to hold in prayer our members and friends facing illness, injury and hardship.

If you have any joys and/or concerns, let us know as they are lifted up daily through our intercessory prayer ministry. If you are hospitalized, please let the facility know you are a member or a friend of the Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church so they can let us know!

Please notice that prayer requests will be kept in the bulletin for a period of 30 days, after which a new prayer request card should be resubmitted.

Robert Anson Family  
 Barbara Auxier  
 Julia Beavers  
 Jackson Bell  
 Edna Benton  
 Roger Broeker  
 Vernon Brown  
 Bruce  
 Dot Couch  
 JoAnn Degelmann  
 Asia & Hugh Elsbree  
 Jan Fern  
 Rusty Fidler  
 Kathleen Finch  
 Mylene Fors  
 Ali & Mike Frimpter  
 Mary Giles  
 Amber Grider  
 Rafael Guzman  
 Jean Hahm  
 Henry Hansen  
 Janet & Chester Kaufmann  
 Danielle Kirby  
 Kristen Lapham  
 W. MacNeill Family  
 Judy Malone  
 Max  
 Irene McGee  
 Marilyn McKee  
 Marilyn Miller  
 The Morley Family  
 Ferdinando Moruzzi  
 Joan Mountford

Tom Nale  
 Don Neer  
 Tom Nelson  
 Lindsey Neptune  
 Nancy Patton  
 Peggy  
 Marjorie Renth  
 Lynn Rosser  
 Mary Alice Rue  
 Robin Ryan  
 Don Schulte Jr.  
 Martha Smartt  
 Ruth Steiner  
 The Steinmann Family  
 Ann Sullivan  
 Barry Sze  
 Donna Tacher  
 Wayne Wayenberg  
 Helen Weese  
 Dot & Al Williams  
 Bob & Carol Wood  
 Donna Woodring  
 Ed Zacka



Sad to announce the death, on January 4th, of **MARVIN DIEKEN**, longtime member of VPC. No arrangements have been made for the service at this time. Please keep Ginny and family in your thought and prayers.

**Please Pray for the men and women serving our country.**

If you have a relative or friend in the military, please let the Church have their name/address. We think it is important to keep in contact with those who serve our country. Thank you.

**CPTN Sterling W. Dawley**

US Navy, Pacific Fleet  
 (Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)

**ENSIGN Wyatt R. Dawley**

Navy Pilot School  
 (Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)

**Lt. Col. Jessica D. Grasseti**

(Claudia Polzin's niece)

**LT Adam Endrelunas**

US Navy  
 (Cherie & Dave Baines son-in-law)

**CPTN Allen Fujinaka**

US Army  
 (LaVerne Perrollaz grandson)

**CPTN Jennifer Giles**

USMC, Philippines  
 (Mary Giles granddaughter)

**CPTN Jeremy Giles**

US Army Special Forces,  
 Ft. Bragg, NC

(Mary Giles grandson)

**LT Michelle Lea**

US Navy  
 (Cherie & Dave Baines daughter-in-law)

**LT Kevin McCormick**

US Army - USA  
 (Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)

**SPC Abigail Muscato**

**SPC Louis Muscato**

US Army  
 (Louise Eliot's granddaughter & granddaughter's husband)

**Austin Schwartz**

USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA  
 (Patricia Schwartz's grandson)

**Marshall Shepherd**

US Navy - Deployed  
 (Family of John & Roberta McMaster)

**MAJ Matthew Smith,**

USMC, Kuwait  
 (Son of Linda Smith)

**E2 Xzavier Whitaker**

US Navy  
 (John & Roberta McMaster's granddaughter's husband)

## BIRTHDAYS 01/06 - 01/12

Lynn Asinger 1/6

Heather Monda 1/6

Diana Woodward 1/6

**\*Kay Beernink 1/7**

**\*Huguette Castaneda**

1/7

**\*Priscilla Kutler 1/7**

**\*Bob Bush 1/8**

Dee Gregg 1/8

Marjorie Renth 1/8

**\*Mary-Lou Eaton 1/9**

Loretta Jordin 1/11

**\*Steve Kutler 1/11**

**\*Joan Mountford 1/12**  
 Emerson Rowe 1/12

**\*Birthday Club Members**  
 Interested in joining the Club? Birthday Club Members give one dollar for each year of their life to celebrate their special day! The VPC Endowment Board uses the interest income from the Birthday Club funds exclusively for Youth Activities! Please consider becoming a member of the Birthday Club! Celebrate your Birthday by thanking God for your life!

## ANNIVERSARIES 01/06 - 01/12

Terry & Joan Mountford 1/9

Steven & Beverly Sunquist 1/10

Lyman & Joan Beggs 1/11



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The church is a member of the Peace River Presbytery, the Synod of South Atlantic, and the Presbyterian Church (USA).

## ARE YOU EXPERIENCING WINTER IN YOUR LIFE?

Are you experiencing winter in your life: a recent loss through death, divorce, a hospitalization, a cancer diagnosis, or ongoing medical problems? Family and personal struggles may leave you with nowhere to turn for support and you may be feeling lonely. Our Stephen Ministers are here to help. They can bring God's warm love back into your life providing confidential, one-to-one Christian care. To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with one of VPC's Stephen Leaders: Jon White at 239-254-3024 (whitej987@cs.com) or Kay Beernink at 239-238-1526 (leskeybee@aol.com). Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!



## WORSHIP TOGETHER

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

*Baptism of the Lord*

**Worship Time: \*9:30am & 11:15am**

**Music - Prayers - Scripture**

**"Saved to Serve the Whole World"**

**The Rev. Rob Marrow**

*(Isaiah 43:1-7/Matthew 3:15-22)*

*\*Includes a Children's Moment after which, children ages 3 to 6th grade, are invited to the 9:45am Sunday School. Childcare available for children under age 3.*

## WEEKEND POWER PACK PROGRAM

The next volunteer opportunity for the Weekend Power Pack Program will be **Wednesday, January 9**. Monthly, during the school year, VPC volunteers pack canned or dry, nonperishable food, for Saturday and Sunday meals and snacks for 45-50 homeless school children. The Power Packs contain two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners and four snacks and are placed in the children's backpacks by the Guidance Counselor before they leave school on Friday. The program is funded by donations from church members and friends of our congregation. The cost is approximately \$140.00 per child yearly, or \$7,000 yearly to fill 45-50 backpacks. Collier County Public Schools provide two meals daily during the week at school for children of low income families; however, there is nothing for them on weekends. According to data gathered by the Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Collier County in January, 2018, 1,215 children enrolled in local schools are homeless. These Children live in emergency or transitional shelters, in cars, the woods, or temporarily in other people's homes. When VPC became aware of this situation eight years ago the Weekend Power Pack Program was created. Other groups in SWFL also participate in similar programs in other local schools. We would like to thank the VPC congregation for donations of over \$1000.00 which were collected for the Weekend Power Pack Program at the Thanksgiving Worship Service. Your generosity certainly helped us toward our budget needs for the program. To make a donation to the Weekend Power Pack Program to help purchase food for the backpacks, please make checks payable to VPC, and put Weekend Power Packs in the memo line. To participate in the Weekend Power Pack Program, please contact VPC Mission Team Member Cherie Baines at [ctfl.baines@gmail.com](mailto:ctfl.baines@gmail.com).

## THIS WEEK AT VPC

### Sunday, January 6

- Traditional Worship, 9:30am
- Sunday School Children/Youth, 9:45am
- Fellowship/Coffee Time, 10:30am
- Traditional Worship, 11:15am
- High School Youth Group, 5pm

### Monday, January 7

- Prayer Team, 8:30am
- Recycled Cards, 9am
- Men's Assoc. Golf (Arrowhead GC), 9:37am
- Comfort Quilters, 10am
- WMLA Mtg, 3:30pm
- Stewardship Mtg, 5pm
- CNC Mtg, 7pm
- GRAND PIANO SERIES Concert, 7:30pm

### Tuesday, January 8

- Men's Bible Study with Pastor Rob, 9am
- Handbell Rehearsal, 3pm
- Vandereaders, 3pm
- Social Justice Min. Tm. Mtg, 5:30pm
- Board of Deacons, 7pm
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30pm

### Wednesday, January 9

- Wholistic Health Min.Tm.Mtg, 11am
- Membership & Involvement Tm Mtg, 2pm
- Personnel Tm Mtg, 3:30pm
- Passage Meditation, 3:30pm

### •WEDNESDAY NIGHT & VPC, 5:30pm to 7pm

- ♦"Sabbath As Resistance: Saying No To The Culture Of Now", led by Dr. Lou Thompson, 5:30pm
- ♦Alleluia Choir, 5:30pm
- ♦Wednesday Night Book Club! "Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine", 5:30pm
- ♦Middle School Youth Group, 5:30pm
- ♦ALL-CHURCH DINNER, 6:15pm
- Chancel Choir, 7pm

### Thursday, January 10

- Capernaum, 5pm
- Stephen Ministry Training, 7pm

### Friday, January 11

- "Tired of Treating Symptoms" Seminar, 10am

### Saturday, January 12

- Al-Anon, 10am

### Sunday, January 13

- Traditional Worship, 9:30am
- Sunday School Children/Youth, 9:45am
- Fellowship/Coffee Time, 10:30am
- "The Sunday Seminar-Preview", 10:40am
- Traditional Worship, 11:15am
- PEO Concert, 4pm - free-will offering will be taken to benefit the scholarship program of the local Chapter HP of P.E.O.
- High School Youth Group, 5pm