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# THE SPIRE

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SUNDAY ~ January 27, 2019

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## 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. **JOIN US TODAY**, after both services, in Fellowship Hall for our **Stewardship Kickoff Sunday Brunch!** A wonderful opportunity to discuss Stewardship and how affect all of us. Hope you will join us for this important event in the life of our church!

## VPC CONCERT AT 4pm

Lyric Soprano Nancy Peery Marriott and Broadway super talent Chris Dieman will present a varied program of sacred, secular and Broadway hits. Solos and duets and some special surprise guests. James Cochran will accompany the artists on both piano and organ. Admission is free, seating for the concert is first-come, first-served. Doors open 45 minutes before performance time; a free-will offering will be taken.

## PASTOR ROB'S BIBLE STUDY

**Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 9:00 am**

**Tuesday Afternoon Co-Ed Bible Study at 2:00 pm**



Join Pastor Rob for Bible Study on either Tuesday mornings with the men or Tuesday afternoons for a Co-Ed opportunity (all are welcome!!!). Each group will gather for a casual discussion of the Scripture passage to be examined during worship on the following week. The passage for the day is **Luke 4:21-30**. The Men's Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays at 9am.



The Co-Ed Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm. Hope to see you there!!!

## UPCOMING SEMINAR

On **Friday February 8, at 10am**, the Wholistic Health Ministry Team presents: "A Christian approach to Stress Management" presented by Dr. Al Tatarunis, Stress Management Consultant. We will take a brief look at what we think stress is normal; in fact, it's not easy to say how much stress is too much. The stressful event is not the issue but rather, how we perceive and react to stressful events. Dr. Al will present a program of behavior modification, relaxation, and letting go of negative emotions. **Event will be followed by a catered free luncheon but registration is required;** please sign up in Fellowship Hall on Sundays, between services.

## FROM THE VISION TEAM

We need your input to create the vision for the future of Vpc. Help us discern God's will for our church, help us discover how God is calling us to minister in Christ's name, to our congregation, our community, and our world and help us ponder where we want our church to be 2-3-5 years from now.

Visioning is keeping our congregation focused on the future, on where we are going, and on a long-range plan that fulfills God's vision for the Vanderbilt Church. It has been and continues to be an ongoing part of our ministry. The Vision Team periodically leads the congregation through a process that encourages members to listen for God's call and to prayerfully discern God's will for Vanderbilt. The time is right for us to engage in such a visioning process. **Your Vision Team invites you to attend one of the Town Hall Meetings scheduled for Saturday, February 9th, at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 10th, at 10:30 a.m.** These gatherings will offer a brief

## 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

January 20	YTD Average
540	566

review of past visioning at VPC and an opportunity to share your ideas about our future: Who do we want to serve? How do we want to serve? Do we want to grow? Child care and refreshments will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. for child care to Amanda Rowe at [arowe@vpcnaples.org](mailto:arowe@vpcnaples.org). Please plan to attend, because **“Regular visioning is the means by which we keep our dreams alive.”**

### 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!!!

If you haven't picked up your copy of our new directory, come to Fellowship Hall, between services, or WEEKDAYS, by the church office, 10am to 3pm. New picture taking dates are coming up.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ VPC

Join us for two new opportunities:

- ◇ **5:30pm: Dr Lou Thompson** is leading a study based on Walter Brueggeman's book, *“Sabbath As Resistance: Saying No To The Culture Of Now”*.
- ◇ **5:30pm:** We kicked 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** is welcoming all children grades 1st - 5th. Would like to join? Ask Dr. Jim Cochran for more info.

**6:15pm: ALL-CHURCH DINNER!!**

## PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS ORIENTATION

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

New to VPC or a long time Attender? Curious or Serious? Come and learn about membership & involvement at Vanderbilt. If you are only here part time, come and learn about becoming an Affiliate.

Led by Rev Marrow, our classes are informational with no commitment to membership. Coffee and light refreshments will be

served. Please call the church office to register: 239 - 597-5410 or sign up in Fellowship Hall between services. We look forward to Welcoming you!



**BOXTOPS!** Help us show our love for our neighbors in Immokalee by bringing in Box Tops! Collection boxes are set up in Fellowship Hall and the Youth



Center. Box Tops can be found on many of the products that you already buy. Each Box Top is worth \$0.10 and our goal is to raise \$500 by February 1 and \$1,000 before October 1, 2019 so we have a lot of clipping to do! Our Box Tops collection will support Village Oaks Elementary School in Immokalee. Village Oaks has the lowest elementary test scores in the district and 99% of its families are considered economically needy.

### EMPOWER YOUTH & UNITE COMMUNITIES TO HELP THOSE IN NEED!

On **Sunday, FEBRUARY 3rd**, our Youth Group will be collecting donations to help with issues that exist in



**our own communities**, including poverty, hunger and homelessness.

“Souper Bowl of Caring” uses the energy of the Super Bowl to mobilize **youth** in a united national effort to care for people in their local communities who are hungry and those in need. Our youth group has been collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring for 12 years and most amazingly, VPC has collected a total of \$17,700.00!! If you have any question or would like to help in our efforts please contact Amanda Rowe at [arowe@vpcnaples.org](mailto:arowe@vpcnaples.org) or 239-597-5410 ext. 311.

### WANTED: SMALL VASES FOR FLOWER DELIVERY

Our Flower Delivery Ministry is “blossoming” and the need for small to medium size vases is “blooming.” If you can donate these items and deliver them to our Sacristy we would be ever so glad (iola)! Thank you from Your Board of Deacons.

# 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

Jasmine Barillas  
 Phil Bartlett  
 Julia Beavers  
 Jackson Bell  
 Linda Boyles  
 Roger Broeker  
 Vernon Brown  
 Bruce  
 Dot Couch  
 Jim & Gretchen Davison  
 Family of Rev. Kenneth Dean  
 JoAnn Degelmann  
 The Dieken Family  
 Asia & Hugh Elsbree  
 Jan Fern  
 Rusty Fidler  
 Kathleen Finch  
 Linda Fitzhugh  
 Mylene Fors  
 Russell Geldmacher  
 Joey Goldblatt  
 Amber Grider  
 Rafael Guzman  
 Linda Heinfein  
 Nancy Howse  
 Gertrude Hoyt  
 Price Lindsay

W. MacNeill Family  
 Judy Malone  
 Don McConachie  
 Irene McGee  
 Marilyn Miller  
 Ferdinando Moruzzi  
 Joan Mountford  
 Don Neer  
 Tom Nelson  
 Lindsey Neptune  
 Peggy  
 Marianne Rapps  
 Marjorie Renth  
 Mary Alice Rue  
 Robin Ryan  
 Martha Smartt  
 John Smith  
 Stan, Josh, Brandon, Kaylee & Family  
 Ruth Steiner  
 The Steinmann Family  
 Ann Sullivan  
 James Taggart  
 Frank Troianello  
 Dot & Al Williams  
 Bob & Carol Wood  
 Donna Woodring

**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. Grassetti

(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)

### 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 01/27 - 02/02

Sharon Anderson 1/28

\*Bob Martin 1/29

Don Schulte 1/29

\*Gene Blanchard 1/30

\*Tim Mitchell 1/30

Lizzie Piipponen 1/30

\*Sally Muir 1/31

\*Cindi Schock 1/31

Sheetal Yousaf 1/31

Pat Counts 2/1

Meryl Berger 2/2

Roberta McMaster 2/2

### \*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 01/27 - 02/02

Stephen & Mary Lynn Myers 1/27

Richard & Sally Watts 1/28



## NAME BADGES

Please remember, VPC members and friends, to wear your church name badge every Sunday! Anyone needing a new one, can email Jo at: [jmiles@vpcnaples.org](mailto:jmiles@vpcnaples.org) and she will be happy to order you one. The cost is \$7. A helpful way to welcome visitors and new members of VPC!!



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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, February 3, 2019**

*4th Sunday after Epiphany*

**Worship Time:**

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

**Music - Prayers - Scripture**

**The Rev. Rob Marrow**

*(Jeremiah 1:4-10/Luke 4:21-30)*

*\*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.*

## UPCOMING MISSION MINISTRIES

- On **Wednesday, January 30**, the Weekend Power Pack Team will be packing 123 bags of food for homeless children in Collier County. Each bag contains two breakfasts, two lunches, two dinners, and four snacks. To volunteer please contact Mission Team member, Cherie Baines at: 239-776-5652 or [ctfl.baines@gmail.com](mailto:ctfl.baines@gmail.com).
- There will be a volunteering opportunity on **February 15** to serve at Mision Peniel in Immokalee. We leave on the church van at 1pm (or drive yourself and meet us in Immokalee at 2pm), and we return about 7pm. For more information please contact Pete Rodino at ([pvrodino@aol.com](mailto:pvrodino@aol.com)).
- VPC will have a "Fruit Blessing" on **March 6** at Café of Life in Bonita Springs! We will bring whole fruit: oranges, bananas, grapes, apples, etc... to give to the 50-75 people who are having their meal at Café of Life. Please come join us for this wonderful experience! For more information or to volunteer please contact Eliza Nevin at [elizanevin@comcast.net](mailto:elizanevin@comcast.net)

The P.E.O. Chapter HP express their deepest appreciation for all the members of the congregation, staff and volunteers for all the help and support during our concert on Sunday, January 13th. The event was a success, thanks to everyone involved. The venue set the pace for the amazing concert presented by Michele, Bruce, Colin Gerlach and Dr. Jim Cochran. Through everyone's contribution of time, talent and donations, many women will benefit through scholarship, grants and loans made available to further their education. All of this will make a positive difference in their lives. Thank you for your kindness and God Bless You All!!

## THIS WEEK AT VPC

### Sunday, January 27

- Traditional Worship, 9:30am
- Sunday School Children/Youth, 9:45am
- Kickoff Stewardship Sunday BRUNCH, 10:30am
- "The Sunday Seminar", 11am
- Traditional Worship, 11:15am
- Concert, 4pm:** Lyric Soprano Nancy Peery Marriott and Broadway super talent Chris Dieman will present a varied program of sacred, secular and Broadway hits. Solos and duets and some special surprise guests. James Cochran will accompany the artists on both piano and organ.
- High School Youth Group, 5pm

### Monday, January 28

- Prayer Team, 8:30am
- Men's Assoc. Golf (Arrowhead GC), 9:37am
- Comfort Quilters, 10am
- Session, 7pm

### Tuesday, January 29

- Men's Bible Study with Pastor Rob, 9am
- Building & Grounds Tm Mtg, 11am
- Co-Ed Bible Study with Pastor Rob, 2pm
- Vandereaders, 3pm
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30pm

### Wednesday, January 30

- Habitat for Humanity, Off-site 7:30am
- 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 31

- Stephen Ministry Training, 7pm

### Saturday, February 2

- Al-Anon, 10am

### Sunday, February 3

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