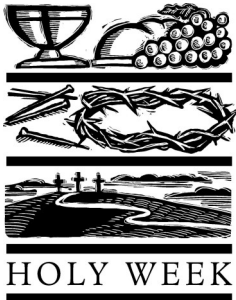


# THE SPIRE

SUNDAY ~ April 14, 2019



**HOLY WEEK**

## Maundy Thursday, April 18

6:00pm Pot-Luck Dinner & Communion  
in Fellowship Hall  
*Chris Wood, Tenor*

## Good Friday, April 19

7:00pm Service of Tenebrae  
*The Chancel Choir &  
Sherry Hardgrove, Soprano*

## Easter Sunday, April 21

**Worship Time:** 6:30am Sunrise Service - Patio Area  
8:00am - \*9:30am - 11:15am  
Easter Services in the Sanctuary

*The Chancel Choir | Stan Leonard, Timpani | Organ |  
Teddy Collins & David Curtiss, Soloists  
Matthew Sonneborn, Trumpet*

\*Includes a Children's Moment, after which, children ages 3 and up, are invited to join Sunday School for Easter Activities.

**Childcare available for children under 3 for All Services**

## Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, 10:30am to 11:00am  
Youth Center



**We are accepting donations of wrapped candy and Easter eggs. Donations can be dropped off at the front desk, thanks!!**

## MAUNDY THURSDAY POT-LUCK DINNER & COMMUNION

On **Thursday, April 18 at 6:00 pm**, VPC will commemorate Maundy Thursday, the time when Jesus gave us a "New Commandment." Jesus gathered with his friends on that evening and they shared a meal together. Our time together will include a covered dish dinner with the church providing a meat dish for our meal. You are encouraged to provide a side dish to share - salad, vegetable, ethnic dish, or dessert. Following the meal, our evening together will conclude with Communion around the tables.

**RESERVATION IS REQUIRED:** you can **sign up** on Sundays, during fellowship hour in Fellowship Hall, or call the church office or register on line by going to [www.vpcnaples.org/events/](http://www.vpcnaples.org/events/) and click on "Maundy Thursday Dinner" on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to share supper with their church family just as Jesus shared his last supper with His friends.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

### **TODAY - 4 p.m.**

Seraphic Fire presents Latin American Baroque: rediscover the sounds of Cuba, Bolivia and Peru through ancient music that blends indigenous rhythms and instruments with European traditions. **Tickets are required; go to [www.SeraphicFire.org](http://www.SeraphicFire.org) or call 305-285-9060.**

### **Sunday, April 28 - 4 p.m.**

As the winner of the Grand Prix d'Interprétation at the 24th Concours International d'Orgue de Chartres, Dexter Kennedy has established himself internationally as "one of the greatest organists of our times" (*Iceland Monitor*). Praised for his "prodigious technique and grand style musicality" in *The American Organist*, his concert programs present performances that are fiery and historically informed, exciting both music connoisseurs as well as people who have never experienced the organ in concert setting. Doors open at 3:15pm, we will collect a free-will offering at intermission.

**CANCELLED**



**EVENTS**

**PLEASE NOTICE:** Due to Holy Week/Easter events, some of our programs are cancelled:

- ◇ No BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING today
- ◇ No WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM on 4/17
- ◇ No SERVICE OF WHOLENESS & HEALING on 4/21
- ◇ No FELLOWSHIP TIME on 4/21

## Financial Update - Operating Fund

	<u>YTD Actual</u> <u>Through</u> <u>March 2019</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u> <u>Through</u> <u>March 2019</u>	<u>Annual</u> <u>Budget</u>
Income	\$ 465,066	\$ 510,100	\$ 1,316,000
Expenses	\$ 277,671	\$ 286,300	

Deo Gloria Mortgage Balance at March 2019: \$1,853,666  
 STEWARDSHIP 2019: Pledges=277 / Total= 1,025,969  
 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/Total: \$97,145

### 2019 Weekly Attendance

April 7	YTD Average
523	562

## VITAS "COPING WITH LIFE CHANGES": A Bereavement & Peer Support Group

Join us for this new group meeting at VPC from Vitas. At any age, changes can bring both opportunities and turmoil. Making a successful transition can help you cope with the stress and even seize new opportunities. VITAS invites you to share strategies for coping with life's changes. There is no cost to participate, no commitment and you may attend sessions whenever you like. Meeting will be here at VPC, in the Schock Chapel, every **2nd and 4th THURSDAY of the month at 3pm**. For more info, call the office at 239-597-5410 or Vitas/Sylvia Currie at 239-649-2300.



## PASTOR ROB'S BIBLE STUDY

Each group gathers for a casual discussion of the Scripture passage to be examined during worship on the following week. This coming week, join us only for:

- ◆ **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 9:00 am**
- ◆ **Tuesday Afternoon Pastor's Bible Study at 2:00 pm (Open to all)**



## IMPORTANT DIRECTORY UPDATE!

Please make sure that VPC has your most current and updated info as address, telephone number & e-mail. If any changes occurred, let the office know, ASAP. The revised Directory is going to press soon. E-mail any changes to: **[Llloyd@vpcnaples.org](mailto:Llloyd@vpcnaples.org)** or call the church office at 239-597-5410.



## Today's "goodies" are provided by the Personnel 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.

## IF YOU GO NORTH FOR THE SUMMER...

Whether you are a **snowbird** or a **sun-bird** (yes... there is a difference), or a VPC member or a regular attender and you are traveling North for the summer, please let us know: **we will miss YOU** but **you will not miss US** and any updated info coming your way in the meantime. Updating your mailing address is very important so before you leave, let us switch you to your northern address and you will not miss any mailing coming your way!! Also, if you have recently changed your email address or you wish to receive Pastor Rob's "**Weekly E-Pistle**", please check out our web site at: [www.vpcnaples.org](http://www.vpcnaples.org) and click on "**Subscribe to our newsletter**". If you have any questions, please contact the office at 239-597-5410.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S "RACHEL" CIRCLE

VPC's circles nurture each member's faith through prayer and Bible study, support the mission of the church locally and worldwide, and promote a warm and caring community of women that strengthens each individual as well as the church as a whole. We encourage women of the church to look into these circles, as they are a great way to form new and lasting friendships. Join us this **Wednesday, APRIL 17th, at 12noon** in the Conference Room: we meet every 3rd Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you there!!

"**CHICKS WITH STICKS**", (formerly called the Prayer Shawl Ministry) gathers on the **2nd and 4th Mondays** at 10 a.m. in the Library. Crafters who knit or crochet gather for fellowship as they make Prayer Shawls and Pocket Prayer Squares. This group is an outreach ministry of the Board of Deacons. We have yarn, needles and patterns and we welcome the donation of additional supplies of yarn and needles for future projects. Contact Lynn Greenblatt at 643-6022 for more info and hope you will join us on **Thursday, APRIL 25th!**



# 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.

Amy  
Arlene  
Baby Jack  
Shirley Cedarblade Blanchard  
Barbara Bonthron  
Jim Clifford & Family  
Patricia Colby  
Courtney  
Jude Dana  
JoAnn Degelmann  
Mary-Lou Eaton  
Asia & Hugh Elsbree  
Erin Fallucca  
Lois Fawcett  
Ali Frimpter  
Gary  
Emma Green  
Louise Hancock  
Henry Hansen  
Renee Healy  
Linda Heinlein  
The Herbert Family  
Sandra Hoeffner  
Steven Huff  
Emily Hughes  
Mary Jenkins  
Danielle Kirby  
Barbara Klose  
Family of Mindy Kuhar  
Lana  
David Lawson  
Judy Malone  
Malcom MacDonald  
Maria  
Michele  
Paige Peabody Cane

Marlene Pliml  
Marjorie Renth  
Linda Rich  
Jo & John Rist & Family  
Mary Alice Rue  
Robin Ryan  
Ernie Sartorius  
Gene Scarperatta  
Woodie Schneider  
Dorothy Sherman  
Skip  
Family of Larry Sklar  
Shirley Starr  
Luke Steinmann  
Linda Tagliamonte  
Tidwell Family  
Dora Walker  
Willis  
Bill Whitcroft  
Bill Whitman  
Wendy Whitman  
Melissa Hargie Wilkerson  
Bob & Carol Wood  
Donna Woodring  
Kimberly Ziegele



Sad to announce the death of longtime VPC attender **DON McCONACHIE**. No arrangements have been made at this time; please keep his family in your thoughts 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.

<b>CPTN Sterling W. Dawley</b> US Navy, Pacific Fleet (Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)	<b>LT Michelle Lea</b> US Navy (Cherie & Dave Baines daughter-in-law)
<b>ENSIGN Wyatt R. Dawley</b> US Navy Intel (Loren & Debbie Dawley's grandson)	<b>LT Kevin McCormick</b> US Army - USA (Friend of Dick & Sharon Learn)
<b>Lt. Col. Jessica D. Grasseti</b> (Claudia Polzin's niece)	<b>Austin Schwartz</b> USMC, Camp Pendleton, CA (Patricia Schwartz's grandson)
<b>LT Adam Endrelunas</b> US Navy (Cherie & Dave Baines son-in-law)	<b>Marshall Shepherd</b> US Navy (Family of John & Roberta McMaster)
<b>CPTN Allen Fujinaka</b> US Army (LaVerne Perrollaz grandson)	<b>MAJ Matthew Smith,</b> USMC, Kuwait (Son of Linda Smith)
<b>CPTN Jennifer Giles</b> USMC, Philippines (Mary Giles granddaughter)	<b>EM Xzavier Whitaker</b> US Navy (John & Roberta McMaster's granddaughter's husband)
<b>CPTN Jeremy Giles</b> US Army Special Forces, Ft. Bragg, NC (Mary Giles grandson)	

## BIRTHDAYS 04/14 - 04/20

**\*James Flick 4/14**  
Arline Kirk 4/14  
Lois Folliard 4/15  
McKenzie McDonough 4/16  
Jonathan Raskauskas 4/16  
**\*Dr. Ellsworth Bowser 4/17**  
**\*Ryan Bratt 4/19**  
Dick Clark 4/19  
Robert Conrad 4/19  
Christina Millard 4/19  
Sterling Jean Desorcy 4/20  
Ruth Felipe 4/20  
Lillia Guttshall 4/20

**\*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 04/13 - 04/20

Stanley & Margaret Leonard 4/13  
Dr. Ellsworth & Joanne Bowser 4/17  
James & Dr. Karen Smith Hill 4/19

## ARE YOU FEELING OVERWHELMED?

You don't have to face these times alone. Our Stephen Ministers are here for you. Contact one of VPC's Stephen Leaders to see how you can be matched with a Stephen Minister:  
Don Sherman 239-777-6322 (dsherman249@gmail.com)  
Jon White 239-254-0324 (whitej987@cc.com);  
Kay Beernink 239-238-1526 (leskaybee@aol.com)



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**STEPHEN  
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CONGREGATION**



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





## BOY SCOUT CAR WASH

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27th 9am TO 1pm**

Help out the BOY SCOUT, Troop 274, with their annual Fundraiser Event! Washing cars will provide more opportunities

for our chartered Boy Scout this summer! We are glad the boys will have some fun, while teaching them about hard work! So come and let them do the work, on **Saturday, April 27th, in the church parking lot**. Hope you will find the time to make this event a special one for this very deserving Troop chartered by VPC!!!



Lent is traditionally a season of fasting and prayer. During this time, Christians pay close attention to spiritual disciplines that deepen our understanding of what God is doing in our lives and in the world. As a church, we spend time together hearing about and praying for the ministries of compassion and justice done through our support of **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**. Jesus' ministry was among those who were most vulnerable. He preached good news to the poor and release to the captives. One Great Hour of Sharing helps us share this same good news to those same vulnerable people in our world today: those who are hungry, who are suffering from disaster, who are dealing with oppression and injustice in society. Every gift made to this offering will meet the needs of people. Hope that you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing. **We will collect your donations with the offering on Easter Sunday!**



**BLOOD DRIVE**  
MAY 5th - 8am TO 12pm

**SIGN-UP IN FELLOWSHIP HALL**  
**WALK-INS WELCOME**



one pint of blood can save up to **THREE** lives



Save Lives & Help Prevent Local Blood Shortages

## THIS WEEK AT VPC

### Sunday, April 14 - PALM SUNDAY

- Early Worship Service in Lent, 8am
- Traditional Worship, 9:30am
- Sunday School Children/Youth, 9:45am
- Fellowship/Coffee Time, 10:30am
- “The Sunday Seminar”, 11am
- Traditional Worship, 11:15am
- \*SERAPHIC FIRE CONCERT, 4pm
- High School Youth Group, 5pm

### Monday, April 15

- Prayer Team, 8:30am
- Recycled Cards, 9am
- Men's Assoc. Golf (Arrowhead GC), 9:37am
- Comfort Quilters, 10am
- Boy Scout Troop 274, 7pm

### Tuesday, April 16

- Men's Bible Study with Pastor Rob, 9am
- Pastor Rob's Bible Study, 2pm
- Vandereaders, 3pm
- Mission Tm Mtg, 5:30pm
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30pm

### Wednesday, April 17

- P.W. Rachel Circle, 12pm
- Membership & Involvement Tm Mtg, 2pm
- Chancel Choir, 7pm



### Thursday, April 18 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

- “Chicks with Sticks”, 10am
- Capernaum, 5pm
- MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER & COMMUNION, 6pm

### Friday, April 19 - GOOD FRIDAY

- TENEBRAE WORSHIP SERVICE, 6pm

### Saturday, April 20

- Al-Anon, 10am

### Sunday, April 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

- EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE, 6:30am
  - TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE, 8am
  - TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE, 9:30am
  - Easter Egg Hunt, 10:30am
  - TRADITIONAL EASTER SERVICE, 11:15am
- Childcare available for children under 3 for All Services*

\*ADVANCED PURCHASED TICKETS REQUIRED