

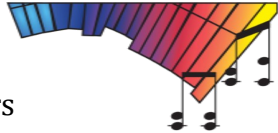


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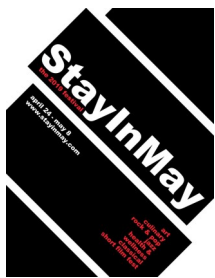
SUNDAY ~ April 28, 2019

CONCERT TODAY @ 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.



"STAY IN MAY" 2019 FESTIVAL Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church MAY 5th at 4pm - \$ 30 per person



The 2019 StayInMay Festival will continue this great tradition of bringing an array of young and seasoned world-class performers from around the

globe to the city of Naples. Throughout multiple and unique venues across Naples, the festival presents concerts and events spanning art, chamber music, cinema, culinary, dance, opera, fashion, theater and orchestra. So, come and celebrate the best kept secret in Naples with an afternoon of music from the past five centuries in 75 minutes on Cinco de Mayo at 4 pm.

This unique concert will cover 500 years of music, ranging from compositions of Gabrielli to jazz to patriotic tunes. All of this is accompanied by organist Jim Cochran, performing on the new Lively-Fulcher pipe organ. It's all part of the Stay in May Celebration. These skilled professionals have an engaging stage presence and rapport with their audiences by having fun playing together with three trumpets, three trombones, tuba, percussion plus piano and organ. Come and let them entertain you with 500 years of music! For info go to: info@stayinmay.com. For tickets call the Festival Office at 239.390.2788 or the ticket hotline at 888.613.8488

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:



◇ WEDNESDAY Afternoon

Pastor's Bible Study at 5:30 pm (Open to all)

The TUESDAY morning and afternoon sessions are cancelled for this week due to a Presbytery Meeting.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

The foundation for Stephen Ministry at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church consist of group of trained members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. Vanderbilt has 24 Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders available to our Congregation. The motto for Stephen Ministry is Christ Caring for People through People. What if you're hurting; how do you learn more about Stephen Ministry Services? Contact one of our Referral Coordinators: Jon White at 239-254-0324 (whitej987@cs.com) or Kay Beernink 239-238-1526 or (leskaybee@aol.com).





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



Community Blood Center
Affiliate of the  Healthcare System

Save Lives & Help Prevent Local Blood Shortages

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 21	YTD Average
1052	596

VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO HOST PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING

On **Thursday, May 16th**, Vanderbilt Presbyterian will host the Stated Meeting of Peace River Presbytery. This is a rare privilege for our congregation and also an opportunity to share with representatives of other churches within our Presbytery some of the excitement of this place. Approximately 175 commissioners and visitors, almost equally divided between clergy and laity, from the 37 PCUSA congregations within Peace River will gather from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. for a day of meetings and worship. Morning refreshments and lunch will be served to those attending and to members of our congregation who volunteer for the day. The participation of many members of our congregation will contribute to the success of this important event. Choir members will sing and VPC volunteers will direct traffic, register attendees, serve as ushers and temporary clerks, serve Communion, act as hosts and hostesses to guide visitors around our church buildings, and serve lunch. Many thanks to those who have already volunteered to help. **Presbytery Meeting Planning Team:** Dick Hilton, Rob Marrow, Bill & Geri Payne, Jill Peterson, Carolyn Magarro.

VITAS "COPING WITH LIFE CHANGES":

A Bereavement & Peer Support Group

Join us for this new group meeting at VPC. 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.



Today's "goodies" are provided by the Stewardship 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.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

THIS TUESDAY and every last TUESDAY of the month, at 10am, the association will connect

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you with peers and professionals to help you make the plans and adjustments necessary to live your best life for as long as possible. Whenever facing difficult times, having a good support network you can turn to for advice and encouragement, may help you feel socially connected and give you a sense of belonging and purpose.

IF YOU GO NORTH FOR THE SUMMER...

Whether you are a **snowbird or a sunbird** (yes... there is a difference), or a VPC member or a regular attendee 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 and click on "**Subscribe to our newsletter**". If you have any questions, please contact the office at 239-597-5410.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S "SEEKERS & RUTH" CIRCLES

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. We meet every first Wednesday of the month! Join us this **Wednesday, MAY 1st, at 9:30am** in Harp Hall. This will be our last meeting before the summer break; we will come back in October. Hope to see you there!!



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.

Arlene
Barbara Auxier
Baby Jack
Family of Betty Baldrige
Barrie Batchelder
Bruce
Lois Campbell
Jim Clifford & Family
Patricia Colby
Courtney
JoAnn Degelmann
Asia & Hugh Elsbree
Lois Fawcett
Ali Frimpter
Louise Hancock
Renee Healy
Linda Heinlein
The Herbert Family
Steven Huff
Danielle Kirby
Barbara Klose
Family of Mindy Kuhar
Lana
David Lawson
Judy Malone
Malcom MacDonald
Maria
Michele
Tebbs Moore
Paige Peabody Cane
Frank Pliml
Marjorie Renth
Linda Rich
Jo Rist
Mary Alice Rue
Robin Ryan

Gene Scarperatta
Woodie Schneider
Dorothy Sherman
Skip
Tidwell Family
Dora Walker
Wendy Whitman
Kathy Wobbeking
Bob & Carol Wood



Sad to announce the death of longtime VPC member **MARY LOU EATON** on April 22. A Memorial Service is scheduled for Friday, May 3rd, at 10am at the "Arlington of Naples". Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



Sad to announce the death of longtime VPC member **SHIRLEY STARR** on April 15. A Memorial Service was held at VPC on April 20th. Please keep Al and the family in your thoughts and prayers.



Sad to announce the death of longtime VPC affiliate member **BILL WHITCROFT** on April 8. A private Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please keep Kathy, longtime Choir member, and the 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.

CPTN Sterling W. Dawley
US Navy, Pacific Fleet

(Loren & Debbie Dawley's son)

ENSIGN Wyatt R. Dawley

US Navy Intel

(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

(Family of John & Roberta McMaster)

MAJ Matthew Smith,

USMC, Kuwait

(Son of Linda Smith)

EM Xzavier Whitaker

US Navy

(John & Roberta McMaster's

granddaughter's husband)

BIRTHDAYS 04/28 - 05/04

Chris Wood 4/28

***James Hart 4/29**

***Stephen Myers 4/30**

***Clark Higgins 5/1**

Kathryn Barkley Willis 5/2

Barbara Hurst 5/2

Joanne Whitman 5/2

Lew Bevan 5/3

David Bos 5/3

Joe Feddern 5/3

Bill Van Fossen III 5/3

Kyle Vayda 5/3

*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 04/28 - 05/04

Dennis & Alice Lebo 4/29

Tony & Yvonne Van Rooyen 4/29

Clifford & Margaret Swaby 5/1

Scott & Mary Wollaston 5/4



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

NAME BADGES: Please remember to **wear your church name badge every Sunday!** If you lost yours or anyone needing a new one, can call the church office at 239-597-5410 and we will be happy to order you one. The cost is \$7.

Graduates Recognition Sunday

As summer approaches, we want to congratulate all of our students and teachers for a successful year. On **Graduates Recognition Sunday, MAY 26th**, we will have special recognition for all of our graduates during the **9:30am worship**. If your child is graduating from **kindergarten, 5th grade, 8th grade, high school or college**, please send us a bio of their achievements and a picture so his/her info can be in a special **Student Recognition** bulletin insert on that Sunday. Please submit info to Amanda Rowe at arowe@vpcnaples.org. Thanks so much.



Volunteer opportunities



Tuesday, May 7th, Vanderbilt will serve its last meal before fall at the **Cafe of Life in Bonita Springs**. We bring enough food for seventy people, who will eat between 10 and 11 o'clock. The Cafe of Life is a ministry to both homeless and immigrant families that provides a hot meal, food pantry and clothes Monday through Friday mornings. Volunteers may come around 9:30am. It's a great way to be God's hands in the world and to celebrate with our church family. For questions, contact Eliza Nevin, elizanevin@comcast.net or 412.720.3330.

Also, we have a **Weekend Power Pack** Volunteer Opportunity: please join us on **Wednesday, May 15th at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall** to pack bags of food for homeless Collier County children! For more information on the Weekend Power Pack Program please contact Cherie Baines at 239-776-5652 or ctfl.baines@gmail.com

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

We need volunteers for our yearly event. Make a genuine difference in the lives of the children you meet, meet others from the congregation and make new friends, have fun and be part of one of the most exciting weeks of the year in our church! VBS runs from **July 15th to July 19th, and is from 9:00 am to noon!** Please help us with this amazing outreach opportunity! The more volunteers we have, the more children we invite to come! Email Amanda at arowe@vpcnaples.org to sign-up.



THIS WEEK AT VPC

Sunday, April 28

- Traditional Worship, 9:30am
- Sunday School Children/Youth, 9:45am
- Fellowship/Coffee Time, 10:30am
- Traditional Worship, 11:15am
- DEXTER KENNEDY IN CONCERT, 4pm**
- High School Youth Group, 5pm

Monday, April 29

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

Tuesday, April 30

- Alzheimer's Association Support Group, 10am
- Vandereaders, 3pm
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 1

- P.W. Seekers, 12pm

•WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ VPC, 5:30pm

•Chancel Choir, 7pm

Thursday, May 2

- "Chicks with Sticks", 10am
- Capernaum, 5pm
- Corvettes of Naples, 7:30pm

Saturday, May 4

•Al-Anon, 10am

•Sunday, May 5

- Deacons' Blood Drive, 8am to 12pm
- Traditional Worship, 9:30am
- Sunday School Children/Youth, 9:45am
- Fellowship/Coffee Time, 10:30am
- Traditional Worship, 11:15am
- * **"STAY IN MAY" CONCERT, 4pm**
- High School Youth Group, 5pm

* **ADVANCED PURCHASED TICKETS REQUIRED**