



## 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](mailto:whitej987@cs.com)) or Kay Beernink 239-238-1526 or ([leskaybee@aol.com](mailto:leskaybee@aol.com)).



## FROM YOUR SOCIAL JUSTICE TEAM

It should be no surprise that "Affordable Housing" is a major social concern in the Naples community. The latest "Point in Time Study" conducted by the The Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Collier County in 2018 revealed that there were more than 1,000 homeless kids in Collier County, a sizable increase from the previous year precipitated largely by Hurricane Irma. Further complicating the homeless picture is an increasing elderly population at risk of homelessness because their incomes can't keep up with their housing costs. Creating the awareness of this problem continues to be a major concern of the Social Justice Ministry team. If this issue is of interest to you, join us for a presentation and interactive discussion with Ashley Jones, a representative from the Salvation Army, who has considerable experience working with the homeless in Collier County. This event will take place on Tuesday **May 14th at 5:30 pm in the Conference Room.**

## 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. Join us for:

- ◇ **Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study at 9:00 am**
- ◇ **Tuesday Afternoon Pastor's Bible Study at 2:00 pm (Open to all)**
- ◇ **WEDNESDAY Afternoon Pastor's Bible Study at 5:30 pm (Open to all)**

## VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TO HOST PEACE RIVER PRESBYTERY STATED MEETING

On **Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

## FRIENDS IN FAITH 2019 -

### WOMEN'S SUMMER & FALL BIBLE STUDY

Join us as we read and discuss "Life Lessons: Books of Ruth and Esther by Max Lucado" and how God wove the lives of Ruth and Esther into something beautiful. Friends in Faith" is a group of women who study God's word, share their faith, pray for and support one another. We meet the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in Shock Chapel from 10 am to 11:30 m, **beginning June 12th and ending October 23rd** 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).

### Financial Update - Operating Fund

Deo Gloria Mortgage Balance at March 2019: \$1,853,666  
STEWARDSHIP 2019: Pledges=283 / Total= 1,037,869  
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/Total: \$ 97,145

	<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	\$ 1,275,000
Expenses	\$ 277,671	\$ 286,300	

### 2019 Weekly Attendance

April 28	YTD Average
436	587

# The Invitation to the Lord's Table The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The Lord be with you.*



Please notice that **starting June 2nd and until September 29th**, there will be **only one service of worship at 10:00 am**. Beginning October 6th, we will resume two services. However the time will be 9:30am and 11:00 am.

**"STAY IN MAY " CONCERT TODAY at 4pm** - 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. This unique concert (tuba, trumpet, trombone, percussion plus piano) 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. For info or to purchase tickets go to: [www.stayinmay.com](http://www.stayinmay.com) or you can call the Festival Office at 239.390.2788 or the ticket hotline at: 888.613.8488. Tickets will also be sold at the door, starting at 3:15pm.

## PLEASE WELCOME ABBY, VPC'S NEW ADDITION!

Hello! My name is Abby Lucarelli and I recently started working in the nursery here at VPC. I am 18 years old and I am graduating from Barron Collier High School this month! I will be attending college close to home, to pursue my dream of being a kindergarten teacher and studying early childhood education. I look forward to be with the children here at VPC.

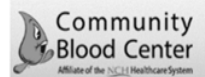
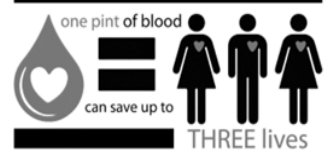


## BLOOD DRIVE

**TODAY: 8am to 12pm**

## WALK-INS WELCOME

## GIVE BLOOD



Save Lives & Help Prevent Local Blood Shortages

## WORSHIP LEADERS

**The Rev. Rob Marrow, Pastor**  
**The Rev. Dr. Lou Thompson, Parish Associate**  
**Dr. James Cochran, Director of Music**  
*playing the Richard and Patricia Fors Organ*  
*to the Glory of God and in honor of*  
*James Cochran, organist.*  
**The Chancel Choir**  
**Amanda Rowe, Director of Student Ministries**  
**Ushers: 9:30am:** Bill & Mary Koppelkam (Co-Capt.), Joyce & Bill Dersch, Jan & Don Fern, Tim & Pat Peters.

**11:15am:** Bruce & Wendy Baker (Co-Captains), Dixie Bibb, Bob & Jan Conrad, Debbie Dawley, Nancy Myers, Frank Schmitt

### Communion Servers:

**9:30am:** Kathryn Leaming, Zachary Woodring, Chuck Lewis, Jonas Rockhold, Cherie Baines, Sterling Desorcy, Jim & Sally Muir, Marie Walton, Jean Lee.

**11:15am:** Laura Piipponen, Caroline Halliwell, Suzanne Zelinka, Nancy Guthy, Mary Lynn Myers, Pete Schwiars, Cherie & Dave Baines, Sue & Bill VanFossen

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## WORSHIP TOGETHER

**Sunday, May 12, 2019 - 4th Sunday of Easter**

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

**Music - Prayers - Scripture**

**The Rev. Dr. Lou Thompson:**

**"The Message is: The Kingdom is Here"**

*(Acts 9:36-43/ John 10:22-30)*

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






**Today's "goodies" are provided by the Building & Grounds Ministry 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.

# PRAYER REQUEST

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

Anita	Marjorie Renth	
Arlene	Linda Rich	
Barbara Auxier	David Rose	
Baby Jack	Mary Alice Rue	
Family of Betty Baldrige	Robin Ryan	
Barrie Batchelder	Gene Scarperatta	
Bruce	Woodie Schneider	
Lois Campbell	Dorothy Sherman	
Jim Clifford & Family	Skip	
Patricia Colby	Tidwell Family	
Courtney	Dora Walker	
JoAnn Degelmann	Wendy Whitman	
Paul Dersch	Kathy Wobbeking	
Asia & Hugh Elsbree	Bob & Carol Wood	
Erin Fallucca		Sad to announce the death of longtime VPC member <b>JO RIST</b> on May 1st. A Memorial Service was held at VPC yesterday, May 4th. Please keep John and the family in your thoughts and prayers.
Ali Frimpter		
Louise Hancock		
Nancy Hansen		
Renee Healy		Sad to announce the death of longtime VPC member <b>MARY LOU EATON</b> on April 22. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.
Linda Heinlein		
The Herbert Family		
Steven Huff		
Danielle Kirby		Sad to announce the death of longtime VPC member <b>SHIRLEY STARR</b> on April 15. A Memorial Service was held at VPC on April 20th. Please keep Al and the family in your thoughts and prayers.
Barbara Klose		
Family of Mindy Kuhar		
Lana		
David Lawson		
Judy Malone		
Malcolm McDonald		
Lonnie Mahan		
Maria		
Michele		
Tebbs Moore		
Ada Nuhn		
Paige Peabody Cane		
Frank Pliml		
Russell Ramsey		

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. Thank you for your co-operation!

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 05/05 - 05/11

Alice Lebo 5/5  
Clifford Swaby 5/5  
**\*Judy Peabody 5/6**  
Jane Raskauskas 5/6  
**\*Bruce Muddell 5/7**  
Naseem Yousaf 5/7  
**\*Rich Yovanovich 5/8**  
**\*Leah Ray 5/9**  
Harley Ruppert 5/9  
Mary Hart 5/10  
Zachary Woodring 5/10  
Victoria Franklin 5/11

### \*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 05/05 - 05/11

David & Larissa Gibson 5/11

### Summer Camp for Collier's Needy Children

There are more than 1,200 homeless children in Collier County, 34% more homeless since hurricane Irma.

The Salvation Army is targeting homeless children with a

week of summer camp. These children come from migrant farmer families, low income families, and children that don't sleep in the same bed each night. Staff at Camp Keystone are trained to reaches-out to these children with experiences that will helps them grow, learn, and encourages them while striving to meet their spiritual, social, and educational needs. A week of summer camp generates many profound and positive learning experiences that will be a lifetime remembrance. A donation of \$250 will sponsor a 7 to 12-year-old to a week of camp. This is an Investment in a child that is "at risk" to trafficking and continuous poverty. Please consider sponsoring more than one child. Make check payable to VPC and note "Camp Keystone" in the memo section. Any questions, please call Richard Grunert: 239-591-3636.

## 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 10am in Fellowship Hall** to pack bags of food for homeless Collier County children! Our goal is to pack 430 bags of food. 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.



### 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.



## THIS WEEK AT VPC

### Sunday, May 5

- DEACONS' BLOOD DRIVE, 9am
- 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

### Monday, May 6

- Men's Assoc. Golf (Arrowhead GC), 7:37am
- Prayer Team, 8:30am
- Recycled Cards, 9am
- Comfort Quilters, 10am
- WMLA, 3:30pm
- Boy Scout Troop 274, 7pm

### Tuesday, May 7

- Men's Bible Study, 9am
- Endowment Mtg, 9:30am
- Pastor Rob's Bible Study, 2pm
- Vandereaders, 3pm
- "SERAPHIC FIRE" CONCERT, 7pm**
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30pm

### Wednesday, May 8

- Personnel Tm Mtg, 3:30pm
- Passage Meditation, 3:30pm
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ VPC, 5:30pm to 7pm
- Chancel Choir, 7pm

### Thursday, May 9

- Vitas Bereavement Group Mtg, 3pm
- Capernaum, 5pm

### Saturday, May 11

- Al-Anon, 10am

### Sunday, May 12 - MOTHER'S DAY

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

**\*ADVANCED PURCHASED TICKETS REQUIRED**



The **FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL** have been donated by members and friends of the congregation in honor of and in loving memory of friends and family. This week's flowers are:

In Loving Memory of  
**Carol Creviston**  
from Dick

## GATHER TOGETHER AT VPC

Mission Service ~ Choirs ~ Stephen Ministry ~ Youth Groups ~ Concerts ~ Women's Circles  
Lecture Series ~ Health Seminars ~ Wholeness & Health ~ VandeReaders ~ Recycled Cards  
Bible Studies for Men & Women ~ Senior Ministry ~ Book Studies  
Confirmation ~ Quilters ~ Handbells & More ~ Support Group Meetings

## WELCOME TO VANDERBILT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We rejoice that you are here to worship God with us. You are welcome, regardless of the church background from which you come. We, ourselves, come from many places and many churches - but we are one Body of Christ together. We welcome and celebrate the presence of children in worship: reserved chairs are available for them in the front with front row pews on both sides for their families, at the 9:30am worship service. After a "Moment for Children", 3 year old through 6th graders are invited to the 9:45am Sunday School. Baptized children are invited to receive communion with their parents. The asterisk (\*) marks places where the whole congregation is invited to stand. If that is difficult or not your preference, please feel free to remain seated. We use responsive or unison readings and prayers at different times. The leader will read the words in italics. The congregation reads the words in bold print. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion with us. Between services, we have a time for refreshments and fellowship: we gather in our **Fellowship Hall** (east end of our building,) or in the **Youth Center** (west end of our building) where families with young children enjoy time together, immediately following the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. service. Please come and join us, as we would love to get to know you better. We hope you are interested in becoming a member or affiliate member of this church. Please speak to the person at our welcome cart or call the office at 239-597-5410. Please remember to silence your cell phones during worship.

## OUR MISSION

Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church is called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live like Christ in a broken world: to **proclaim** the gospel, to **glorify** God in worship and in deed, to **equip** our congregation for ministry, and to **serve** others in Christ's name.



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