

THE SPIRE

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.

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.

WANTED:

MORE VPC MEN & GUESTS TO JOIN THE MONDAY VPC MEN'S ASSOCIATION GOLF GROUP.

Come and join us each Monday for 18 holes of golf and fellowship at Arrowhead Golf Club: Greens Fees are now \$29.68. Tee time is @ 7:37am. Call Jim Davison @239-572-4664 before Thursday for the following week's play. or for more information.

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

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WEEKEND POWER PACK

Please help the Weekend Power Pack Team on **Wednesday, May 15, 10:00am-11:00am in Fellowship Hall**. We will be packing 400 bags of food for homeless children. We need volunteers very much! According to data gathered in April, 2018 by the Hunger & Homeless Coalition of Collier County, there are 1,215 homeless school age children enrolled in Collier County Public Schools. These children live in emergency and transitional shelters, in cars, the woods, or temporarily in other people's homes. When VPC became aware of this situation nine years ago the Weekend Power Pack Program (WPP) was created. Throughout the school year on week days, breakfast and lunch are provided by the schools to children of low income families, there is nothing for them on weekends. September through May WPP volunteers purchase and bag nonperishable food, for Saturday and Sunday for 40-50 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 entirely by donations from church members and friends of our congregation. The cost is approximately \$140.00 per child yearly, or \$7,000 a year. Imagine being a homeless, hungry, child. Please help the Power Pack Team on Wednesday, May 15 at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall assemble the power packs for the children! To make a donation please make out checks to VPC, and put Weekend Power Packs in the memo line. Please contact Cherie Baines at ctfl.baines@gmail.com or 239-776-5652 to participate.

MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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.

THE MISSION CORNER

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 reach out to these children with experiences that will help them grow and learn 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.

Little Known About Naples Salvation Army

A little known and often surprising fact about Collier County is that approximately 60 percent of children in the public-school system live at or below the poverty level. The Salvation Army of Collier County has partnered with the Collier County Public Schools, Hunger and Homeless Coalition of Collier County, and Youth Haven SWFL to identify Naples children with the most need and the most at risk. Our Fran Cohen Youth Center after-school and summer camp programs were designed to offer families affordable childcare. 156 children are currently enrolled and weekly tuition is 33-50% cheaper than other after-school programs in the area. Right now, 44 children receive discounted tuition averaging \$700 a week in scholarships. We would not be able to offer these rates if not for your generous support and volunteer hours.

THIS WEEK AT VPC

Sunday, May 12- MOTHER'S DAY

- 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, May 13

- Men's Assoc. Golf (Arrowhead GC), 7:37am
- Prayer Team, 8:30am
- Vision Tm Mtg, 9:30am
- EMT Mtg, 3:30pm
- Boy Scout Troop 274, 7pm

Tuesday, May 14

- Men's Bible Study, 9am
- Building & Grounds Tm Mtg, 11am
- Pastor Rob's Bible Study, 2pm
- Vandereaders, 3pm
- Social Justice Tm Mtg, 5:30pm
- Board of Deacons, 7pm
- Narcotics Anonymous, 7:30pm

Wednesday, May 15

- Weekend Power Pack event, 10am
- P.W. Rachel, 12pm
- Membership & Involvement Tm Mtg, 2pm
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT @ VPC, 5:30pm to 7pm
- Chancel Choir, 7pm

Thursday, May 16

- Presbytery Meeting, 9am
- Capernaum, 5pm

Saturday, May 18

- Al-Anon, 10am

Sunday, May 19

- Traditional Worship, 9:30am
- Sunday School Children/Youth, 9:45am
- Fellowship/Coffee Time, 10:30am
- Service of Wholeness, 10:40am
- Parish Life Tm Mtg, 11am
- Traditional Worship, 11:15am
- High School Youth Group, 5pm

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 Baldridge	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 JO RIST on May 1st. A Memorial Service was held at VPC yesterday, May 4th. Please keep John and the family in your thoughts and prayers.
Louise Hancock	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.
Nancy Hansen	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.
Renee Healy	
Linda Heinlein	
The Herbert Family	
Steven Huff	
Danielle Kirby	
Barbara Klose	
Family of Mindy Kuhar	
Lana	
David Lawson	
Judy Malone	
Malcom MacDonald	
Lonnie Mahan	
Maria	
Michele	
Tebbs Moore	
Ada Nuhn	
Paige Peabody Cane	
Frank Pliml	
Russell Ramsey	

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).

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

BIRTHDAYS 05/12 - 05/18

Karen Chappler 5/12
Lane Raskauskas 5/12
Steve Blad 5/14
Jean Dugan 5/14
Laura Piipponen 5/14
*Mary Bender 5/15
*Marsha Rust 5/15
*Jim Shields 5/15
*David Baines 5/18
*Buck Evans 5/18

*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 05/12 - 05/18

William & Marian Cattrell 5/12
Ronald & Judy Davis 5/17
Bill & Barbara Faude 5/17
Joe & Jill Trees 5/17

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 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.



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)

Hope to see you there!

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 our mothers:
Ethel Burlingham Lea & Charlene Muir
from Sally & Jim Muir

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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