

Sept 2022



Scripture Passages for September

*Sept 4 Jeremiah 18:1-11, Luke 14:25-33

Sept 11 Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28, Luke 15:1-10

Sept 18 Jeremiah 8:18-10, Luke 16:1-13

Sept 25 Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15, Luke 16:19-31

*Communion Sunday

PRAYER CONCERNS

Please continue to hold in prayer our church family 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. Please let the office know if you are in the hospital. The hospital is changing its software and has been unable to notify the church.

Membership - Fellowship - Stewardship

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.
1 Corinthians 12:12

Greetings Friends!

"Summer" season is coming to a close and we are busily preparing for the season. We look forward to seeing those who have been away and welcome you back! We encourage you to bring a friend. We believe the good words of Scripture should be shared with the community and our congregation is always open to new members. We can't wait to see you under the spire, and let us keep this family growing! Contact the church office if you are interested in becoming a member.

~Together we can build a community built on Christ ~



Community begins with you! There are many ways to get involved in the life of the church. Our **Fall Education Kick off** is Sunday September 11, when children and families return to Sunday School. Is God calling you to be a Sunday School teacher? Contact Hmikes@vpcnaples.org for information.

Wednesday Night Lights begin on Sept 7th at 5:30. Youth ages PK3 - High School meet to learn and grow in their faith. Adults are welcome to join the Wednesday Night Bible Study held in the Library. Dinner is served at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Sing to the Lord a New Song! **Adult choir** practice begins Sept 7th from 7 - 8:30 pm.

Questions - Contact Dr. Jim Cochran @ JCochran@vpcnaples.org. The **Youth Choir** will meet on Sundays after worship 11:30 - 12 pm. VPC has musical opportunities for everyone!

VPC Concert Series 2022-2023




The Sanctuary will be filled with the sounds of live music once again when the Concert Series **resumes on October 3, 2022**, featuring Mark Pacoe, Organist. Concerts begin at **4 pm** unless otherwise indicated. Seating for all concerts is first-come, first-served. Doors open 45 minutes before performance time. Freewill offering.

This year's events include Advent Noontime Concerts, Chamber concerts, Spring Cantata, Seraphic Fire, and more! Look for the Concert Series Program in your email on Sept 7th. Copies will be available in the Narthex.

VPC News

Do you have questions about Medicare? Join us on Wednesday, October 5, at 10 am in Harp Hall for "**Understanding Medicare and Medicare Changes**". This special presentation features Hallie Devlin and is sponsored by the Wholistic Health Team. For additional resources on Medicare, you can visit Shine at www.floridashine.org



 Are you going through a time of crisis or challenge? The care of a Stephen Minister may be what you need to bring Christ's healing. A Stephens Minister listens, encourages, keeps confidence, prays and supports, and walks beside a hurting person. Call the church office if you would like more information.

Subscribe to our emails, sent each Sunday and Monday to keep up with important VPC information. You will receive links to worship and Week at a Glance to keep up with Church events. If you have moved or changed emails or phone numbers please update the church office.

Mission



September is Peacemaking and Reconciliation Month. Peace and Global Witness Offering Envelopes are available in the Narthex for the PCUSA's Peace and Global Witness Special Offering. The words of Isaiah 55 convey a profound message to us: "For you shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace." "Go out in joy." When we look around our world these days, it is sometimes hard to feel joyful. Yet joy inherently embraces optimism. Joy is the companion of faith and hope. In our polarized world torn by war, famine, and marginalization of the poor, we are in desperate need of joyful and brave people who are willing to ask the hard questions & live the difficult solutions that make peace possible. "Be led forth in peace." Through the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we connect with each other, as the Church, together, to confront systems of injustice and promote reconciliation in places around the world and right here at home. Every gift makes a difference.

In Loving Memory

~James Winemiller 8/5/22~

~Byna Hood 8/26/22~



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