

the **LINK** SUMMER 2026



From the Pastor's Desk

Holy Spirit Action!

As we wind down the Easter season and Spring-time, making preparations for Summer, our attention appropriately turns to expectations for what the summer months will hold. For many, we look forward to celebrations and vacations. In particular this year, we have the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. We hope you will join us on July 1st at Adams Township Park where we will have a tent for outreach to the community at that event.

With summer coming, and travel often taking us away for weekends, I want to encourage you to keep your Bibles close at hand. Even if you can't be in-person for worship, I invite you to follow along as we dive into the book of Acts, starting on Sunday, May 17th with the Ascension followed by Pentecost on May 24th. The Holy Spirit takes center stage in the book of Acts. We will explore the rhythms and practices of the early church, follow Paul and Peter's ministries as well as those of the other apostles, and see how the actions of the early church can be a witness for us about ministering in our community today!

There's no better way to model ourselves after the early church than to celebrate baptisms and welcome new members to VPC. Please mark your calendars for a special Sunday, May 31st, where we will be baptizing five children (including my three!). In addition, the Session and I are planning for several Sundays this summer to welcome new members to the official rolls of the church. If I haven't already spoken with you, and you are interested in joining VPC, please reach out to me!

Finally, please be prayerful about the upcoming months, especially July. We have already had our first planning meeting for VBS, which will be July 12-16 in partnership with Mars U.P. and St. John Lutheran. Please keep this VBS week covered in prayer, even now. If you have younger children in your life, please encourage their parents or guardians to have them join us for this exciting week in Rainforest Falls! Registration is open at valenciapresbyterian.com.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Lee

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Church Office Hours: 9am - 12pm (M-W-F)

February 17, 2026



- MSC 9-0 to approve reports of the Session, Deacons, Treasurer, Pastor and Presbytery
- Pastor Lee will be on vacation Feb. 25 – March 4
- MSC 9-0 to approve stained glass window repair at \$8,500 by Observatory Hill Stained Glass, funded by memorial funds
- MSC 9-0 to install a concrete sidewalk from the parking lot to the walkway near the sanctuary stairs at a cost of \$2,500, funded by the building fund
- MSC 9-0 to approve the Ministry Reports
- MSC 6-0 online vote to cancel in-person worship and switch to a recorded service on Sunday, January 25th due to inclement weather
- MSC 9-0 to approve Gary Datt and Karla Gill as Auditors for 2026 records
- MSC 8-0 to approve Pastor Lee to organize a New Members Class
- MSC 8-0 to approve Officer Training on April 25th, 9:00-12:00
- MSC 8-0 to approve Pastor Lee's Installation Service - April 19th at 3pm

March 17, 2026

- MSC 6-0 to approve reports of the Session, Deacons, Pastor and Treasurer (with correction to Building Fund Donations)
- MSC 6-0 to approve Ministry Reports
- MSC 6-0 to approve Pastor Lee Vacation: May 17-20, includes 1 Sunday
- MSC 6-0 to approve Pastor Lee Study Leave: April 27-30, no Sunday missed

April 21, 2026

- MSC 7-0 to approve reports of Session, Treasurer, Deacons, Pastor and Presbytery
- 7-0 MSC to approve the Ministry Team Reports
- MSC 7-0 to approve baptisms of Liam and Jayden Woessner; Etta, Levi, and Lillian Scott on Sunday, May 31, 2026
- -MSC 7-0 to postpone the combined officer training scheduled for April 25, 2026 until fall
- MSC 6-0 Online Vote to approve serving communion during Pastor Lee Installation Service 04/16/2026
- Correction to Pastor Lee's vacation from last meeting dates: should be May 15-18
- MSC 7-0 to accept the resignation of Elder Dan Kennedy from session
- MSC 7-0 to approve John Creasy to fill the pulpit on May 17, 2026



We are excited to be welcoming several new members into the VPC family this summer! It is always a joy to see new friendships, deeper connections, and growing faith within our church community.

If you have been worshipping with us and are considering making Valencia Presbyterian Church your church home, we invite you to take the next step and become a member. Membership is a meaningful way to deepen your connection to the life and ministry of our congregation.

If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact the church office or speak directly with Pastor Lee. We would be honored to welcome you into the VPC family!



Congratulations to our 2026 High School and College Graduates. We are very proud of your accomplishments and wish you the best in all of your future endeavors.

Tyler Hays – Pine Richland High School

Carson Owens – University of Pittsburgh, Master of Accountancy

Max Pasquinelli – Virginia Tech, Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine

Adams Township
Celebrating America's 250th



Adams Township will be hosting Adams Township: Celebrating America's 250th, on **Wednesday July 1st starting at 5:00pm** with the event culminating with fireworks at sunset. This event is designed to bring our community together and to celebrate not only Adams Township but also to commemorate the 250th year of our great nation. This event will cover over 9 acres of at the **Adams Township Community Park** with all types of entertainment. There will be food, live music, games, crafts, and activities for all ages.

VPC will have a booth at the event. If you are interested in helping out in any way that day, reach out to the church office or Pastor Lee.

SUMMER Bible Study

7:00 pm
VPC Sanctuary

Wednesday, 04/29
Wednesday, 05/27
Tuesday, 06/23 (due to VBS prep)
Wednesday, 07/29
Wednesday, 08/26

Men's Saturday Study

will continue to meet over the summer.
7am each Saturday in the Lounge.

Women's Sunday Study

On break for Summer. Will resume in the Fall.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES VS **MILWAUKEE BREWERS**

BEAVER BUTLER PRESBYTERY - CFY PRESENTS:

BASEBALL GAME

7/11/2026 4:05PM

We are heading to a Pirates game! Tickets are \$25 each and come with a \$5 credit for food, beverage, or merchandise.

Deadline to Register: June 7th

Register here:
<https://forms.gle/YzCYGeWORGy4LR9>

Send payment to:
Beaver-Butler
Presbytery Office
P.O. Box 279
Zelenople, PA 16063

Payment must be received at the Presbytery Office by June 7th in order to complete registration.

Country Weekend!
The first 20,000 fans will receive a Cowboy Hat!

The Beaver Butler Presbytery is hosting a group day at a Pirates Game on **July 11th at 4:05pm**. The Pirates will be playing the Brewers. Deadline to register and pay for tickets is **June 7th**. Payment of \$25 per ticket must be received at the Presbytery Office by that date. See above for more info.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PREP SESSIONS

Join us on Wednesdays leading up to the big event. as we arrange decorations, lessons, crafts and games for VBS. Dinner will be included.



at VPC:
June 3rd & June 10th
6:00-8:00pm

at Mars UP:
June 17th, June 24th, July 8th
6:00-8:00pm



Contact **Crystal Yurek** if you would like to volunteer to help with VBS in any way!

2026 COMMUNITY VBS

(a collaboration of VPC, Mars UP, St. John's Lutheran)

SUNDAY, JULY 12 – THURSDAY, JULY 16
6:00pm – 8:20pm

MARS U.P. CHURCH
232 Crowe Avenue, Mars PA 16046

FREE FOR KIDS IN
PRESCHOOL to 6th GRADE
(ages 3-12)



Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, kids plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their creator, a safe place in life's storms.

On **Sunday, July 12th**, all families are invited to begin their Rainforest Falls adventure with a Hot Dog Social at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at Mars United Presbyterian Church and enjoy a preview of the great VBS decorations, music and games! All three churches will then come together for a Community VBS Worship Service on **Sunday, July 19th** at 10am at Adams Township Community Park.

EVENT DATES: Sunday, July 12 – Thursday, July 16, 2026

EVENT TIMES: 6:00pm – 8:20pm

EVENT LOCATION: Mars United Presbyterian Church
232 Crowe Avenue, Mars, PA 16046

CONTACT US: Valencia Presbyterian Church - (724) 625-2002
Mars UP Church - (724) 625-1365
St. John Lutheran Church - (724) 625-1830

Scan Code or Visit

valenciapresbyterian.com/vacation-bible-school
to register.



RUMMAGE

SATURDAY, JULY 25th
8:00am – 2:00pm



Donations of items to sell can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall foyer

Monday, July 20 – Thursday, July 23

NO Clothing, Shoes, TV's or Computers will be accepted.

NO donations accepted on Friday.

Please be sure all items are clean and in good working condition.

Bake Sale items may be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, July 25**. Please package and price your items. Fresh Vegetables are welcome.



Help is needed with sale preparations: set up tables; pick up donations; clean, price and arrange items; cashiers; carry & load; pack-up and clean-up.

If you are able to help in any way, please contact Annamary McMullen or the church office.

Summer is just around the corner and kids will be out of school. But for those who receive free breakfast and lunch at school, they will not have that benefit during the summer and will rely greatly on our

Community Food Pantry

In addition to the canned vegetables, pasta, soup and other non-perishable items already being donated, please consider donating **child-friendly items** to the pantry that will benefit these children as well: peanut butter, jelly, fruit cups, granola bars, cereal, ramen noodles, etc.



Other items that are also welcome and needed in the pantry are **paper products**: paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, diapers, etc. as well as **cleaning products**: wipes, sponges, dish detergent, etc.

LOOKING AHEAD...



BACK TO CHURCH[®]
SUNDAY

September 13, 2026

Fall MINISTRY
KICKOFF

Blessing of the Backpacks



Kids R.O.C.K. is on break for the summer but we will be back to our every-other-Sunday schedule again in the fall starting September 13th!

FALL 2026 Session

MIDWEEK MEAL

with a Message

Wednesday, October 7th through November 18th

This session we will be studying 1st and 2nd Timothy.

We hope you will join us.

Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. Bible Studies* begin at 7:00 p.m.

**All ages welcome. Kids up to grade 8 will stay in the Fellowship Hall. Teens & Adults will meet in the sanctuary.*

FEED THE BODY

FEED THE SOUL



JUNE

6 Rebecca Walter
 11 Pat Schultheis
 12 Nolan Hays
 12 Jasmin Lussier
 12 Daisy Snow
 15 Alex Gill
 22 Ian Hays
 26 Ralph Hardt
 27 Brandon Beal
 27 Michael Gill

JULY

10 Levi Scott
 10 Lillian Scott
 17 Ed Walter, Sr.
 20 Christian Lussier
 29 Harry Owens

AUGUST

8 Zachary Pasquinelli
 11 Doug Mellinger
 14 Thomas Gammell
 16 Caleb Halenda
 19 Emerson Halenda
 19 Rebecca Mellinger
 21 Carla Hardt
 21 Alekzander Kennedy
 23 Gary Datt
 24 Robert Gold

JUNE

Bob and Kim Gold

June 26, 1982

JULY

Mike and Dawn Pasquinelli

July 20, 1996

AUGUST

Mike and Cassie Tenos
 Richard and Jill Roda
 Steve and Cathy Fordenbacher
 Gary and Bev Weston
 Lee and Shauna (Staranko) Scott
 Jasmin and Karen Lussier

August 1, 2009
 August 7, 1999
 August 8, 1992
 August 12, 1988
 August 24, 2019
 August 31, 1996



Ruth H. Wilson

*Born into this life on September 18, 1938
 United with this congregation on October 15, 1975
 Ordained as a Elder/Deacon on January 10, 1993
 Entered into eternal life on March 25, 2026*

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