



Venice Free Methodist Church
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You might have already heard the news...

The church is *EXPANDING!*

We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity the Lord has given us to purchase the house on Allin St. – A true testament to His providence and our community's faithfulness. God's timing is always perfect, even when we can't see it!

What's impeccable about the timing of the house is that we are on the verge of celebrating 100 years as a church. I see us at a momentous interval in time—an opportunity that ushers in a better future while appreciating the faithful of the past. In my quiet time with the Lord, one phrase keeps coming to mind: "Living Legacy."

Venice Free Methodist Church has been built on the foundation of those who remained steadfast in their faith in Jesus Christ. Their spiritual heritage of seeking God's Kingdom bore much fruit, and we continue the mission of loving God, loving others, and making disciples today. The Lord has responded generously to us in many ways, including the addition of property throughout the generations.

Now, it is our turn. A true "Living Legacy" doesn't wait until life is over to make a

difference—rather, the people of God have the impetus to say 'yes' to God's movement at this moment. Just as God is a generational God—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—He wants to work through us to impact the next generations for Jesus.

What better way to "Welcome All Home, Impact All For Jesus" than having a contiguous ministry campus on the Westside of Los Angeles? We can increase our ministry capacity to maximize the mission God has put us on this Earth for—to be His witnesses in word, deed, and life.

To achieve the long-term vision of the ministry campus, we have to secure the house first. Therefore, we have launched a short fundraiser campaign for the downpayment of the house. By May 20th, before escrow closes, we hope to put down \$250,000.

I'd ask that you pray about your contribution to our church body. Some give more, some give less, but when we come together, God moves mountains! Let's be the "Living Legacy" we are called to be—to partner with the collective efforts of the past by investing in future generations today. I'm excited to see what God will do!

Blessings,
Pastor Nathan D. Cherney

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Cherney".

To give to the downpayment of the new house on Allin St:

By Check: to Venice Free Methodist Church with memo, "Allin Down Payment," and mail to:

Venice Free Methodist Church

4871 S Centinela Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90066

Online: <https://bit.ly/VFMCgiving> and choose "Allin St Downpayment" in the Fund box, and complete payment info.

NEWS BRIEFS

More pictures below

Youth PULSE invited future Middle Schoolers for **FilipinORec on 4/6** for a great time playing Filipino-style games!



Our VBS Leadership Meeting on 4/21 featured a fun cake displaying this year's "beach" theme. Adorable!



There was a **Special Society Meeting on 4/14** regarding a possible building purchase and staff reconfiguration to address needs within the church. A vote by the

society approved the purchase of the house next door, on Allin. Praise God for opening this door for expansion and bigger impact in West LA!

The **"Been There" Wednesday Connect Life series began on 4/17**. An opportunity to dig deeper into the Sunday sermons over a shared meal with others!



Suzanne Miyabe led the **Couples Workshop on 4/26**, where attendees had a great time learning about the genogram!



The **Women's BLOOM Fellowship Event on 4/27** focused on a woman's beauty in God's eyes. Attendees enjoyed dinner together and received color matching services by color consultant, Amy Ellzey.



Youth PULSE hosted the **PCJC ReCharge conference on 4/20**.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

Sam and Jill Tabiando coach and mentor church leaders and young adults to multiply transformational disciples and churches. They glorify God by authentically and vulnerably sharing God's Gospel with the bruised and broken hearts in Madrid and beyond.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out www.VeniceChurch.org for more info!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONNECT GROUP

Wednesdays thru Jun 5 – 6-7:25p - Sanctuary

Welcome back to Wednesday night gatherings for the “Been There” sermon series. Childcare available for PreK-5th. Dinner provided on **BOLD** dates (Potluck every other week. See flyer). Sign up! <https://bit.ly/3PGCB6B>

ALPHA w/PASTOR JIMMY – Wednesdays thru

Jun 19 - 6-8p – MPR - For those who do not yet believe in Christ as Savior. A non-judgmental space where all questions are welcome. Invite those in your life you've been trying to reach! Dinner provided. People can email PastorJimmy@venicechurch.org to RSVP.

ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT w/PASTOR CLIFF – Sundays thru May 19 @ 8:45a

Our Lord Jesus announced the kingdom of God during his life on earth. His resurrection opened the kingdom to all who believe. The Holy Spirit has been extending the kingdom around the world since then. Join us to explore what the Holy Spirit is doing in the world.

CREATE TO BLESS (C2B) CROCHET CLUB 2nd Sats & 3rd Thurs thru June – The Well House

Crochet small blessings for hospitals and non-profit organizations! Bring supplies if you have them. We have some on hand if you don't. Bethany Mounts will be available to teach any newbies! Email any questions to themounts5@gmail.com.

YOUTH PULSE VENICE MANIA

Sat, Jun 1 - 11a-4p – Lunch provided!

YOUTH PULSE END OF YEAR PARTY

Sat, Jun 8 – 5-8p

COUPLES WORKSHOP – Fri, Jun 28 - 7-9p

“Establishing a Healthy Financial Foundation,” led by Brian Lee. For couples seriously dating or married. Email Amber to sign up: arosehollyfield@yahoo.com

VBS KICKOFF – Sun, Jul 7 – 12-2:30p

All hands on deck as we prepare to impact kids for Christ! Lunch provided. You don't have to volunteer for the week to help setup!

VBS – Mon, Jul 8 thru Fri, Jul 12 – 6:30-8:30p

For kids ages 3 (and potty-trained) thru 6th grade. Volunteers needed! Register here for both! <https://vbspro.events/p/events/venice2024>

YOUTH SUMMER RETREAT

Mon, Jul 22 thru Fri, Jul 26 – Oak Glen Camp

FAMILY CAMP – Fri, Nov 8 thru Mon, Nov 11

Forest Home Forest Center – Forest Falls, CA

CHURCH BULLETINS

SEEKING PRAYER AT VFMC? There are many opportunities to receive prayer! **IN PERSON:** Every Wed from 7:30-8:30pm, in the sanctuary. The second, fourth, and fifth Saturday of each month, 9:00-10:30am, in the sanctuary. After 2nd service on the first, third, & fifth Sunday of ea month in Rm 1. **OVER EMAIL:** Request prayer through our prayer chain of volunteers! Email the Prayer Ministry Director at regariyasu@gmail.com. If you'd like to join the Prayer Team, email regariyasu@gmail.com.

YOUTH PULSE FILIPINO REC GAME DAY



SPECIAL SOCIETY MEETING



WEDNESDAY CONNECT GROUP



C2B CROCHET CONNECT



SUNDAY SCHOOL WORSHIP



BAJA BAKE SALE AT AWANA



MEET & GREET w/NEW PCJC SUPERINTENDENT MIKE



WOMEN'S BLOOM FELLOWSHIP EVENT

