

Holy Week and Easter Activities



April 14 – Passion/Palm Sunday -

Worship at 10 am in the VMPC Sanctuary

This special worship service will incorporate the ancient practice of the congregation entering the sanctuary by waving palms and then finding their seats. (Try something new and fill in the front seats this one time.) The service will end with the solemn remembrance of the season as the sanctuary is stripped of all liturgical decorations.



April 18 – Maundy Thursday – Worship with a Meal at 6 pm in the Robbie Clarke Room

This time of worship and fellowship will beckon back to Jesus' last meal with his disciples. Come share a Mediterranean style meal, the reading of scripture, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with your church friends.



April 19 – Good Friday – Open Sanctuary Style Worship from noon until 3 pm in the VMPC Sanctuary

The magnificent Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church sanctuary will be open during the same three hours of Jesus' crucifixion that worshippers may come and reflect on the suffering of Christ. An overhead slide show and liturgical music will assist in these personal reflections.



April 21 – EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Worship at Oglebay Park Amphitheater at 7 am

Vance's Senior Pastor, Erica Harley, will preach and lead worship at the 90th annual sunrise worship service held at Oglebay Park.

**April 21 – EASTER SUNDAY
Spirited, Traditional Worship at 10 am in the VMPC Sanctuary**

Special music, inspired preaching and strong fellowship will be on hand for this most significant worship service.



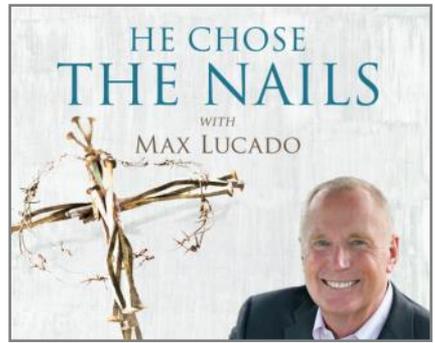
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Sunday, April 14, 2019

- Good Morning! Please fill-out, sign and pass the Pew Pad to fellow worshippers and place it in the pew rack near the center aisle. Please place today's slip in the offering plate as it passes.
- During the season of Lent, worship will reflect some traditions of the church that may be new to you. They include variations in music, liturgy, and worship elements. Let this not distract us in our worship experience, but enhance our journey through this season of preparation for Christ's Passion & Resurrection.
- The chancel flowers are given by The McCamic Family in memory of loved ones.
- We thank The Green Family for leading the liturgy of the Lenten Wreath in worship.
- We thank Jane Schockey for serving as our liturgist in worship.
- All during Lent, we will be preparing for the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering of the PCUSA (collected April 21). The C.E. Commission is encouraging all families to participate by providing a "fish bank" to collect coins.
- Help decorate the sanctuary for Easter Worship while remembering or honoring someone special. Easter Lilies are \$10.00 per 6-inch pot. Please order in the Narthex April 14 (last day!). You may also call the church during office hours to place an order.
- Archives volunteers will be working Tue. Apr. 16 from 10-11:30am
- Soup Kitchen volunteers will be working Tues. Apr. 16 from 8am-1pm.



Adult Study Series:
He Chose the Nails
Wednesday evenings AND
Sunday mornings in Lent



"I really want to come to that new Max Lucado Study but Wednesday evenings are not a good time for me."

Maybe you have heard this or said it yourself, but fortunately, this Lenten Season, you will have two opportunities to participate in *He Chose the Nails: What God Did to Win Your Heart* by Max Lucado. Don't just give something up for Lent, rather add a new spiritual practice with this six week study as you await Easter.

Adult Sunday School: Sundays, beginning March 10th at 9:00am in the Robbie Clarke Room led by Rev. Erica L. Harley

Soup-n-Stuff: Wednesdays, beginning March 13th with 6:00pm meal and 6:30pm study in the Robbie Clarke Room ***(5:30pm meal packing to begin the first week of April)***

BOOKS AND STUDY GUIDES PROVIDED TO EVERYONE



New Members and
New Members Classes

On May 19th Vance will enjoy the excitement of baptizing and receiving new members. Those wishing to be baptized, have their children baptized, or join in official membership with the church are invited to attend new members classes on May 5th and May 12th at 9 am in the Davis study. Child care will be provided.

Come catch the Spirit of Vance.

Partners in Education Notes! Loving Thy Neighbor. The Mission Outreach & Community Service Commission is beginning a new project and we need your help. Beginning the first week in April we will be providing 100 meal bags each weekend to the students at Woodsdale Elementary

School. We will pack the bags on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM. We are asking members of the congregation to come help pack bags and to provide the Woodsdale kids with individual servings of cereal and cans of soup in kid-friendly flavors.

We are continuing this Wed. April 17, 2019 at 5:30pm. Come for this ministry and stay for Soup-N-Stuff and Bible Study with Max Lucado.

ONE IN FOUR
WV CHILDREN GOES TO
SCHOOL HUNGRY



Our Partner in Education, Woodsdale Elementary School, will be having a 5K race to help raise money for their school playground. If you would like to be a runner, walker, or stroller though the Woodsdale neighborhood, please find registrations sheets in the church office.

Also Vance has the opportunity to provide bagels and fruit to those who finish the race so if you would like to volunteer with that please let the church office know.

Come support our neighbors!