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## ADVANCE NEWS 2020

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### THE NATIVITY STORY

WITH ILLUSTRATIONS FROM THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF  
VANCE MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### ADVENT GIFTS

As you know, in the last few years, we have had to adapt and put a creative spin on the classic children's Christmas "pageant." The goal was to give the children and youth an opportunity to present the nativity story to Vance Church in their own way. This is still the goal this year, but we have done it in a unique way in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The children and youth did a great job of drawing pictures to share at the beginning of the pandemic to spread cheer to other people in the church who were totally isolated. Because this was so well received, the C.E. Commission presents the congregation with a keepsake book of the nativity story that is illustrated by the kids. There will be copies available in the Narthex for congregants to read during the season of Advent. There are copies for you to take if you would like to have one of your own!

LET US  
*Worship  
Together*

**Sundays at 10am**

**Communion Service  
First Sunday of the  
Month at 10am**

### DECEMBER



01—E. Phillips Polack  
05—Quinten Dillon  
05—Robert Maxwell  
06—Karen DiOrio  
10—Joelle Oliver  
11—Alison Hannan  
20—Bill Crowl  
23—Sandra George  
19—Samantha Dodd  
21—Frank Provance  
24—Madison Shearer  
28—Shirley Driehorst  
28—Anne Lamb  
28—Mary Pasco  
29—Tom John  
31—Diane Crowther

**Please contact the  
office if we  
missed  
your birthday.**

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

**Thursday,  
December 24,  
2020**

**4:00pm—Family Friendly Christmas Eve** Worship Service in Fellowship Hall. This informal service will be geared toward families with children and young children and will tell the Christmas Story.

**7:30pm—Christmas Eve Worship Service** with Candlelight in the Sanctuary

**11:00pm—Christmas Eve Worship** with Communion in the Narthex



## Christmas at Vance Church



ADVENT CALENDAR

APPLE CIDER

BABYSIT NIGHT

CANDLE LIGHT

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHRISTINA CLAUS

CHRISTMAS CAROL

COCOA CORNER

DASHING DEBBIE

DECORATING

ERICA ELF

FAMILY LUNCHEON

FOOD PANTRY

HANDELS MESSIAH

HANGING GREENS

JOLLY JAY

JOYFUL JANE

JOY OFFERING

KIDDIE BAGS

KIDS PAGEANT

KIM KRINGLE

KINGLY KEITH

LIVE NATIVITY

POINSETTIAS

RUSS REINDEER

SHOEBOX GIFTS

SOCK DRIVE

VIXEN VANESSA

WREATH LIGHTING

XMAS COOKIES

## PER CAPITA

Every member is encouraged to pay his/her per capita for the year. If you would like to pay it for 2019, it is \$29.50. Per capita dollars help to sustain our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at the presbytery, synod and General Assembly levels. To be Presbyterian is to be a part of a connectional body and to see the church as *more* than a local congregation. If you are able, please consider paying your per capita today.

## CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT

The Mission Commission thanks those who contributed to the Christmas Gift Project. In the midst of the pandemic, we were able to donate **29** shoeboxes/bags! The bags have been delivered to Appalachian Christmas Project to be distributed in central and southern WV.



## DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

The Deacons are sending out a **thank-you** to congregation members and friends who have generously donated school supplies for the children at Woodsdale School this fall. You are awesome! "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed." -Proverbs 19:17

## Keeping Tootsies Warm in Wheeling

The Deacons will be collecting warm winter socks for adult male and female feet in January 2021. Please bring two socks so folks will have a pair, since most humans have two feet. The deacons will deliver these to the winter freeze shelter with Youth Services Systems. Fight off frostbite!

**"I was naked and you clothed me..." Matthew 25:36**





## CHRISTMAS KIDS GIFTS

Once again, the Deacons will be collecting Christmas gifts for needy children for the House of the Carpenter Christmas Kids in the month of November. The Deacons will have a list of a child's clothing sizes and wish list available in the Narthex. *Bags are due to Vance by December 13, 2020. Please deliver unwrapped, but you can provide wrapping paper and tape for parents to wrap the gifts.*

## OUR MISSIONARIES

### Creative Outreach

Campus ministry has natural cycles and rhythms, which means that we are already wrapping up the semester with our college students and beginning to evaluate the past few months in order to plan for the spring. This semester has required us to think in new ways about how to reach students. One way our team tried to innovate was through campus outreach. Though we could not use any indoor university space for meetings, we could continue to meet students outdoors. On weeks when the weather was nice, Caleb and other staff from Cru would set up a table or bring a couple of lawn chairs and a sign that said "Conversation for a TastyKake" or a board with pictures that can be used for interacting over a person's spiritual journey. Students who approached the table were genuinely interested in engaging on spiritual topics. These times of outreach have proved fruitful, as students are openly willing to talk during weeks and months of uncertainty.

This month, Caleb met with several staff from other areas of our region to brainstorm more ideas for how to effectively outreach on the college campus during COVID. We are not experts in how to reach people for Christ in the midst of a pandemic! But God is faithful and is teaching us to patiently follow His lead. We have been encouraged by the willingness of our student leaders to step out in faith and try new ideas as well.

As the semester comes to a close and we reflect on all God has done in and through us, both in campus ministry and neighborhood tutoring outreach, we are blessed by the connection that comes through our ministry partners. Thank you for your faithful support that allows us to labor for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Philadelphia.

Blessings,  
*Caleb, Claire,  
Lydia, Elena, & Aslan*

### Support our Missionaries!

If you'd like to give financial support to our missionaries, please follow these instructions:

- \* Please make checks payable to "Cru"
  - \* DO NOT place any other information on the "pay to the order" line.
  - \* Also, please do not write on the memo line.
  - \* Please attach a note indicating which staff member or ministry the gift is intended for.
- Please also include the seven digit designation number. (Caleb and Claire Bermudez: 0559783)
- \* Make sure the check is signed and dated.
  - \* Mail to:

Cru

Attn: Contributions

PO Box 628222

Orlando, FL 32862-8222

Or visit [www.cru.org](http://www.cru.org) using #0559783 and follow directions.

Feel free to contact us at our home  
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# Keeping in Touch



Please remember the following members who are in need of special care. They are all going through unique journeys and need your prayers, cards/calls, and visits.

If you would like to inquire about a specific person's needs, please contact an Elder or Deacon or the Pastor.

If *any* information listed is incorrect, or you would like to add someone, please notify the church office *immediately*.

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## \*Poinsettia Sale\*



Help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve Worship while remembering or honoring someone special.

Poinsettias - \$10.00 per 6-inch pot, 3-5 blooms.

Please order after Worship Services in the Narthex now until December 13th. You may also call the church during office hours to place an order.



**Worship  
Sundays at  
10am  
Communion  
Service  
First Sunday of  
the Month**

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Hand Sanitizer



Masks



Gloves



All are available at the Welcome Center in the Narthex during worship.