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ADVANCE NEWS 2020



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**Join us
February 26, 2020**

ASH WEDNESDAY

**Soup & Bread
in the Robbie Clarke Room @ 6pm
Worship, Ashes & Communion
in Merriman Chapel @7pm**

LET US

*Worship
Together*

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

Join us for

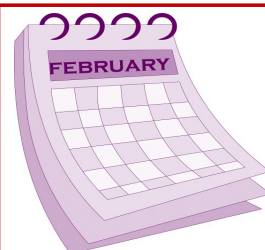
Sunday School

Sundays @9:00 am



**News from
Mission
Outreach and
Community
Service
Commission**

As you all know in 2019, we were able to send 75 shoeboxes to the **"Appalachian Christmas Project"**, a new community service organization that assists veterans, the disabled, the elderly and others in the Appalachian regions of West Virginia and Kentucky. With the help of the Mission Outreach and Community Service Commission, we are going to participate in their **"Easter Project"**, which will be the distribution of new and gently used Bibles. As a commission, we are asking for your to look on your shelves for any gently used Bibles to donate, or if you care to purchase a Bible for this project, that would be wonderful. It has been suggested that children's Bibles would be great. Be watching for more information about this project in the weekly bulletin and the AdVanced News. We will be collecting the Bibles from March 1 — March 22.



Note these Dates:

2nd—Groundhog Day
2nd—Scout Sunday
2nd—Communion
2nd—Birthday Sunday
14th—Valentine's Day
17th—President's Day
26th—Ash Wednesday

February Birthdays

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS WILL BE
ACKNOWLEDGED WITH CAKE IN
THE NARTHEX AFTER THE 10AM
COMMUNION WORSHIP.

Please contact the office if we missed your birthday. Thanks!!!

01—Marilyn Phillis	16—Kenneth Campanizzi
06—Jesse Krall	20—Gretchen Hooper
06—Karen Seabright	22—Bill Johnson
08—Ella Green	23—Robert Kanters
09—Seth Abraham	24—Sean Flanagan
13—Kara Kenamond	25—Kathryn Hannan
15—Virginia Crowl	28—Elaine Strauch
15—Eflida Talisic	



Birthday Corner



Vance Church will be bringing in new members and baptizing people in April. If you would like to join the church or become baptized or have your child baptized in the coming Spring, please let the office or Rev. Erica Harley at ericaharley@hotmail.com

A Note from the Worship & Music Commission



Vance's Handbell collection is newly refurbished and ready to be used in worship! The W&M Commission invites congregation members, both adults and younger, to form a Handbell Choir. If you are

interested in joining the Handbell Choir, please contact Debbie Breiding at dpbr243@aol.com or 740-632-2999.



Sun. February 2, 2020 @10am

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts from Pack 6 and Troop 6 and their families will be joining us in Worship! Troop 6 has been Chartered at Vance Church for over 100 years!

Sun. March 8, 2020 @10am

Black Diamond Girl Scouts from Troops 31142 and 10285 and their families will be joining us in Worship!

Please welcome them to our church family!

...Serving the Greater Wheeling Community and Beyond



THE SOUP KITCHEN
of Greater Wheeling, Inc.

**Thank you to recent "Souper"
Volunteers!**

Call the office if you would like to be part of the
Vance Soup Kitchen Team on:

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2020

3rd Tuesday of each month



MO&CS Weekend Food Bag Project

The Mission Outreach & Community Service Commission needs your help. We have been asked to provide 125+ meal bags each weekend to the students at Woodsdale Elementary School. We pack the bags in the Robbie Clarke Room on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 PM. We are asking members of the congregation to come help pack weekend food bags. We could also use help on Fridays at 11:00am to deliver bags to the school. Only the physically fit need apply for this task.

Please Join Us!

ONE IN FOUR
WV CHILDREN GOES TO
SCHOOL HUNGRY



**Food Pantry
Donations Needed**

DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

The Deacon's would like to thank the congregation for their generous donations of *non-perishable food items* to the Food Pantry.

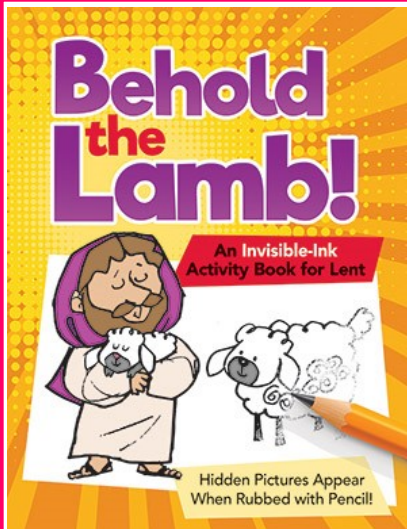
*****FEBRUARY is Hot or Cold
Cereal MONTH *****

*Please use a "FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS" envelope
in the pew rack for your monetary donations.*

Christian Education



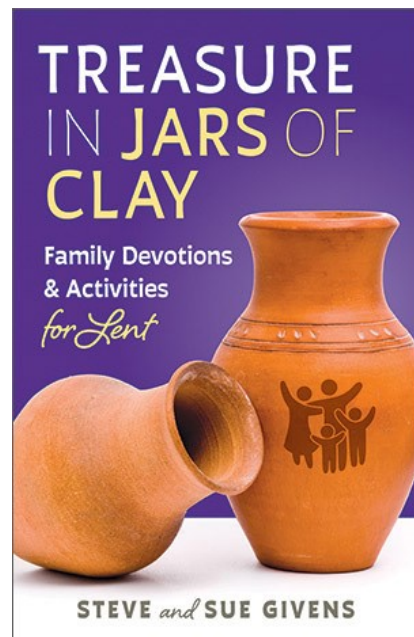
***Educating Children, Youth, Adults and Families to
Worship God, Walk in the Spirit and Witness Christ together.***



FREE CHILDREN'S LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

The Christian Education Commission provides Children's Lenten Devotionals to all children of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church. It's Ink-Credible! Discover the hidden wonder of the Lenten story in a whole new way with this daily activity booklet filled with invisible-ink images ... just waiting to be revealed. Each day in Lent, read a Bible verse about our incredible Savior and uncover hidden images by rubbing the edge of a pencil across the page. Pictures appear as children open eyes to the love and mercy of Jesus in ways that they have never seen before. Ages 4-10.

Pick up one for your child at the Welcome Center in the Narthex on Sunday February 23rd.



FREE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL FOR FAMILIES!

The Christian Education Commission provides Lenten Devotionals to all families of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church. The season of Lent provides the perfect time for families to reflect from where true fulfillment and peace comes. Throughout the season, as throughout our lives, it is Christ who works to fill the empty vessels of our hearts and we discover "...we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). That power, that forgiving love, is ours to share. ***Pick up one for your family at the Welcome Center in the Narthex on Sunday February 23rd.***

Questions, Concerns, Suggestions,
Jane Schockey

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Vance Christian Education

Children's Sermons:
Sundays at all Worship Services

Sunday School:
Sundays @ 9am



Mark Your Calendar for our Lenten Group Study!

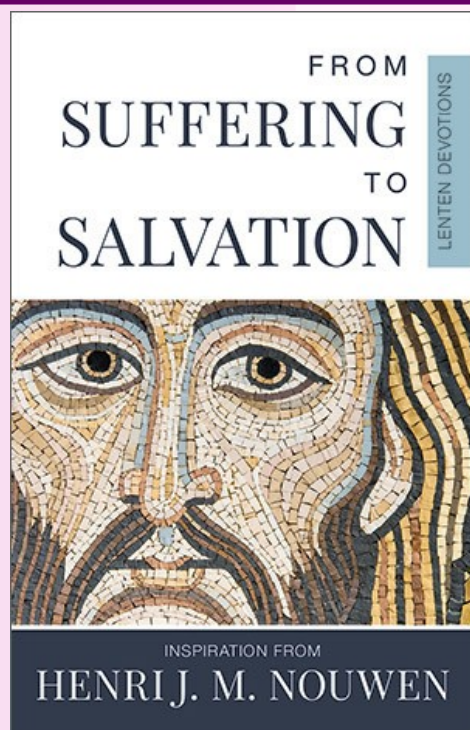
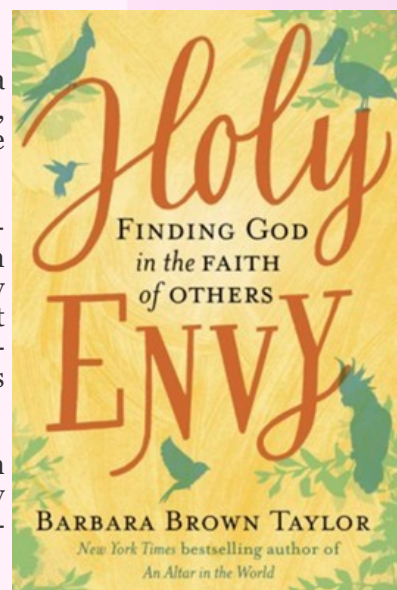
Lent kicks off in 2020 at the end of February beginning with Ash Wednesday on 2/26/2020. We will have our annual Ash Wednesday service and then begin our Adult Group Study on Wednesday, March 4, and it

will run for the 6 weeks in Lent. As always, we will begin the night packing food bags for Woodsdale School at 5:30pm followed by a hearty soup and bread meal at 6:00pm and then have our discussion group at 6:30pm, all in the Robbie Clarke Room. Please Join Us. This Lent our Study will be the book *Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others* by New York Time Bestselling Author, Barbara Brown Taylor.

Christians are taught that God is everywhere--a tenet that is central to Barbara Brown Taylor's life and faith. In *Holy Envy*, she continues her spiritual journey, contemplating the myriad ways she encountered God outside of the church, while teaching a college course on the world's religions.

In her interfaith class, Barbara introduces her students to other religious traditions and accompanies them on field trips to a variety of venues of worship. Both she and her students ponder and debate how the knowledge and insights they have gained raise important questions about belief, and explore how different practices relate to their own faith. Inspired by these intellectual and spiritual discussions, Barbara turns once again to the Bible for guidance, to see what secrets lay buried there.

Throughout *Holy Envy*, Barbara weaves together stories from her classroom with reflections on how her own spiritual journey has been challenged and renewed by connecting with people of other traditions--and by meeting God in her communion with them.



FREE ADULT LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

The Christian Education Commission provides Lenten Devotionals to all adults of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church. Pick up your FREE copy today of This Lenten Devotional for personal study in anticipation of Christ's Resurrection! Check the Lower Lobby and Narthex Welcome Center to get yours before they run out!

An invaluable guide for Lent, these devotions allow readers to recall how Jesus willingly suffered to open the door to our Salvation. Each Lent, we are called to prayerfully consider that sacrificial love, receive it, share it and demonstrate it to others. A spiritual icon of the 20th century, Henri Nouwen wrote about this love which continues to captivate millions. In these pages, Nouwen excerpts are accompanied by Scripture passages and original reflections composed by author Christopher Klofft.



OUR MISSIONARIES

Fruitful Travels

January indeed proved to be a busy month for ministry as we anticipated. We had the privilege of joining Cru staff members who will be leading Summer Missions this summer for a time of training in Denver, Colorado. Together with our co-leader Alyssa, we spent four days planning for our trip to Puerto Rico this June, learning everything from budgets and donations to how to guide our team spiritually and in effective mission. We are really excited as we now begin to recruit students to join us!

The week following our training in Colorado, Caleb drove a large van with eight South Asian American students to Kalamazoo, Michigan for the Cru Design conference. After more than 10 hours of driving, the students joined more than 50 others to learn about how to be a "Messenger" for God and steward their ethnic identity to reach people for Jesus Christ. Upon return, the Temple students have been eagerly planning for the new semester, and they have 18 people signed up for their weekly Bible study. We are pursuing a new chapter of Design at Drexel University with a student who attended the conference. God is at work in this community, and we are blessed to play a small role.

We had a great group of students from Penn, Temple, and even Bowling Green University in Ohio join us for an MLK Day of Service at Kirkbride School. They helped us clean classrooms, give away donated clothing to the community, and sweep up glass from the streets surrounding the rowhome fire. We are so encouraged that students are catching the vision for serving the city while in college as we continue to provide them with opportunities.

Contact Us: Caleb and Claire Bermudez's NEW address

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Claire.Bermudez@cru.org

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 using #0559783 and follow directions.



WKWK-FM 97.3
10:00 AM SERVICE
Regularly Broadcast

February Worship Schedule

4th Sunday after Epiphany (10:00AM Communion/Scouts)
Feb. 2.....Rev. Erica Harley, preaching

5th Sunday after Epiphany (10:00AM)
Feb. 9.....Rev. Erica Harley, preaching

6th Sunday after Epiphany (10:00AM)
Feb. 16.....Rev. Erica Harley, preaching

Transfiguration of the Lord (10:00AM)
Feb. 23.....Rev. Erica Harley, preaching

Ash Wednesday (7:00PM Communion/Ashes, Merriman Chapel)
Feb. 2.....Rev. Erica Harley, preaching



PER CAPITA

Every member is encouraged to pay his/her per capita for the year. For 2020 it is \$29.50. Per capita dollars help to sustain our Presbyterian Church at the presbytery, synod and General Assembly levels. To be Presbyterian is to be a connectional body and to see the church as more than the local congregation.

If you are able, please consider paying your per capita.



**CHURCH
OFFERING
ENVELOPES
for the 2020
giving year**

are available in the Narthex.

Please pick yours up today!

Sanctuary Flowers

Would you like to beautify the sanctuary during worship?

Memorialize or honor a loved one? There are many Sundays available for placing flowers on either side of the chancel.

If you would like to sign-up on a Sunday to provide flowers in worship, please check the calendar on the clipboard in the Narthex, fill out the form found in the pamphlet stand and submit it to the church office. *Sign your name on an available date on the calendar on the clipboard, or call the church office for a date.*



After the worship service, you may take your flowers or the Deacons can bless a shut-in with them if you wish.

BE A LITURGIST

Liturgy literally means "work of the people," as it indicates that we who are the people of God should be engaged in "working" to honor God in worship. That's why we seek to have moments through which the people can participate in worship like the singing of hymns, responsive readings, and unison prayers. But the people of God need guides to help us through our journey to participate in worship and liturgists are intended to be just such guides.

A Sunday morning liturgist performs a vital function in encouraging the people of God to worship with our whole hearts. Sign up today to help your congregation with the prayers of confession and dedication.

Be a Liturgist! Add your name to the list at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or email/tell Jane Schockey office@vancechurch.org





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, 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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Member	Room/Phone #	Address
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Nina McHenry	304-242-3167	19825 Dear Run Lane Strongsville, OH 44149
Don Hendrickson	304-242-1740	37 Brentwood Ave. Wheeling, WV 26003
Sally Riley	304-233-9056	89 Bethany Pike Wheeling, WV 26003
Bill Maxwell	304-242-2509	143 Miller St. Wheeling, WV 26003
Parky Beneke Continuous Care	304-243-3815	236 Bransfield Pl. Rm. 202 Wheeling, WV 26003
Flo Frame	304-242-0099	9 Romney Road Wheeling, WV 26003
Shirley Driehorst	304-242-6833	14 Fairfax Dr. Wheeling, WV 26003
Deb Cox	304-233-6027	361 Merrymount Rd. Wheeling, WV 26003



Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church

Sundays at 10:00am

Sunday School at 9:00am

First Sunday Communion Service
at 10:00am

COME

WORSHIP WITH US

A traditional church with Spirit serving the Greater Wheeling community and beyond.