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JANUARY

ADVANCE NEWS 2021



Pastor's Note

Well, SHE DID IT! Our very own Jane Schockey is now The Reverend Jane Schockey! As you know, Jane has been with us at Vance for over ten years in various capacities but always as our Christian Educator. She came to us already having a seminary education and then decided to pursue ordained ministry in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Jane then joined a Presbyterian Church, Vance Memorial, took additional Presbyterian related seminary classes, and passed all five ordination exams – all on the first try. So then came the need for a church to serve. “Where is God calling Jane?” we asked and prayed. We talked to a small church in the area but they only moderately seemed interested. So we waited for God’s answer. In the meantime I sent Jane to Hilltop United Presbyterian Church in Toronto to fill their pulpit for the summer. And a match in heaven was made. Hilltop loved and loves Jane, and she loves them.

On December 27, 2020 Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery ordained Jane Schockey here at Vance with not a dry eye in the crowd. Then on January 10, 2021 Jane was installed as pastor at Hilltop. God is good. But the additional good news is that Hilltop is a small enough congregation that without Jane having an additional place to work they could not have afforded her. And the even further good news is that we like her here at Vance. So Jane will be one quarter time at Hilltop and three quarter time with us as Office Manager at Vance.

Just so you know the church gifted Jane two beautiful pastor’s stoles as ordination gifts: one matching a set she received from the beloved Bob Willits and one in jazzy red. Hilltop gave her a new robe. And so she is pretty much set. However if you want to offer her well wishes and send her cards, I did give her a decorative box in which she can save tokens like that. So say a prayer for Jane and wish her every blessing. Well done, good and faithful. Well done.

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LET US
*Worship
Together*

Sundays at 10am

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

JANUARY
Happy Birthday!



01—Jeanne Finstein
01—Esterbelle Heceta
01—Americus Cooper
06—Taylor Croft
08—Virginia Dulany
14—Don Dague
14—Paul Limbert
15—Arch Riley
16—Elizabeth Hooper
21—Hali Exley
21—Bettie Steele
23—John Green
29—Audrey Abraham

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



Upcoming Deadlines

The deadline to submit Annual Reports to the church office is **Wednesday January 20, 2021**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021 AT 11AM FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Meeting called by Session in accordance of bylaws.



LITTLE REMINDERS

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers will be in the near future. TBA

LITTLE REMINDERS

Church Offering Envelopes for the 2021 giving year are available in the church Narthex. Pick yours up today!

LITTLE REMINDERS

PER CAPITA Every member is encouraged to pay his/her per capita for the year. If you would like to pay it for 2021, it is \$29.50

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

DEACON YSS SOCK COLLECTION DRIVE

The Deacons would like to ask the congregation to donate warm, adult-sized socks for the Winter Freeze Shelter at Youth Services System in January. This is one way we can help those less fortunate than us. We are asking for new **warm** adult-sized socks; not fashion socks and not ankle socks. This collection drive will take place during the month of January. Please place your donation of adult-sized socks in one of our collection boxes. Thank you. "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed." -Proverbs 19:17





CHRISTMAS KIDS GIFTS

THANK YOU DONORS

The Deacons would like to thank all those who provided Christmas gifts to the 18 children we were asked to sponsor from the House of the Carpenter this Christmas Season. We are so grateful for your generosity. You made a brighter and more hopeful Christmas for needy families in the Ohio Valley!

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

OUR MISSIONARIES

Resuming Patterns Virtually

We hope you had a blessed holiday season despite the many challenges that 2020 has brought. We were grateful for time spent with both sets of grandparents, even though the celebrations were more quiet than usual. Now that we are back in Philadelphia, life has resumed its normal patterns of virtual school and digital ministry. Though university students have not yet returned to the classroom (and in Philly many will remain at home for yet another semester), we are attending several training opportunities during the winter break.

Claire will serve as the Operations Team Leader for the Summer Mission in Philadelphia this summer. Two weeks in January are spent learning and planning with other Summer Mission team leaders from around the country. She will be responsible for the budget and housing and all logistics for the mission, while Evan and Kathleen (staff couple in Philadelphia) will lead student discipleship and the schedule for the project. We are praying and planning for an in-person project this May and June with twelve students and several staff members. Our goal is to incorporate campus evangelism and mercy ministry together this summer. Pray for Claire, Evan, and Kathleen as they plan together for a fruitful project despite Covid's disrupting nature.

Caleb is in the middle of a different training geared toward Cru leaders who are expanding to new campuses where Cru is not present. It is a helpful time to rub shoulders with other staff and learn new ways to reach students with the gospel. When this training ends, we will transition quickly into a virtual Winter Conference for students of South Asian descent. Over 100 people are registered for this three-day conference, the most attendants we have ever seen for Design! We are praying for good fellowship and teaching, as well as minimal technical glitches during the weekend.

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.

Feel free to contact us at our home
in Philadelphia:

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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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Marilyn Phillis	740-449-2152	Brookdale Hawthorne Lakes Unit# 440 Vernon Hill, IL 60061
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Don Hendrickson Liza's Place Rm 158	304-242-1740	308 Mt. St. Joseph Rd. Wheeling, WV 26003
Sally Riley	304-233-9056	89 Bethany Pike Wheeling, WV 26003
Parky Beneke Continuous Care	304-243-3815	236 Hullihen Pl. Rm. 202 Wheeling, WV 26003
Flo Frame	304-242-0099	9 Romney Road Wheeling, WV 26003
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NATIONAL
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MONTH



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



Join us for Worship
Sundays at 10am

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Hand Sanitizer



Masks



Gloves



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