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ADVANCE NEWS 2020



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Vance Church Welcomes Harmony House

It's officially 2020 and so has begun a new chapter in the life of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Vance Church now welcomes Harmony House to the third floor where it will utilize space for three offices, two waiting rooms, and a video/audio space for interviewing children in preparation for court procedures. Harmony House is a comprehensive children's advocacy organization that works to assist children and developmentally disabled adults who have been abused or neglected and works to prevent the victimization of those same individuals.

"I am thrilled that Harmony House will be at Vance. They took care of [my adopted granddaughter] back when she was removed from her mom. I was taking [her] to therapy there for several months. They do great work there for children. Thank the [Vance] Elders for me," said one local Presbyterian grandmother upon learning of this new arrangement.

Vance has been searching for the right tenant for its third floor since before the arrival of Senior Pastor Erica Harley a year and a half ago. Nearly 3000 square feet was virtually unused in the Vance Christian Education wing. "We needed a group with an affinity to our other third floor renters, Young Life and Junior League," said Harley.

When Harmony House lost its offices with the closing of OVMC, a perfect situation presented itself. "This seems win-win for all involved," Harley continued. "Harmony House needed appropriate office space; Vance needed space utilized by a community organization."

Harley also emphasized that this new partnership is part of a greater comprehensive vision for Vance Church to serve the greater Wheeling community with its resources. "We anticipate doing great things together for the children of our community," Harley concluded.



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

**Radio
Ministry**



WKWK-FM 97.3
10:00 AM SERVICE
Regularly Broadcast

DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY

The church is grateful for the hundreds of pounds of non-perishable food received from our Partners in Education at Woodsdale Elementary School for the Deacon's Food Pantry. Woodsdale Elementary students were asked to bring food items to donate to Vance and they filled four, six-foot tables full.



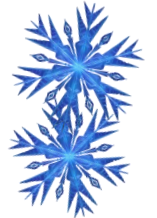
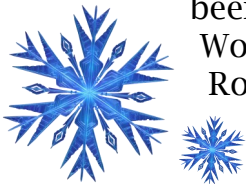
The Deacons would also like to thank anybody who participated in the recent Advent Calendar Food Drive Challenge! The Pantry is STOCKED! Hallelujah!



Weekend Food Bag Project



The Mission Outreach & Community Service Commission needs your help. We have been asked to provide 135+ 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.



Please Join Us!

January Worship Schedule



Epiphany of the Lord (10:00AM Communion) Jan. 5.....	Rev. Erica Harley
Baptism of the Lord (10:00AM) Jan. 12.....	Rev. Erica Harley
2nd Sunday after Epiphany (10:00AM) Ordination and Installation of Officers Jan. 19.....	Rev. Erica Harley
3rd Sunday after Epiphany (10:00AM) Jan. 26.....	Rev. Dr. William Gibson McCoy



Keeping Tootsies Warm in Wheeling

The Deacons will be collecting warm winter socks for adult male and female feet now through Sunday, January 12, 2020. 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

Thank you to recent "Souper" Volunteers!

*Call the office if you would like to be part of the Vance Soup Kitchen Team on:
Tues., Jan.21, 2020*



3rd Tuesday of each month



Vance Church wants to thank all those volunteers who supported this year's Advent projects by participating, planning, and praying. For all of you who dressed in period clothing and stood out in the cold to portray the night Jesus was born, built the stable and organized the costumes, well done! To all those who mixed Swiss Miss, set-up "Cocoa Corner," and handed out Styrofoam cups full of hot chocolate to travelers, well done! To all those babysat children so parents and grandparents could get a much needed break, well done! To all those who baked cupcakes, set up and cleaned up for the Christmas luncheon, well done! We also thank all those who helped with parking, ushered and took tickets for the Messiah performance last Sunday!

Well Done Good and Faithful Servants!

Stewardship

is heart work



Some Vance members are quite use to a method of congregational stewardship that involves the church asking each member to "pledge," or promise to give a certain amount to the annual church budget. As you likely know, this process usually happens in the fall of the church year so pledges can be collected and counted in an effort to construct the next year's budget with some degree of accuracy. Vance did not do this in 2019 and it may look like we do not intend to do so in 2020 either. However as we as a congregation (and a session) work toward greater financial health and transparency, do not lose hope. There is no rule that says a church stewardship campaign has to occur in the fall. In fact the most successful stewardship campaigns spend the entire year reminding congregations of our commitments to giving to God and God's kingdom. As we restructure how we think about money, giving and finances here at Vance, remember the church that serves you and its community still needs your support. We may still ask for pledges in the first quarter of 2020, and if we do pray that you respond faithfully. But if a pledge drive does not happen this spring, know that the church leadership continues its commitment to living into a healthy financial life for the whole of Vance Church.

Christian Education



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

soup'n stuff



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!

I would like to thank the children of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church for sharing the Christmas story in worship this past Advent Season.

Adlie Abraham
Cooper Abraham
Owen Abraham
Sophie Abraham
Cruz Cain
Kendall Cain
Ella Green
John Green
Silas John
Blake Oliver
Crew Oliver
Milyn Oliver
Madison Shearer



If you would like a copy of the Christmas Film that was shown in worship, please contact Jane. There are DVDs available to anyone who would like one.

January Birthdays

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED WITH CAKE IN THE NARTHEX AFTER THE 10AM WORSHIP SERVICE.

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

Birthdays
Corner

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



LITTLE REMINDERS

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers will be Sunday Jan. 19, 2020 in 10am Worship

LITTLE REMINDERS

Church Offering Envelopes for the 2020 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 2020, it is \$29.50



Upcoming Deadlines

* The deadline to submit Annual Reports to the church office is **Wed., January 15, 2020**

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020 AT 11AM FOR THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Meeting called by Session in accordance of bylaws.





OUR MISSIONARIES

Great Privilege

Happy New Year! Thank you so much for your prayers for our family after the rowhome fire happened at the end of our block this past month. We have many things to praise God for as he kept us safe, our car and home sustained no damage, and the time away from home during the holidays while much of the cleanup happened was helpful for the kids. There are many families that suffered greatly in this tragedy and we are soberly aware of that truth as we continue our normal routines in the new year.

God has richly provided for all our needs, especially for the remainder of the finances needed for Aslan's private school this year as well as our upcoming trip to Puerto Rico this summer with students. We are truly grateful for the body of Christ who give so generously so that we might labor full-time reaching college students and our neighborhood for Jesus.

After a wonderful time celebrating Christmas with both of our families in Tennessee and West Virginia, we spent the last few days of 2019 in Baltimore for Cru's annual student Winter Conference. Caleb spent the evenings recruiting students to join us this summer in Puerto Rico and we were able to meet the other staff who will join our team there as well. In just a few days, we will head to Denver for summer mission training while the kids stay in Philly with Claire's parents, and then Caleb will take a group of South Asian American students to a conference in Michigan. January truly is a busy time in ministry even as the universities are not yet back in session.

As we reflect on the last year (or ten!) and enter a new decade, we continue to count it a great privilege to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth and to play a part in seeing lives transformed for Jesus' sake. Thank you for your valuable partnership with us!

Contact Us: Caleb and Claire Bermudez's NEW address
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Caleb.Bermudez@cru.org
Claire.Bermudez@cru.org

Happy New Year!
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.

WHEELING AREA DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION 2020

ORGANIZED BY WHEELING MLK CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

All events are free and open to the public.

SUNDAY, JAN. 12

6 p.m. - "A Celebration of Music, Liberty & Knowledge" featuring ezra and the reletivs & skits
Wheeling University Troy Theater, 316 Washington Ave.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 15 (MLK's Birthday)

6:30 p.m. - **Upper Ohio Valley Ministerial Alliance Prayer Service**
Preacher: Rev. James M. Agnew, Pastor of Tree of Life Apostolic Church; music by the Community Choir; Fourth Street United Methodist Church, 1060 Chapline St.

SUNDAY, JAN. 19

2 p.m. - **MLK March** beginning at the top of MLK Boulevard, park at The Windmill (470 Stone Blvd.) or Fourth St. UMC (1060 Chapline St.); busing will be provided.

3 p.m. - **Interfaith Prayer Service**, music by Voices of Praise; Fourth Street United Methodist Church, 1060 Chapline St.

4 p.m. - **Community Banquet**, keynote speaker: Chief Ivin B. Lee, first African-American female police chief in WV. MLK and Rosa Parks Award Winners to be honored. *\$5 suggested donation.*
YWCA, 1100 Chapline St.

MONDAY, JAN. 20

9 a.m. - **MLK Awards Breakfast**, YWCA, 1100 Chapline St.

9:30 a.m. - **MLK Contest Winners award presentations**,
YWCA, 1100 Chapline St.

10:30 a.m. - **Special children's programming (5-12 year olds) in honor of Dr. King**, YWCA, 1100 Chapline St.

*"We will remember not the words of our enemies,
but the silence of our friends."*

Sponsored by:

Wheeling Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Committee
Fourth Street United Methodist Church
New Life United Methodist Church
Temple Shalom
Upper Ohio Valley Ministerial Alliance

Wayman African Methodist Episcopal Church



The Windmill
Woman's Club of Wheeling
YWCA of Wheeling

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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, 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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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.