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## ADVANCE NEWS 2020



### Appalachian Christmas Project for Adults and Disabled Persons

The Mission Outreach and Community Service Commission is supporting the Shoebox Gift Project for Adults and Disabled Persons this year for Christmas. Due to the challenges of COVID-19, we are asking donors to bring a **completely filled and wrapped** shoebox or gallon zip bags with the items from the list below. This is precautionary since we can't sort, pack and wrap boxes/bags as a group. There will be a box of shoeboxes and gallon zip bags by the office if you need them. Please label the boxes "Women" or "Men" or "Either." Place filled, wrapped and labeled boxes by the box in the Narthex or by the church office. The final date for donations is Sunday, November 22, 2020.

**Let's spread the light of the  
gospel this Christmas  
to people often overlooked or  
forgotten.**

AND THE KING WILL SAY

*'I tell you the truth, when you  
did it to one of the least of  
these my brothers and sisters,  
you were doing it to me!'*

Matthew 25:40



**Each Shoebox should contain all the priority items and any optional items  
you would like to add that will fit in your shoebox or zip bag.**

#### Priority Items

Disposable Razors  
Calendars  
Shaving Cream  
Bar Soap  
Shampoo  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste  
Deodorant

#### Wash Cloth

Purse size Kleenex  
Comb or Hairbrush  
Notepads/Pencils/Pens

#### Optional items

Decks of Cards  
Chapstick/Vaseline

#### First Aid Cream

Socks  
Mittens  
Hand Sanitizer  
Nail Clippers/Tweezers  
Small Puzzle book



**Sundays at 10am**

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



**NOVEMBER**



02—Diane Crowl  
05—Nina McHenry  
08—Candace McCarthy  
14—Paul Shearer  
15—Tom Monroe  
19—Sam Driehorst  
20—William Hout  
23—Ted Owens  
26—Ben Exley, IV  
26—Martha Strasser  
28—Nila Stobbs  
29—Ed Dearth

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



*Wheeling*

*Wednesday, November  
25, 2020 at 7:00 pm.*

*Virtual Interfaith  
Thanksgiving Service*

REMEMBERING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

*Hosted by The Vineyard  
Church with participation  
from Wheeling Churches*

*Streaming Live at  
[wheelingvineyard.com](http://wheelingvineyard.com)*

**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



**Advent for Children**

As you know, in the last few years, we have had to adapt and put a creative spin on the classic “pageant.” The goal was to give the children an opportunity to present the nativity story to Vance church in their own way. This is still the goal this year, but we will do it in a unique way in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. The children did such 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 will present the congregation with a keepsake book of the nativity story that is illustrated by the children. Books should be published and printed by the start of Advent. There will be copies available in the Narthex for congregants to read during the season of Advent. If you would like your own copy, you can place and order on the form in the Narthex.





## 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

### Bid Me Follow

I (Claire) often begin my mornings with a liturgy book called Every Moment Holy by Douglas McKelvey. One of the prayers that I commonly pray is A Liturgy for First Waking. I find the words timely each time I read them: "Nothing is too hard for you, Lord Christ. I deposit now all confidence in you that whatever these waking hours bring, my foundations will not be shaken. At day's end I will lay me down again to sleep knowing that my best hope is well kept in you. In all things your grace will sustain me. Bid me follow, and I will follow."

I take comfort in these words, that though we do not know what each day will hold, God remains in control and His wise plans will reign even in the midst of uncertain times. This semester has been full of ups and downs, but we sense God's care and direction nonetheless. We have conducted two virtual Fall Retreats, one for our Philly students within Cru movements city-wide, and one for our South Asian American students involved with Design. Though this was not the way we prefer our Fall Retreat to be held, God used this time to provide community, fellowship, and training for many who would otherwise not have been able to participate.

Our tutoring program at Christ Church has been a blessing both to our volunteers and students. The in-person atmosphere is enjoyed by everyone and each child is receiving individual attention to complete school assignments or practice reading skills. We are so grateful for church members who have given their time and are excited to help mobilize more people to meet the needs of our diverse community.

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  
in Philadelphia:

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835 Wilder Street, Philadelphia, PA 19147  
[Caleb.Bermudez@cru.org](mailto:Caleb.Bermudez@cru.org)  
[Claire.Bermudez@cru.org](mailto:Claire.Bermudez@cru.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 or Deacon or the Pastor.

If *any* information listed is incorrect, or you would like to add someone, please notify the church office *immediately*.  
304-232-0980  
office@vancechurch.org

| Member                                 | Room/Phone # | Address   |
|--|--------------|---|
| Marilyn Phillis                        | 740-449-2152 | Brookdale Hawthorne<br>Lakes Unit# 440<br>Vernon Hill, IL 60061 |
| Nina McHenry                           | 440-783-1335 | 21452 Royalton Rd. Apt262<br>Strongsville, OH 44149             |
| Don Hendrickson<br>Liza's Place Rm 158 | 304-242-1740 | 308 Mt. St. Joseph Rd.<br>Wheeling, WV 26003                    |
| Sally Riley                            | 304-233-9056 | 89 Bethany Pike<br>Wheeling, WV 26003                           |
| Parky Beneke<br>Continuous Care        | 304-243-3815 | 236 Hullihen Pl. Rm. 202<br>Wheeling, WV 26003                  |
| Flo Frame                              | 304-242-0099 | 9 Romney Road<br>Wheeling, WV 26003                             |
| Shirley & Sam<br>Driehorst             | 304-242-6833 | 14 Fairfax Dr.<br>Wheeling, WV 26003                            |
| Deb Cox                                | 304-233-6027 | 361 Merrymount Rd.<br>Wheeling, WV 26003                        |
| Betty Holden                           | 304-242-4105 | 32 Boxwood Circle<br>Wheeling, WV 26003                         |



## Sanctuary Flowers \*Poinsettias Coming in December\*

The Worship and Music Commission will take orders for Christmas Poinsettia's in December. Cost is \$10 per plant.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

## Thank You Volunteers

Thank you to the 60+ volunteers who helped make this community event possible. On Tue. Oct. 27, 2020 Vance folks greeted and treated drive-thru families celebrating Halloween this season. Left-over treat bags were given to Laughlin Chapel, Wheeling Health Right, Wheeling Symphony Youth Orchestra, Vance Deacon's Food Pantry Patrons, Youth Services Systems and the children living at the YWCA.



Regularly  
Broadcast  
WKWK-FM  
97.3  
10:00 AM  
SERVICE

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

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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.