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# ADVANCE NEWS 2020

## What's Happening with

## Trunk or Treat?



That's a great question. Many of the Vance faithful have asked what will happen with Trunk or Treat this year? Some of you have already volunteered to volunteer and to bring candy.

Thank you! However because of COVID-19 we will have to do some things differently this year. All of this is just a short time away so the church will be making decisions quickly, but suffice it to say we will do something this Halloween time to celebrate with the children and youth of our community. Trunk or Treat has been one of the most fun and joy-producing community events for our church. No virus will stop that commitment from continuing!!!

### ORGAN TASKFORCE UPDATE

In August the moderator of the church session appointed a task force to examine the state of Vance's organ. Generally speaking church organs need significant work about every 50 years but ours has not had such work since its installation in 1966. In other words: it's due! Thus far the organ task force has received proposals to consider what needs to be done to update our organ to remain a quality instrument for the next generation. We will be returning to you with further details in the near future but you should know quite clearly that this will not be an inexpensive undertaking. This is our Vance organ! We will be looking to you for support in the future.



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

*Join us for*

**Sunday School**

Sundays @9:00 am



- October 4th  
World Communion
- October 9th  
Pastor Erica's Birthday
- October 12th  
Jane Schockey Birthday
- October 18th  
Annual Meeting
- October 19th  
Debbie Breiding Birthday



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| 03—Natalie Petticord | 22—John Hargleroad |
| 08—Dorothy Albasin   | 24—Milyn Oliver    |
| 09—Erica Harley      | 24—Drew Seabright  |
| 09—Claire Bermudez   | 25—Kendall Cain    |
| 12—Jane Schockey     | 26—Russell Green   |
| 17—Silas John        | 28—Kathie Seidler  |
| 18—Jill Flanagan     | 29—Marlo Trabert   |
| 19—Debbie Breiding   |                    |

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



## Memorial Sunday

Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 10am, we will be honoring the Vance saints who have passed away in the last decade. We will have special music and flowers.



# Vance Christian Education

This fall our commission has been nurturing the children and youth of our church with Care Packages Full of Love to show them that we are praying for them and they are extra special to Vance Church.

We sent 11 care packages to the pre-school and elementary age children of the church. They contained Bible story-books, stickers, Christian craft projects, devotionals and other small gifts.



We sent 6 care packages to the middle and high school children of the church. They contained a Bible devotional, a topical Bible reference book and a personalized pen.

The commission and Sunday School teachers are eagerly awaiting the return of our students to Christian Education. See you soon!



## **DEACON'S FOOD PANTRY**

**Thanks for helping keep the Deacon's  
food pantry stocked!**

**We appreciate your donations of  
all non perishable food items. We also  
accept monetary donations to stock  
the shelves. Just put Food Pantry on  
the memo line of your check.**



### **Mission Commission News**

Your Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church Mission Outreach and Community Service Commission has been hard at work serving our community. In the past few weeks the Commission has given much-needed gifts to the following organizations:

Ohio County Archery — \$500 This organization develops leadership life skills in youth throughout the county by teaching archery.

Laughlin Chapel Blossom's Program — \$1000 Laughlin Chapel, with the cooperation of Streets Moms, has developed a new initiative to serve homeless women in Wheeling. This program particularly will provide space for indoor showers and a Saturday afternoon meal to local women in need.

House of the Carpenter — \$500 HoC continues to serve those in need on both sides of the river.

Appalachian Christmas Project — \$750 This organization provides gifts of personal items to those in West Virginia and parts of Kentucky.

Appalachian Outreach — \$750 This organization serves West Virginia and Kentucky in disaster relief.

The generous donations you give through our congregation make gifts like this possible. Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.



**Vance Memorial  
Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall**

**Monday, October 12 & 26, 2020  
12:00-5:30PM**

**Please Call 1-800-RED CROSS to  
schedule an appointment.**



**In September, the Deacons of Vance Church donated Klondike Bars to the teachers and staff of Woodsdale Elementary School. Vance Church wanted to show love and support to our neighbors and bring smiles to their faces with this sweet treat! Erica and Jane delivered them to the school and the folks in the administrative office were so excited and thankful!**

**The Deacons would like to thank all those who donated School Supplies for the Woodsdale Elementary School Supply Drive.**

**Your generosity is much appreciated in the midst of the major adjustments of this school year. Together we are better.**

PLEASE JOIN US

CONGREGATIONAL  
**MEETING**

Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church Session  
has called a Congregational Meeting for  
Sunday, October 18, 2020,  
immediately following the  
10am Worship Service.

The purpose is to receive the report of the Congregational  
Nominating Committee (CNC) and vote on the proposed slate of  
deacons, ruling elders, and our 2021 CNC.

As Always, nominations may be made from the floor by and for  
officers and/or committee members.

**Nominating Committee Report**

The members of the 2020 Congregational Nominating Committee are as follows: Rowena Baker and Michelle John (Elders); Kathryn Hannan (Deacon); Ben Exley, Cynthia Morrison, and Elizabeth Provance (Congregation at large). The following are the names and short biographies of Elders and Deacons who are being recommended by the 2020 Nominating Committee:

**Nominated Elder's Class of 2023**

**Beth Ann Dague** - Beth Ann has been a member of Vance since the early 70's. She is married to Don Dague, a retired executive director of a drug and alcohol agency. Beth Ann owns Ohio Valley Guidance Services where she counsels individuals two days a week. The Dague's have two children who were confirmed at Vance Church. Their daughter Meredith has a 19 year old daughter Bre who is a sophomore at La Roche University studying Interior Design. Their son Andrew and his wife Kori have a three year old son Larkin. Beth Ann has been chairperson of the Personnel Committee and the Christian Education Commission. She presently serves on the Mission Commission, the Personnel Committee and the Organ Restoration Task Force.

**Janet Hart** - Janet has been a faithful member of Vance Church for over 40 years, and a Deacon for many years. She taught Sunday School when her children were young, helped with Vacation Bible School, and coordinated costuming for "The Live Nativity". She has also volunteered in the church office. Janet has an identical twin sister, and is a Wheeling resident and artist. She serves the community by being a Sustaining Member of the Junior League of Wheeling and an Oglebay Institute Mansion Museum Committee Member.

**John Hargleroad** - John has been a member of Vance Memorial Church for over 25 years and has served one term as a Deacon and multiple terms as an Elder. John has chaired Personnel, Nominating, Worship and Music, Evangelism, Membership and Fellowship as well as Building and Property. John currently is an active elder and serves on EF&M and Building and Property. He is active with Laughlin Memorial Chapel. John has been employed by Oglebay for over 47 years serving in a number of capacities and is phasing into retirement.

**Howard Monroe** - Howard is a child of Vance was Baptized here sang in the Children's choir, and attended Sunday school. He ran the sound board. He was Ordained and served as a Deacon and Ruling elder and an active session member for many years. Howard serves on the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry. He also serves on the pulpit supply list and provides long-term pulpit supply under contract with Dillonvale Presbyterian church. Outside of church, he is a long-time radio talk host, TV personality, and member (and former chairman) of the Wheeling Planning Commission. Howard and his wife Nancy live in Wheeling and have 3 sons, one grandson and 3 step grandkids.



### Nominated Deacons' Class of 2023

**Roger Cain**— Roger is honored to join the Deacon ministry at Vance Church. He graduated from West Liberty in 2003. He then attended Palmer College of Chiropractic in Port Orange, Florida and graduated in 2006. He met his wife, Karyna Cain, in 2008 and they moved back to West Virginia in 2010. Roger now works as Athletic Director for his alma mater, Cameron High School. He enjoys spending time with his two children (Kendal and Cruz), hunting, and following his favorite teams. He has assisted with packing meals for the Woodsdale Weekend Food Program.

**Alan Cline** Alan Cline was born and raised in Wellsburg, West Virginia and attended the Wellsburg First Presbyterian Church where he was a member of the choir from the age of 12. He was involved with Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery Youth Council during his high school years and attended many Presbytery meetings and the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in 2006. Alan holds a Bachelor's Degree in voice performance from West Liberty University and a Master's Degree from the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. He has been a professional member of choirs of many different denominations including Presbyterian, Lutheran, Catholic, Methodist, and Baptist. Since returning to the valley in 2017 he works as an opera singer and teacher and lives in Woodsdale. Alan sings in the Vance Church Choir.

**Marjorie Easton** – Marjorie is married and has two adult sons. Although not a native West Virginian, she has lived here 47 years. Much of that time she has been a Vance Church member. In 2012, Marjorie retired from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency after having worked in the environmental field for more than 35 years. Since retirement, it's been her good fortune to be able to pursue her varied interests and hobbies. As a Christian, she appreciates that Vance Memorial became her church home.

**Joelle Oliver** – Joelle Oliver has been married to her husband Brian for twelve years and they have Blake (9), Milyn (almost 7), and Crew (5). Her life at Vance began 33 years ago. She has been confirmed and married in this church, and her children have been baptized here. She served as a volunteer for the youth while in college and briefly served as the youth leader. She now occasionally helps with Sunday School. Joelle has served one term as a Deacon and is ready to serve her second. Her best memories have been here and she feels blessed to serve in a place that means so much to her.

### Nominated Deacon's Class of 2022

**Jennifer Shearer** – Jennifer has been a member of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church for about a year and a half, but she and her family have been going for a little over 2 years. She was raised in the Catholic Church in New Martinsville. She was very active in the church while she was in grade school and high school. She would help out with Bingo at the church, helped at Bible School, and volunteered at the nursing home just for example. When she graduated high school, she went on to college where she received 2 Associate Degrees in Information Technology at Belmont Tech. After College, she moved up to Wheeling where she met her husband. They got married at Roney's Point Presbyterian Church on March 20, 2010 and almost 5 years later, they were blessed with their daughter Madison on Christmas Eve. She loves spending time with her family. She loves going fishing, reading, going for walks, or just sitting at home playing games. She and her husband have always wanted to get back into the same faith of which they got married, Presbyterianism. They tried various churches, but then decided to go to Vance and they loved it. This is the church they would like to raise their family in. The first Sunday they went, they had such a heartfelt welcoming. Jennifer is so glad she chose Vance as her home church and Vance welcomed them, and where they had Madison baptized. She is looking forward to the opportunity of being chosen to be a Deacon. Thank you.

# OUR MISSIONARIES

## Fall Creativity

School is now in full swing, both at the university campuses and at our home for virtual elementary and middle school. Lydia and Elena have adjusted as well as we could have hoped to the online format for third and sixth grade at Kirkbride School. Aslan started Kindergarten a few weeks after the girls, as he is attending Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School (a free public school by lottery process rather than neighborhood delineation). He is in a virtual classroom with a regular education teacher as well as a special education teacher. This school has provided lots of intervention and support for him and we have been pleased with his progress even though it is difficult to juggle helping him on Zoom calls while also working from home.

This year has proved to be challenging as campus ministers. The only campus that began the year in-person quickly switched to a virtual format after several hundred cases of Covid-19 popped up among college students. We are now spending most of our days in Zoom meetings, but God is still at work. We are trying unique outreaches on Temple's campus as students continue to study outdoors, while discipleship and large group meetings happen on the computer.

Our efforts at community care and education continue in our neighborhood. We will begin an in-person tutoring program for kids in Kindergarten through sixth grade at our church building on October 5. God has already raised up over 20 volunteers for this vital support of our most vulnerable neighborhood kids who are learning English as their second language. We are grateful to be able to serve in this capacity alongside our role as campus ministers and pray often to be a light in the areas to which God has called us.

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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:

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Attn: Contributions  
PO Box 628222  
Orlando, FL 32862-8222



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# OCTOBER Worship Schedule

**18th Sunday after Pentecost (10:00 AM Worship)**  
 October 4, World Communion Sunday.....Rev. Erica Harley

**19th Sunday after Pentecost (10:00 AM Worship)**  
 October 11.....Rev. Erica Harley

**20th Sunday after Pentecost (10:00 AM Worship)**  
 October 18.....Rev. Erica Harley

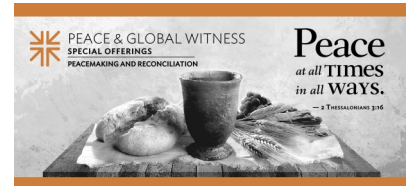
**21st Sunday after Pentecost (10:00 AM Worship)**  
 October 25, Memorial Sunday.....Rev. Erica Harley

## World Communion Sunday

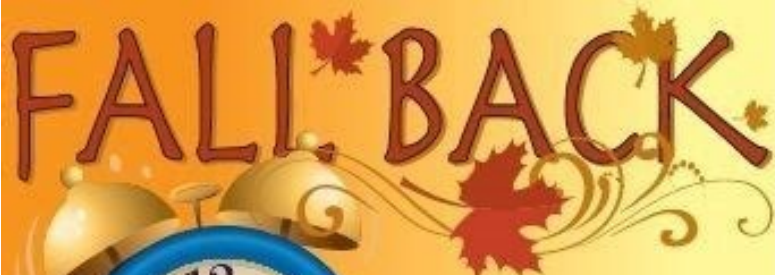


Sunday, October 4, 2020, the first Sunday in October, is designated as World Communion Sunday, which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) is a gift of the Presbyterian Church to the larger ecumenical church. It was our attempt to bring churches together in a service of Christian unity—in which everyone might receive both inspiration and information, and above all, to know how important the Christian Church is, and how each congregation is interconnected one with another.

Thus it is appropriate that World Communion Sunday is also a time when we receive the annual [Peace and Global Witness Offering](#) as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with those in need. This Offering joins Presbyterians together as active peacemakers; enabling the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world. You can still give a donation through the month of October.



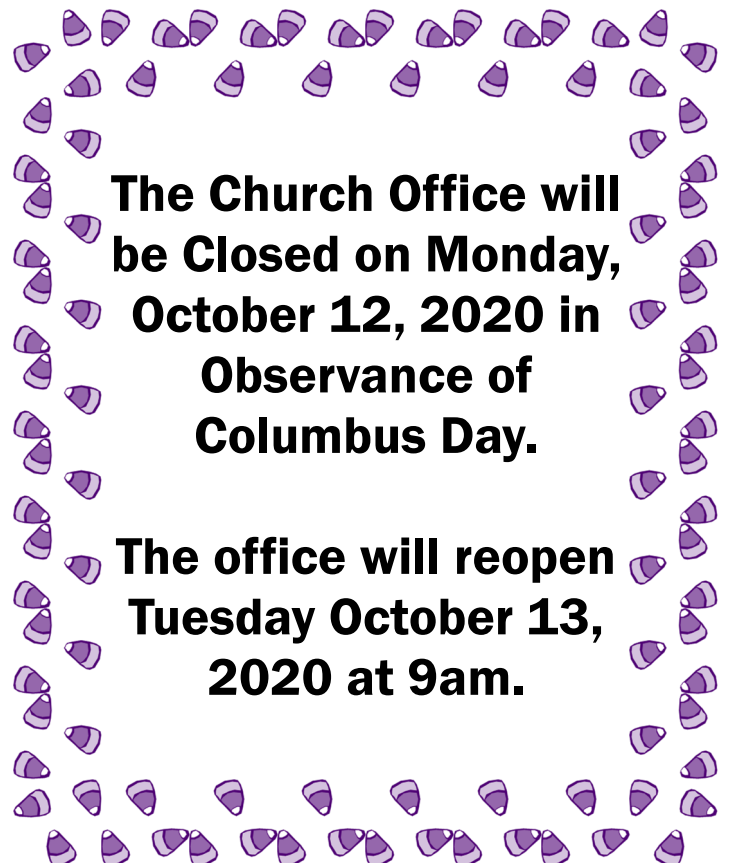
**Sunday, November 1, 2020**



Don't forget to set clocks back one hour at 2 a.m. Sunday

**CHANGE** your fire alarm's batteries!

Church is at 10 with communion



**The Church Office will be Closed on Monday, October 12, 2020 in Observance of Columbus Day.**

**The office will reopen Tuesday October 13, 2020 at 9am.**



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*. 304-232-0980 [office@vancechurch.org](mailto:office@vancechurch.org)

# Keeping in Touch

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

Hand Sanitizer



Masks



Gloves



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

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