

Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church
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ADVANCE NEWS 2022



ADVENTures at Vance Church

The Live Nativity will be held Saturday December 10th and 17th each night from 6-8pm. Members and friends are invited to come and dress as a character from Jesus' birth story or just to come and enjoy food and fellowship in the Robbie Clarke Room. There are sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer.

As part of our Advent evangelism campaign, Vance volunteers will be passing out FREE hot cocoa and coffee to Festival of Lights Traffic headed to Oglebay on the Corner of National Road and Route 88 from 7-9pm on December 10th and 17th. There are sign-up sheets at the Welcome Center in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer.

We want to share the love of Christ with all those tourists and neighbors driving by our church this Christmas season!



LET US
*Worship
Together*

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

DECEMBER



01—Jay Carenbauer
01—E. Phillips Polack
04—Chase Burdick
05—Quinten Dillon
05—Robert Maxwell
06—Karen DiOrio
10—Joelle Oliver
11—Alison Hannan
20—Bill Crowl
23—Sandra George
18—Barbara Hempelman
19—Samantha Dodd
21—Frank Provance
24—Madison Shearer
28—Shirley Driehorst
28—Anne Lamb
28—Mary Pasco
29—Tom John
31—Diane Crowther

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



Vance Christmas Potluck Lunch

**Sunday, December 18,
2022 at 11am
in Fellowship Hall.**

**Please sign-up at the
Welcome Center in the
Narthex with your name,
number attending, and
covered dish you will
bring to share.**

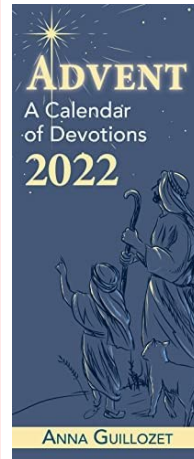


7:00pm—Christmas Eve Worship Service with Special Music and Candlelight in the Sanctuary.

11:00pm—Christmas Eve Worship with Communion in Merriman Chapel.

REMEMBER: We WILL have a worship service on Sunday, December 25th at 10am in the Sanctuary.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS



Pick up your **FREE** copy today of an Advent Calendar Devotional for personal study in the Narthex Welcome Center.

Also available are Advent calendars for children and an Advent family devotional.



PER CAPITA

Every member is encouraged to pay his/her per capita for the year. If you would like to pay it for 2022, it is \$29.50. Per capita dollars help to sustain *our* Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at the presbytery, synod and General Assembly levels.

To be Presbyterian is to be a part of a connectional body and to see the church as *more* than a local congregation. If you are able, please consider paying your per capita today.

Churchwide Christmas Caroling

Vance Church congregation and friends are invited to go Christmas Caroling in the Woodsdale area on Sunday, December 11, 2022. Meet at the church at 5:30pm & dress warm.

CHRISTMAS GIFT PROJECT

The Mission Outreach and Community Service Commission thanks those who contributed to the Christmas Gift Project. In the midst of the pandemic, we were able to donate **45** shoeboxes/bags! They have been delivered to



Appalachian Christmas Project to be distributed in WV & KY.

DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

Thank you to all those who provided Christmas gifts to children in need for the House of the Carpenter. If you took a child's profile card, please have all items to the church, unwrapped and labeled with the child's assigned number by Monday, Dec. 12, 2022.



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

OUR MISSIONARIES

A Light has Dawned

As we reflect on 2022 and look ahead to a new year, we are grateful for so many things. Caleb's trip to Central Asia last Spring, our month-long mission in South Africa, a beautiful celebration of Caleb's dad life this summer, a thriving tutoring program to immigrant children, involved volunteers both in neighborhood outreach and college ministry, South Asian American students who are learning and growing, and so much more. We are also aware of the blessing of partnership. The financial generosity of many, including Vance Church, has carried us through a pandemic, and we have lacked for nothing.

I (Claire) have been reading Timothy Keller's book, *Hidden Christmas*, during this Advent season. In the first chapter, he talks about Isaiah 9 which says, "The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness *a light has dawned*..." The light that has dawned is the child who was born and given to us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. He is our "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (v. 7)." Because he is all these things to us, we should want to serve him completely. We pray that your hearts would be illuminated by the light that has dawned on us in the Christ Child. May you experience a fresh outpouring of His grace in your life this Christmas season.

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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Member	Room/Phone #	Address
Marilyn Phillis	847-405-0235	1515 Indian Trail Dr. Riverwoods, IL 60051
Nina McHenry	440-783-1335	21452 Royalton Rd. Apt262 Strongsville, OH 44149
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
Shirley & Sam Driehorst	304-242-6833	14 Fairfax Dr. Wheeling, WV 26003
Betty Holden The Welty Home	304-242-5233	21 Washington, Ave. Wheeling, WV 26003
Danna Tyska	740-738-0074	626 Grant St. Martins Ferry, OH 43935
Bob & Jo Ann McColloch	(304) 242-1082	11 Echo Terrace Wheeling, WV 26003



Poinsettia Sale

Help decorate the sanctuary for Christmas Eve Worship while remembering or honoring someone special.

Poinsettias - \$10.00 per 6-inch pot, 3-5 blooms.

Please order after Worship Services in the Narthex at the Welcome Center now until December 18th.

You may also call the church during office hours to place an order.



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Communion
Service
First Sunday of
the Month**



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Hand Sanitizer



Masks



Gloves



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