

Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church
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Church Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am-3pm



ADVANCE NEWS 2023

**The Live Nativity will be held Friday, December 15th
 and Saturday, December 16th;
 with Hot Chocolate & Coffee on the Corner December 23rd!
 THANK YOU
 to our awesome team for setting up the Stable!**



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
 - 18—Barbara Hempelman
 - 19—Samantha Dodd
 - 20—Bill Crowl
 - 21—Frank Provance
 - 23—Sandra George
 - 24—Madison Shearer
 - 28—Shirley Driehorst
 - 28—Anne Lamb
 - 28—Mary Pasco
 - 29—Tom John
 - 31—Diane Crowther



**Vance Christmas
 Family Dinner**
**Sunday, December 10th,
 2023 following Worship,
 in the Fellowship Hall.**
**Meats provided by
 Vance Church.**
**Please sign up to bring a
 favorite side dish
 or dessert**

**Please contact the
 office if we
 missed**

Find the 25 Christmas Trees!



Baptism



**Our Youth Group
will be
wrapping
gifts
for
Laughlin
Chapel**

December 3rd



**CHRISTMAS EVE
SERVICE**

**10am,
7pm
11pm**

10am Worship Service,
Sanctuary

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

11:00pm—Christmas Eve
Communion Worship
Service, Merriman Chapel.



**Kidz Morning Out
December 16th
Christmas Crafts**



**Youth Group
Movie Night
December 10th**

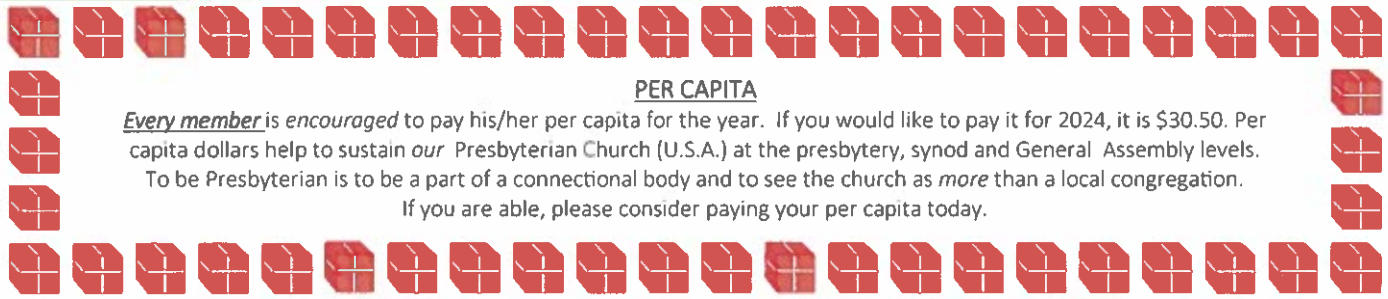


**Youth Group Lock-In
December 29/30**

Thank you to all who participated in the Appalachian Christmas Project this year. 18 Boxes were delivered to those less fortunate.



Thank you to all who sponsored a child for The House of The Carpenter this year. 30 Children were sponsored through Vance Church! (Gifts due to Vance by Dec. 10)



PER CAPITA

Every member is encouraged to pay his/her per capita for the year. If you would like to pay it for 2024, it is \$30.50. 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.

Caleb, Claire,
Lydia, Elena, &
Aslan

OUR MISSIONARIES

A Light has Dawned

Learning and the Blessing of Community

It has been an eventful month, as Caleb spent a couple of weeks helping his mom with a move from Tennessee to Maine and then attended a conference in Panama for pastor trainers. Though it was a whirlwind, he sensed God's care and direction as each detail fell into place for his mom's move. She is now living close by Caleb's younger brother, which gives great relief to all three brothers. His trip to Panama was also encouraging, as he spent time with pastors and leaders from around the world who are engaged in helping to mentor young pastors in areas of the world that are under resourced. He acted as a table facilitator and will continue meeting quarterly with his group for prayer and exhortation.

While Caleb was away, I was blessed by our community, as friends provided meals and additional volunteers helped with the tutoring program, the Kirkbride library, and the book fair. It is a joy to mobilize people to serve the immigrant community in our neighborhood. I have also started leading two virtual teams of Cru staff members who work with immigrants and refugees around the country. This month, their assignment was to visit an ethnic grocery store or restaurant and seek to get into conversation with someone there to learn more about the culture, food, or customs represented at the store. We had lively discussions about our experiences and enjoyed sharing all that we learned with each other.

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 using #0559783 and follow directions.

Feel free to contact us at our home in Philadelphia:

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Caleb Bermudez@cru.org
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*.
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Member	Room/Phone #	Address
Sally Riley	304-233-9056	89 Bethany Pike Wheeling, WV 26003
Parky Beneke Continuous Care	304-243-3815	236 Hullahen Pl. Rm. 202 Wheeling, WV 26003
Shirley & Sam Driehorst	304-242-6833	14 Fairfax Dr. 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
Geri Sloane		Attic Angel Community Apt 270 8301 Old Sauk Road Middleton, WI 53562

Anyone who will be a Church Officer in 2024 needs to be present for a retreat on January 06, 2024 10am-3pm



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 Service in the Narthex, or call the office at 304-232-0980.

Orders must be placed by end of Worship Service December 10th.



**Worship
Sundays at
10am
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.