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February

ADVANCE NEWS 2023



AMAZING GRACE: Lenten Activities at Vance Church

As part of this year's Lenten Season, Erica will be leading a study called *Amazing Grace* on Sunday mornings after worship in the Merriman Chapel. Join us!

Study Summary: In honor of the 250th anniversary of the writing of "Amazing Grace," this worship series for Lent by theologian Michael Hoy ties the words of the beloved song to our lives today as Christ's disciples. Those in the Bible who experienced the amazing grace of God help us each week to realize that though we once were lost in sin, we now have been found by Jesus, and though we once were blind to God's mercy, we now can see his love at work in us through our Savior's death and resurrection.

Worship and Group Study Schedule:



**Wednesday, February 22, 2023
at 7:30pm in Merriman Chapel**
Ash Wednesday Worship with the
Imposition of Ashes—David
(Psalm 51:1)

Sunday, February 26, 2021 @ 11:15am—Week 1: Isaiah of Babylon (Isaiah 6:7)
Sunday, March 5, 2023 @ 11:15am—Week 2: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:32)
Sunday, March 12, 2023 @ 11:15am—Week 3: The Blind Man (John 9:24)
Sunday, March 19, 2023 @ 11:15am—Week 4: The Woman at the Well (John 4:13-14)
Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 11:15am—Week 5: Paul (1 Timothy 1:15)
Sunday, April 2, 2023 @ 11:15am—Palm Sunday: Peter (John 21:15)
Friday, April 7, 2023 @ 12pm—Good Friday Worship: The Penitent Thief (Luke 23:43)
Sunday, April 9, 2023 @ 10:00am—Easter Worship: Mary Magdalene (John 20:18)

LET US
*Worship
Together*

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

FEBRUARY



05—Anna Yohman
06—Jesse Krall
06—Karen Seabright
08—Ella Green
09—Seth Abraham
13—Kara Kenamond
15—Virginia Crowl
15—Eflida Talisic
16—Kenneth
Campanizzi
20—Gretchen Hooper
22—Bill Johnson
23—Janice Carenbauer
23—Robert Kanters
24—Sean Flanagan
25—Kathryn Hannan
26—Mark
Hempelman
28—Elaine Strauch

Please contact the
office if we missed
your birthday.

Our January Vespers was a great success with food (Chili Contest), faith (Erica's message), and fellowship (Vance Folks)! Janet Hart's Chili was the winner! See her recipe below!

Janet Hart's Prize-Winning Chili Recipe

- 2 lbs ground round
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 large cans (29 oz) tomato sauce
- one 11 oz can tomato juice
- 2 tsp chili powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 cans (16 oz) navy beans, drained
- 1 can (16 oz) black beans, drained

Brown the ground round in a large pot in a little bit of oil. After starting to brown, add the onion and green pepper. Stir and cook until the vegetables are tender and the meat is browned.

Add the canned tomato ingredients, the drained beans and the seasonings. Stir well and simmer, covered, 45 minutes. Add ½ cup water if needed. Adjust seasonings to your taste if necessary. Serve with Cheddar cheese and nacho chips.



Chase Burdick, "Celebrity" Chili Judge samples all the entries for the Chili Contest at the January Vespers while Erica supervises.

Kidz Morning Out Dr. Seuss Party



The 18th of February, on Saturday,
The Vance Kidz are all invited to play
In the Robbie Clarke Room to Celebrate Seuss
You all need to come! You have NO excuse!

Be there at 10:30 a.m. for the fun.
Pastor Erica is hosting, she can't be outdone.
There'll be reading and playing and laughing too.
Just show up with friends, that's all you must do!

We hope that you ALL can
be there, Whoo Hoo!

Cuz someone must play with
Thing 1 & Thing 2!





Scout Sunday at Vance Church: February 12, 2023 Join us for Worship and Breakfast!

Vance Church is honored to host Troop 6 and Pack 6 in our facilities and support the scouts in any way we can. The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts have also shown support for our church through food drives and other charity and volunteer work.

As a vital ministry of Vance, we are delighted to have them worship with us on Sunday February 12, 2023. Please welcome them to our church! (They'll be the ones in uniform!) To show their appreciation, the Scouts would like to invite all the worshippers to a breakfast they will be hosting in our fellowship hall after the worship service. Bring your appetite and grateful hearts for our Servant Scouts.

Caleb, Claire,
Lydia, Elena, &
Aslan

OUR MISSIONARIES

Called Out

Caleb traveled to Columbus, Ohio, in mid-January for Design Movement Student Winter Conference. This year, the conference went from Friday night through Monday morning. The extended weekend allowed for speakers, worship, an afternoon outreach, seminars, a talent show, a heritage night to celebrate South Asian American culture, and much more. It was the largest Design Conference ever, with 106 total attendees, 10 of them coming from Philadelphia!

The theme of the conference, Called Out, came from 1 Peter 2:9, which says: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who *called you out* of darkness into His wonderful light." Staff prayed that students would begin to think through what God might be calling them out of and inviting them into. Each person who has decided to follow Jesus has a calling that God has placed on their life; but sometimes obstacles and roadblocks, like pressure, time, idolatry, and other things keep us from stepping into our calling and relationship with God and others. The weekend was a time for students to consider how they are being called out and take steps toward walking in the light of who God has made them to be.

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.

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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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DEACONS

Leading through Serving.

DEACON'S LIFE HUB FREEZE SHELTER COLLECTION



The Deacons would like to ask the congregation to donate warm, adult-sized socks, gloves and winter boots for the Winter Shelter at the Catholic Diocese ballroom. This collection drive will take place during the month of **February**. Please place your donations in one of our collection boxes. This is one way we can help those less fortunate than us. Thank you.



**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.