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ADVANCE NEWS 2024



LET US
*Worship
Together*

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

Join us for
Sunday School

Sundays @9:00 am

November Birthdays



- 01—Reagan Olejasz
- 02—Diane Crowl
- 08—Candace McCarthy
- 14—Paul Shearer
- 19—Sam Driehorst
- 20—William Hout
- 23—Roger Cain
- 23—Ted Owens
- 26—Ben Exley, IV
- 28—Nila Stobbs
- 29—Ed Dearth
- 30—Lou Hart

Please contact the office if we missed your birthday.

Appalachian Christmas Project for Adults and Disabled Persons

The Mission Outreach and Community Service Commission is supporting the Appalachian Christmas this year. We are asking donors to bring a shoebox or 2-gallon ziplock bag with the items from the list below. Please label the boxes with “L” for Ladies, “M” for Men, “E” for Either, “B” for Boy, and “G” for Girl. Place your wrapped or unwrapped boxes and items by the Church Office in one of the wagons.

On Sunday Morning, November 10th after the Worship Service, adults are invited to wrap and decorate these gifts in the Fellowship Hall.

The final date for donations is Sunday, November 10, 2024.

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



<u>Priority Items</u>	Toothbrush/Toothpaste	Q-Tips/Cotton Balls	Mittens/Gloves
Disposable Razors	Deodorant	Chapstick/Vaseline	Hand Sanitizer/Lotion
Calendars	Wash Cloth	Stamps/Envelopes	Nail Clippers/Tweezers
Shaving Cream	Purse size Kleenex	Magnifying Glass	Small Puzzle book
Bar Soap	Comb or Hairbrush	First Aid Cream	Jar Grip/Pot Scratcher
Shampoo	Notepads/Pencils/Pens	Socks/Knee Highs	Denture Cleaner

Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church Children's Christmas Play

Keeping everyone up to date on practice times...

Practice Dates and Times:

- November 03, 2024 - 9:30am
- November 10, 2024 - 9:30am
- November 17, 2024 - 9:30am
- November 24, 2024 - 9:30am
- December 08, 2024 - 9:30am
- December 14, 2024 - 10:00am Dress Rehearsal, lunch provided
- December 15, 2024 - 10:00am Program





Fellowship & Game Night
Sunday, November 3rd, 6-7:30pm

Come hungry (Taco Bar),
and bring a game to share!

Community Dinner is Thursday, November 14th, 5:00-6:30pm

Mark your calendars for
Wednesday, November
13th for our Meat Loaf
Making Party!



COMMUNITY DINNER

November Activities

November 2

**Wanna Help with The Woodsdale Let's Play 5K?
Meet us at Vance at 7:00am**

November 9

**We must cancel the Titanic Dinner scheduled for 11/09
due to catering difficulties. Watch for a rescheduled
date!**

November 10

**Youth Group to Cryptid Mountain
Miniature Golf in Morgantown**



November 16

10:30am, Kidz Morning Out!

November 27

7:00pm, Interfaith Thanksgiving Eve Service



CHRISTMAS KIDS

The Deacons this year will be collecting Christmas gifts for needy children for the House of the Carpenter Christmas Kids in the month of December. We will have a list of a child's clothing sizes and wish list in the Narthex when it becomes available. All items are to be returned, unwrapped and labeled with the child's assigned number to the Church Office.

ESCAPE THE PEN

On November 2nd at 11:00am, our Youth Group will be going to the Penitentiary in Moundsville to Escape The Pen!





“At this time of deep political division and economic uncertainty, it is even more important for us to join together with our neighbors of all faiths to appreciate our many blessings,” the Wheeling Intelligencer stated. “As Psalm 118 reminds us, ‘It is good to give thanks ...’ It is good, as a community, to express our appreciation to each other and to God, and good for our own spirits to realize how blessed we truly are. Several of the community’s faith leaders have been confirmed to help lead the service – Rabbi Joshua Lief of Temple Shalom; the Most. Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese; the Rev. Erica Harley of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Ken Hardway of First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ; and Suff. Bishop Darrell Cummings of Bethlehem Apostolic Temple.



We live in a densely populated neighborhood of Philadelphia, and I characterize myself as someone who enjoys large cities and people. Traveling to Bangladesh, the most densely populated country in the world, I was unprepared for my first drive in a small van from the airport through the city as I witnessed so many of God’s image-bearers in such a concentrated space. The city of Dhaka felt like one large intersection without a stop sign or traffic light. People moved quickly for short distances, only to be forced to stop and slowly maneuver around each person or obstacle. I saw people going places by foot, bicycle, tricycle, scooter, motorcycle, rickshaw, tuk-tuk, bus and the occasional car. I immediately noticed and admired that people showed an abundance of grace and patience for each other. The snarled traffic and streets flooded by heavy rainfall did not seem to overwhelm them. Their vast numbers and rich fortitude contrasted with their material lack, most evidenced by the neglected concrete buildings that filled the city.

From my brief time in Bangladesh, it was clear that many people are plodding through a difficult life and are too worn down to hope for a better future. But in this setting, I also met men and women who were different, who overflowed with life and light that seemed to emanate from within. These men and women see hope for Bangladesh and are confident that God cares for and sees the people of their country. These local believers leading the Kingdom Rain trainings are not only active in creatively and courageously sharing Christ with their Muslim peers but are also captivated by the call to train and raise up disciples who will do the same. They see the Pathway to Multiplication as a key source of guidance and vision to help them stay true to God’s call on their life.

I am reminded of a passage about Jesus coming to a hopeless place from Matthew: “the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” (Matthew 4:16) These Bangladeshi disciples are shining, bringing the hope of Christ to a dark land. I praise God for the opportunity to come alongside, train, strengthen, and be encouraged by them. I now feel the tangible burden to pray for these brothers and sisters – that God would be their strength, protection, and steady hope in a land where Christ’s light is dawning.

Blessings, Caleb, Claire, Lydia, Elena, & Aslan

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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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Bob & Jo Ann McColloch	304-242-1082	11 Echo Terrace Wheeling, WV 26003
Jeremy McCamic	304-277-4644	1228 National Road Apt 320 Wheeling, WV 26003
Ted Owens	304-231-4994	206 E Cardinal Avenue Wheeling, WV 26003
Bill & Virginia Crawl	304-242-1015	57 Stamm Circle Wheeling, WV 26003
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The Church Office will be closed
Thursday, November 28th
&
Friday, November 29th
For Thanksgiving



Daylight Savings
time ends at
2:00am on
Sunday,
November 3rd



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



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Sundays at 10am

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Hand Sanitizer



Masks



Gloves



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