



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

January 7-14, 2018

Upcoming Worship Services

Monday, January 8

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

Tuesday, January 9

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

5:30pm Holy Eucharist with Healing (Olney Chapel)

Wednesday, January 10

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

5:30pm Evening Prayer & Reflection (Olney Chapel)

Thursday, January 11

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

12:15pm Holy Eucharist with Healing (Olney Chapel)

Friday, January 12

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

Sunday, January 14

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

7:45am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:15am Holy Eucharist Rite I

This Week

Convocation Epiphany Service at the Church of the Epiphany: Today at 6 pm - 121 Ernest L. Collins Avenue. A reception will be held in the Commons (parish hall) following the liturgy.

Reminder from the Parish Administrator - 2018 Envelopes: Please use these new envelopes in 2018 because your contribution number will change.

Serendipity Circle will meet **Monday, January 8**, at 10 am in Dining Room A of the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC), hosted by Carolyn Roberts and Carolyn Alexander. No need to RSVP. Both "Carolyns" look forward to welcoming old and new members.

Lunch Bunch will meet **Monday, January 8**, at 11:45am in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC.

Youth Prayer Breakfasts will resume January 9-11. All breakfasts start at 7 am. Chick-Fil-A is the venue for High School students on Tuesdays and Middle School students on Thursdays. The 9th graders meet at Bojangles on Wednesdays. Both restaurants are located in the Hillcrest neighborhood.

EpiscoPals, January 10 at 11:45am in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC. Our guests will be two resident Advent bankers, Bill Coker and Matthew Myers, speaking about "Money Matters." If you are an Advent member or guest aged 45+, we hope you will come! Please reserve your lunch by noon on Monday, January 8, by calling Gail Owens at 864-583-2438 or emailing gowens@churchofadvent.org.

Evening Prayer and Reflection - Wednesdays 5:30-6:15pm in Olney Chapel. Prayer, praise, and a conversation about the meaning of the gospel for our everyday life, with liturgy created and led by laity.

The Men's Fellowship and Bible Study Group will meet at 7 am on Thursday in the PCLC, Dining Room C.

Newcomers are welcome. It's the kind of conversation you can easily join, whether or not you've had a chance to read the text. For additional information, please contact Dave Rodrick at darodrick@gmail.com or 864-266-7438.

The Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Group - Thursdays from 9 to 10:30am in the PCLC, Dining Room A. We will continue our study of Jesus and the Gospels with Dr. Luke Timothy Johnson picking up with The Gospel of Luke and his companion account of the growth of the Jesus movement in the book of Acts. If you missed the class in the Fall, this is a great time to join in and continue through the winter and spring.

Fruit of the Spirit – Advent Evening Women's Circle will gather Thursday, January 11, at 6 pm in Room 202 of the PCLC for YOGA!! Begin the New Year caring for yourself! Yoga teacher and Advent member, Ashley Moody, will guide us through basic yoga postures while helping us better understand the importance of how we breathe. Bring a mat. If you need to borrow one, please let Laura Bauknight know at 504-3692. Hope to see you on the 11th - NAMASTE.

Kanuga Parish-wide weekend – March 9-11. We have been able to obtain more slots for Kanuga, so please join the already 134 people that are signed up! Remember Kanuga Rocks!, and we want you there! To register go to this link (<https://tinyurl.com/yas3dwyo>) - hard copy registration forms are also available at the reception desk in Satterlee Hall. The deadline to register is Monday, January 22. Please contact Laura Bauknight at lbauknight@churchofadvent.org for more information.

Events and Opportunities

Advent Children's Center Registration: The Episcopal Church of the Advent offers a quality educational program for children 6 months of age through 4K. Registration for the 2018 - 2019 school year will begin in February 2018. Please contact the ACC office at kborowski@churchofadvent.org or 864-585-7143 for more information or to schedule a tour.

Presiding Bishop Curry Keynotes *All Our Children* Symposium in Columbia, January 17, at 7:30pm

Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, will present the keynote on the moral and spiritual implications of advocating for an equal public education for all God's children. Purchase tickets in advance at aoc2018.org. A purchase of a ticket for this event is \$15 and entitles ticket holders to see the Tuesday night keynote by Dr. Jeff Duncan-Andrade, as well. Trinity Episcopal Cathedral is located at 1115 Marion Street in downtown Columbia.

January 14: 7:45, 9 & 11:15am Holy Eucharist

Sunday School for all ages will begin at 10:10am.

Children ages 4K – 5th grade will meet in their individual classes in the Parish and Community Life Center.

Youth will gather in the Youth Center.

The Gleaners Class will meet in the Library Conference Room located in Satterlee Hall.

Rector's Forum: We'll continue our study of Anglican church history with Dr. Anne Rodrick teaching on the religious influences on the English Civil War. We'll discover how the divergent Christian sects that arose out of the Reformation and the Church of England clashed to result in the rise of Oliver Cromwell and the temporary fall of the Monarchy. Coming after the annual meeting: The Roots and Evolution of the Episcopal Church in America.

Parents in Community offers opportunities for fellowship, learning and discussion for parents of children of any age who are still living in the home. The usual format is viewing a relevant DVD and then opening the floor for questions and discussion. This is a lively and fun way to learn from each other. All are welcome!

Holiday Office Schedule: Monday, January 15 - closed

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Looking Ahead

Wednesday Evenings: *Living, Giving, and Receiving Compassion* - January 17, 24, and 31. Dinner from 5:45-6:30pm. Program from 6:30-7:15pm. Kids Crew will have a separate program following dinner. Mark your calendar especially for Wednesday, January 24, when we will welcome author and pastor Ron Greer who will speak from his newly published book *The Path of Compassion: Living with Heart, Soul and Mind*. Please RSVP by noon on the Monday prior to each dinner by contacting Gail Owens at gowens@churchofadvent.org or 864-583-2438.

January 21 at 10am: The 170th Annual Parish Meeting

We will have three services on that day. Please plan to attend.

The 2018 Youth Pilgrimage Chili Sale will take place after the Annual Meeting. The Youth will offer White Chicken Chili and Black Bean Turkey Chili. The cost will be \$9.