



# The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

February 11, 2018

## Upcoming Worship Services

### Monday, February 12

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

### Tuesday, February 13 - Shrove Tuesday

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

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

### Wednesday, February 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00am Holy Eucharist (HE) w/ Imposition of Ashes

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

12:15pm HE w/ Imposition of Ashes (Nursery care)

5:15pm HE w/ Imposition of Ashes (Youth Center)

6:30pm HE w/ Imposition of Ashes (Incense)

### Thursday, February 15

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

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

### Friday, February 16

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

### Sunday, February 18

#### **First Sunday in Lent**

7:45am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II

## This Week

**Serendipity** will meet Monday, February 12, at 10 am at the home of Teenie Elliott, 527 Maverick Circle.

**Lunch Bunch** will meet Monday, February 12, at 11:45am in Dining Rooms A and B of the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC).

**Devotional Materials and Information about our Lenten programs are now available:** We will embark on our parish-wide journey through Lent which is themed "Living Well - Worshiping Well." The brochure includes information about our worship services, Wednesday programs and special events for Lent. The *Living Well* devotional booklet will allow you to discover opportunities to explore each weekly theme in depth. Then, come to the Rector's Forum on Sunday mornings in Lent for a brief "tee up" and a longer community conversation. Both publications are available in Pendleton Hall, Satterlee Hall and the PCLC.

**Sunday Night Connexion**, tonight (February 11), from 6 to 7:30pm. We'll be going to Climb Upstate.

**Book & Brown Bag:** On Tuesday, February 13, from 12:15-1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we complete our discussion of *The Way of a Pilgrim and The Pilgrim Continues His Way* translated by Helen Bacovcin. Please prepare for class by reading Chapters 6-7.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Talent Show/Silent Auction with Burning of the Palms, February 13:** Join us at 5:45pm in the PCLC dining rooms. Come early to bid for youth services and artwork; eat pancakes and sausage; and watch some amazing talent. Then, we will go outside to burn palms from previous Palm Sundays that will be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Supper prices: \$6 Adults and children 13+; \$3 children ages 4-12; free for children ages 3 and under; \$25 max per family. Proceeds will go toward the 2018 Youth Pilgrimage. Please bring your palms with you or drop them off in the baskets located in Satterlee Hall or the PCLC.

**The Men's Fellowship and Bible Study Group** will meet at 6:45am on Thursday for breakfast in the PCLC, Dining Room C. For additional information, please contact Dave Rodrick at 864-266-7438 or darodrick@gmail.com.

**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*.

**Ash Wednesday Services on February 14:** 7:00am, 12:15pm (Nursery care), 5:15pm and 6:30pm (Incense). Please note the 5:15pm service will be held in the Youth Center.

## Events and Opportunities

**“Blood Sunday” Ecumenical Blood Drive:** The bloodmobile from the Blood Connection will be at the Advent on **Sunday, February 25, from 7:30am to 12:30pm**. We have had great success with our ecumenical blood drives over the past year, and we hope that everyone in the parish, who is able to do so, will consider being a part of the drive. All donors will receive a \$10 Chick-Fil-A gift card! To sign up, please contact Cathy McCabe at 864-706-1845 or [cathy.mccabe78@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.mccabe78@gmail.com). Please remember to bring your photo ID or blood donor card.

**(SPIHN) Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be with us the first of week of March.** We will need your help for setup & breakdown, meals, hosting dinner time and staying the evening. If you can assist, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/y9h5z4oq>. You may also contact Steve Wyman at [jssteve@gmail.com](mailto:jssteve@gmail.com) or 864-621-4148.

**Cumberland Mission Team, June 17-22 (ages 21+).** Prayerfully consider joining the Cumberland Mission Team as we continue our service through Housing Sewanee. For more information, contact Larry Moore at [daddymoe@yahoo.com](mailto:daddymoe@yahoo.com).

## February 18 - 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** (6th-12th grade) will gather in the Youth Center.

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

**Rector’s Forum:** We continue our church history moving from England to the British colonies in America and the subsequent establishment of the Episcopal Church in America. Our rector, Ned Morris, will teach on this intriguing time in our rich tradition as Episcopalians.

**Parents in Community:** Come be a part of *The Alpha Course*, a video and discussion based program that teaches the basic tenants of the Christian faith. Session topics include Who is Jesus?, Why Did Jesus Die?, How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?, Why and How Should I Read the Bible?, Why and How Should I Pray? and others. Alpha provides a safe and engaging opportunity to ask questions and to learn from one another. This course in basic Christianity will empower us to live our faith and to model that faith to our families.

**Sunday Night Youth ConneXion** will have a Scavenger Hunt from 6 to 7:30pm in the Youth Center.

**Young Families' Parents Night Out, 6 to 7:30pm, reservations required:** Join us for a Parents Night Out at the home of Jeremy and Suzanne Dantin, 532 Maverick Circle. Children will enjoy pizza, games and a craft at the church during the Parents Night Out. Children (infant to 5th grade) are welcomed and encouraged to come. We will have nursery for infants through age 3, and the older children will all meet in the gym for an evening of fun activities. Please drop your children off at the church beginning at 5:45pm. Bring an appetizer and beverage of your choice to share. We are looking forward to a great time together! RSVP by Wednesday, February 14, to [sdantin@churchofadvent.org](mailto:sdantin@churchofadvent.org).

**Fellowship Group** will meet at 6:30pm at the home of Jim and Teenie Elliott, 527 Maverick Circle. Please bring an appetizer to share and beverage of choice. Please email [teenieelliott@gmail.com](mailto:teenieelliott@gmail.com) if you are able to attend.

## Looking Ahead

**Save the Dates - 2018 Lenten Word & Music Series** - The Church of the Advent’s annual series of Wednesday noon musical programs and noonday services. Offered on Wednesdays at 12:05pm during Lent, each program is followed by a lunch in the Parish and Community Life Center at a cost of \$6. The first program, on February 21, will be the “Philharmonic Flutes” (Rhea Jacobus and Sally Frick) with trumpeter Ken Frick. Freewill offering.

### Episcopal Church Women (ECW) News

- **The directory is being updated.** If your contact information has changed, please notify Libby Adamson at [ladamson@churchofadvent.org](mailto:ladamson@churchofadvent.org) or 864-504-3696 no later than Friday, February 23.
- **The Constitution was updated this past year.** Many thanks to Melissa Johnson, Paige Oberg, Lynn Sherlock, and Deborah McAbee for their many hours of work to bring our Constitution up to date. To view the document, please visit this link (<https://tinyurl.com/y8zv42wo>) – or the Parish Life page at [churchofadvent.org](http://churchofadvent.org).
- **Mark your calendars for the ECW Annual Meeting**, Monday, March 5, at 11:45am in the PCLC dining rooms. Krista Newkirk, President of Converse College, will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be \$7. Please make your reservation by contacting Gail Owens at [gowens@churchofadvent.org](mailto:gowens@churchofadvent.org) or 864-583-2438.