



# The Bell Ringer

The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent



April 15, 2018

## Sunday, April 15 - The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### United Thank Offering Sunday

- 7:45am, 9 & 11:15am Holy Eucharist
- 10:10am Sunday School/Adult Confirmation Class
- 4:30pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Sunday Night ConneXion Trivia Night
- 6:30pm Fellowship Group
- 9:00pm High School Discussion Group

## Monday, April 16

- 8:15am Morning Prayer \* (Monday-Friday, Olney Chapel)
- 1:30pm Al-Anon
- 5:30pm AA

## Tuesday, April 17

- 7:00am High School Prayer Breakfast
- 9:30am Watercolor Class
- 12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
- 3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
- 4:30pm Meditation Group
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
- 6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

## Wednesday, April 18

- 7:00am 9th Grade Prayer Breakfast
- 11:15am EpiscoPals
- 5:15pm Angel/Junior Choir
- 6:00pm Youth UNplugged
- 6:30pm Advent Schola
- 8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

## Thursday, April 19

- 6:45am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast
- 7:00am Middle School Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00am Women's Bible Study
- 9:00am Country Store Cooking
- 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
- 1:30pm Al-Anon
- 6:00pm Advent Toner
- 6:30pm Women's Evening Bible Study
- 7:00pm Youth Pilgrimage Concert (Youth Ctr.)

## Friday, April 20

- 9:30am Watercolor Class

## Saturday, April 21

- 1:30pm Al-Anon

## Sunday, April 22 - The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

- 7:45, 9 (Altar Guild Commissioning) & 11:15am Holy Eucharist
- 8:15am Occasional Choir
- 10:10am Sunday School/Adult Confirmation Class
- 1:00pm Sunday Youth ConneXion Paintball
- 4:30pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm Parents Night Out & 20s, 30s, 40s Event
- 9:00pm High School Discussion Group

## Sunday, April 15 - UTO Sunday

**Today is UTO Sunday:** The United Thank Offering (UTO), a collection made twice a year by the Episcopal Church Women, goes to provide relief for disasters as well as other needs around the nation and world. It is yet another example of the outreach ministry of this important group in our parish and The Episcopal Church at large.

**Youth Pilgrimages' Fundraisers: April 19** *Sounds 2018 concert* tickets will be available in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) lobby after services. You may also sign up for the **April 24 Dinner's Ready Meals-to-Go**. Please see the pew flyer for more information.

**Rector's Forum - The Work of General Convention** with The Rev. David Pittman. 10:10am in PCLC Dining Rooms A & B.

**Fellowship Group**, 6:30pm, will gather at the home of Jody and Donna Traywick - 635 Crystal Drive. Bob and Ginger Watson are co-hosts. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Email [dwtraywick@gmail.com](mailto:dwtraywick@gmail.com) if you are coming.

## Tuesday, April 17

**Book & Brown Bag:** On Tuesday, April 10, from 12:15-1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we continue our discussion of *The Liturgy Explained* by James Farwell. Books are available for \$10 from Libby Adamson in Satterlee Hall. To prepare for class, please read Chapters 1-2.

## Wednesday, April 18

**EpiscoPals** (ages 45+) will gather at 11:45am in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC. Dr. Cathy Jones of Converse College will be our speaker. Her topic is "Travels in North Africa." Please reserve your \$6 meal by contacting Gail Owens at 864-584-2438 or [gowens@churchofadvent.org](mailto:gowens@churchofadvent.org). See you there!

## Thursday, April 19

**Bazaar Cooking has begun!** Please come stir the pot with us! Thursday, April 19, (Black Bean Salsa) and Tuesday, April 24 (Cranberry Chutney).

**Sounds 2018 Concert - Jazz, Classic Rock, 80s and 90s Hits!** 7 to 9pm in the Youth Center.

## Sunday, April 22

**Occasional Choir** will sing for the last time in 2017-2018 at the 9am service. Please come to the chapel at 8:15 to learn the anthem for the day, which will be a unison setting of "Brother James' Air," just in time for Good Shepherd Sunday! Anyone from age 10 to 110 can participate.

**Communion Class for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and their parents:** The Rev. Ned Morris will provide instruction to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the church at 10:10am during Adventure Kingdom.

**20s/30s/40s & Young Families fellowship event, 6pm:** RSVP information is on the back page.

## Welcome

**Visitors and Newcomers:** We are glad you are here! Please fill out a yellow welcome card, found in the pew racks, and place it in the offering plate. We are eager to answer any questions and provide materials that might be helpful. We look forward to getting to know you and greeting you by name!

## This Week

**Rector's Forum - *The Work of General Convention.*** today (April 15) and April 22, 10:10-11:05am in PCLC Dining Rooms A & B. From July 8-13, 2018 delegates will gather in Austin, Texas for the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. This important gathering in our common life as Episcopalians takes place every three years, and it is where the business and future initiatives of our denomination are discussed and decided. The Rev. David Pittman will explain how this body functions and why it is important for each of us to know what is being considered.

**20s/30s/40s & Young Families fellowship event** on Sunday, April 22, 6pm, at the home of Ian and Maren Catolico, 506 Woodland St. **Nursery will be available at the Advent PCLC from 5:45-7:45pm.** The Catolicos will provide a main dish (BBQ Brisket & Ribs), beverages, wine and beer. Feel free to bring an appetizer, side or dessert if you like.

RSVP, please, by April 18:

- For attendance to the event, please email [catolico@me.com](mailto:catolico@me.com).
- To make reservations for childcare, please contact Suzanne Dantin at [sdantin@churchofadvent.org](mailto:sdantin@churchofadvent.org).

## Looking Ahead

### Altar Guild News

- **Commissioning:** Members will be commissioned at the 9am service on April 22.
- **Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting,** April 26: Invitations have been mailed for the luncheon and meeting that will be held at 1pm following the 12:15pm Holy Eucharist in Olney Chapel. *Please RSVP with Gail Owens at 864-583-2438 or [gowens@churchofadvent.org](mailto:gowens@churchofadvent.org) by Friday, April 20.* Dues are \$5.

**Fruit of the Spirit - Advent's Evening Women's Circle:** Please join us on Thursday, April 26, from 6:30-8pm for wine and cheese. In addition to fellowship, we will discuss the themes from the biblical Book of Ruth with Debbie Apoldo and members of the Thursday night Bible study (No prior participation required). We'll gather in the Library Conference Room, 1st floor in Satterlee Hall.

**Rector's Forum - *The Feasts of the Easter Season.*** April 29-May 13. We'll learn the biblical origins and meaning of the Feast of the Ascension, Trinity Sunday and Pentecost.

**Music Recognition Sunday is on April 29:** On April 29 at the 9 and 11:15 services, all members of the music program (vocal and instrumental; younger and older) will be recognized for their participation in the music program throughout 2017-18. Brennan will say a few words about the music program, and at the 9am service, members of the junior choir who've progressed in the church's RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) program will also be recognized.

## Events and Opportunities

**Volunteers Needed! 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Earth Day at Mary H. Wright Elementary School,** Friday, April 20: We'll have 10 stations so we'll need lots of volunteers. Please contact Joy Oates at [joyoates61@gmail.com](mailto:joyoates61@gmail.com) or Julie Schwartz at [julieschwartz@charter.net](mailto:julieschwartz@charter.net) for more information. Thank you for sharing the light of Christ with these children.

**Cumberland Mission Team (ages 21+). Come build with us!** Join the Cumberland Mission Team for a week that is guaranteed to awaken muscles! **Departure is Sunday, June 17, and return on Friday, June 22.** Please read Larry Moore's article in the April issue of the Parish Paper to learn more about this project. To join the Advent team, please contact Larry at [daddymoe@yahoo.com](mailto:daddymoe@yahoo.com) or 864-621-7681.