



# The Bell Ringer

The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent



May 6, 2018

## Sunday, May 6 - The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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

- 8:45am Youth Pilgrimage Car Wash
- 10:10am Sunday School/Adult Confirmation Class
- 2:00pm Girl Scouts Ceremony
- 4:00pm Safe Church Training
- 6:00pm Sunday Youth ConneXion

## Monday, May 7

- 8:15am Morning Prayer (Mon.-Fri. Olney Chapel)
- 1:30pm Al-Anon
- 5:30pm AA
- 5:30pm Mt. Mitchell Drivers' Meeting

## Tuesday, May 8

- 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
- 5:30pm Youth Pilgrimage Dinner's Ready Pickup
- 6:30pm Troop 1 Meeting
- 6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

## Wednesday, May 9

- 7:00am 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Prayer Breakfast
- 11:45am EpiscoPals
- 5:45pm Wed. Dinner & End of Year Highlights
- 6:30pm Advent Schola
- 8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

## Thursday, May 10 - ASCENSION DAY

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study
- 7:00am Middle School Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00am Women's Bible Study
- 10:00am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist
- 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
- 1:30pm Al-Anon
- 6:00pm Ascension Day Evensong and Reception
- 6:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study

## Friday, May 11

- 9:30am Watercolor Class
- 6:30pm Sorta Young/Baby Boomers

## Saturday, May 12

- 10:00am Eucharistic Visitor Training
- 1:30pm Al-Anon

## Sunday, May 13

### The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter - Baccalaureate Sunday

- Holy Eucharist 7:45, 9 & 11:15am
- 8:45am The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
- 10:00am Baccalaureate Brunch
- 10:10am Sunday School/Adult Confirmation Class
- 6:00pm Sunday Youth ConneXion

## Sunday, May 6

**Mary H. Wright School Student Artwork Display** in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) Lobby: If you are interested in purchasing a piece, the cost is \$10. The student will receive 100% of the proceeds. Joy Oates will be in the lobby to assist you.

**Rector's Forum - *The Feasts of the Easter Season***. 10:10am on Sundays through May 13. Today we will learn the biblical origins and meaning of Pentecost. Please join the Rev. Ned Morris in Dining Rooms A & B in the PCLC. Next week's topic will be Trinity Sunday.

**Parents in Community** will continue *The Alpha Course*. Today's talk is titled *How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit?* Join us at 10:10am in the PCLC, Dining Room C.

**Safe Church Training** will be offered from 4 to 7 pm in the PCLC dining rooms.

## Tuesday, May 8

**Book & Brown Bag:** On Tuesday, from 12:15-1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we complete our discussion of *The Liturgy Explained* by James Farwell. To prepare for class, please read Chapter 4 through the Conclusion.

## Wednesday, May 9

**EpiscoPals**, 11:45am in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC. "Handel With Care" is the theme of our last EpiscoPals of the year. Please reserve your lunch by contacting Gail Owens at 583-2438 or [gowens@churchofadvent.org](mailto:gowens@churchofadvent.org).

**Wednesday Night Dinner**, 5:45-7pm: Following dinner, we will watch a video highlighting the many programs and activities of the 2017-2018 program year and share some of our personal experiences while brainstorming ideas for the upcoming program year. Please RSVP to Gail Owens by noon on Monday, May 7, at 583-2438 or [gowens@churchofadvent.org](mailto:gowens@churchofadvent.org).

## Thursday, May 10 - ASCENSION DAY

**Ascension Day Evensong** at 6pm with the Evensong Choir and the Advent Toners. Afterwards, an outdoor reception with wine and light refreshments will be held outside the PCLC.

## Friday, May 11

**Sorta Young/Baby Boomers**, 6:30pm: Join hosts, David Graham and Bridget Wolfe, at 124 Burnette Drive. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Please email David and Bridget if you are coming: [dgraham@contecinc.com](mailto:dgraham@contecinc.com).

## Sunday, May 13

**Baccalaureate Recognition:** We will honor our graduating seniors during the 11:15am service. Graham Hall will be the guest preacher. The Baccalaureate Brunch will begin at 10am in the Youth Center.

**Adventure Kingdom Celebration at 10:10am:** All children (4K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet in the gym for an End of Year Sunday School Celebration. We will have doughnuts and juice, play some games and celebrate an awesome year of Sunday School!

## 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!

**Substitute Organist:** Many thanks to our substitute organist, Bill Cooper, who is filling in for Brennan.

## Looking Ahead

**Serendipity** will meet at 10am Monday, May 14, at the home of Gail Rodgers, 638 Crystal Drive, Spartanburg 29302. Send regrets ONLY, please, to Gail: gail4888@gmail.com or 864-582-4888. Alene Pittman is the co-host.

**Lunch Bunch** will meet Monday, May 14, at noon in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC. Please reserve your meal by contacting Anne Bomar at bomar.anne@gmail.com. Please support our service project by bringing canned goods to lunch. This is the last Lunch Bunch for this program year. Have a wonderful summer!

## Events and Opportunities

**Upcoming Activities at Mary H. Wright Elementary School:** Please let us know if you are interested in helping with the following activities. Contact Joy Oates joyoates61@gmail.com or Julie Schwartz at julieschwartz@charter.net to learn more. We will contact you closer to the date.

- **Wednesday, May 16** (5<sup>th</sup> grade Luncheon in the PCLC dining rooms)
- **Medium-sized white t-shirts are needed** by Monday, May 21. You may place them on the table in the reception area of Satterlee Hall.
- **Friday, May 25** (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Day).
- **Tuesday, May 29** (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Field Day)

## SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 20 8 & 10:30am

### 10:30 - Bishop Duvall's Visit, Confirmation/Reception followed by the Dedication of the Historical Marker and our Parish Picnic

We will begin our summer schedule on this day. You are invited to **dress comfortably in red**, wear your nametag and bring a blanket. Gail's Fried Chicken with all the "fixins" and HOMEMADE strawberry ice cream will be served. We welcome your donations to cover food cost.

We will have sidewalk chalk, hula hoops and games to entertain the children. Please pick up a "Take-Out Church Box" for the summer. We will also enjoy a slideshow while we fellowship and celebrate another amazing program year at the Advent.

## Vacation Bible School: July 9-12

Please mark your calendars for Monday – Thursday, **July 9-12**, for an adventurous and exciting Vacation Bible School. VBS is open to all children entering 4K through 5<sup>th</sup> graders. We will spend the morning each day from 9am to noon learning about stories from the Bible, playing games, enjoying snacks, singing and much, much more. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Bible while having loads of fun! If you would like to volunteer for VBS, please contact Suzanne Dantin at sdantin@churchofadvent.org or 864-237-0570. We need teachers, shepherds, helpers with registration, nursery workers, and many more. Please consider volunteering for this great event. Many thanks to Liza Lounsberry and Janet Davis for chairing VBS this year!

