



The Bell Ringer

The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent



May 13, 2018

Sunday, May 13

The 7th Sunday of Easter - Baccalaureate Sunday

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

Monday, May 14

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

Tuesday, May 15

- 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 Troop 1 Meeting
- 6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

Wednesday, May 16

- 7:00am 9th Grade Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00pm Mary H. Wright 5th Grade Lunch
- 6:00pm Youth UNplugged
- 6:30pm Adult Choirs
- 8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

Thursday, May 17

- 6:45am Men's Bible Study and Breakfast
- 7:00am Middle School Prayer Breakfast
- 9:00am Women's Bible Study
- 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
- 1:30pm Al-Anon
- 6:00pm Women's Evening Bible Study

Friday, May 18

- 9:30am Watercolor Class
- 10:00am Advent Children's Center Concert

Saturday, May 19

- 1:30pm Al-Anon

Sunday, May 20 - PENTECOST DAY

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00am Gleaners Class
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Confirmation/Reception
- 12:00pm Dedication of Historical Marker and Parish Picnic
- 6:30pm Fellowship Group

* Morning Prayer is said Mon. – Fri. in Olney Chapel when the office is open.

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.

Monday, May 14

Serendipity will meet at 10am 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 at noon in Dining Rooms A and B of the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC). Please support our service project by bringing canned goods to lunch.

Tuesday, May 15

Book & Brown Bag: From 12:15-1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we discuss the handout *Grace at this Time*. Copies are available at the receptionist's desk in Satterlee Hall. The reading for May 22 will be distributed at Tuesday's class.

Wednesday, May 16

The Mary H. Wright Elementary School 5th Grade Class will have their luncheon in the PCLC dining rooms from noon to 1:30pm. If you would like to help with this event or the upcoming Field Days listed on the back page, please contact Joy Oates or Julie Schwartz.

Thursday, May 17

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

The Women's Bible Study and Fellowship Groups will conclude their study of biblical Ruth today. The morning group meets from 9 to 10:30am in the PCLC, Dining Room A, and the evening session is held in the Library Conference Room from 6 to 7:30pm.

SUNDAY, MAY 20 - PENTECOST DAY

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE: 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. Please read the back page to learn more about our activities.

Fellowship Group, 6:30pm will gather at the home of George and B Durham, 620 Turpin Road in Inman. Please email edurham64@gmail.com if you are coming, and bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice.

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!

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, and you'll have an opportunity to sign up for VBS. 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.

Events and Opportunities

Outreach Opportunities 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.

- **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-2nd Grade Field Day at Mary H. Wright Elementary School
- **Tuesday, May 29:** 3rd-5th grade Field Day at Stewart Park

Looking Ahead



Donate Blood at the June 3 Ecumenical Blood Drive and Support the Utah Youth Pilgrimage: The blood mobile will be parked in front of the PCLC from 7:30 to 11:30am on this day. In addition to saving a life, your blood donation can also make a difference for our parish. For each unit of blood donated, the Blood Connection will be offering a grant of \$10 to the parish. These funds will be used to help the expenses of the youth pilgrimages this summer. Fifty donors would provide enough grant funds to cover the majority of gas expenses while the pilgrims are in Utah. To sign up, please contact Cathy McCabe at cathy.mccabe78@gmail.com or 864-706-1845. Keep in mind that the minimum donor age is 16 with parental consent. You will need to bring your photo ID or blood donor card when you visit the blood mobile. Please come out and support both the blood drive - and the pilgrimage - by giving the gift of life.

Register Now for Vacation Bible School: July 9-12

VBS will be held on Monday through Thursday, July 9 -12, 9am to noon, in the PCLC. Our theme is Abundance Orchard: "Where Faith Grows and Hungry People are Fed." It is open to all children entering 4K through 5th graders. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Bible while having loads of fun! Cost: \$20. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/yb27h7nx> or pick up a printed form and return it to the office. You may also register at the Parish Picnic. The kick off party will take place after the 10:30am service on Sunday, July 8.

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!