The Bell Ringer
The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

May 21-28, 2017

Upcoming Worship Services

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Children, Youth and Families

Join us for a VBS (Vacation Bible School) Kick-Off Event right after the 10:30am service on Sunday, June 25. We will have a delicious BBQ lunch on the lawn. There will also be an inflatable slide for the children to enjoy. Please RSVP to sdantin@churchofadvent.org by Friday, June 16. Rain location will be in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) gym.

Register Now for VBS; Deadline is Friday, June 9: This year VBS will travel to Rome to visit the Apostle Paul and the Underground Church! We’ll learn about the Bible, play games, make crafts and enjoy snacks. Ages for VBS: rising 3K through rising 5th graders. Cost: $20. Register online via the Events Registration page of our website, https://tinyurl.com/l7rz89l. If you’d like to volunteer with VBS, please contact Suzanne Dantin at 864-504-3693 or sdantin@churchofadvent.org.

Wacky Wednesdays: We will be going mountain biking and doing the ropes courses at the Adventure Center in Asheville, roller-coasting at Carowinds, and visiting the Atlanta Aquarium then catching a Braves game. The day trips will be all-day events. Download a form from the Quick Links section on our website, www.churchofadvent.org.

This Week

Sunday Evening - Fellowship Group at 6:30pm: Brenda Lytle will host Fellowship Group at her home – 1289 Brentwood Drive. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverages. Please let Brenda know if you are coming by emailing her at bsevans38@gmail.com.

Distribution of Parish Directories: Parishioners who participated in a photo sitting or submitted a photo for inclusion will be able to pick up one copy per family from the church receptionist beginning Monday, May 22. The remaining directories will be available to church members for $10 each. Please contact Becky Pittman at 864-504-3693 or bpittman@churchofadvent.org to reserve your copy and make an appointment to pick it up. The office is open 9am to 5pm Monday-Thursday and 9am to 1pm on Friday. Please note that the office will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

Book & Brown Bag - Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:10pm join our rector, Ned Morris, in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC), Dining Room B. We will continue our study of The Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis. Please prepare by reading Chapters 1-8 of The Last Battle. The seven-book boxed set of The Chronicles of Narnia paperbacks is available for $37 in the Advent Shoppe. The single-volume hardback book is available for $25.

Wednesday Evening Worship in the Youth Center. A brief, informal service Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15pm during the season of Easter. It’s a time of praying together, talking about ways that the gospel touches our everyday lives, built around a liturgy shaped by members of the congregation.
Bazaar Country Store Cooking Dates: Please join us at 9:00am in the PCLC Kitchen on Wednesday, May 24, to help prepare Vidalia Onion Relish. Upcoming opportunities to “stir the pot” are June 14 (Mint Jelly), June 21 (Peach Chutney and Preserves) and 6/29 (Squash Pickles). If you have any jars to donate, please bring them to the reception area in Satterlee Hall.

Women’s Bible Study and Fellowship - Thursdays 9:00-10:30am, PCLC Dining Room A. Please join us for our study, “The Resurrected Life.” This is a seven-week DVD and discussion series that will finish on June 1. Topics include: New Body: Manifesting Jesus and New Covenant: Experiencing Resurrection Power and New Creation: Stewarding the Good News. All are welcome.

DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY! News Story about the Church of the Advent Will Air This Week: WYFF News 4 will be airing their quarterly news magazine called “Chronicle” on Thursday, May 25, at 7pm. Mickey Pierce of the Archives Committee and Brennan Szafron, our organist-choirmaster, participated in the film shoot with reporter Mike McCormick. We can’t wait to see it and will provide an online link for you to share with your friends and family!

Events and Opportunities

Cumberland Mission Team, June 19-23 (ages 21+). Prayerfully consider joining the Cumberland Mission Team as we celebrate 20 years of service through Housing Sewanee. Ground was broken on a new development of sustainable housing, Sherwood Springs, in March 2017. The first house will look similar to the one on the right except the porch will be on the side of the house facing the cul de sac. Seven 700 square-feet homes are to be built in Phase 1. This construction is in collaboration with the Otey Memorial Parish Church (adjacent to the University of the South campus) and coordinated by Mickey Suarez, parish volunteer. Deposits are now being accepted. For more information, contact Larry Moore, daddymoe@yahoo.com.

Join Our Adult Choir Members As They Travel to Washington, DC! There’s still time to sign up for a trip to Washington, DC between July 21 and July 24 to see our adult choir members sing at All Souls’ Episcopal Church for their annual summer music festival. B Durham has gotten together a package which includes a direct flight from GSP airport along with three-nights accommodation at the Marriott Hotel across the street from All Souls’. All this is being offered at a very reasonable price! To sign up, don’t delay! Contact Brennan Szafron by June 1 at 864-504-3694 or bszafron@churchofadvent.org.

Looking Ahead

Pentecost – June 4: Plan to stay after the 10:30am service and enjoy lemonade and red velvet cake in the Cart Garden. Please wear red on this day in celebration of Pentecost.

Looking WAY ahead – Mark Your Calendars for the Advent Oyster Roast and Silent Auction – Thursday, October 19, from 6:30-10pm. Note: this is a change from the date previously advertised in the April Parish Paper.

Love Gifts are now being collected for the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Bazaar that will be take place on Thursday, November 16, from 11am to 6pm (note the new times). Please drop your items by the ECW Closet in the Spartanburg Shares building during their regular hours: Tuesday, 9am-1pm; Thursday, 3-7pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. If you have any questions, please contact Grantham Wood at 864-431-2780.

Sunday, May 28

Sunday School: The Gleaners Class will meet in the Undercroft.

Summer Choir Begins May 28: Come sing in the Church of the Advent’s low-stress, high-fun summer music ensemble, the summer choir! Anyone between ages 10 and 110 can join. Please come to the choir room upstairs in Pendleton Hall at 9:30am any Sunday this summer to learn whatever the anthem is for the 10:30am service. All the music will be kept as easy as possible. No regular commitment is required; just a desire to make a joyful noise!

Holiday Office Schedule: Memorial Day, May 29 - Closed