



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

July 8, 2018

Sunday, July 8 - 7th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00am Gleaners Class
- 9:30am Summer Choir
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:30am Lemonade on the Lawn
- 11:45am VBS Kick Off

Monday, July 9

- 8:15am Morning Prayer *
- 9:00am VBS
- 1:30pm Al-Anon
- 6:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous

Tuesday, July 10

- 9:00am VBS
- 9:30am Watercolor Class
- 3:00pm Liturgy Commission
- 3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
- 4:30pm Meditation Group
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
- 6:15pm Stewardship Commission
- 6:30pm FAVOR Family Group

Wednesday, July 11

- 9:00am VBS
- 9:00am Country Store Cooking
- 1:00pm Wacky Wednesdays: Greenville
- 1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare
- 4:45pm Altar Guild Board
- 8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

Thursday, July 12

- 9:00am VBS
- 9:00am Summer Women's Bible Study
- 10:00am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist
- 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
- 1:30pm Al-Anon

Friday, July 13

- 9:30am Watercolor Class
- 6:30pm SORTA YOUNG/Baby Boomers

Sunday, July 15 - 8th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00am Gleaners Class
- 9:30am Summer Choir
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

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

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Sunday, July 8

The Gleaners Class meets at 9am in the Library Conference Room located in Satterlee Hall. Roland Doepner and Agnes Martin will facilitate our discussion based on today's lectionary readings. All are welcome!

Summer Choir: All parishioners ages 10 to 110 are welcome to come to Olney Chapel in Pendleton Hall at 9:30am to learn the anthem for the upcoming 10:30 service. No regular commitment is required; just a desire to make a joyful noise!

VBS (Vacation Bible School) Kick Off Event: Please join us in Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) Dining Room C right after the 10:30am service. We will have a delicious BBQ lunch and free play time for the children in the gym.

Monday-Thursday, July 9-12

VBS will begin today and continue through Thursday, from 9am to noon, in the PCLC. We will have a great week of fun and learning!

Wednesday, July 11

Bazaar Country Store Cooking: Please come stir the pot with us during the month of July! We gather in the kitchen from 9am to noon on the following cook dates: **July 11** (Blueberry Marmalade and Low-Sugar Jam), **July 18** (Bread and Butter Pickles), **July 24** (Dilly Beans), and **July 26** (Okra Pickles).

Wacky Wednesdays: We will be helping with VBS in the morning and going to Greenville at 1pm. Please meet in the parking lot near Kennedy Street. We will return at 7pm.

Thursday, July 12

Summer Women's Bible Study: *The Spirit-Filled Life*. This DVD study features The Rev. Charlie Holt. Thursday mornings from 9 to 10:30am through July 19. We are meeting in the Library Conference Room located on the 1st floor in Satterlee Hall. Today's topic will be *Equipped: The Gifts of the Spirit*. The remaining chapters are *Empowered*, and *Anointed*. Invite a friend and join us.

Friday, July 13

SORTA YOUNG / Baby Boomers, 6:30pm: We'll gather at the home of Ann and Larry Moore, 202 Coburn Drive. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Kindly respond to Ann to let her know you are coming at 864-583-9117 or 202happy@msn.com.

Sunday, July 15

The School Supplies Collection Drive benefiting Mary H. Wright Elementary School students will begin today. Please read the back page for more information.

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!

Looking Ahead

Collection Drive for Mary H. Wright School Supplies, July 15-August 5: Please help our Mary H. Wright School students succeed by making a monetary donation or contributing the following items: Marble Composition Notebooks, Notebook Paper, Pencil Pouches, Crayons, Glue Sticks, and Hand Sanitizer. You may drop off your items in bins located in the reception area of Satterlee Hall or the church narthex. Members of the Outreach Commission will also staff a table in front of the church at 9am as well as before and after the 10:30 service.

Wacky Wednesdays: On July 18 we will go to the National Whitewater Center in Charlotte. We will depart from the Youth Center at 9am, and the estimated time of return is 8pm. **On July 25** we will go to Carowinds. The cost is \$45 plus food. Please buy your ticket online at <http://www.carowinds.com>. We will depart from the Youth Center at 9am, and the estimated time of return is 8pm. Forms may be downloaded from the Quick Links section on our website, churchofadvent.org, or you may pick up a form on campus. Please contact David Dixon at 864-541-1861 or ddixon@churchofadvent.org for more information.

Mid-Summer Brunch and Stained Glass Windows Program, Sunday, July 22, 9:15-10:30am: Gail will be fixing up the best brunch you can find in Spartanburg. The server line will be open from 9:15 to 9:45 so that people can attend either service and still enjoy the food and fellowship. The nursery will open at 9:30. From 9:45-10:15, we will enjoy a presentation by Kit Jennings on our beautiful stained glass windows. We will also have a Lost & Found table. Unclaimed items will be donated.

Mark Your Calendars - What You Need to Know About Substance Abuse and Recovery, Sundays at 9:15am, August 5 & August 12: The opioid crisis in our country is all over the news. No one, no family is immune from the possibility of drug and alcohol abuse or addiction. Rich Jones, the CEO of Favor Greenville, a recovery support and education organization, will be with us to highlight the threats and encourage those dealing with these issues in an informative and impactful presentation.

Coming Soon - REALM: Real Ministry!

Realm is a real-time secure tool that will allow us to keep in touch with you and for you to connect with your fellow parishioners. The menu tabs are: *News, Messages, Events, Giving, Groups, and Directory*. Users will be able to manage personal information, notifications, and directory privacy settings. The *Giving* section will allow you to make a pledge and schedule donations. You may view the progress of your giving and print a report at any time.

We will be able to access *Realm* online with a computer or via *Connect*, the app designed for mobile devices (smart phones and tablets). Staff training is scheduled for early August, and we hope to invite you to participate soon after. We think you'll find *Realm* easy to understand and use.



Last week's video provided an overview of the ministry benefits. Tonight we will focus on your personal profile and settings. Please take a moment to view these videos and get excited along with us!

Year to Date Financial Summary – Through May 31, 2018

Total Pledges and Contributions:	\$677,469, which is 39% of our annual budget, and is \$10,721 less than our goal.
Total Revenues – All Sources:	\$761,909, which is 40% of our annual budget, and is \$10,612 less than our goal.
Total Expenses:	\$817,885, which is 43% of our annual budget, and is \$5,450 less than our budget to date.

Our 2018 budget is \$1,921,480, over 90% of which is funded by your pledges and contributions. Any and every amount helps! Online giving is available at www.churchofadvent.org. You may also use our feature, Text-to-Give. Text to 73256 on your cell phone and type the message "MYADVENT" in order to receive a donation link and enter your information. Standard text charges may apply.