



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

August 5, 2018

Sunday, August 5 - 11th 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

Monday, August 6

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

Tuesday, August 7

- 9:30am Watercolor Class
- 2:00pm Listening Hearts Group
- 3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
- 4:30pm Meditation Group
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
- 6:30pm FAVOR Family Group

Wednesday, August 8

- 12:30pm Outreach Commission
- 1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare
- 8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

Thursday, August 9

- 10:30am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist
- 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
- 1:30pm Al-Anon

Friday, August 10

- 9:30am Watercolor Class

Sunday, August 12 - 12th Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00am Gleaners Class
- 9:30am Summer Choir
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II /Blessing of
Mary H. Wright School Supplies
- 11:30am Lemonade on the Lawn
- 12:30pm Youth Committee Meeting

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

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Sunday, August 5

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!

Last Day for the Mary H. Wright School Supplies Collection Drive: Thank you for helping our MHW 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. Items may be placed 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.

Today's offering "What You Need to Know About Addiction and Recovery" to be RESCHEDULED. Due to a death in the family, our presenter, Rich Jones who is the director of FAVOR (Faces and Voices of Recovery), is not able to be with us for this class this week or next. We will reschedule at a later date. Please keep Rich and his family in your prayers.

Summer Choir: After today, we will have one more week of Summer Choir before the three-service schedule begins on August 19. All parishioners aged 10 to 110 are invited to come to the chapel in Pendleton Hall at 9:30am to learn a simple anthem for the 10:30 service. Please contact 864-504-3694 or bszafron@churchofadvent.org for more information.

Sunday, August 12

Last Two-Service Sunday

The Mary H. Wright School Supplies will be blessed at the 10:30am service.

Please join us for our final **Lemonade on the Lawn** after the 10:30am service. Enjoy a cup of lemonade while you visit with parishioners in front of the church.

"Transitional" Choir

On August 19, August 26, and September 2, we'll have "transitional choir," leading up to the point where regular adult choir rehearsals resume after Labor Day. That means that anyone ages 18 and up is invited to come to the choir room at 8:15 before the 9am service, and/or 10:15 in the church before the 11:15am service to learn what the offertory anthem will be for the morning's service. For more information, please call or email Brennan Szafron.

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!

Three-Service Schedule Resumes on August 19: 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15am

Looking Ahead

Book & Brown Bag: On Tuesday, August 16, from 12:15-1:10pm in Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we begin our discussion of *Everything Happens for a Reason (and other lies I've loved)* by Kate Bowler. Books are available for \$16 from Jeanelle Smith in Satterlee Hall. To prepare for the first class, please read the Preface through Chapter 3 (pages xi-37).

Fellowship Group, August 19, 5:30pm at the home of David and Alene Pittman, 218 Pine Cove Drive in Inman. The Pittmans are providing hamburgers and hotdogs. Please bring an appetizer, casserole, dessert or picnic dish to go with provided meat. Please RSVP to the Pittmans via phone/text 704-575-7783 or email alenepittman@gmail.com.

Advent Oyster Roast & Silent Auction! Thursday, September 20, 6:30-10pm. Vestry members and Committee members are selling tickets. You may also purchase them after services on Sunday mornings, August 19 and 26. Tickets are \$45 for ages 21 and up if purchased in advance; \$50 at the door.



Volunteer Needs: Can You Help?

- **Children's Ministries.** If you are interested in helping in any way with the sweet little ones of this parish, please email sdantin@churchofadvent.org or call 864-237-0570. Nursery volunteers, Sunday School teachers, Wednesday night program support are all wonderful ways to live out your Baptismal Covenant. Free hugs are guaranteed!
- **Mary H. Wright Elementary School:** Everyone is already making plans to have another successful year! We need volunteers as room moms, reading buddies, mentors, helpers on special days, and more. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this ministry God has called us to do. For questions or to volunteer, please email Joy Oates at joyoates61@gmail.com or Julie Schwartz at julieschwartz@charter.net. Thank you for your continued support.

Safe Church Training will be offered on **Sunday, August 26**, from 4 to 7pm in the PCLC. This training is required for anyone working with Children and Youth ministries, Scouts, SPIHN overnight hosts, Basketball coaches and Lay Visitors. To sign up for the training, please email sdantin@churchofadvent.org or call 864-237-0570. This will be the only training offered at the Advent this Fall so PLEASE make plans to attend!

REALM: Real Ministry is here!



Realm, our new ministry tool, may be accessed online at <https://onrealm.org/> or via *Connect*, the app designed for mobile devices (smart phones and tablets). We have emailed invitations to parishioners to join us on *Realm*, the replacement for the *Church Life* app that has been in use since 2014. Please note your mobile device may use *Realm* through the browser's website; you are not limited to using the app. If you have questions about the setup process, please contact Becky Pittman at 864-504-3682 or bpittman@churchofadvent.org.

We learned about giving in last week's video. In tonight's email, we will look at the *Directory*.

Year to Date Financial Summary – Through June 30, 2018

Total Pledges and Contributions:

\$892,370, which is 51% of our annual budget, and is \$6,688 more than our year-to-date goal.

Total Revenues – All Sources

\$988,009, which is 51% of our annual budget, and is \$7,344 more than our year-to-date goal.

Total Expenses: \$972,214, which is 51% of our annual budget, and is \$4,934 more 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 now available at <https://onrealm.org/EpiscopalChurch37770/Give>.** 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.