



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

August 6-13, 2017

Upcoming Worship Services

Monday, August 7

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

Tuesday, August 8

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

5:30pm Holy Eucharist with Healing (Olney Chapel)

Wednesday, August 9

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

5:30pm Evening Service (Olney Chapel)

Thursday, August 10

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

12:15pm Holy Eucharist with Healing (Olney Chapel)

Friday, August 11

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

Sunday, August 13

The 10th Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I

10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite II/Blessing of School
Supplies and Advent Backpacks

This Week

SPIHN - August 6-13: Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be with us this week. Please pray for them and our volunteers.

- **Session Coordinator:** Steve Wyman
- **Volunteers:** Nina Albaras, Ruta Allen, Kevin Bock, Lynn Brown, Ted Conwell, Suzanne Dantin, Carole Davis, Gary Davis, Janet Davis, Mac Davis, Marie Edmonds, Ann Evans, Nancy Gage, John Gaskins, Sally Gaskins, Alec Hopps, Pat Jennings, Melissa Johnson, Sue Maley, Judy McCravy, Chip McLeod, Stone McLeod, Ashley Reid, Dave Rodrick, Jimmy Shoulders, Erin Strickland, Cathy Terrell, Trey Thies and Marc White

Change in Forms of Payment Accepted at the Advent Shoppe: We regret that the Shoppe will not be accepting credit card payments during its last month of operation. The storewide discount has increased to 60% so please invite your friends to take advantage of these savings.

The Adventure Kingdom (ages 4K through 5th grade) is looking for some additional volunteers to be Sunday School teachers for the upcoming school year. This year we will be using the Episcopal Children's Curriculum published by the Virginia Theological Seminary. Teaching is a great way to share your gifts with our youngest Advent members. Please contact Suzanne Dantin at sdantin@churchofadvent.org if you would like additional information about volunteering.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Bazaar News

- **Bazaar Country Store Cooking Dates:** If you can help, please join us for the following cooking dates from 9am-12pm (or any amount of time you can give) in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) kitchen: 8/9: Spiced grapes; 8/17: Mango chutney; 8/23: Pickled beets and corn relish; 8/30: Orange marmalade.
- **Love Gifts** are now being collected for the Bazaar that will be take place on Thursday, November 16, from 11am to 6pm. 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.
- **Mason Jars** are needed as we are busy cooking in the Country Store. Please drop your jars at the back door of the PCLC kitchen. If Gail is not there, please leave them at the door under the covered section. Many thanks for helping us keep costs down so that we can give back even more to Outreach!

Wednesday Evening Worship will meet in Olney Chapel during the summer. Please join us for a brief, informal service Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15pm. 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.

The Men's Fellowship and Bible Study Group meets this Thursday morning at 7:00am in the PCLC, Dining Room C. We're discussing the Psalms. Newcomers are welcome. It's the kind of conversation you can easily join, whether or not you've had a chance to read the text. For additional information, please contact Dave Rodrick at 864-266-7438 or darodrick@gmail.com.

Events and Opportunities

Canned Food Collection: The summer months are challenging for food pantries and families because students are unable to take advantage of free meals provided during the school day. Please place a canned food item in the bins located in the PCLC and Satterlee Hall.

Church of the Advent Adult Choirs To Start Back on August 15; Singers Wanted and Needed! The two service schedule is quickly drawing to a close, meaning that the adult choirs of the Church of the Advent will soon begin their 2017-18 year. The St. Cecilia Choir sings at the 9 a.m. service most of the time and meets on Tuesday nights between 6:30 and 7:45pm; the Advent Schola sings for the 11:15am service and meets on Wednesdays between 6:30 and 7:45pm. The Schola is in greatest need of altos and tenors; the St. Cecilians are in greatest need of everything! To sign up or for more information, please call 864-504-3694 or e-mail bszafron@churchofadvent.org.

Looking Ahead

Book & Brown Bag: The next book to be read and discussed with Fr. Ned will be *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr. This five-week class will begin Tuesday, August 15, at 12:15pm in the PCLC. The books are available for \$10 and may be picked up from the receptionist in Satterlee Hall. Please bring the exact amount if you are paying by cash. For August 15, read the Forward to page 59.

Sunday, August 13

Join Cameron and Roberto Vivanco at 9:15am in the PCLC Dining Rooms as they share about their ministry in Quito, Ecuador. This will also be a good opportunity to learn more about the organization that Laura and Jorge Estevez will be involved with later this year. Cameron had served as the Advent's Youth Director when Laura was in high school and that connection led to the Estevezes developing close ties with the Vivanco family. Cameron and Roberto are doing wonderful mission work and are eager to tell you more about their ministry!

Last Sunday of Summer Choir before the three-service schedule begins: Several of our adult choir "regulars" will be singing today so come be a part of the musical "party"! We'll rehearse in the choir room upstairs in Pendleton Hall at 9:30am to learn the anthem for the 10:30am service.



Blessing of the Backpacks at the 10:30am service: Children, please bring your backpacks to church so that we can say a prayer and blessing for you as you head back to school.

Celebrate the Vivanco Family and our Outreach Grant Recipients on August 13 after the 10:30am service! Join us as we celebrate the Outreach and Mission work we support through the Advent Foundation, the Oyster Roast, the Episcopal Church Women's Bazaar, the Outreach Commission and the generosity of our members. There will be a reception held in the PCLC as we welcome guests from near and far. The Vivanco family will join us from Ecuador, and we

will have folks here from the Northside, St. Luke's and Mary H. Wright Elementary School.

Three-Service Schedule Begins on August 20: 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15am

Sunday School for all ages will begin at 10:10am. The nursery will open at 8:45am.

Sunday School Service Project: We will distribute Miracle Hill collection bags on the first day of Sunday School. Please return the bags the following Sunday, August 27, filled with gently-used items.

Pre-Eclipse Picnic, 5:30-7pm / Lawn near the Scout Hut: Please bring a blanket and a picnic for your family - all ages are invited. Eclipse glasses, drinks and Moon Pies will be on hand!

Fellowship Group, 6:30pm at the home of David and Alene Pittman, 218 Pine Cove Drive in Inman. Please let the Pittmans know if you're coming by emailing Alene at alenepittman@gmail.com. If that's not possible, call 864-472-9463. Please bring a covered dish to share and your beverage of choice.

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