



# The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

October 7, 2018

## Oct. 7 - 20<sup>th</sup> Pentecost - Commitment Sunday

7:45, 9 & 11:15am Holy Eucharist  
10:15am Sunday School for all ages  
12:30pm Gleaners Class Luncheon  
4:30pm Youth Choir  
5:30pm Blessing of the Animals Liturgy  
6:00pm Sunday Night Youth ConneXion

## Monday, October 8

8:15am Morning Prayer \*  
10:00am Serendipity Circle  
12:00pm Lunch Bunch  
12:00pm FAVOR Recovery Group (Wed., Fri.)  
1:30pm Al-Anon  
5:00pm Advent Foundation Board Meeting  
6:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous

## Tuesday, October 9

7:00am High School Prayer Breakfast  
12:15pm Book & Brown Bag  
2:00pm Listening Hearts Group  
3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous  
3:00pm Liturgy Commission  
4:30pm Meditation Group  
4:45pm Gabriel's Instruments  
5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing  
5:30pm Fruit of the Spirit Circle  
6:30pm Troop 1 Meeting  
6:30pm FAVOR Family Group  
6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

## Wednesday, October 10

12:30pm Outreach Commission  
1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare  
5:15pm Young Families (FR8yard)  
8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

## Thursday, October 11

7:00am Men's Bible Study  
7:00am Middle School Prayer Breakfast  
8:30am Cherub Choir  
9:00am Women's Fellowship & Bible Study  
10:30am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist  
12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing  
1:30pm Al-Anon  
6:00pm Advent Toner

## October 14 - 21<sup>st</sup> Pentecost - Pink Sunday

7:45, 9 & 11:15am Holy Eucharist  
10:15am Sunday School for all ages  
12:45pm Senior Gabriel's Instruments  
1:00pm Sunday Night Youth ConneXion  
4:30pm Youth Choir  
5:30pm Sunday Night Worship Committee

*Morning Prayer is said Mon.-Fri. in Olney Chapel.*

## Sunday, October 7

**Commitment Sunday:** We will bless our pledge cards at all services. You may also place your completed Strategic Plan surveys in the offering plate.

## Sunday School for All Ages - 10:15am

- \* **Adventure Kingdom:** Children ages 4k through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in their individual classes in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC).
- \* **Youth Classes** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade): *Youth Confirmation* and *XCentric* meet in the Youth Center.
- \* **Adult Classes:** *Welcome to Sunday!*, *Seekers*, and *Parents in Community* meet in the PCLC dining rooms. The *Gleaners Class* meets in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall.

**Blessing of the Animals, 5:30pm** in front of Pendleton Hall: Bring your beloved critters for a blessing as we celebrate the life and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in this traditional way – giving God thanks for the blessings of the whole of creation. Please note: all animals should be on a leash or otherwise contained. We will be receiving contributions of cat or dog food and/or cash donations for the Spartanburg Humane Society. Make checks payable to the church and note SHS in the memo section.

## Monday, October 8

**Serendipity** will meet at 10am in Dining Room B of the PCLC. Elizabeth Gilliam and Lois Stringer are the hosts.

**Lunch Bunch** meets at 12pm in PCLC Dining Rooms A and B.

## Tuesday, October 9

**Book & Brown Bag:** From 12:15-1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we continue our discussion of *The Four Loves* by C. S. Lewis. The books are \$11 and are available from Jeanelle Smith in Satterlee Hall. To prepare for class, please read Chapter 5 - Eros (pages 117-148).

## Wednesday, October 10

**Young Families at the FR8yard, 125 East Main Street, 5:15 to 7pm:** The Advent Children's Choirs will have an outdoor practice session from 5:15 to 5:45 in lieu of their regular Wednesday practice and then perform for all of us at 5:45pm.

## Thursday, October 11 & Friday, October 12

The Rev. Becca Stevens of Thistle Farms will be speaking at Angels Charge Ministry events on our campus. Welcome!

## Sunday, October 14

**"Pink Sunday":** Please wear pink in memory of all those whose lives have been touched by cancer, and stop by the Cancer Support Group table to fill out a prayer flag. Please contact Judy Waddell at [judywaddell@charter.net](mailto:judywaddell@charter.net) or 864-680-4417 if you have questions.

## 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!

## Vestry Nominations for 2019 for the Class of 2022

Allowing one's name to go forward on any ballot calls for a level of courage and indicates many things about the individuals who do so; there is a combination of faithfulness and humility, leadership and servitude, commitment and generosity. These are traits we see in all of those who stand for the Vestry.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Be committed to Jesus Christ and His church
2. Be an active member of the Church of the Advent as defined in the Canons:
  - a. Be a confirmed Episcopalian
  - b. Worship regularly
  - c. Be involved and participate in our parish life
  - d. Support the mission of the Advent financially, practicing good stewardship
3. Be willing to commit to regular attendance at the Vestry meetings and take responsibility for other needs of the church.

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the Vestry election to be held at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2019. We would like to have your suggestions for nominees by Monday, October 15, 2018. We will choose a Senior Warden-elect, four Vestry members and a Youth representative.

### The Nominating Committee members and their contact information:

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## Looking Ahead

**Youth Winter Ski Retreat, January 2-6:** The retreat will involve three days of skiing and fun at Snowshoe Mountain and group gathering time in the evening with games, music, and faith formation. The theme this year is "Life, Choices and Good Times!". **The cost is \$550 per person. The completed form and a \$200 deposit is due by Sunday, October 14, in order to reserve your spot.** Registration forms are available on the campus, and they may also be found on our web page. We have space for 20 participants. Contact David at ddixon@churchofadvent.org or 864-541-1861 for more information.

**EpiscoPals**, Wednesday, October 17, at 11:45am in the PCLC, Dining Rooms A & B. The program is Strings A-Plenty with guests Mary Irwin, Mary Ada Poole, and friends. They will make music for us and tell us about Spartanburg's newest musical organization, the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra. If you are an Advent member 45+ years old or a guest, you are welcome. Please reserve your delicious \$7 lunch by contacting Gail Owens at gowens@churchofadvent.org or 583-2438.

**Volunteers and Candy Donations Needed for the Mary H. Wright Elementary School Fall Festival**, Thursday, October 18, from 4 to 6pm. If you would like to donate candy to be used as prizes or underwrite one of our activities, it will be most appreciated. All donations may be dropped off at the Satterlee Hall reception area. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Joy Oates at 864-415-9095 or Julie Schwartz at 864-504-8776. Thank you for your continued support of the children at MHW!

**SORTA YOUNG/Baby Boomers Fellowship Group** will meet on Friday, October 19, at 6:30pm at the home of John and Kate Dargan, 777 Plume Street. Please email Kate at kdargan@oatespartners.com if you are coming. Bring your favorite appetizer to share and beverage of choice. Friends are always welcome.

**SC Bach Society Concert**, October 20, 7pm: Come hear overtures (i.e. sinfonias) to several of Johann Sebastian Bach's sacred cantatas with an eight-piece orchestra and Brennan Szafron as organ soloist. The program has been subtitled "Fireworks for Organ and Orchestra." Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for Church of the Advent adult parishioners. You may call 864-585-2268 to reserve your tickets and pay at the door, or you may purchase them online at <https://tinyurl.com/y9ooy6gr> or on the Realm Connect app. The deadline to make reservations and purchase electronic tickets is 1pm on Friday, October 19.