



The Bell Ringer

The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent



November 5-12, 2017

Upcoming Worship Services

Monday, November 6

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

Tuesday, November 7

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

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

Wednesday, November 8

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

5:30pm Evening Service (Olney Chapel)

Thursday, November 9

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

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

Friday, November 10

8:15am Morning Prayer (Olney Chapel)

Sunday, November 12

The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

7:45am Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II

This Week

Sunday Night Youth ConneXion: We will be going to NCG Movie Theatre today to see “Thor: Ragnarok” (PG13) at 4 pm. If you haven’t bought your tickets yet, please check to see if they are sold out before meeting us at the movies.

Artichoke Cook Off in the Country Store! On November 6 and 7, Mary Hope Rhodes and Haidee Courson challenge you to join them for the “Advent Artichoke Relish Cook Off”. Prizes for the team with the most jars! **Men and Women** are invited to come help us to finish up our Country Store. May the BEST team win!!

Youth Day Hike, November 7: If you signed up for the hike to Cove Creek Falls in Pisgah Forest, please remember to bring a water bottle, day pack and bagged lunch. We’ll leave the church at 9 am and return around 4:30pm.

Book & Brown Bag: On Tuesday, November 7, from 12:15-1:10pm in Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we conclude our discussion of *Where Do We Go From Here* by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. To prepare for class, please read Chapter 6 and the Appendix. Our next book selection is *Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All The Difference* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. This discussion will begin on November 28. The book costs \$10 and is available from Libby Adamson in Satterlee Hall. Please bring exact change if you are paying by cash.

Adult Inquirer’s and Confirmation Class meets on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:15pm in the PCLC, Dining Room A. Learn the basic tenants of the Christian faith and worship according to our Anglican traditions in preparation for Confirmation or Reception as members of The Episcopal Church of the Advent. This week our theme is Episcopal Polity: History and Structure. Please read *A People Called Episcopalians*, pages 27-35.

The Men’s Fellowship and Bible Study Group meets at 7 am this Thursday morning in the PCLC, Dining Room C. For additional information, please contact Dave Rodrick at 864-266-7438 or darodrick@gmail.com.

Casserole Cooking will take place on Thursday, November 9. We will meet at 9 am in the PCLC Kitchen.

Women’s Bible Study and Fellowship will meet on Thursday, from 9-10:30am in the PCLC, Dining Room A.

The Baby Boomers fellowship group will meet at 7 pm on Friday, November 10, at the home of Bruce and Martha Schwartz, 275 Fairlane Drive. Please bring an appetizer to share and beverage of your choice. Let the Schwartzs know you’re coming by emailing mwschwartz@charter.net.

Events and Opportunities

“What’s Next for the Reformation?” 6:30pm on Tuesday, November 14, at St. John’s Lutheran Church, 415 S. Pine Street. Panel discussion with Bishop Herman Yoos, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; Rev. Gordan Raynal, Senior Presbyterian, Foothills Presbytery; Bishop Andrew Waldo, Episcopal Diocese of Upper SC and Fr. Jay Scott Newman, St. Mary’s Catholic Church.

A Reformation Concert will be presented by the Spartanburg Festival Chorus and Converse Symphony Orchestra at 7:30pm on Thursday, November 16. Twichell Auditorium on the campus of Converse College, 580 E. Main Street.

Looking Ahead

ECW Bazaar News - please read the Parish Paper to learn more about our November 16 Bazaar!

- **Bags and Packing Materials:** Please save your extra bags, boxes, newspaper and any other packing materials you may have on hand. You may drop them off at the PCLC Lobby the week of the Bazaar, November 12-16.
Volunteers for Country Store and Lunch: Please sign up through SignUpGenius using this link, <https://tinyurl.com/yb8kehbu>. In addition to the SignUpGenius, we will have a table for volunteers to sign up in front of the church this morning and on Sunday, November 12. You may also contact Cathy Ellett at: 864-583-4558, 864-590-1335 (cell) or cathyellett@charter.net.
- **Baked Goods:** We will need LOTS of home-made goodies for this booth! Please contact Jennifer Pitts at jenniferpitts@spencerhines.com and let her know what you plan to bring! You may drop off your items on Wednesday, November 15, from 10am-5pm in the gym. Please bring your items packaged with a holiday bow – ready to sell!! However, if you are unable to package your items, we will have cellophane and ribbon on hand!
- **Bazaar Lunch**, November 16, 11:30am-1pm, \$10/plate for dine-in and takeout. Menu: Tossed Salad, Bourbon Spiced Pork Tenderloin, Long Grain and Wild Rice, Green Beans, Yeast Roll and Chocolate Lovers' Tiramisu. To reserve a table of eight or to place large take-out orders of 10 plates or more, call 864-504-3684. Take-out will be available at 11:45am. Please make table and large take-out reservations by noon on Monday, November 13.
- **Come Out and Support the 2018 Youth Pilgrims:** We have a record number of youth who will need your support. Please order your Christmas wreaths and garlands at the Bazaar. Forms will be available on campus and the website.

Fruit of the Spirit - Advent's Evening Women's Circle: On November 16, plan to support ECW at our annual Bazaar. Sign up to volunteer and plan to attend the Sip and Shop at 5 pm!

Troop 1 "Piggly Fest" BBQ and Brunswick Stew Tickets: Mark your calendars for the Troop 1 BBQ Fest on Saturday, November 18. Enjoy lots of delicious pulled pork, Brunswick Stew, slaw, roll, and dessert for \$9. Gallons of iced tea will also be available for purchase. You can pick up your plate anytime between 8:30am and 2pm on Advent Street in front of the PCLC. Scouts will be selling tickets between church services on Sundays through November 12. Please direct questions to troop1@churchofadvent.org.

Fellowship Group, November 19 at 6:30pm: We will gather at the home of Mike and Martha Honeycutt, 506 Bent Creek Lane. Please bring an appetizer to share and beverage of your choice. Let the Honeycutts know if you're coming by contacting puttyrut@gmail.com or 864-706-0085. Friends are always welcome!

Wednesday Evenings in Advent - November 29, December 6 and December 13: Reserve your Wednesday evenings starting at the end of November and in December. We will gather for dinner and an offering of formation lead by the Gleaners Class. Lessons will deal with themes that are present in the season of Advent. There will be focus on works of art, some hymns, and traditions surrounding this season of anticipation. There is a family dinner followed by separate programs for children and adults.

Sunday, November 12

Services at 7:45, 9 & 11:15am. Sunday School begins at 10:10am, and the nursery opens at 8:45am.

Rector's Forum: *What's In It for Me?* This week we'll look at examples of what the Bible has to offer with regard to the interactions and relationships between men and women. We'll try to glean principles having to do with God's design for this "blessed alliance." The Rev. Deborah Apoldo will facilitate with a bit of teaching, Biblical interpretation, and conversation at the tables that will help us to grapple with some of the very contemporary manifestations of brokenness in how men and women relate to one another. Please join us in the PCLC, Dining Rooms A and B, at 10:10am.

Note the New Venue: The Gleaners Class will meet in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall.

"Be Thankful" Pot Luck Dinner for Young Families, 5 to 7 pm: We will have a pot luck dinner for all Young Families (anyone with children ages birth to 5th grade) in the PCLC Dining Rooms. The meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your most favorite side dish, salad or dessert! We will also be making Thanksgiving placemats for the children. Paint will be involved so wear appropriate clothing! There will be a \$6 charge for children to help defray cost of craft. Please RSVP to sdantin@churchofadvent.org.

Sunday Night Youth ConneXion will meet at the Youth Center from 6 to 7:30pm.