



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

December 2, 2018

Sunday, December 2 - 1st Advent

Holy Eucharist 7:45, 9 & 11:15am
10:15am Sunday School for All Ages
12:30pm Reception for The Rev. Debbie Apoldo
4:00pm Sunday Night Youth ConneXion
4:30pm Youth Choir
8:00pm High School Game Night

Monday, December 3

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

Tuesday, December 4

7:00am High School Prayer Breakfast
12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
2:00pm Listening Hearts Group
3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
4:30pm Meditation Group
4:45pm Gabriel's Instruments
5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
6:30pm Troop 1 Meeting
6:30pm FAVOR Family Group

Wednesday, December 5

5:15pm Angel Choir/Junior Choir
5:30pm 2020 Pilgrimage Meeting
5:45pm Wednesday Dinner & ACC Concert
6:30pm Advent Schola
8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

Thursday, December 6

7:00am Middle School Prayer Breakfast
7:00am Men's Bible Study
8:30am Cherub Choir
12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
1:30pm Al-Anon
5:15pm Dinner's Ready Meal Pickup
7:30pm College Board-Game Night

Friday, December 7

6:30pm Sorta Young/Baby Boomers

Sunday, December 9 - 2nd Advent

Holy Eucharist 7:45, 9 & 11:15am
10:15am Sunday School for All Ages
10:15am XCentric Confirmand Breakfast
12:45pm Senior Gabriel's Instruments
4:30pm Youth Choir
6:00pm Youth ConneXion Christmas Party

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

Sunday, December 2

Reception for The Rev. Deborah Apoldo: Please join us in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) Lobby following the 11:15am service as we honor our Associate Rector for Christian Formation, Debbie Apoldo. Debbie has been called to serve as Vicar at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Spartanburg.

Devotional Booklet Available: Several parishioners, clergy and staff members have created a devotional booklet titled *Keep Company With Me* as just one way to enhance our Advent journey. You will find Scripture readings and reflections that speak to themes of waiting and watching. Pick up your copy at various locations around the church and in the PCLC.

Advent Wreath and Advent Calendar Supplies are available for sale today at the table in the PCLC Lobby. Wreath frames/candle holders, \$6; Set of candles, \$6; Advent calendars, \$4.

Tuesday, December 4

Book & Brown Bag: From 12:15-1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we continue our discussion of *Yes, Jesus: A Pilgrimage* by James Martin. The book is \$13, and it is available from Jeanelle Smith in Satterlee Hall. To prepare for class, please read Chapters 2-3 (44 pages).

Wednesday Evenings in Advent: Join us for dinner at 5:45pm and a beautiful Advent Children's Center concert at 6:30pm. The nursery will open at 6:15pm for children ages 3 and under. All other children will remain in the dining rooms with their families. Please RSVP for dinner by noon on Monday, December 3, by contacting Gail Owens at gowens@churchofadvent.org or 864-583-2438. Please email bnrivera91@gmail.com for nursery care.

Friday, December 7

SORTA YOUNG/Baby Boomers Fellowship Group, 6:30pm will meet at the home of Jody and Donna Traywick, 635 Crystal Drive. Please RSVP to the Traywicks by text or email: 864-978-4332 or dwtaywick@gmail.com. Bring your favorite appetizer to share and beverage of choice. Friends are always welcome!

Sunday School for All Ages - 10:15am

- * **Adventure Kingdom:** Children ages 4k through 5th grade will meet in their individual classes in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC).
- * **Youth Classes** (6th-12th 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.

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!

This Week

A BIG THANKS to everyone who has pledged! As of November 26, we have received \$1,558,938 in pledges and need ~ \$ 241,000 more to reach our goal. Your gift makes a difference and we need your help! We would like to have all pledges by December 25.

Country Store items available for sale at the December 5 dinner: Here is a list of what we have left in the Country Store: Black Bean Salsa, Vidalia Relish, Green Tomato Pickles, Corn Relish, Spiced Grapes, Apple Pie Filling, and Artichoke Relish (mustard kind). We also have Praline Syrup. If you would like something, please contact Laura Bauknight at 864-504-3692 or lbauknight@churchofadvent.org.

Dinner's Ready for December 6 - Homemade Meals To-Go: Pre-orders are required and may be placed by calling 864-504-3684. This menu will be prepared by Chef Kari Warren and Friends: Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Cheddar Cheese Biscuit, and Homemade Blonde Brownie. The cost is \$10 per meal. Each meal serves one adult or two small children. *The deadline to order is 5pm on Monday, December 3.* Pickup time in the PCLC Lobby is 5:15 to 6:15pm. If you have questions, please contact Laura Price at fiveprices22@gmail.com or 205-7220.

Looking Ahead

Serendipity Circle and Lunch Bunch will have their annual Christmas lunch on Monday, December 10, at 12pm in the PCLC, Dining Rooms A and B. Come enjoy fellowship and a delicious holiday meal prepared by our very own Gail Owens. Please contact Gail to let her know you are coming: gowens@churchofadvent.org or 864-583-2438.

20s, 30s, 40s CONNECT Holiday Gathering, December 10, 6 to 8pm, at Bond Street Wine in downtown Spartanburg. Come join your friends for wine and cheese and a time of holiday cheer. Cost is \$15 per person/ payable at the event. Nursery at the church will be available, but reservations are required. Call or email Laura Bauknight at 864-504-3692 or lbauknight@churchofadvent.org by Thursday, December 6. Drop off begins at 5:45, and pick up is at 7:45. Snacks will be served.

EpiscoPals will meet Wednesday, December 12, at 11:45am in the PCLC, Dining Room A. Our speaker will be the Rev. Paula Griffin and her topic will be "A Clean Heart for Advent. Please remember to reserve your wonderful \$7 lunch by contacting 864-583-2438 or gowens@churchofadvent.org. Advent members who are 45+ and their guests are invited. Please join us!

Christmas Altar Guild Flowers Deadline is Tuesday, December 18, at 4pm: Christmas flower donations may be made in memory, honor or thanksgiving of loved ones. Forms have been placed in Satterlee Hall, Pendleton Hall, and the pews. Your completed form and donation may be returned to the church office or enclosed in an envelope and placed it in the offering plate. Please print names clearly and exactly as they should appear in the bulletin. We regret that we are unable to accept memorials over the phone.

Events and Opportunities

Warm Fuzzy Trees: In conjunction with Operation Magi, the Parents in Community class is resurrecting the Warm Fuzzy Tree benefitting the children of Mary H. Wright Elementary. The Warm Fuzzy Tree will be set up in the PCLC Lobby and donations of sets of gloves, hats, scarves, extra-warm socks, ear muffs, etc. will serve as decorations. Please help us to load down the tree by December 18 when the MHW families come to pick up their Operation Magi packages. While those parents are invited to select one item, most "warm and fuzzies" go the school coat closet and are distributed by teachers/administrators based on need.

December 16: Bishop's Visitation, Forum, and Youth Confirmation

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