



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

January 6, 2019

Sunday, January 6 - 1st Epiphany

SPIHN Week

Holy Eucharist 7:45, 9 & 11:15am (Incense)

10:15am Sunday School for All Ages

4:00pm Troop 1664 Parents Meeting

4:30pm Youth Choir

Monday, January 7

8:15am Morning Prayer *

12:00pm FAVOR Recovery Group (Wed., Fri.)

1:30pm Al-Anon

6:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous

Tuesday, January 8

7:00am High School Prayer Breakfast

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

12:15pm ECW Board Meeting

3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous

3:00pm Liturgy Commission

4:30pm Meditation Group

4:45pm Gabriel's Instruments

5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

6:15pm Vestry Meeting

6:30pm FAVOR Family Group

Wednesday, January 9

11:45am EpiscoPals

12:30pm Outreach Commission

1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare

4:45pm Altar Guild Board Meeting

5:15pm Angel Choir/Junior Choir

6:30pm Advent Schola

8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

Thursday, January 10

7:00am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

7:00am Men's Bible Study

8:30am Cherub Choir

10:30am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist

12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

1:30pm Al-Anon

5:00pm Safety Committee

6:15pm Stewardship Commission

6:30pm Advent Toners

Saturday, January 11

6:30pm Cello Times Two Dinner & Concert

Sunday, January 13 - 2nd Epiphany

Holy Eucharist 7:45, 9 (Baptism) & 11:15am

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

6:00pm Sunday Youth ConneXion

8:00pm High School Game Night

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

Sunday, January 6

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.

Tickets Available for January 11 Dinner and Music Event: "Dinner times two" featuring "Cello times two," Brenda Leonard and Ben Smith, cellists. 6:30pm dinner; 7:30pm concert. Tickets are \$25 each for ages 21 and up, and they may be purchased in front of the church this morning. Online tickets may be purchased at <https://tinyurl.com/yab7e64d> through Tuesday, January 8.

SPIHN Week, January 6-13: Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be joining us this week. Please pray for the volunteers listed on the back page and let Steve Wyman know if you are able to assist.

Monday, January 7

2019 Envelopes: The 2019 Envelopes will be mailed today. Please use these new envelopes in 2019.

Tuesday, January 8

High School Prayer Breakfast: High School students will meet at 7am at Chick-Fil-A in Hillcrest.

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 9-11 (39 pages).

Wednesday, January 9

EpiscoPals, 11:45am. Advent's very own Betty Montgomery will present a program on "The Winter Garden - Waiting for Spring." Advent members who are 45+ and their guests are invited. Please reserve your \$7 lunch by phone to 864-583-2438 or by email to gowens@churchofadvent.org.

Thursday, January 10

Middle School Prayer Breakfast: Middle School students will meet at 7am at Chick-Fil-A in Hillcrest.

Women's Bible Study & Fellowship: Please join the Rev. Paula Griffin from 9 to 10:30am in PCLC Dining Room A.

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!

Pledge Update

A BIG THANKS to everyone who has pledged! As of January 3, we have received \$1,613,742 in pledges. Your gift makes a difference, and we need your help!

This Week

Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPIHN) - January 6-13 **Please Give Thanks and Pray for Our Advent Host Team**

Session Coordinator: Steve Wyman

Volunteers: Amanda Apoldo, Jessica Barrett, Isabel Barber, Kevin Bock, Don Bramblett, Mott Bramblett, Cecilia Cannon, Janet Davis, Jean Dunbar, Alec Hopps, Tricia Liollo, Ruth Knight, Chip McLeod, Stone McLeod, Sue Maley, Ashley Reid, Mary Reid, Moira Scheel, and Kelly Vaneman

Here are the critical needs as we go print

Sunday Morning Setup, January 6 - (3)

Overnight Hosts for Sunday (2), Monday (2), Tuesday (1), Thursday (2), Friday (1), and Saturday (2)

Guest Supper providers for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Supper Assistant Hosts for Wednesday (1) and Saturday (2)

Saturday Morning Host, Saturday Brunch provider, and Saturday Afternoon Host

Sunday Morning Breakdown, January 13 - (3)

Women's Bible Study Begins Thursday, January 10: Connection and community: these are needs of every human soul. We were not made to be alone; we were made to exist alongside of, with, and for each other. We were made to know and to be known. We were made to care and to be cared for. That is who we are.

The Letter to the Hebrews consists of thirteen chapters, all of which are packed with theology, metaphor, comparisons, and spirituality. The women's Bible Study will begin *Cloud of Witnesses: The Community of Christ in Hebrews* in which we will explore major themes in Hebrews and reflect on how they relate to other parts of our faith tradition and the overarching motif of community. Join us at 9am in PCLC Dining Room A.

Looking Ahead

Serendipity Circle will meet on Monday, January 14, at 10am at the home of Brenda Lytle, 1289 Brentwood Drive. The February meeting will be at Cathy Minch's on the 11th.

Lunch Bunch will meet on Monday, January 14, at 12pm in Dining Rooms A and B of the Parish and Community Life Center. Please reserve your meal by contacting Anne Bomar at bomar.anne@gmail.com.

3rd Wednesday Dinner, January 16: Join us for dinner at 5:45pm and a program at 6:30pm. RSVP for dinner by 5pm on Monday, January 14, by contacting Gail Owens at 864-583-2438 or gowens@churchofadvent.org. Please email bnrivera1991@gmail.com for nursery care.

We are going back to Kanuga! March 8-10, 2019. The Rev. Michael R. Sullivan will be our speaker. Please sign up with this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yam4o4rw>. Reservations must be made 30 days in advance. The deadline is Friday, February 8. Scholarships are available; please contact Laura Bauknight at lbauknight@churchofadvent.org or 864-504-3692.

Office Closing: Monday, January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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