



# The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

February 10, 2019

## Sunday, February 10 - 5<sup>th</sup> Epiphany

7:45, 9 (Vestry Commissioning), & 11:15am

Holy Eucharist

8-9am 2020 Pilgrimage Breakfast Fundraiser

8:30am-12:30pm Advent Historical Gallery Open

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

12:45pm Senior Gabriel's Instruments

4:30pm Youth Choir

5:30pm Sunday Night Worship Committee

6:00pm Sunday Youth ConneXion

## Monday, February 11

8:15am Morning Prayer \*

10:00am Serendipity Circle

12:00pm Lunch Bunch

1:30pm Al-Anon

5:30pm Parish Life Commission

## Tuesday, February 12

7:00am High School Prayer Breakfast

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

3:00pm Liturgy Commission

3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous

4:15pm Orientation Meeting for Vestry

4:30pm Meditation Group

4:45pm Gabriel's Instruments

5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

6:30pm FAVOR Family Group

6:30pm Troop 1 Scouts

6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

## Wednesday, February 13

5:15pm Angel Choir/Junior Choir

6:30pm Advent Schola

8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

## Thursday, February 14

7:00am Men's Bible Study

7:00am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

8:30am Cherub Choir

9:00am Women's Bible Study

12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

1:30pm Al-Anon

6:30pm Advent Toners

## Sunday, February 17 - 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany

7:45, 9, & 11:15am Holy Eucharist

8:00am Ecumenical Blood Drive

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

4:30pm Youth Choir

6:00pm Sunday Youth ConneXion

6:30pm Fellowship Group

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

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Breakfast Fundraiser for the 2020 Youth

**Pilgrimage**, 8-9am, in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC), Dining Room B: Enjoy a great time of fellowship and breakfast after the 7:45am service or before the 9am service. We will offer delicious food such as scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, grits, and other items. Donations will benefit the Nova Scotia youth pilgrimage.

**The Advent Historical Gallery** located in Satterlee Hall will be open from 8:30am to 12:30pm on Sunday mornings throughout the month of February.

## 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 PCLC.
- \* **Youth Classes** (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade): *Youth Confirmation* and *XCentric* meet in the Youth Center.
- \* **Adult Classes:** *Seekers* will meet in PCLC Dining Room A. *A Morning with Robert J. Powell, Hymnal 1982 Composer*, PCLC Dining Room C: Noted Episcopal Church composer Robert J. Powell will appear for an interview conducted by our own Brennan Szafron. The *Gleaners* and *Parents in Community* classes will attend the Bob Powell presentation.

## Monday, February 11

**Serendipity** will meet at 10am at the home of Cathy Minch, 270 Montgomery Drive. Carolyn Roberts is the co-host.

**Lunch Bunch** will meet at 12pm in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC.

## Tuesday, February 12

**Book & Brown Bag:** From 12:15-1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we continue our discussion of *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 Chapter 18 (19 pages).

## Wednesday, February 13

**EpiscoPals**, 11:45am: Our guest will be Jane Nodine, artist and jewelry designer. Jane is the curator of the Curtis R. Harley Art Gallery at USC Upstate and recently retired as chair of the art department. If you are an Advent member aged 45+, you are invited to come and bring a guest if you choose. Lunch is \$7 and should be reserved by 5pm on Monday, February 11, by contacting [gowens@churchofadvent.org](mailto:gowens@churchofadvent.org) or 864-583-2438.

## Thursday, February 14

**Valentine's Day Classroom Parties at Mary H. Wright Elementary School:** If you would like to volunteer as a

Classroom Mom or Dad, please call Joy Oates at 864-415-9095 or Julie Schwartz at 864-504-8776 for more information.

## 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 February 7, we have received \$1,681,422 in pledges. Your gift makes a difference, and we appreciate your help!

## This Week

**Last Day for Pill Bottle Collection is Thursday, February 14:** African patients may carry medications in their hands because they have no place to store them. Unfortunately, the pills often disintegrate in their hands before they are able to take it. Please drop off your bottles in the red pails located in the reception area of Satterlee Hall, the PCLC Lobby, and next to the food basket in Pendleton Hall. Both over-the-counter AND prescription pill bottles are accepted. Be sure to take off the prescription label and any personal details.

**“Blood Sunday” Ecumenical Blood Drive, February 17:** The bloodmobile from the Blood Connection will be with us from 8am to 12:30pm. We hope that everyone in the parish, who is able to do so, will consider being a part of the drive. For every donor, \$10 will be granted to the church. To sign up, please contact Cathy McCabe at 864-706-1845 or [cathy.mccabe78@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.mccabe78@gmail.com). Please remember to bring your photo ID or blood donor card.

**Fellowship Group, February 17, 6:30pm** at the home of Cathy Minch, 270 Montgomery Drive. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Let Cathy know you are coming by contacting her at 864-583-5323 or at [minchcm64@gmail.com](mailto:minchcm64@gmail.com).

## Looking Ahead

**Fruit of the Spirit Evening Women’s Circle:** We are meeting at Kindred Spirits for a jewelry making workshop on Tuesday, February 19, from 6-8pm. Space is limited, \$30 a person to cover cost of class. Please reserve your spot with Erin Strickland ([emrstrickland@yahoo.com](mailto:emrstrickland@yahoo.com)).

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Dinner, February 20:** Join us for dinner at 5:45pm and a program at 6:30pm. Please RSVP for dinner by 5pm on Monday, February 18, by contacting Gail Owens at 864-583-2438 or [gowens@churchofadvent.org](mailto:gowens@churchofadvent.org). For nursery care, please email [alittle@churchofadvent.org](mailto:alittle@churchofadvent.org).

**Volunteers and Book Donations Needed for Dr. Seuss Day, Friday, March 1:** We are collecting Dr. Seuss books (new or gently used) to give to the 1<sup>st</sup> grade students on Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Please bring books to the reception area in Satterlee Hall and the PCLC Lobby through Monday, February 25. Please call Joy Oates at 864-415-9095 or Julie Schwartz at 864-504-8776 for more information. Thank you so much for supporting efforts to encourage literacy at MHW!

**Shrove Tuesday Talent Show:** Our annual talent show will take place on Tuesday, March 5, at 6:30pm, right after the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Anyone aged 6 to 18 is welcome to participate. Acts should be no longer than three minutes each. To sign up your child, please call 864-504-3694 or email [bszafron@churchofadvent.org](mailto:bszafron@churchofadvent.org).

## Events and Opportunities

**Episcopal Church Women’s Bena Dial Scholarship Application Deadline is March 1:** The fund is open to active Episcopalian residents of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina who will attend, full time, an accredited vocational school, college or graduate school. The number and amount of scholarships awarded each year based on contributions received. Selection criteria are academic (minimum B average) and extracurricular school and/or community activities, church activities, and financial need. For more information, please contact the chair of the Bena Dial Fund and College Work: [benadialscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:benadialscholarship@gmail.com).