



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

March 10, 2019

Sunday, March 10 - 1st Lent

Advent Parish Weekend at Kanuga

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

8-9am Youth Pilgrimage Breakfast Fundraiser

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

4:30pm Youth Choir

6:00pm Sunday Night Youth ConneXion

Monday, March 11

1:30pm Al-Anon

5:00pm Advent Foundation Board

5:30pm Parish Life Commission

Tuesday, March 12

7:00am High School Prayer Breakfast

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

3:00pm Liturgy Commission

3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous

4:30pm Meditation Group

4:45pm Gabriel's Instruments

5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

6:15pm Stewardship Commission

6:30pm FAVOR Family Group

6:30pm Troop 1 Scouts

6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

Wednesday, March 13

12:05pm Word & Music Lenten Series/Lunch

12:35pm Outreach Commission

1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare

4:45pm Altar Guild Board

5:15pm Angel Choir/Junior Choir

5:45pm Dinner and Lenten Programs

6:30pm Advent Schola

8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

Thursday, March 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

Friday, March 15

12:00pm Way of the Cross service

Sunday, March 17 - 2nd Lent

Basketball Sunday

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

10:15am Sunday School/Basketball Breakfast

4:30pm Youth Choir

6:00pm Sunday Night Youth ConneXion

6:30pm Fellowship Group

2nd Sunday Breakfast Fundraiser for the 2020 Nova Scotia

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.

Sunday School for All Ages - 10:15am

- * **Adventure Kingdom:** Children in grades 4K-5th grade will meet in the PCLC Gym for a combined class.
- * **Youth Classes** (6th-12th grade): *Youth Confirmation* and *XCentric* meet in the Youth Center.
- * **Adult Classes:** *Welcome to Sunday* and *Seekers* meet in the PCLC dining rooms. The *Gleaners Class* meets in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall.

Tuesday, March 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 22 (27 pages).

Wednesday, March 13

Word & Music Noon Lenten Series: We will welcome the Rev. Canon Alan Bentrup, Canon for Evangelism and Mission at the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. Each installment of the series will last approximately 25 minutes, and lunch (\$7 per person) will follow in the PCLC dining rooms.

Dinner and Lenten Programs: *Toward the Sunrise: Be Prepared.* Dinner begins at 5:45pm, and programs for children and adults will begin at 6:30. Children will learn about *The Parable of the Two Sons*. Please RSVP by 5pm on Monday, March 11, by contacting Gail Owens at 864-583-2438 or gowens@churchofadvent.org.

Friday, March 15

Way of the Cross, Fridays at Noon: The Rev. David Pittman will be leading this Lenten service in the church.

Sunday, March 17

Basketball Recognition Sunday: All basketball players and coaches are encouraged to wear their jerseys and attend the 9am service as we celebrate one of our largest ministries. Afterwards, they will enjoy a delicious breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, grits, and biscuits in the PCLC Gym. The cost of breakfast will be \$15 per family. **Please RSVP to alittle@churchofadvent.org or ddixon@churchofadvent.org by 5pm on March 11.**

Morning Prayer is said Monday - Friday at 8:15am in Olney Chapel when the office is open.

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!

Substitute Church Organist: Many thanks to Bill Cooper who is filling in for Brennan while Brennan leads the music for the Parish Weekend at Kanuga Conference Center.

This Week

Eagle Scout Gravestone Cleaning Project, March 16: Weather permitting, the Archives Committee will have a work day in the cemetery. Parishioners who have experience cleaning gravestones or would like to learn are welcome. Please contact Adair Watters at 864-706-0017 or awatters4@heir-share.com for information.

Sunday, March 17

- * **Adult Confirmation Class** will meet on Sunday mornings, March 17, 24, and 31; April 7 and 28; May 5 and 12. If you are thinking about becoming a member of the Episcopal Church, you'll want to take part in the upcoming Confirmation classes that are taught and facilitated by clergy and staff. Discussions will include the History of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church, *The Book of Common Prayer*, Worship and Sacraments, Living the Scriptures, and Ministry, Spiritual Gifts and Mission. If you would like to sign up, please contact Elisabeth Hayes at ehayes@churchofadvent.org or 864-586-2151. We will meet in the PCLC, Dining Room B.
- * **Sunday School for Adults, 10:15am:** The *Seekers* meet in PCLC Dining Room A, and the *Gleaners Class* gathers in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall.
- * **Fellowship Group, Sunday, 6:30pm:** We will gather at the home of Donna and Jody Traywick 635 Crystal Drive. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Email dwtraywick@gmail.com and let them know you are coming. Friends welcome!

Looking Ahead

Fruit of the Spirit – Advent Evening Women's Circle: We are meeting on Tuesday, March 19, at 6pm at Coldwell Banker Caine. Patty Bock, Economic Development Director for the City of Spartanburg, will talk to us about the city's efforts to facilitate opening or expanding businesses and share about current projects underway.

Wednesday, March 20

- * **Word & Music Noon Lenten Series:** Our guest musician will be Michael Ging, Organist and Music Director of St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Houston, Texas.
- * **Dinner and Lenten Programs:** *Toward the Sunrise: What Are You Looking For?* Dinner begins at 5:45pm, and programs for children and adults will begin at 6:30. Children will learn about *The Good Samaritan*. Please RSVP by 5pm on Monday, March 18, by contacting Gail Owens at 864-583-2438 or gowens@churchofadvent.org.

SPIHN (Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network) Week, March 24-31: We will need your help for setup & breakdown, meals, hosting dinner time and staying the evening. Please sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/y5gty7at> if you are able to assist. You may also contact Steve Wyman at 864-621-4148 or jsstevev@gmail.com.

Service of Choral Evensong for the Eve of the Annunciation; Sunday, March 24 at 4:30pm: The Church of the Advent Evensong Choir will offer a service of choral evensong, knowing that Jesus' birthday will be nine months away from the following day! They will sing music celebrating the Virgin Mary, written mostly by British composers. All are welcome.

All Men's Choir, March 31: All men of this parish are invited to sing in an all men's choir which will lead the singing in worship at the 9 and 11:15am services on Sunday, March 31. The women of the Advent's adult choirs will be taking a well-deserved break that Sunday. There will be a rehearsal for the March 31 services in the Pendleton Hall choir room on Wednesday, March 26, between 6:30 and 7:30pm. To sign up, please email bszafron@churchofadvent.org or call 864-504-3694.