



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

April 21, 2019

APRIL 21, EASTER SUNDAY

7:30, 9, & 11:15am (Incense) Festival
Celebration of the Holy Eucharist
10:30am Easter Egg Hunt
10:30am Musicians Breakfast

APRIL 22, MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK

Office Closed

1:30pm Al-Anon
5:30pm Parish Management Meeting

APRIL 23, TUESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

7:00am High School Prayer Breakfast
8:15am Morning Prayer*
3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
4:30pm Meditation Group
4:45pm Gabriel's Instruments
5:30pm Holy Eucharist with Healing
6:30pm FAVOR Family Group
6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir
6:30pm Troop 1 Scouts

APRIL 24, WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEEK

12:15pm Altar Guild Annual Meeting
5:15pm End of Year Music Dinner
5:30pm Vestry Meeting
6:30pm Advent Schola
8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

APRIL 25, THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK

7:00am Men's Bible Study
7:00am Middle School Prayer Breakfast
9:00am Women's Bible Study
9:00am Cranberry Chutney Cooking
10:30am Summit Hills (Independent Living)
Holy Eucharist
12:15pm Holy Eucharist with Healing
1:30pm Al-Anon
4:30pm Music Committee Meeting
5:30pm Sunday Worship Planning Committee
6:30pm Advent Toners
7:30pm Advent College Game Night

April 28 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Music Recognition Sunday

7:30, 9 (Baptism), & 11:15am Holy Eucharist
8:15am Occasional Choir
10:15am Sunday School for all ages
4:00pm SAFE Church Training
4:30pm Youth Choir
6:00pm Youth ConneXion
6:30pm Fellowship Group

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

Flowering of the Indoor Cross: Children, during the 9am service, please hold your flowers until the processional. Once the aisle is clear, please come to the Chancel steps to flower the cross. Parents, you are welcome to assist if you'd like.

Monday, April 22

The office will be closed today. Please pray at home.

Wednesday, April 24

Altar Guild Annual Luncheon and Business Meeting: Please join us in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC), Dining Room B. Dues are \$5.

Thursday, April 25

The Men's Bible Study Group will meet at 7am in the PCLC, Dining Room C.

The Women's Bible Study Group will meet at 9am in PCLC Dining Room A.

Bazaar Country Store Cooking: Please come stir the pot with us! We'll be cooking Cranberry Chutney from 9am to 1pm.

Sunday, April 28

Music Recognition at 9 & 11:15am

Occasional Choir to Sing at 9am: If you're aged 10 to 110, come join the Occasional Choir at the 9am service. Learn a simple anthem at 8:15am in the choir room located upstairs in Satterlee Hall. There will be plenty of "alleluias" to sing. It will be the last time the Occasional Choir sings before Summer Choir kicks in at the end of May.

Sunday School and Adult Confirmation Class - 10:15am

- * **Adventure Kingdom:** Children ages 4k through 5th grade will meet in their individual classes in the PCLC.
- * **Youth Classes** (6th -12th grade): *Youth Confirmation* and *XCentric* meet in the Youth Center.
- * **Adult Classes:** *Seekers*, taught by Anne Rodrick, will meet in PCLC Dining Room A. This morning's topic is *The Anglican Church and the Great War*. *The Gleaners Class* meets in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall. Agnes Martin will facilitate our discussion on today's Lectionary.
- * **Adult Confirmation Class** will meet in the PCLC, Dining Room B. Our topic today is *Eucharist*.

Register Now for SAFE Church Training: It will be offered from 4 to 7 pm in Conference Room 2 located on the 2nd floor in Satterlee Hall. This training is required for anyone working with Children and Youth ministries, Scouts, Basketball coaches, SPIHN overnight hosts, and Eucharistic Visitors. *Please note that certificates must be renewed every five years.* To sign up for training, please contact our Parish Administrator, Joanne Wood, at jjwood@churchofadvent.org or 864-504-3691.

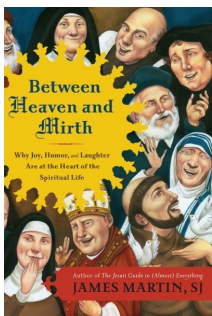
Welcome

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

Fellowship Group Gathering, 6:30pm: We will gather at the home of Brenda Lytle, 1289 Brentwood Drive Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Email bsevans38@gmail.com and let Brenda know you are coming. Friends welcome!

Looking Ahead



Book & Brown Bag: On Tuesday, April 30, from 12:15-1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we begin our discussion of *Between Heaven and Mirth* by Fr. James Martin. Books are available for \$15 from Jeanelle Smith in Satterlee Hall.

Wednesday Dinner and Mary H. Wright Elementary School Program: Dinner begins at 5:45pm, and the program will begin at 6:30. Please RSVP by 5pm on Monday, April 29, by contacting Gail Owens at 864-583-2438 or gowens@churchofadvent.org. Nursery is available by emailing Allison Little at alittle@churchofadvent.org.

The 2020 Youth Pilgrims are Selling Spring Hanging Baskets for Mother's Day; Order Deadline is May 3: You may order an 11" Boston fern, an 11" Red Geranium basket, or an 11" Combo basket (a variety of sun-loving flowers) for \$18 which will be delivered to you by Saturday, May 13 (the Saturday before Mother's Day). This is easy shopping and the perfect gift for Mom! Please email Suzanne Dantin at suzannedantin@gmail.com to place your order. All orders will need to be placed on or before Friday, May 3. You may pay by check (payable to The Episcopal Church of the Advent) or cash. Please pay upon delivery of flowers.

May 5 is Baccalaureate Sunday. This is a special day when we celebrate the achievements of our graduating seniors. We will have a morning brunch in the Youth Center from 10 to 11am. Following the brunch our seniors will process in the 11:15 service for a special recognition. If you have a graduating senior, please send some photos to David Dixon at ddixon@churchofadvent.org for inclusion in our PowerPoint presentation.

EpiscoPals: One more luncheon this year! On May 8 at 11:45am in the PCLC Dining Rooms A & B, please plan to join us as we welcome the Rev. Dr. Keith McDaniel of Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church speaking on community involvement. Please reserve your lunch by calling 864-583-2438 or emailing gowens@churchofadvent.org so we will know your wonderful \$7 plate will be waiting for you!

Serendipity will meet at 10am Monday, May 13, at the home of Gail Rodgers, 638 Crystal Drive, Spartanburg 29302. Regrets ONLY please to Gail: gail4888@gmail.com or 864-582-4888. Renee McCredie is the co-host.

The Phebe Crosland Lunch Bunch will meet Monday, May 13, at 12pm in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC. Please reserve your meal by contacting Anne Bomar at bomar.anne@gmail.com or 864-494-3381.

Save the Date - Vacation Bible School, June 24-27: Please mark your calendars for an adventurous and exciting Vacation Bible School! Forms will be available next Sunday (April 28) and online registration will begin on Wednesday, May 1. VBS is open to all children entering 4K through 5th grade. We will spend the morning each day from 9am to noon learning about stories from the Bible, playing games, enjoying snacks, singing and much, much more. The \$20 cost includes a t-shirt. If you would like to volunteer for VBS, please contact Allison Little at 864-504-3693 or alittle@churchofadvent.org.

Events and Opportunities

Upcoming Activities at Mary H. Wright Elementary School: Please let us know if you are interested in helping with the following activities. We will contact you closer to the date: **Tuesday, May 21** (K-2nd Grade Field Day) and **Wednesday, May 22** (3rd - 5th grade Field Day). If you are able to assist, please call Joy Oates at 864-415-9095 or Julie Schwartz at 864-504-8776.