



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

May 12, 2019

May 12 - 4th Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day United Thank Offering Sunday

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

8 - 9 am 2020 Youth Pilgrimage Breakfast
10:15am Sunday School
Adult Confirmation Class

Monday, May 13

8:15am Morning Prayer*
10:00am Serendipity Circle
12:00pm Phebe Crosland Lunch Bunch
1:30pm Al-Anon
5:30pm Parish Life Commission
5:30pm Mt. Mitchell Drivers Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

7:00am High School Prayer Breakfast
12:00pm ECW Board Meeting
12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
3:00pm Liturgy Commission
3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
4:30pm Meditation Group
5:30pm Celebration of the Rev. Deborah
Apoldo's Ministry (St. Christopher's)
6:30pm FAVOR Family Group

Wednesday, May 15

5:30pm Confirmation Rehearsal & Dinner
6:30pm Adult Choirs
8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

Thursday, May 16

6:45am Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
7:00am Middle School Prayer Breakfast
9:00am Women's Bible Study
12:15pm Holy Eucharist with Healing
1:30pm Al-Anon
6:30pm Advent Toners

Friday, May 17

10:00am Advent Children's Center Concert

May 19 - 5th Sunday of Easter Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation Two-Service Schedule Begins

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:10am Gleaners Sunday School Class
10:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Confirmation, Reception, and
Reaffirmation (Incense)

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

United Thank Offering (UTO) Sunday: The UTO Offering is a collection made twice a year by the Episcopal Church Women, goes to provide relief for disasters as well as other needs around the nation and world. It is yet another example of the outreach ministry of this important group in our parish and The Episcopal Church at large.

2020 Youth Pilgrimage Mother's Day Fundraiser Breakfast, 8 to 9am, in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC), Dining Room B: We invite your families to join us for a special 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 are welcome.

Sunday School and Adult Confirmation Class - 10:15am

- * **Adventure Kingdom:** Children in grades 4K-4th will meet in the art room located in the PCLC. All 5th grade students will meet in the Youth Center for a visit and tour in preparation for the fall when they will begin attending youth Sunday School and participating in other youth group activities.
- * **Adult Classes:** *Seekers* will meet in PCLC Dining Room A. *The Gleaners Class* meets in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall. Agnes Martin will facilitate our discussion on today's Lectionary readings.
- * **Adult Confirmation Class** will meet in the PCLC, Dining Room B. Today's topic is *Ministry and Spiritual Gifts*.

Monday, May 13

Serendipity meets at 10am in the home of Gail Rodgers, 638 Crystal Drive. 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 at 12pm in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC.

Tuesday, May 14

Book & Brown Bag: From 12:15-1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C, join our rector, Ned Morris, as we continue our discussion of *Between Heaven and Mirth* by Fr. James Martin. Books are available for \$15 from Jeanelle Smith in Satterlee Hall. To prepare for class, please read Chapters Three and Four (52 pages).

Installation of the Rev. Deborah D. Apoldo as Vicar of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church, 5:30pm: The Rev. Paula Griffin, Dean of the Piedmont Convocation, will install Debbie on behalf of Bishop W. Andrew Waldo and serve as celebrant. Our rector, the Rev. Ned Morris, will be the preacher. A reception will follow. St. Christopher's is located at 400 Dupre Drive. We will not have the 5:30pm Holy Eucharist with Healing service on this day.

Thursday, May 16

The Men's Bible Study will gather for breakfast at 6:45am in the PCLC, Dining Room C. We will continue our series which looks closely at the lives of the Apostles.

The Women's Bible Study meets at 9am in PCLC Dining Room A. This will be our last session before summer break.

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!

TWO-SERVICE WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS SUNDAY, MAY 19 8 & 10:15am

8am - 12:30pm - Blood Sunday Ecumenical Blood Drive: The bloodmobile from the Blood Connection will be parked near the Parish and Community Life Center. We hope that everyone in the parish, who is able to do so, will consider being a part of the drive. Keep in mind that the minimum donor age is 16 with parental consent. The Advent will be awarded \$20 per unit. These funds will benefit the 2020 Youth Pilgrimage to Nova Scotia. To sign up, please contact Cathy McCabe at cathy.mccabe78@gmail.com or 864-706-1845. Please remember to bring your photo ID or blood donor card.

10:15 - Bishop Charles Duvall's Visit and Adult Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation followed by our Parish Picnic: All Advent families are encouraged to celebrate our Confirmands. Following the 10:15am service we will enjoy a picnic on the lawn including Gail's fried chicken and all the fixins! Activities for children will keep us entertained while we fellowship and celebrate another amazing program year at the Advent. Dress comfortably, wear your nametag, and bring a blanket.



Looking Ahead

Upcoming Activities at Mary H. Wright Elementary School: Please let us know if you are interested in helping with the following activities. Please call Joy Oates at 864-415-9095 or Julie Schwartz at 864-504-8776.

- * **Tuesday, May 21:** K through 2nd grade Field Day
- * **Wednesday, May 22:** 3rd through 5th grade Field Day



SUNDAY, May 26

- * **Summer Choir Begins Today:** From Memorial Day Sunday to Labor Day Sunday, the Church of the Advent will be offering parishioners an opportunity to sing in a relaxed, low-key environment; hence the Summer Choir! Anyone aged 10 to 110 is invited to join. Please come to the choir room located on the 2nd floor in Pendleton Hall at 9:15am to learn the anthem for the upcoming 10:15 service. No regular commitment is required; just a desire to make a joyful noise!
- * **Reception for David Dixon and family:** Today will be the last Sunday for David and his family. Please make plans to attend church as we worship God, celebrate, and give thanks for David's ministry over the past five years. Following the 10:15am service, there will be a reception in the PCLC Lobby.

Events and Opportunities

Active Shooter Training Opportunities: The Safety and Security Commission would like to make you aware of these sessions that are offered by the Spartanburg Police Department: **May 21**, 12pm, at Holy Communion Lutheran Church and **July 23**, 6pm, at Cleveland Park Event Center. Please contact Joanne Wood, Parish Administrator, if you are interested in attending: 864-504-3691 or jwood@churchofadvent.org.

Cumberland Mission Team (ages 21+). Come build with us! Join the Cumberland Mission Team to hone your construction skills or experience a week "on the mountain." **Departure is Sunday, June 16, and return on Friday, June 21.** Advent's team works in conjunction with members of the Otey Parish who are coordinated by Mickey Suarez, a retired engineer. Information packets are available in Pendleton Hall, the PCLC Lobby, and Satterlee Hall. To join the Advent team, please contact Larry Moore at daddymoe@yahoo.com or 864-621-7681.

Office Closing - Monday, May 27