



The Bell Ringer



The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

June 9, 2019

June 9 - THE DAY OF PENTECOST WHITSUNDAY

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00am Gleaners Sunday School Class
- 9:15am Summer Choir
- 10:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 11:30am Lemonade on the Lawn

Monday, June 10

- 8:15am Morning Prayer*
- 1:30pm Al-Anon
- 5:00pm Advent Foundation
- 5:30pm Parish Life Commission
- 5:30pm Adult Formation Commission

Tuesday, June 11

- 3:00pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
- 3:00pm Liturgy Commission
- 4:30pm Meditation Group
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist with Healing
- 6:30pm FAVOR Family Group

Wednesday, June 12

- 9:00am Country Store Cooking
- 12:30pm Outreach Commission
- 1:30pm St. Francis & St. Clare
- 8:00pm AA & Al-Anon

Thursday, June 13

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study
- 10:30am Summit Hills (Assisted Living) Holy Eucharist
- 12:15pm Holy Eucharist with Healing
- 1:30pm Al-Anon

June 16 - 1st Sunday after Pentecost Trinity Sunday

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I/Sending of the Cumberland Missioners
- 9:00am Gleaners Sunday School Class
- 9:00am Camp Ho Non Wah Service
- 9:15am Summer Choir
- 10:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II/Baptism
- 11:30am Lemonade on the Lawn
- 6:30pm Fellowship Group

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

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The Gleaners Class meets at 9am in the Library Conference Room located in Satterlee Hall. Agnes Martin will facilitate our discussion based on today's lectionary readings.

Summer Choir: 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. Anyone aged 10 to 110 is invited to join. No regular commitment is required; just a desire to make a joyful noise!

Pentecost Day Lemonade on the Lawn: Plan to stay after the 10:15am service and enjoy lemonade and red velvet cake in the Cart Garden across the street from the church.

Monday, June 10

Love Gifts are now being collected for the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Bazaar that will be take place on Thursday, November 21. Please drop your items by the ECW Closet in the Spartanburg Shares building during their regular hours: Tuesday, 9am-1pm; Thursday, 2-6pm, and Saturday 10am-1pm. If you have any questions, please contact Grantham Wood at 864-431-2780.

Wednesday, June 12

Country Store Cooking: Come stir the pot with us in June. We will gather in the kitchen from 9am to noon on the following cook dates: **June 12** - Bread and Butter Pickles and **June 19** - Squash Pickles.

Wacky Wednesdays, June 12 and June 19: Our June 12 trip to the National Whitewater Center has been canceled.

On June 19 we will be visiting the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia. Forms are available on campus or you may download a form from the Quick Links section of our website and the Youth Ministry page. Please return completed forms with payment to Elisabeth Hayes as soon as possible. We will need a minimum of six students (rising 6th through 12th graders) for this activity. You may reach her at 864-586-2151 or ehayes@churchofadvent.org.

Thursday, June 13

The Men's Bible Study will gather at 7am in the PCLC, Dining Room C. We will continue our series about the lives of the Apostles.

Sunday, June 16

Please Pray for These Individuals Traveling with Our Church, June 16-21: The Cumberland Mission Team traveling to Tennessee will be sent forth at the 8am service. They are Quentin Broom, Dillard Copeland, Rick Gilliam, Frank Hanes, John Holmes, Randy Hurteau, Bert Knight, Lindsay Little, Larry Moore, Fr. Ned Morris, Bob Page, Jody Traywick, Craig Williams, Bob Wyatt, and Wayne Zurenda.

Fellowship Group, 6:30pm at the home of Susan and Alec Hopps, 194 Waterline Road, Inman, 29349. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. If you are planning to attend, please email Susan at sual@windstream.net. If you prefer calling, her number is 864-472-9463. Fellowship Group will not meet in July.

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!

Did You Know?

In addition to being the oldest troop in South Carolina, Boy Scout Troop 1 is also the home of our state's first two Eagle Scouts, Dr. George Dean Johnson and General William Childs Westmoreland.

Members of Troop 1 and Troop 2 (First Presbyterian Church) will worship together for a short service of prayer on Sunday, June 16, at 9am at the Church of the Advent prior to departure for Camp Ho Non Wah on Wadmalaw Island. Advent members are welcome to attend. Our prayers go with them for the week of June 16-22.

Looking Ahead

Women's Bible Study - Summer Edition, June 20 and June 27: We invite all women to join us for a two-session Bible Study led by Laura Estevez! Laura and her family will be home from Ecuador for part of the summer, and she will be combining her gifts in art with her love of scripture. Western Art History in relationship to the stories of the Bible is fascinating. Laura will be leading a two week study on Art and the Bible. During this study we will look at Art History, two specific artists and paintings, and how they relate to a Bible story. The end of the study each week will be followed by a creative prayer exercise. Join us at 9:00 in the PCLC dining rooms.

Young Families Sunday Social Hour, Sunday, June 23, 9:15am in the PCLC Lobby. We will have light refreshments, coffee, and juice in the lobby and let the children play in the gym. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones before the worship service at 10:15am (or after the worship service at 8am). Please let Allison Little know via email at alittle@churchofadvent.org if you'd be willing to bring an item of food to share such as doughnuts, muffins, fruit, etc. Hope to see you there!

Wacky Wednesdays: Our upcoming activities are: **June 26** - Spare Time (Greenville), **July 10** - TopGolf Greenville, **July 17** - NCG Movies, and **July 24** - Carowinds (Charlotte). With the exception of Carowinds and NCG, each location requires payment upfront to reserve the date and time. **Please send the completed form and payment to Elisabeth Hayes at least one week prior to the event. We will need a minimum of six students for each event.** Students will need extra money for food, drinks, snacks, etc. For questions, call Elisabeth at 864-586-2151.

Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPIHN) families will be with us June 23-30. Current needs include Overnight Hosts (Wed.-Sat.), Supper Assistant Hosts (Thurs. & Sat.), Saturday Brunch and Supper providers, and Saturday Afternoon Host. We also need additional breakdown help on Sunday, the 30th. If you can assist, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/yxfjmedm>. You may also contact Steve Wyman at jssteve@gmail.com or 864-621-4148.

Register Now for Vacation Bible School (July 29-August 1)

VBS will be held on Monday through Thursday, July 29-August 1, 9am to noon, in the PCLC. Our theme is Abundance Orchard - New Testament. It is open to all children entering 4K through 5th graders. You may register online at <https://tinyurl.com/y3cutf8g> or pick up a form on campus. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Bible while having loads of fun! Cost: \$20. VBS Kickoff will take place July 28 after the 10:15am service. If you would like to volunteer and teach a class, please contact Allison Little at alittle@churchofadvent.org.

From Our Intern, Tyler Proctor: *As Tyler's time here at the Church of the Advent winds down, we have invited him to share how he has been spending his time here, his discernment process, and what's next.*

For those of you who have not been introduced, or may not even know who is writing this, I'm the young man who has been at the altar every Sunday since late-January, sporting one kind of facial hair or another (currently a moustache). I've been placed at the Advent for six months (January-June) as part of my discernment for the priesthood. It has been an enriching experience as I've held a variety of regular acolyte duties, met regularly with Fr. Ned, assisted with the adult confirmation class and am developing a curriculum for the next one, along with generally observing the parish life of such a vibrant and thriving community. At the end of June, I will return to the Church of the Incarnation in Gaffney, where I will continue to take leadership roles in parish life and worship while under the guidance of my mentors assigned by the Commission on Ministry (COM). In November, I will interview with both the COM and Bishop Waldo for postulancy. If granted, I will begin seminary in fall of 2020. I look forward to these final weeks we have together, and ask for your continued prayers as I move on to the next step of this journey.

Thank you, Tyler Proctor