



# The Bell Ringer

The Weekly Newsletter of the Episcopal Church of the Advent

March 8, 2020

## Sunday, March 8: Second Sunday in Lent

- 4:00pm Gabriel's Instruments
- 4:00pm Middle School EYC
- 4:30pm Youth Choir
- 6:00pm High School EYC
- 7:00pm Adult Confirmation Class

## Monday, March 9

- 8:15am Morning Prayer\*
- 12:15pm ECW Annual Meeting and Luncheon
- 5:00pm Strategic Planning Executive Committee
- 5:30pm Parish Life Commission

## Tuesday, March 10

- 7:15am High School Prayer Breakfast
- 3:00pm Liturgy Commission
- 4:30pm Meditation Group
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist with Healing
- 6:15pm Stewardship Commission
- 6:30pm Troop 1 Scout Meeting

## Wednesday, March 11

- 7:00am 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Prayer Breakfast
- 12:00pm Word & Music with lunch to follow
- 1:30pm St. Francis & St. Clare
- 3:30pm Middle School Boys Bible Study
- 4:45pm Altar Guild Board
- 5:45pm Lenten Dinner and Program
- 6:30pm St. Cecilia Schola

## Thursday, March 12

- 7:00am Men's Bible Study
- 7:00am 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Prayer Breakfast
- 8:30am Cherub Choir
- 9:00am Women's Bible Study
- 10:30am Summit Hills (Assisted Living) Holy Eucharist
- 12:15pm Holy Eucharist with Healing
- 6:00pm Advent Toners

## Saturday, March 14

- 9:00am DOK New Member Training

## Sunday, March 15: Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:10am Sunday School
- 10:15am Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 4:00pm Gabriel's Instruments
- 4:00pm Middle School EYC
- 4:30pm Youth Choir
- 6:30pm Fellowship Group
- 7:00pm Adult Confirmation Class

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

## Sunday Morning Adult Formation - 9:10 to 10am

- \* **Seekers** - Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) Dining Rooms A & B. All are welcome. Topics to be discussed are St. Teresa of Avila and Mother Teresa.
- \* **Parents in Community** - PCLC Dining Room C
- \* **Gleaners** - Library Conference Room located in Satterlee Hall

You are invited to join the **Adult Confirmation Class** beginning Sunday, March 8. The eight classes will meet on Sundays from 7:00-8:15pm in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall. Classes will be taught by clergy. The class is required for Confirmation or Reception in the Episcopal Church. To register, please contact Elisabeth Hayes at ehayes@churchofadvent.org or 864-586-2150.

## Easter Flower Memorials and Thanksgivings:

Submission forms may be found in the pew racks, Pendleton Hall, Satterlee Hall and the church website, [www.churchofadvent.org](http://www.churchofadvent.org). The deadline for memorials and thanksgivings to be included in the Easter bulletin is 1pm on Friday, April 3. Print names clearly and exactly as they should appear in the bulletin. We regret that we cannot accept memorials over the phone.

**Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Annual Meeting and Luncheon** - Monday, March 9, at 12:15pm in the PCLC dining rooms. Jennifer Evins, President and CEO of the Chapman Cultural Center, will be our guest speaker.

## Wednesday, March 11

- \* **Word & Music Noon Lenten Series:** We will host the Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance's Lenten Worship & Luncheon Series and welcome its members. Our rector, Ned Morris, is the featured preacher. Each installment of the Word & Music series will last approximately 25 minutes, and lunch (\$7 per person) will follow in the PCLC dining rooms.
- \* **Dinner and Lenten Programs - *Practicing Courage - I will, with God's Help.*** Dinner begins at 5:45pm. At 6:30, adults will learn about the Spartanburg Homeless Court from its founder, Judge Erika McJimpsey. Please reserve your meal by 5pm on Monday, March 9, by contacting Gail Owens at [gowens@churchofadvent.org](mailto:gowens@churchofadvent.org) or 583-2438. The children's topic will be "Teaching Children How to Repent - Five Steps to Repentance." If you also need childcare, please contact Allison Little at [alittle@churchofadvent.org](mailto:alittle@churchofadvent.org) by 5pm on March 9.

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## Welcome

**Visitors and Newcomers:** We are glad you are here! Please fill out a yellow welcome card in the pew 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!

## Message from the Vestry

Lent is a time for introspection and to reflect on the core of what it means to live a Christian life. Few practices are more central to that life than courage. How can you practice courage this Lent as you support the mission and vision of our parish? Prayerfully make an additional pledge if you have already pledged, or make a pledge if you have not yet made a 2020 pledge. As of March 1, we need an additional \$100,000 in pledges to fund our ministries in 2020. Our bylaws require a balanced budget based on 95% of pledges and also requires we budget a surplus to cover the deficit from 2019. We are so excited about the growth of our youth program and want sufficient pledged income to allocate the funds needed to support our programs for all ages. Contact Joanne Wood at 864-504-3691 or [jwood@churchofadvent.org](mailto:jwood@churchofadvent.org) to let her know of your courageous first or courageous additional pledge for 2020 by March 22.

## Looking Ahead

**Daughters of the King (DOK) New Member Training** - Saturdays, March 14 and 21: This class is designed for women of our parish who are discerning the call to become a member. We will hold two sessions from 9am to 1pm in the PCLC dining rooms. Please contact Ellen Gould at [ellenegould@gmail.com](mailto:ellenegould@gmail.com) or 864-921-0230 to learn more.

**Fellowship Group** - Sunday, March 15, at 6:30pm at the home of Barbara Adams, 217 Swansea Road. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Email [barbara3adams@yahoo.com](mailto:barbara3adams@yahoo.com) and let her know you are coming! Friends are always welcome!

### Wednesday, March 18

- \* **Word & Music Noon Lenten Series:** We will welcome the Spartanburg Harp Ensemble, directed by Anna Grace Bennett and Kela Walton. Each installment of the Word & Music series will last approximately 25 minutes, and lunch (\$7 per person) will follow in the PCLC dining rooms.
- \* **Dinner and Lenten Programs** - *Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?* Dinner begins at 5:45pm. At 6:30, adults will attend a presentation by the Rev. Canon Alan Bentrup, Canon for Evangelism and Mission at the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina. Please reserve your meal by 5pm on Monday, March 16, by contacting Gail Owens at [gowens@churchofadvent.org](mailto:gowens@churchofadvent.org) or 864-583-2438. The children's topic will be "Joyfully Spreading the Good News of Jesus." If you also need childcare, please contact Allison Little by 5pm on March 16: at [alittle@churchofadvent.org](mailto:alittle@churchofadvent.org).

**Early Bird Discount for the Renewal Conference, *The God Who Gives***, ends on March 21. The conference will be held at Kanuga from Sunday evening, June 21 through Friday morning, June 26. Brochures are available on campus. To receive the Early Bird discount, please register online at [Kanuga.org](http://Kanuga.org) by March 21. An additional \$50 grant is available from the Church of the Advent. Contact Laura Bauknight for the grant information: [lbauknight@churchofadvent.org](mailto:lbauknight@churchofadvent.org).

**Bach Birthday Organ Recital** - Saturday, March 21, at 7pm: Brennan Szafron will be giving a recital in the church on the day of Johann Sebastian Bach's birthday. It will be an hour-long program featuring works that Bach composed for the Lenten season. A light reception will follow in the Parish and Community Life Center.

**Basketball Recognition Sunday, March 22:** At 8:30am, we will enjoy a delicious breakfast in the PCLC Gym. The cost of breakfast will be \$15 per family for bacon, sausage, eggs, grits, biscuits, and lots of fun! All basketball players and coaches are encouraged to wear their jerseys and attend the 10:15am service as we celebrate one of our largest ministries. Please RSVP to [alittle@churchofadvent.org](mailto:alittle@churchofadvent.org) by 5pm on Wednesday, March 18.

**Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network (SPIHN) families will be with us March 22-29.** If you can serve as an overnight host, prepare a meal, or be a supper host, please sign up at <http://bit.ly/3bNNiOO>. The session coordinator, Steve Wyman, may be contacted at 864-621-4148 or [jsstevew@gmail.com](mailto:jsstevew@gmail.com).

**Opportunity Center Tour, Monday, March 23, 10:30am** - The Opportunity Center opened in August to serve the needs of the homeless in our community. It is located in the Northwest Community center and is currently serving over 48 people on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you would like to go on the tour, please contact Laura Bauknight at [lbauknight@churchofadvent.org](mailto:lbauknight@churchofadvent.org).

**Women's Retreat with Becca Stevens - Saturday, April 18:** Please follow the Quick Links on our website's home page to register. You may also contact Elisabeth Hayes at [ehayes@churchofadvent.org](mailto:ehayes@churchofadvent.org) or 864-586-2150. Cost is \$40.