



The PARISH PAPER

That Christ's light be seen in us

APRIL
2018

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MARCH & APRIL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

3/29 | MAUNDY THURSDAY

7pm - Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Incense; 8pm-Noon on Friday Garden Watch Vigil (Olney Chapel)

3/30 | GOOD FRIDAY

12:15pm, Good Friday Liturgy (nursery); 5:30pm, Way of the Cross (Morgan Square near clock tower)

3/31 | HOLY SATURDAY & THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

9am, Holy Saturday Liturgy
7pm, The Great Vigil of Easter and Festival Holy Eucharist with Incense

4/1 | EASTER SUNDAY

7:30, 9 & 11:15am Festival Celebration of Holy Eucharist (Holy Baptism and Incense at 11:15)

10:30am - Easter Egg Hunt (near Scout Hut) *Please bring flowers for the cross*

4/2-6 | Spring Break for Students

4/9 | Serendipity; Lunch Bunch

4/10 | Book & Brown Bag resumes

4/15 | Youth Pilgrimage Car Wash

4/18 | EpiscoPals

4/19 | Sounds 2018 Concert benefits Youth Pilgrimages

4/22 | Parents' Night Out and 20s, 30s and 40s Event

4/24 | Youth Pilgrimage Dinner's Ready Meal Pickup

4/26 | Altar Guild Luncheon

4/29 | 9 & 11:15am Music

Recognition Sunday

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Resumes April 8

7:45am | Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00am | Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:10am | Sunday School

11:15am | Holy Eucharist Rite I or II
(alternating)

Living Well – Worshiping Well, Part Three

“Our six-and-a-half-week journey through Lent has brought us to this day where we can share the Easter greeting, ‘Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed!’ On this journey we have reflected deeply on what it means to love God with our whole selves, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.”

These words introduce the reflection for Easter Sunday in the devotional booklet titled *Living Well Through Lent 2018: Loving With All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*. This resource has been our constant companion since Ash Wednesday when we began exploring our Lenten theme *Living Well – Worshiping Well*. I hope you have found the booklet and the many offerings here at The Advent inspiring and challenging.

Take a moment to think about your life since Ash Wednesday (Feb. 14). What has happened to you? What has taken place in your personal life, your family life, your professional life (or your life as a student, as the case may be)? Have you gained something or lost something or someone? Has the past month-and-a-half been a time of learning and growth in your spiritual life, your faith, and your relationship with God and Jesus? Have you experienced a deepening of love in your life – either in giving love or receiving love or both?

These might be strange questions to ponder, especially if you aren't accustomed to spending time reflecting on what it means to be fully alive. I believe everyone thinks about these things on some level. Lent is the time when we are called to consider these questions more profoundly. My question is: Why stop now? It sometimes seems that now Easter is here, we can move on to the next thing or get back to “normal.”

One of the things I have come to learn during this season of Lent, is that it's important to reflect on these questions always. On page 265 in *The Book of Common Prayer*, we are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent.” I extend this invitation beyond the past six-and-a-half-week journey through Lent and beyond these next 50 days of Easter. I believe we are invited to the observance of a holy life.

Live in the truth of the Resurrection! Let the risen life of Jesus Christ be the source of love that propels you to live well – to worship well – to love well. “Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

God bless you.
Ned+

IT'S NOT TOO EARLY – MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!!

Advent Annual Oyster Roast and Silent Auction

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 20

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) – Annual Bazaar

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 15



Serendipity will meet Monday, April 9, at 10am at the home of Deborah McAbee – 715 Springdale Drive. The co-host is Carolyn Roberts. If you are coming, please email deborahfmcabee@gmail.com.

Lunch Bunch will meet Monday, April 9, at 11:45 in Dining Rooms A and B of the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC). Please contact Anne Bomar at bomar.anne@gmail.com or 864-494-3381 to reserve your meal.

ECW Board will meet Tuesday, April 10, at 12:15pm in PCLC Dining Room B. Lunch is \$5. If you would like to have lunch, please contact Laura at lbauknight@churchofadvent.org by Thursday, April 5. **The United Thank Offering** will be collected on Sunday, April 15, at all three services.



BAZAAR COOKING HAS BEGUN!! Please come stir the pot with us! We promise you'll meet someone new, have FUN and you'll learn something – all while volunteering for the BEST Bazaar in town!

APRIL COOK DATES: 19th (Black Bean Salsa) / 24th (Cranberry Chutney).

Fellowship Group/Sunday, April 15/6:30pm – will gather at the home of Jody and Donna Traywick, 635 Crystal Drive. Bob and Ginger Watson are co-hosts. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Email dwtaywick@gmail.com and let them know you are coming! Friends welcome!!

EPISCOPALS /APRIL 18/11:45AM in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC. If you are an Advent member 45 or older or a guest, join us for a very exciting program following our usual wonderful lunch. Dr. Cathy Jones who teaches French, Italian, and women's studies at Converse College will be our speaker. Her topic is "Travels in North Africa." Please reserve your \$6 meal by contacting Gail Owens at gowens@churchofadvent.org or 864-583-2438. See you there!

20S, 30S 40S CONNECT AND YOUNG FAMILIES NIGHT OUT!! Join in the fun and fellowship on **Sunday, April 22, starting at 6pm**. Maren and Ian Catolico – 506 Woodland Street – are your hosts, and they will provide drinks and a main dish. Please bring sides and dessert to complement. If you wish to utilize child care, provided at the church (nursery – 4th grade), please contact Suzanne Dantin at sdantin@churchofadvent.org. Childcare will be offered from 5:45-7:45pm. If you plan to attend the gathering, please email Laura at lbauknight@churchofadvent.org.

Fruit of the Spirit Advent Evening Women's Circle: Please join us on Thursday, April 26, from 6:30-8pm for Wine and Cheese. In addition to fellowship, we will discuss the themes from the biblical Book of Ruth with Debbie Apoldo and members of the Thursday night Bible study. (no prior participation required). Location TBD.

We had a wonderful time
at our Parish Retreat!
#KanugaROCKS!



Another Great “Word and Music” Series: Lent is officially over and we’re now in the Easter season. We had another wonderful “Word and Music” series with inspiring preachers and talented musicians from in and out of Spartanburg. Here are some photos of March’s guest performers on the days they came to the Church of the Advent:



Sounds 2018 Concert- Jazz, Classic Rock, 80s and 90s Hits! April 19, 7 to 9pm in the Youth Center. This is a concert of local artists who have donated their time and talent to help raise money for the 2018 Youth Pilgrimages. Support your local pilgrim by purchasing a concert ticket for \$20. The cost includes the concert, coffee and desserts.

Occasional Choir to Sing for the Last Time in 2017-18 on April 22: The fourth Sunday of this month (known in the music program as “Occasional Choir Sunday”) is “Good Shepherd” Sunday. As a result, the Occasional Choir (the church’s “Sunday only” choir) will be singing a very easy and beautiful anthem based on Psalm 23 (perhaps the most famous of all psalms). Anyone aged 10 to 110 is invited to gather in the chapel at 8:15am to learn the anthem which will be sung at the 9am service. For more information, please email bszafron@churchofadvent.org or call 504-3694.

Music Recognition Sunday is on April 29: On April 29 at the 9 and 11:15 services, all members of the music program (vocal and instrumental; younger and older) will be recognized for their participation in the music program throughout 2017-18. Brennan will say a few words about the music program, and at the 9 a.m. service, members of the junior choir who’ve progressed in the church’s RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) program will also be recognized.

FLOWER MEMORIALS - APRIL 2018

First Sunday in April – April 1 - Easter Day

Altar Memorial

The Altar lilies are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Geer, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. L. Price Blackford and Mr. and Mrs. David A. Geer III

The Easter flowers adorning the Church are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of, and in thanksgiving for, all those listed on the Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings list

Second Sunday in April – April 8

Altar Memorials

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Ellen Richardson Cole and her parents, Deas and Betty Richardson, by their family

Third Sunday in April – April 15

Altar Memorials

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Mary McAlister Dunbar, Jacqueline Walker Dunbar, John Floyd Dunbar and Jackson Stripling Dunbar by their family

Fourth Sunday in April – April 22

Altar Memorials

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Mrs. Caryl Trippe, Mr. and Mrs. Claude McCredie, Mr. and Mrs. Everette Huston, Jamie McCredie and Mr. James Lee McCredie by Mrs. James McCredie

Fifth Sunday in April – April 29

Altar Memorials

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of

Thomas Flowers Johnston, Reid Madison Spencer and Elizabeth McGeorge Spencer by their family

MORNING PRAYER is said Monday-Friday at 8:15am in Olney Chapel when the church office is open.

Recurring Weekly Activities

Mon.-Fri., 8:15am Morning Prayer

Mon. & Thurs., 1:30pm - Al-Anon

Monday

5:30pm AA

Tuesday

10am Staff Prayer/Meeting

Tues. & Fri., 9:30am Watercolor Class

3pm Co-Dependents Anonymous

4:30pm Meditation Group

5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

Wednesday

9:30am Archives Committee

8pm AA and Al-Anon

Thursday

9am Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

Thursday, March 29 - MAUNDY

THURSDAY

7am Men's Bible Study

No 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

7pm Maundy Thursday Liturgy (Incense)

8pm Garden Watch begins

Friday, March 30 - GOOD FRIDAY

Garden Watch continues until noon today

12:15pm Good Friday Liturgy (Nursery)

5:30pm The Stations of the Cross

Convocational Event

Saturday, March 31 - HOLY SATURDAY

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

9am Holy Saturday Liturgy (Church)

7pm Easter Vigil and Festival Holy

Eucharist (Incense); nursery care

available.

SUNDAY, April 1 - EASTER DAY

Please bring flowers for the cross

Children, please bring your Mite boxes

7:30am Holy Eucharist with Music

9am Festival Holy Eucharist

10:30am Easter Egg Hunt (Lawn by Scout

Hut)

10:30am Musicians Brunch

11:15am Festival Holy Eucharist/Baptism

(Incense)

Monday, April 2 - Office Closed

9am Youth: Hang out in Greenville

Tuesday, April 3

9:30am Youth: Big Air in Spartanburg

2pm Listening Hearts Group

5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing

Wednesday, April 4

9am Youth: Day trip to Asheville

10am Staff/Prayer Meeting

Thursday, April 5

7am Men's Bible Study

9am Youth: Day trip to High Falls

Friday, April 6

9am Youth: Carowinds, Charlotte

SUNDAY, April 8 - 2nd Easter

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

9am Holy Eucharist II

10:10am Sunday School: Adventure

Kingdom, XCentric and Gleaners Class

10:10am Adult Confirmation Class

11:15am Holy Eucharist I

4:30pm Youth Choir

5:15pm Gabriel's Instruments

6pm Youth ConneXion Movie Night

6:30pm Fellowship Group 1

9pm High School Discussion Group

Monday, April 9

10am Serendipity Circle

12pm Phebe Crosland Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, April 10

7am High School Prayer Breakfast

11:45am Cancer Assoc. Luncheon

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

6:30pm Troop 1 Meeting

Wednesday, April 11

7am 9th Grade Prayer Breakfast

5:15pm Angel Choir/Junior Choir

6:30pm Advent Schola

7pm 11th & 12th Grade Journey Group

Thursday, April 12

7am Men's Bible Study

7am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

10am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist

6pm Advent Toners

6:30pm Women's Evening Fellowship &

Bible Study

SUNDAY, April 15 - 3rd Easter

UTO (United Thank Offering) Sunday

7:30-11:30am Youth Pilgrimage Car Wash

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

9am Holy Eucharist II

10:10am Sunday School for all ages

10:10am Adult Confirmation Class

11:15am Holy Eucharist II

4:30pm Youth Choir

6pm Youth ConneXion Trivia Night

6:30pm Fellowship Group 1

9pm High School Discussion Group

Tuesday, April 17

7am High School Prayer Breakfast

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

6:30pm Troop 1 Meeting

Wednesday, April 18

7am 9th Grade Prayer Breakfast

5:15pm Angel Choir/Junior Choir

6pm Youth UNplugged

6:30pm Advent Schola

Thursday, April 19

6:45am Men's Bible Study Breakfast

7am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

9am Country Store Cooking

6pm Advent Toners

6:30pm Women's Evening Fellowship & Bible Study

7-9pm Concert benefiting 2018 Youth

Pilgrimages (Youth Center)

SUNDAY, April 22 - 4th Easter

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

8:15am Occasional Choir

9am Holy Eucharist II

10:10am Sunday School for all ages

10:10am Adult Confirmation Class

11:15am Holy Eucharist I

1pm Youth ConneXion Paintball Night

4:30pm Youth Choir

5:30pm Nursery for Parents' Night Out

6pm Parents' Night Out and 20s, 30s & 40s

Event (offsite)

Tuesday, April 24

9am Country Store Cooking

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

5:30pm Youth Pilgrims' Dinner's Ready

Pickup

6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

6:30pm Troop 1 Meeting

Wednesday, April 25

5:15pm End-of-Year Choir Dinner

6:30pm Advent Schola

7pm 11th & 12th Grade Journey Group

Thursday, April 26

7am Men's Bible Study

7am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

1pm Altar Guild Luncheon

6pm Advent Toners

6:30pm Women's Evening Fellowship &

Bible Study

7:30pm Advent College Group

SUNDAY, April 29 - 5th Easter

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

9am Holy Eucharist II/Music Recognition

10:10am Sunday School for all ages

10:10am Adult Confirmation Class

11:15am Holy Eucharist II/Music

Recognition

4:30pm Youth Choir

5:15pm Gabriel's Instruments

6pm Youth ConneXion Board Games

Adult Christian Formation

Prayer: A last resort or first defense?

The Rev. Deborah D. Apoldo

If you were to rate your daily schedule on a busy meter, what would the rating be? Breathless? Balanced? Bored? I remember a conversation with a priest friend years ago about living a balanced life. He asked me a great question. He said "What exactly would a balanced life look like? Eight hours each day working, eight hours with the family, and eight hours sleeping?" Well, that does add up to 24 hours. But no one I know lives that life.

I think balance has more to do with what feeds the soul. I for one, am not a particularly disciplined person. That is to say, I don't like routine. If you tell me to exercise at the same time every day, or even to pray in the same place at the same time each day, I feel defeated before I begin. Nevertheless, I do pray every day. I set aside time each day to be present with God. I also pray throughout the day in an organic way. As to exercise, ah, well, er, um I could do better.

The point is this: we do well to pay attention to our spiritual lives. We are spiritual beings. How we do that is different for each of us. We have different temperaments and life circumstances. What I'm saying may seem obvious. And yet, how often do you take time out to examine your spiritual well-being? How often do you check in with your soul? Irritability, frustration or just feeling out of sorts may be an indication that you are out of balance. Being in church on Sundays is great. But a daily dose of prayer and keeping company with God is life-giving. Oswald Chambers said "We tend to think of prayer as a last resort. God wants it to be our first line of defense."

Adult Confirmation Classes Begin Sunday, April 8

Sunday mornings April 8-May 13, 10:10-11:05am

Conference Room 2 of Satterlee Hall (2nd floor)

There is so much that is both interesting and inspirational about our wonderful Episcopal Church traditions, practices and spirituality. If you are thinking about becoming a member of the Episcopal Church or even if you just want to learn more about this transformational way of following Jesus, you'll want to take part in the upcoming Confirmation classes. Sign up by contacting Laura Bauknight at lbauknight@churchofadvent.org.

Sunday Rector's Forum

April 15 and 22, 10:10-11:05am

The Work of General Convention

From July 8-13, 2018 delegates will gather in Austin, Texas for the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. This important gathering in our common life as Episcopalians takes place every three years and it is where the business and future initiatives of our denomination are discussed and decided.

The Rev. David Pittman will explain how this body functions and why it is important for each of us to know what is being considered.

The Feasts of the Easter Season

April 29-May 13

We'll learn the biblical origins and meaning of the Feast of the Ascension, Trinity Sunday and Pentecost.

Parents in Community

April 15-May 13, 10:10-11:05am

Continuing with *The Alpha Course*, the class will learn via on-line lectures and discuss the following topics: Who is The Holy Spirit?, What Does The Holy Spirit do?, How Can I be Filled with The Holy Spirit, How Does God Guide Us?, How Can I Resist Evil?

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Women's Fellowship and Bible Study: *A Loving Life: In a World of Broken Relationships*

Morning Session - 9-10:30am, Thursdays, April 5 – May 17

Dining Room A in the Parish and Community Life Center

Evening Session - 6:30-8pm, April 12-May 17

We'll be using the book by Paul E. Miller to study the biblical book of Ruth. Here's one of the reviews from the cover of the book: "Paul Miller not only brilliantly explains the story of Ruth, but also shows how hesed love can transform us and our relationships." Tremper Longman, III, Professor of Biblical Studies, Westmont College.

Men's Bible Study and Fellowship meets on Thursday mornings 7 to 8 am in PCLC Dining Room C. On the 3rd Thursday, they meet at 6:45am for breakfast. It's the kind of conversation you can easily join, whether or not you've read the text.

Book and Brown Bag: The next selection for the Book and Brown Bag class is *The Liturgy Explained* by James Farwell. We will begin this four week series on Tuesday, April 10, at 12:15pm in the Parish and Community Life Center. Books are available for \$10 from Libby Adamson in Satterlee Hall. "In the liturgy, the people who call themselves followers of God... praise the source of beauty and truth, listen to the proclamation of love and laws of human flourishing in the kingdom of God, lament that which is broken in the world, focus their energy on help for those broken, acknowledge their failings and commit to begin again to seek God and the good, make peace with one another, and welcome one another to a shared table." – from the *Introduction*.

Come help with 2nd Grade Earth Day at Mary H. Wright Elementary School on Friday, April 20!

Please let us know if you can help: Joy Oates at joyoates61@gmail.com or Julie Schwartz at julieschwartz@charter.net.

Truck Drivers needed for the Assaults on Mt. Mitchell and Marion cycling events, Monday, May 14, @ 7 am

Drivers are paid by way of a donation to the Advent Men's Group outreach program with lunch and an event t-shirt being included. Join us for an exciting, fun day and a wonderful way to raise funds for outreach. Passengers are welcome to join to keep you company. A training meeting will take place on Monday, May 7, at 5:30pm. To volunteer as a driver, please contact Rick Dent at 864-580-1167 or rick.dent@ymail.com.

Cumberland Mission Team – June 17 – 22 (ages 21+). Come build with us!

Join the Cumberland Mission Team for a week that is guaranteed to awaken muscles! Departure is Sunday, June 17, and return on Friday, June 22. A brief history: The Advent Cumberland Mission Team has volunteered with Housing Sewanee Inc. for more than twenty years and has been a part of the construction of seventeen homes in the greater Sewanee area for qualified low-income families. One of the original homes was returned to HSI by the heirs, refurbished in 2016 by the Advent Team, and sold. The proceeds enabled HSI to purchase six acres of land for the purpose of building six to eight homes for qualified clients. The foundation

for the first home in Sherwood Springs was laid in the spring of 2017 to be ready for the Advent Team (see additional photos in the April 1 Bell Ringer).

Construction on the first house is moving along – all work is done by community volunteers (Otey Parrish) and University of the South students – and is dependent on the weather and mostly donated supplies. Currently, the workers are hanging sheetrock, installing HVAC ducting, painting and hanging interior doors, and installing the plumbing. These tasks will likely continue through at least April. Installation of the redwood on the ceiling and the oak flooring (donated by the Sewanee Inn) will take up most of May and June. With the warmer weather ahead, HSI will be able to finish installing the vinyl siding, box in the eaves, construct the front and back porches, and build the forms for the garage. Hopefully HSI will have the garage slab poured and ready for framing in June when our group arrives and the foundation for the second home.

Note: HSI is utilizing several alternative building techniques in Sherwood Springs: constructing with re-usable materials, framing with locally cut wood, and designing an energy efficient home with geothermal energy. The first home and particularly the stand-alone garage will operate as a demonstration site for groups, individual and organizations interested in advanced energy saving systems.

The Advent Team will be staying at the DuBose Conference Center (DCC) in Monteagle, TN. Breakfast will be provided by DCC. Local options will be the source for lunch and supper. Cost: \$250 for a double room/\$350 for a single room.

Thank you - Larry Moore, daddymoe@yahoo.com

Youth Pilgrimage Car Washes



DONATIONS ACCEPTED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!

**Sunday, April 15
Sunday, May 6**

7:30-11:30am in the parking lot near Kennedy Street

LEAVE A LASTING AND LOVING LEGACY – NOT A MESS!

If something were to happen to you today, would your loved ones know your wishes? Over 80% of people say it's important to put their wishes in writing, but only 20% have actually done it.

Many have taken care of the legal issues, such as will, insurance, and the various types of powers of attorney. But the issues concerning a lasting legacy and letting your loved ones know your true wishes are often left undone. Families generally spend between twenty to eighty hours trying to find the important papers of a loved one.

Think in terms of "Love Letters" to your children, grandchildren, parents, and friends. Letters of instruction in many cases can make a huge difference in sharing your love with your family after you have left this world. And think about Legacy: this is your story, and it should be shared!

Ned Morris and Libby Adamson have a wonderful planner to assist with a funeral service. Kit Jennings has several booklets which can also be a big help. Please contact Kit if you have any questions at 864-504-3689 or kjennings@churchofadvent.org.



**Dinner's Ready
Homemade Meals to Go
benefiting the 2018 Youth
Pilgrimages to Alaska and Utah**

Cost per meal: \$9

**Meal pickups 5:30-6:30pm each
Tuesday in the PCLC.**

Tuesday, April 24

Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Green Beans, Macaroni and Cheese, Cheese Biscuit and Blondie

**order by 5pm Wed., April 18*

Tuesday, May 8

Mark Mullen's Cinnamon Rubbed Pork, Wild Rice, Green Beans, Roll and Mint Brownie

**order by 5pm Wed., May 1*

Spring Break Youth Activities, April 2-6: We have planned a fun week of activities! The Breakout Room in Greenville, Big Air in Spartanburg, hanging out in downtown Asheville and visiting the Asheville Pinball Museum, hiking in the Dupont Forest, and Carowinds. Please RSVP to David Dixon so he can get an estimate on the number of participants: ddixon@churchofadvent.org or 864-541-1861. More info is available at <https://tinyurl.com/y7942m47>.

Sounds 2018 Concert - Jazz, Classic Rock, 80s and 90s Hits! April 19, 7 to 9pm in the Youth Center. This is a concert of local artists who have donated their time and talent to help raise money for the 2018 Youth Pilgrimages. Support your local pilgrim by purchasing a concert ticket for \$20. The cost includes the concert, coffee and desserts.

April Youth Happenings!

- April 1: Easter Day - No XCentric
- April 2-6: Spartanburg District 7's Spring Break. Check out our activities!
- April 8: XCentric, 10:10am- 11:05am (Youth Center)
Confirmation Class in the Deacons Room.
Sunday Night Youth ConneXion Group, 6-7:30pm
High School Discussion Group—9pm @ David D's
- April 15: XCentric, 10:10am- 11:05am (Youth Center)
Confirmation Class in the Deacons Room.
Sunday Night Youth ConneXion Group, 6-7:30pm
High School Discussion Group—9pm @ David D's
- April 19, 7pm: Spring Concert for Youth Pilgrimage (Youth Center)
- April 22: XCentric-- 10:10am- 11:05am (Youth Center)
Confirmation in Deacons Room
Sunday Night Youth ConneXion Group, 6-7:30pm
- April 29: XCentric-- 10:10am- 11:05am (Youth Center)
Confirmation Class in the Deacons Room.
Sunday Night Youth ConneXion Group, 6-7:30pm

Reminder: The Parish Paper Submission Deadline for the May issue will be Monday, April 16.

Basketball: We had a great basketball brunch banquet on March 4 with many players and their families in attendance. Thank you coaches and players for a wonderful and exciting season. A HUGE thank you to our Sextons and support staff; Basketball wouldn't happen without Michelle, Wallace and Ted.



Please bring your Mite boxes to church on Easter Day:

Children 4K-5th grade have been making donations in their Mite boxes for Mary H. Wright Elementary School students' summer activity boxes. These boxes will contain crayons, pencils, paper and other "children summer essentials" in an easy to pick-up-and-go container. The children will present their offerings at the 9 & 11:15am services.

Easter Egg Hunt will take place Easter Sunday morning at 10:30am. Children please bring your baskets to the area beside the Scout Hut.

Young Families Event - Calling all Parents of Young Families to join us on Sunday, April 22, at 6pm at the home of Ian and Maren Catolico at 506 Woodland Street. The Catolicos will provide beverages and the main dish. Please bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert of your choice. Nursery and childcare will be provided at the church for children ages infant to 4th grade. Children may be dropped off beginning at 5:45 pm and should be picked up by 7:45pm. Please RSVP to sdantin@churchofadvent.org with the number of children and RSVP to lbaunknight@churchofadvent.org with the number of adults. Hope to see you there!

Communion Class for 3rd graders and their parents: Many Episcopal churches, including the Episcopal Church of the Advent, invite all baptized Christians of any age to receive Communion. Whether or not a child has been receiving Communion, it is important that they receive instruction at some point. The Rev. Debbie Apoldo will provide instruction to 3rd graders on Sunday, April 15, in Room 103 of the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) during Adventure Kingdom, and the Rev. Ned Morris will provide instruction on Sunday, April 22, in the sanctuary. Because we encourage parents to be the primary teachers of their children in matters of faith, parents are expected to attend both of these classes as well. We hope to see all 3rd graders and their parents at these Communion Classes!

APRIL BIRTHDAYS (Ages 1-11)

4 - Gia Moyer
7 - Karina Estevez
10 - Sarah Halstead
16 - Elizabeth Ann Johnson
23 - Hannah Moore
23 - William Mueller
24 - Madelyn Drake
25 - Luke Soto
27 - Janie Myers



Vacation Bible School Registration starts in April

Please mark your calendars for this week of learning about God through stories, games, music and art. Registration will begin after Spring Break (April 2-6). If you'd like to volunteer with VBS, please contact Suzanne Dantin at sdantin@churchofadvent.org or 864-237-0570.



With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

Perhaps you recognize these words as the opening to one of the forms of the Prayers of the People we use as part of our liturgy. *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)* provides guidelines, called rubrics, which give shape to these prayers by outlining the specific needs to be included. Following these rubrics, our prayers in the liturgy include intercessions for, “The Universal Church, its members, and its mission, the Nation and all in authority, the welfare of the world, the concerns of the local community, those who suffer and those in any trouble and the departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate).”

In keeping with these guidelines, our practice at The Advent is to name before God and the gathered worshipping community those individuals and groups in our parish, in our community, or in our lives for whom we offer prayers of thanksgivings and intercessions. Many of these same names and groups are found on the printed prayers list which is included each week in the worship bulletin. The Prayer List contains the names of those who are in need of our prayers, whether it be as a result of illness, injury or some other personal challenge.

Some names and institutions on the list are included in the cycle of prayers provided to us by the national Church and by our Diocese. Over an entire year, we pray for many of the most vital churches and institutions to which we are affiliated in both the Anglican and the Episcopal circles of the faith. These prayers remind us that we are not alone, but are part of an ever-expanding network of people and ministries—at home and throughout the world.

Keep in mind a separate, private prayer list is maintained by the Daughters of the King for those that wish to remain anonymous.

Prayer is an integral part of our relationship with God and with each other. As a parish, we believe in the importance and the power of prayer.

For updates or additions to the Advent Prayer List, please contact me by phone or e-mail: 864-504-3686, 864-542-6650 or pgriffin@churchofadvent.org.

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord.

Peace -
Paula+

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT PRAYER LIST AS OF MARCH 28, 2018

WE ARE ASKED TO REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS:

Gus Allen, Richard Bagnal, Gloria Bock, Ed Borg, David Bowdish, Mac Cates, Judith Chase, Marianne Clark, Ted Conwell, Dale Dixon, Roland Doepner, Roy Ellis, Sue Fisher, Aly Goodwin, T. Griffin, Bob Heim, Richard Hollis, Taft Hunt, Betty Irwin, Anna Johnson, Julian Josey, Cibby Krell, Steve Leamy, Diane Lee, Giles Lewis, Frances Loudon, Jesse Martin, Jim McCullough, Glenn McGee, Kathleen McGee, Anne McIntyre, Iris Milhous, William Morris, Cynthia Moseley, Dinny Moses, Mark Mullen, Marion Nichols, Francie Satterfield, Prudy Scott, Molly McCuen Sherard, Grace Smith, Rich Snow, Libby Steinberg, Susan Taylor, Florence Twitty, John Wardlaw, Ginger Watson and Reecie Wilkes

AND FOR THESE PERSONS: Julian Anderson, Beth Abrams, Jack Bacot, Jake Blackwell, Cody Bowman, Jim Burchfield, Jim Carlisle, Jamie Cobb, Chase Comer, Aiden Rito Cope, Steve Crane, Lester Dixon, Phil Dunning, Devin Edwards, Mary Satterlee Egglezos, Sally Foster, Sue Grotz, Lauren Halyak, Larry Head, Rick Holm, Joan Horvath, Ann Huckaby, Ken Huckaby, Barbara Humphries, Dick Humphries, Tot Hurteau, Dick Johnson, Mary Kinard, Donghee Lee, Chenda Nem Lowry, Cynthia M., Elaine Mann, Ben Marshall, Jan Martin, Taylor Martin, Serena McCann, Tony Messel, Louis and Mary Anne Miller, Jodi Molnar, Felicia Montabano, Tony Moss, Perrin and Kendall Nicolson, Sam Ogle, Julia Oates, Emily Oostdyk, Dale Oostdyk, Tony Owens, Joe Peek, Ginger Phillips, Jack Pikiewicz, Butch Pittman, Roy Roe and family, Randy Romberger, James Simons, Madison Simpson, Carolyn Smyth, Grayson Spring, Joan Suttles, Pamela Tatham, Nicholas Voyadgis, David Watters, Linda Weatherred and Justin Daniel Wyatt

FOR THESE PERSONS SERVING IN THE ARMED

FORCES: Halcott R. Carter (Navy), Christopher Guyne (Air Force), Michael R. Hall (Air Force), Alex Holland (Army), Tripp Lynn (Navy), Michael McCraw (Navy), Friedan McLean (Air Force), Brian Parker (Navy), Wayne Pennington (Army), Joshua Scybert (Army), John Watters (Navy) and Russell Westenhaber (Army Special Forces)

FOR THESE EXPECTANT COUPLES: Elizabeth and Wes Paul, and Travis and Jenny Moore

FOR THIS BIRTH OF THIS CHILD: Luke Duarte Graham, son of Josh and Mariana Graham and grandson of Karen Fradua and David Graham

FOR THESE PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED: Joan Miller Hagan, Duane King “Buddy” Miller, Rita Creedon, Lois Bock, Jim Cappio, Anne Hinton, William “Don” Bain, Jr., Timothy Raines, Anne Cross, Cameron Haar and Lorraine Rutledge



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10 PARISH MANAGEMENT | VESTRY

APRIL 2018

Commission and Team Meetings

Monday, April 9 5:30pm Parish Life Commission	Wednesday, April 11 12:35pm Outreach Commission
Tuesday, April 10 12:15pm ECW Board 3pm Liturgy Commission	1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare 4:45pm Altar Guild Board
Thursday, April 12 4pm Music Committee	Monday, April 16 5:30pm Adult Formation Comm. 5:30pm Parish Management
	Tuesday, April 24 6:15pm Vestry

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The Episcopal Church of the Advent Analysis of Revenues & Expenses February 2018

	YTD Actual	Last Year Actual
YTD Total Pledge Contribution	\$351,948	\$294,546
YTD Total Revenues	\$373,937	\$306,720
YTD Expenses	\$231,631	\$252,555