The Path of Totality: The 2017 Great American Total Eclipse

Recently, I attended a meeting in Columbia. As the group was looking ahead to future meeting dates, one of the members, who lives there, remarked how she was not planning to go to work on Monday, August 21, when the total eclipse of the sun is scheduled to take place. The anticipated crowds gathering along the path of the eclipse are expected to be rather large. I was surprised to hear this, and wondered why this event would cause such upheaval in anyone’s daily life. I remember scoffing when I heard several months ago, that schools across the state would be closed that Monday.

The last time there was a total eclipse in the U.S. was 1979 and it took place mainly in the northwest. I just haven’t been that excited about it. However, now that I’ve started looking into the details, I’m getting rather psyched to see this cosmic phenomenon. For example, the last time the U.S. experienced an entire total eclipse from coast to coast was in 1918!

The Path of Totality is what astronomers call the area within the eclipse's path where the disk of the sun will be completely covered by the disk of the moon. As you can see on the map below, if you stay in Spartanburg, you’ll see the moon almost completely cover the sun but if you get closer to Greenville or Columbia, you’ll have the chance to see something you may never witness again – the sun being 100% blocked out by the moon! Some more interesting facts about this event can be found at www.space.com/33797-total-solar-eclipse-2017-guide.html. I encourage you to check it out!

Sometimes I believe it’s easy for us to take the same approach to our faith and to events at church as I initially took toward the total eclipse. Maybe we don’t outright scoff at the prospect of getting more involved in the life of God here at the Advent. Perhaps we just don’t really consider it as something worth our time and effort. What’s all the fuss about? Why all this excitement around this or that parish life event or outreach program or worship service or class offering?

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BAZAAR NEWS!

This Year’s Bazaar is Thursday, November 16/ NEW TIMES: 11am-6pm. Lunch will be offered from 11:30am-1:30pm, and we will conclude the day with SIP AND SHOP from 5 to 6pm with wine and hors d’oeuvres. New booth includes “Fine Things” – needlepoint, children’s clothing, pillows, etc. – handmade with love by Advent members.

LOVE GIFTS are now being collected. Please drop your items by the ECW Closet in the Spartanburg Shares Building during their regular hours: Tuesday: 9am-1pm; Thursday: 3-7pm and Saturday: 10am-1pm. If you have any questions, please contact Grantham Wood at 864-431-2780.

TO VOLUNTEER with the Bazaar – we need you!! Contact Co-chairs, Jenny Wakefield at jennywake@charter.net or Cathy Ellet at cathylet@charter.net.

COUNTRY STORE – Come stir the pot with us in August. We gather in the kitchen from 9am-12pm on the following cook dates: August 2 / Peach chutney and preserves; August 9 /Spiced Grapes; August 17 / Mango Chutney; August 23 / Pickled Beets and Corn Relish; August 30 / Orange Marmalade

WELCOME BACK WEDNESDAY NIGHT POT LUCK / Wednesday / August 30/ 5:45-7:00pm – Bring a dish to share and wear your favorite summer T-shirt. Meat and Drinks provided. Get ready to jump back in to an awesome program year at the Advent!

LOOKING AHEAD – SAVE THE DATES:
Serendipity Luncheon / September 11
EpiscoPals / September 13
ECW Eucharist and Lunch – everyone is invited / September 21

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
Pre-Eclipse Picnic
Sunday, August 20
5:30-7:00pm /lawn near Scout Hut
Bring a blanket and a picnic for your family.
Eclipse glasses, drinks and Moon Pies will be on hand!

Green and Red Pepper Jelly brought to you by the Amazing Advent!
WASHINGTON TRIP IS A SUCCESS: On Sunday July 23, members of our adult choirs, along with guest choristers from other churches, particularly First Presbyterian, sang as part of the Summer music festival at All Souls Episcopal Church in Washington, DC. Our Spartanburg contingent sang both alone and with the All Souls’ choir, directed by Furman University grad Dr. Ben Hutchens. The choirs sang for an 11am mass and a 7pm concert. Notable was the first complete performance of the “Jubilation Mass” by Ken Watson, written especially for the choir that sang at Lincoln Cathedral last summer. Everyone had a great time in DC!

LAST SUNDAY FOR SUMMER CHOIR; AUGUST 13: We’ve had a great group of singers in what’s seemed like a brief summer! Because the three-service schedule will start back up on August 20, the last Sunday for the summer choir in 2017 is August 14. We’ll sing J.S. Bach’s immortal “Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring” and the Sanctus from Charles Gounod’s St. Cecilia mass. Ages 10 to 110 are welcome.

ADULT CHOIRS WILL RECONVENE THE WEEK OF AUGUST 13; SINGERS WANTED! The St. Cecilia Choir and Advent Schola will be starting back up for the 2016-17 year on Tuesday, August 15, and Wednesday, August 16, respectively. Both choirs rehearse in the choir room upstairs in Pendleton Hall between 6:30 and 7:45pm. I'm always looking for more bodies/voices so please contact me at 864-504-3694 or bszafron@churchofadvent.org if you're interested in joining.

SEPTEMBER KICKOFF: All other Church of the Advent ensembles will start back up after Labor Day, in other words September 4. Please stay tuned for information in the September paper. There will also be info about the 2017-18 concerts and special services at the Church of the Advent.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (as of 7/24/2017)


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), Michael Rawls (Navy), Joshua Scybert (Army), John Watters (Navy) and Russell Westenhaver (Army Special Forces)

FOR THESE EXPECTANT COUPLES: Sam and Elizabeth Bass, Kesler and Fort Bridgforth, Cyrus and Robin Maddox, Amanda and Lenny Mathis and Clint and Rogers Settle

FOR THE BIRTH OF THESE CHILDREN: James Christopher Cashman, son of Molly and Jeff Cashman; Thomas Lounsberry, son of Liza and Jonathan Lounsberry; Atlas Bo Rethmeier, son of Megan and Elliott Rethmeier and grandson of Karen Calhoun and William Rutledge Wolfe, son of Joseph and Anne Wolfe

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Steven D. Haymond, Jr., Caroline R. Reutter and Hunter L. Stubbs

And for the people on the confidential Prayer List of the Daughters of the King
## 4 August 2017 Calendar

### Morning Prayer
- **Monday-Friday at 8:15am in Olney Chapel when the church office is open.**

### Please Monitor Our Weekly Publications for Updates to This Calendar.

### Recurring Activities
- **Mon., Day Off** The Rev. Paula Griffin
- **Mon., Thurs., 1:30pm** - Al-Anon
- **Tuesday morning** - Staff Prayer/Meeting
- **Tuesday, 12:15pm** Book & Brown Bag
- **Tues., 3pm** Co-Dependents Anonymous
- **Tues., Friday, 9:30am** Watercolor Class
- **Tuesday, 4:30pm** Meditation Group
- **Wednesday, 5:30pm** Evening Worship
- **Wednesday, 8pm** AA/Al-Anon
- **Friday, Days Off** The Rev. Ned Morris & The Rev. Deborah Apoldo

### Tuesday, 1 August
- 2:00pm Listening Hearts Group
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing

### Wednesday, 2 August
- 9:00am Bazaar Country Store Cooking
- 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

### Jesus Christ, 6 August
- **SPIHN Week**
- 8:00am Holy Eucharist I
- 9:00am Gleaners Class
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist I
- 11:30am Lemonade in the Shade

### Monday, 7 August
- 5:30pm Children’s Team Meeting

### Tuesday, 8 August
- 11:45am Cancer Assoc. Luncheon
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing

### Wednesday, 9 August
- 9:00am Bazaar Country Store Cooking

### 10th Sunday after Pentecost, 13 August
- **Blessing of School Supplies & Advent Students’ Backpacks**
- 8:00am Holy Eucharist I
- 9:00am Gleaner’s Class
- 10:30am Holy Eucharist II
- 11:45am Parish-wide Outreach Reception honoring Grant Recipients

### Tuesday, 15 August
- 12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
- 5:15pm Oyster Roast Planning Mtg.
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing
- 6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

### Thursday, 17 August
- 6:45am Men’s Bible Study Breakfast
- 9:00am Bazaar Country Store Cooking
- 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
- 6pm Advent Toners

### 11th Sunday after Pentecost, 20 August
- **FIRST THREE-SERVICE SUNDAY**
- 7:45am Holy Eucharist I
- 9:00am Holy Eucharist II
- 10:10am Sunday School for All Ages
- 11:15am Holy Eucharist I

### Monday, 28 August
- 9:00am ECW Board Meeting

### Tuesday, 29 August
- 12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
- 5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing
- 6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

### Wednesday, 30 August
- 9:00am Bazaar Country Store Cooking
- 5:45pm Welcome Back Dinner/Pot Luck
- 6:30pm Advent Schola

### Thursday, 31 August
- 7:00am Men’s Bible Study

### A Welcome Back Reminder from Parish Management

We hope you have enjoyed your time away with family and friends. We have missed you! Thanks to all of you who have made a point of keeping up with your pledge. If you have some catching up to do, you may make contributions toward your pledge by going to our website, churchofadvent.org, and clicking on the green “Give Online” button at the bottom of the home page.

You may also use our new feature, Text-to-Give. Text MYADVENT to 73256 to give using your text messaging. Standard text charges may apply.

### The Advent Shoppe
- The Episcopal Church of the Advent
- 161 Advent Street
- Satterlee Hall, 1st Floor
- **Hours**
  - Monday-Friday: 11am-4pm
  - Sunday: 8:30-11am
- **Closing August 31**

### The Advent Shoppe
- **Everything!**
- **60% off** Everything!
- The Advent Shoppe
- at The Episcopal Church of the Advent

### Reminder
- **The Parish Paper Submission Deadline** for the September issue will be Tuesday, August 15.
The Altar Guild is seeking help with clean-up/set-up for Sunday services. This is a monthly duty that would take about 30 minutes. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Judy Waddell at 864-574-5371 or cell 864-680-4417.

Check out the Altar Guild’s new web page: http://www.churchofadvent.org/altarguild!

The Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK) admitted seven new members in June: The Rev. Deborah Apoldo, Laura Estevez, Anna Howell, Bess Lee, Brenda Lytle, Dinny Moses and Bea Walters Smith.

Wacky Wednesdays: We had an awesome day in Greenville and went to the Breakout Room. Escape games are real-life adventures where fellow players have an hour to break out of a room by cracking codes, solving riddles, piecing together puzzles and finding clues. We also had fun helping out at Vacation Bible School!

From the Advent Archive Files
On July 4, 5, and 6 of 1917, Advent members and Spartanburg leaders were in a silent film production called “The Wrecker”. Billed as “The Greatest Motion Picture Sensation of Spartanburg,” it was written and filmed by The Norman Film Manufacturing Company of Chicago and Jacksonville.

Tickets were 20 cents for adults and 10 cents for children, with the proceeds going to The Red Cross. The Wrecker was shown at the Rex Theater (which later became The State, and then The Capri).

The 63-member cast included The Rev. W. H. K. Pendleton and Miss Juanita Wilkins. Miss Wilkins would become the organist/choir director in 1919. For more information about “The Wrecker,” see http://normanstudios.org/films-stars/norman-films/the-wrecker/
Knowledge Is Not Transformation
The Rev. Deborah Apoldo, Associate Rector for Christian Formation

Information is not necessarily transformation is one of the chapter headings of a book I read recently. The book – that I found to be transformational, by the way - is Richard Rohr's *Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality*. Yes, we study Scripture. Yes, some of us consult commentaries and we delve into the original languages and the historical context. This is a good and proper thing for a Christian to do. But knowledge does not always lead to transformation. God's revelation in Scripture is meant to draw us closer to Him and to one another. We don't study to know more about God, as if he is an historical character in a non-fiction account of history. We study to know God – to hear him speak, to feel his presence, to enliven the spark of the Divine (the “Imago Dei”) within each of us. This is why we engage Christian formation, not just Christian education.

The Rector's Forum this fall will tap into this theme of encountering Scripture in such a way as to allow it to transform our mind, our heart, our spirit. We are calling this series “What's in this for me?” On the surface this may sound like a self-absorbed exercise in asking “What have you done for me lately, God.” But that's not what we hope to gain. No, we hope to learn something about how God speaks to us through His word and how we then are transformed by what we discover into a community that seeks to build God's kingdom in our own context – that Christ's light be seen in us.

**Fall Adult Formation Opportunities**
Sunday Mornings from 10:10-11:05am

*The Rector's Forum: “What's In It For Me?”*
Dining Rooms A&B in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC)
In an age of political vitriol, fear of dwindling resources, and lack of trust in religious institutions, Christians still hold to the hope, if not belief, that Scripture is a source of guidance and wisdom. Each week we will identify a topic or circumstance that is in the news and in our lives. We'll engage a study of relevant Scripture passages and or stories, and we'll listen to one another in conversation with the text.

*The Gleaners Class* meets weekly in the Undercroft
This classic Sunday School class continues using the time-tested format of learning what's happening in the day's lectionary readings and sharing reflections on the day's themes through discussion, music and art. All are welcome. Each class is a “stand-alone” session. You can drop in any time.

*Parents in Community* meets weekly in Dining Room C of the PCLC
Parents of toddlers, middle school age and teenage children come together each week to learn about and discuss a variety of topics related to growing families of faith and devotion to Christian principles and practices. The focus of this class is to get into the thick of real challenges facing parents as they seek to incorporate their values into the vision that they have for their family and to encourage one another with share experiences. The class may be formed around a DVD teaching series, relevant articles from various sources and Biblical principles of parenting. Watch the Bell Ringer for the topic of the week.

**Special Sunday Formation Events**

*Connecting to The Advent with Church Life, My Advent and the Web Site*
September 21 and October 1
This is a busy church with a lot of opportunities to check in, keep informed, and contribute to ministry. One of the most effective ways to stay connected is through the various online resources. You can access the membership database for phone numbers, addresses and directions through an app called Church Life. You can manage your financial giving and records through “My Advent.” And, of course, if you want to access the Parish Paper, look at the church calendar, discover classes and find ways to connect, the website at *churchofadvent.org* is a great resource. These classes will teach members of all ages and all technical abilities to how to use the online resources to maximum benefit.

*Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now), October 8*
Each year we gather in the gym to execute an incredibly organized process of packing food to be distributed to those in need in our community. This is a fun and meaningful way that we serve together with our families and with other members of all ages.
Wednesday Night Fellowship and Faith Formation

**Wednesday Evening Worship**, 5:30pm-6:15pm in Olney Chapel

A brief, informal service Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:15pm. It’s a time of praying together, talking about ways that the gospel touches our everyday lives, built around a liturgy shaped by members of the congregation.

**Faith Stories**: August 30, September 6, 13, 20, 27

Dinner from 5:45-6:30pm; Class from 6:30-7:15pm in the PCLC, Dining Rooms A&B

We’ll hear stories of how God’s call has transformed the life and vocation of people who inspire us to consider where we might be led to advance God’s Kingdom.

August 30 – Welcome Back Covered Dish Supper with a preview of upcoming lessons

September 6 – William Wilberforce; Political Persistence in the Face of Opposition with Dr. Anne Rodrick

September 13 – Social Entrepreneurship: Faith at Work in the Marketplace

September 20 – Trusting God to Provide in the Mission Field, Jorge and Laura Estevez

September 27 – St. Luke’s Free Medical Clinic: The Healing Touch in Our Community

**Confirmation and Reception Class**

October 4 – November 13 from 6:30-7:45pm

Learn the basic tenants of the Christian faith and worship according to our Anglican traditions in preparation for Confirmation or reception as members of The Episcopal Church of the Advent.

**Book and Brown Bag**

Tuesdays from 12:15-1:10pm beginning August 15 in the PCLC, Dining Room C

*The Divine Dance* by Richard Rohr (available from the receptionist in Satterlee Hall for $10)

**Women’s Fellowship and Bible Study**

Thursday mornings, September 7-October 19 from 9:00-10:30am in the PCLC, Dining Room A

**New This Fall – Women’s Evening Fellowship and Bible Study**

Thursday evenings, September 7- October 19 from 6:30-8:00pm in the PCLC, Dining Room A

**Men’s Fellowship and Bible Study**

Thursdays from 7:00-8:00am in the PCLC, Dining Room C. We gather at 6:45am on the 3rd Thursdays for breakfast

*Special thanks to the Gleaners Class for presenting a wonderful program during our Mid-Summer Brunch! The Gleaners Class is facilitated by Roland Doepner and Agnes Martin.*
I encourage you to dig deeper and learn more about our life together. Look in detail at the articles and descriptions in this edition of the Advent Parish Paper. Plan to attend and commit to opening up your heart and mind to see what God has to show and teach you. It may just be the most meaningful and surprising gift you ever experience.

Like the total eclipse’s Path of Totality, there might be an opportunity to have something happen that only comes along once in your life. God has plenty of surprises and our hearts are yearning to experience the great love of Christ more fully. Make an effort to learn more and to be more for God!

God bless you. Ned+

August 2017 Flowers

First Sunday in August - August 6
Altar Memorial
The flowers adorning the altar are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Dr. G. B. and Katie A. Hodge, by Pinckney and Susan Hodge Irwin

Second Sunday in August - August 13
Altar Memorials
The flowers adorning the altar are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Clarence, Harriet and Ancrum Ballenger by Haidee, Elizabeth, Norwood and Clancy
in thanksgiving to God for the blessings He gave to us through the life of William Sidney Bagwell, Jr.

Third Sunday in August - August 20
Altar Memorial
The flowers adorning the altar are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Olive and Robert Foss, Virgil Walker Barnes, Shirley Barnes, Thomas Shelton Barnes and
Robert Nantz Barnes given by Thomas Barnes and Ekky Foss

Fourth Sunday in August –August 27
Altar Memorial
The flowers adorning the altar are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Mary Fenn Ferguson given by her family

Baptismal Font
The flowers adorning the baptismal font are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of W. G. Foster given by his family
in loving memory of Virginia Maxwell Manning Moses by her daughter, Dinny

The Advent Foundation

Our Church of the Advent remains strong because of our generous giving year in and year out. We can also provide for the future of the Advent through our generous giving to the Advent Foundation. The funds of the Advent Foundation address our ministries to outreach, pastoral care, and to the buildings and grounds of our church campus. Our Saint Fiacre Fund is presently funding the new landscaping plan that we are now undergoing. While things may not look attractive now, our overall plan will transform our churchyard into a more beautiful area and an enhanced welcoming space.

Gifts can be made in the form of bequests, life income gifts, life insurance, or memorials. Please call us if you have questions or would like additional information. Kit Jennings – kjennings@churchofadvent.org or 864-504-3689.
ADVENT YOUTH HAPPENINGS - AUGUST: Hopefully everyone has had an awesome summer with fun, friends and family. It’s hard to believe that summer is coming to an end and school will be starting up soon. Thanks to everyone that has supported the 2018 Youth Pilgrimage this summer! Stay tuned for upcoming opportunities.

Come out to the Youth Center on Sunday, August 20, from 10-11am for a meet and greet and hear about the upcoming fall youth schedule. All youth formation programming will begin on August 27. I hope as your summer winds down and you begin to get settled for the upcoming school year, you will plan to come to some of these activities. Hope to see you!

2017 & 2018 Youth Confirmands: Our 2018 Confirmation Group starts up on August 27 at 10:10am in the Advent Youth Center. This fall we will focus on the New Testament, Sacraments and Church History. The 2017 Confirmation Group will have their overnight fall retreat on October 6-8. Please keep all our confirmands in your prayers.

XCentric: Christ Centered Youth: Our Sunday morning Youth Christian formation program begins August 27, 10:10-11:05am, in the Youth Center. Come out and experience the difference a Christ-centered focus can have on your life. XCentric is designed to speak directly to the concerns and issues facing young people today. Live music from the youth band, relevant conversations from dynamic speakers and topics designed just for you. XCentric >>Xperience the Difference!

Sunday Night Youth ConneXion begins on August 27, 6:00-7:30pm, in the Youth Center, with an ALL-YOUTH TRIVIA PARTY! Invite your friends for a night of food, fun and awesomeness!

Canterbury College Campus Ministry: Whether you are a student at Wofford, Converse, USC Upstate, or any of the other colleges in the area there is a place for you at Canterbury! Take a break from studying to enjoy engaging conversation, community involvement, food, exciting excursions and activities. Whether you have much faith or little, you are welcome! We meet every Thursday of the semester at 8:00pm on Wofford’s campus.

Young Adults Board Games and Brew with a Side of Theology Meetup at Hub City Tap House every 4th Thursday of the month from 7:00-9:00pm. For more information, please contact David Dixon at ddixon@churchofadvent.org or 864-541-1861.

Prayer Breakfast for all Youth will begin in September!!!

High School Prayer Breakfast - we meet at Chick-fil-A every Tuesday starting September 5 at 7:00am. Come and join us for Good Food and Good News!

9th Grade Wednesday Morning Prayer Breakfast starting September 6 at 7:00am -- Bojangles in Hillcrest.

Middle School Prayer Breakfast meets every Thursday starting September 8 at the Chick-fil-A in Hillcrest 7:00am. Rides are provided to the students’ schools. If you would like to drive, please contact David Dixon at ddixon@churchofadvent.org or 864-541-1861. Come join us for awesome fellowship and great devotions to get your day started off right.

GOOD NEWS!!!! You can SHUCK the Kids too! Friday, October 19 / 6:00-10:00pm Call it happy hour on the half shell or the best side item since slaw and beans! The good news is - the Advent is once again offering babysitting services during the Oyster Roast. This fabulous fundraiser will help support the youth pilgrimage for 2018.

Bring us your kiddos, 4k-5th Grade, and we’ll keep them entertained with magic and movies, goodies and games. While we’re sitting with your children, you will be standing up for the youth of our church! Babysitting from 6 to 10pm in the Advent Youth Center - $25 sitting fee and $10 per additional child with a $45 cap on charges. To register your children, please call 864-504-3683 by October 12.

Start planning now for the Advent High School Youth Winter Ski Retreat, December 27-January 1 Skiing/Boarding in Snowshoe, WV...one of the best in the southeast! Staying in Mountain Lodge which is ski in/ski out! Enjoy the indoor swimming pool, shops and Starbucks of Snowshoe! Celebrate the New Year together in Snowshoe! More info will be coming!!! Contact David Dixon to sign up at ddixon@churchofadvent.org or 864-541-1861.
AUGUST 2017 CHILDREN & YOUNG FAMILIES

1st Sunday Special Children's Offering / August 6 - 10:30am service will be for school supplies for Mary H. Wright Elementary School

Needed items include: large hand sanitizer, Kleenex, #2 pencils, wide-ruled notebook paper, and glue sticks. You may also contribute $15 for a full supply pack.

Blessing of the Backpacks: Children, please bring your backpacks to church on Sunday, August 13 so that we can say a prayer and blessing for you as you head back to school.

Adventure Kingdom Begins August 20, 10:10-11:05am

All children ages 4K through 5th grade are welcomed and encouraged to attend. We will meet in the gym for a brief time together; then, we will divide into our individual classes. This year we will be using a new curriculum – the Episcopal Children's Curriculum published by the Virginia Theological Seminary. The classes will be divided into the following ages: (1) 4K/5K; (2) 1st -3rd grades; and (3) 4th and 5th grades.

Sunday School Service Project

We will distribute Miracle Hill collection bags on the first Sunday of Sunday School (August 20). Please return the bags the following Sunday (August 27) filled with gently-used items that can be donated to Miracle Hill.

Pre-Eclipse Picnic and Fun

Please join us on Sunday, August 20, at 5:30 pm for a Pre-Eclipse Picnic and Fun on the Church lawn. Bring your blanket and a picnic. We'll provide drinks, moon pies, eclipse “fun” glasses and an eclipse craft for the children to make. We will also show videos and have hand-outs about the eclipse. Hope you can make this once-in-a-lifetime event!

Save The Date: Safe Church Training - will be offered on Sunday, September 10, from 4:00-7:00pm in the Parish and Community Life Center.

This training is required for anyone working with Children and Youth ministries, Scouts, Basketball coaches and Lay Visitors. To sign up for the training, please email sdantin@churchofadvent.org or call 864-237-0570. This will be the only training offered at the Advent this Fall – so PLEASE make plans to attend!

The Adventures of Flat Jesus - another visit to Hawaii!

BIRTHDAYS

(Ages 1-11)

5 - Caroline Byers
11 - Sylar Schmitt
12 - Davis Norton
15 - Clifford Halstead
18 - Alice Johnson
28 - Nora Baker
29 - William Hopkins
31 - Ben Fulmer

Volunteers Needed For Children's Ministries

If you are interested in helping in any way with the sweet little ones of this parish, please email sdantin@churchofadvent.org or call 864-237-0570. Nursery volunteers, Sunday School teachers and Wednesday night program support are all wonderful ways to live out your Baptismal Covenant. Free hugs are guaranteed!
Celebrate Outreach with the Advent! August 13 after the 10:30am service.

Join us as we celebrate the generosity of the Church of the Advent. This year the Outreach Commission was blessed to have approximately $130,000 from the Advent Foundation and the Oyster Roast & Silent Auction to allocate towards our focus of education, hunger, shelter, health and missionary efforts. We are excited to celebrate the worthy causes in our community and beyond! We will host a reception in the Parish and Community Life Center to welcome guests from near and far. The Vivanco family will join us from Ecuador, and we will have folks here from the Northside, St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic and Mary H. Wright Elementary School. Please come join us as we celebrate the wonderful work that is being done. Allocations are listed below:

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Back to School Supply Drive for Mary H. Wright - donations accepted through Sunday, August 6

$15 donation to purchase a full school supply pack for a child (checks payable to the Episcopal Church of the Advent) OR bring in donations for general use: Kleenex, #2 pencils, glue sticks, wide-ruled notebook paper, large bottles of hand sanitizer.

SPIHN - August 6-13: Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be with us this month. We need your help for setup & breakdown, meals, hosting dinner time and staying the evening - many of the open slots are for Saturday and Sunday, August 12-13. If you can assist, please sign up online at https://tinyurl.com/y7s46qj5. You may also contact Steve Wyman at jsstevew@gmail.com or Laura Estevez at lestevez@churchofadvent.org and 864-504-3680.

Get involved in collecting items for the Miracle Hill Thrift Store!

On August 20, the first day of Sunday School, we will pass out bags for individuals and families to collect gently-used items that will be collected the next week on August 27. The items collected will be sold at the thrift store in Greenville as a fundraiser for all the great work that is being done by Miracle Hill, a mission to help hurting people become whole.

Hot Off the Presses!

Our Cumberland Missioners are famous having made the front page of the Sewanee Mountain Messenger! Their photo caption reads: “Volunteers from the Episcopal Church of the Advent in Spartanburg, S.C., work in late June on the current Housing Sewanee home off Sherwood Road. Photo by Kevin Cummings.” We’ve included a similar photo below.
The Episcopal Church of the Advent

### Analysis of Revenues & Expenses

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### 2017 VESTRY MEMBERS

#### SENIOR WARDEN

**Charles King (2018)** | cking@otodevelopment.com

#### JUNIOR WARDEN

**Martha Schwartz (2019)** | mwschwartz@charter.net

#### SENIOR WARDEN-ELECT

**Melissa Johnson (2020)** | mdjohnson0101@gmail.com

#### VESTRY

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| Travis Moore (2020) | travis@upstatelawsc.com |
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