ECW Holiday Bazaar Reflection for All of Us

Note from the Rector: This reflection was read by Judy Lowry to this year's ECW Bazaar volunteers as they gathered beforehand for prayer. Upon hearing it, I was immediately struck by how appropriate and good it would be for our entire Parish Family to see it. Judy adapted part of her words from the devotional, “Love Does” and gives full credit to the Holy Spirit for the inspiration that brought it all together. Thanks to Judy Lowry for her willingness to share her faith and this reflection with all of us. May you be blessed by reading it yourself. Ned Morris+

Somewhere in each of us there's a desire for a place where the stuff of imagination and wonder are easier to live out. There is a desire to live a life fully engaged and full of the kinds of things that love does. Most people plan to do this, but along the way, they just kind of forget. It becomes, “I'll do that tomorrow or next time”.

Maybe for those of us, that place is the Church of the Advent. It has all the potential you bring to it, nothing more, nothing less. And all you have to do is show up. You don't need a plan. You just need to be present. This is a weighty thing to think about fraught with a large pitfall. It’s called, “Somebody else”. As we dream, it becomes clear that we need to stop plotting the course and just land the plane on our plans to make a difference by getting to the “to do” part of faith. That's because love is never stationary. In the end, love doesn't just keep thinking about it or planning for it. Simply put, love does.

It's incredible how much love has been poured out this year for our church, our friends, and our community. I'm glad that all of you didn't wait for someone else to shine God's love. You did that. Thanks be to God for each and every one of you and for the Church of the Advent. May he bless all that we do today and next year.

By Judy Lowry

Please read the next page to learn about the ECW’s upcoming circle gatherings and Dinner's Ready pickup meals. Our gallery on page 7 includes photos from the Bazaar.
Wednesday Night Dinners  
December and January  

December 4  
Advent Wreath Making  

January 15  
Dinner - 5:45-6:30pm  
Program - 6:30-7:00  

To reserve your meal, please contact Gail Owens by 5pm on the Monday prior to each dinner: 864-583-2438 or gowens@churchofadvent.org.  
For nursery reservations, please contact Allison Little at alittle@churchofadvent.org.  
**We will not meet on December 18 or January 1.

Thursday, December 5  
Chef Mark Mullen & Friends  
reservation deadline: Monday, December 2  
Cinnamon-Roasted Pork Loin, Holiday Rice, Green Beans, Roll and Crème de Menthe Brownie  

Thursday, December 12  
Chef Kari Warren & Friends  
reservation deadline: Monday, December 9  
Holiday Ham with special glaze, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Cheddar Cheese Biscuit, and Cheesecake Swirl Blondie  

Thursday, December 19  
with Chef Bill Schwartz reservation deadline: Monday, December 16  
California Chicken (Boneless) Breast, Brown Rice, Squash Zucchini Casserole, Roll, and Key Lime Pie slice

EpiscoPals  

Wednesday, December 11, 11:45am  
"Rejoicing in Advent" with The Rev. Mollie Douglas Turner  

Wednesday, January 8, 11:45am  
“The Face of Things” with Lalage Warrington, Sculptor  

Please reserve your $7 lunch by emailing gowens@churchofadvent.org or calling 864-583-2438. Advent members who are 45+ and their guests are invited to join us in the PCLC, Dining Room A.

Serendipity Circle and Phebe Crosland Lunch Bunch  

Annual Christmas Luncheon  
Monday, December 9, 12pm  
PCLC Dining Rooms  
Come enjoy fellowship and a delicious holiday meal  
Please RSVP to Anne Bomar bomar.anne@gmail.com or 864-494-3381.

Phebe Crosland Lunch Bunch  
Monday, January 13, 12pm  
Please reserve your meal by contacting Anne Bomar at bomar.anne@gmail.com. We will meet in PCLC Dining Room A.  

Serendipity Circle  
Monday, January 13, 10am  
at the home of Cathy Minch, 270 Montgomery Drive Spartanburg  
Please let Cathy know if you are attending: minchcm64@gmail.com or 864-583-5323. Lois Stringer is the co-host.

Fellowship Group  
Sunday, January 19, 6:30pm  
Stay tuned to the Bell Ringer for updates.
Commission and Team Meetings

Monday, Dec. 2
5:30pm Strategic Planning Committee

Monday, Dec. 9
5pm Advent Foundation Board
5:30pm Adult Formation Commission

Tuesday, Dec. 10, Jan. 14
12pm ECW Board
3pm Liturgy Commission
6:15pm Stewardship Commission

Wednesday, Dec. 11
12:30pm Outreach Commission
1:30pm St. Francis & St. Clare
4:45pm Altar Guild Board

Wednesday, Jan. 6 | Monday, Jan. 27
5:30pm Parish Management

Thursday, Jan. 8
5:30pm Vestry

Monday, Jan. 13
5:30pm Parish Life Commission

Thursday, Jan. 23
9:10am ACC Commission
4:30pm Music Committee
5:30pm Sunday Worship Group

Wednesday, Jan. 29
6:15pm Combined Vestry Meeting

Leaving a Legacy to Our Episcopal Church of the Advent

One of the real advantages of our Advent Foundation is that through your gifts you have a hand in the mission work of this parish for many generations to come. When you leave something to The Advent Foundation in your trust or will, your gift will never be used up, but will provide funds for key and innovative programs of service and ministry throughout coming generations. Your gift, then, can live on beyond you, and your generosity of spirit and self-giving attitude will be remembered by all who benefit from your gifts. So please leave something to our Advent Foundation when you depart this earth. The blessing will be yours and ours! Think about it. It makes a huge difference in our future. As we end this year of 2019, make 2020 special led by your gift to our Advent Foundation! For more information please email or call Kit Jennings at kjennings@churchofadvent.org or 864-504-3689.

2019 VESTRY MEMBERS

SENIOR WARDEN
MELISSA JOHNSON (2020)

SENIOR WARDEN-ELECT
NANCY GAGE (2021)

JUNIOR WARDEN
JIM LITTLE (2021)

VESTRY
BILL COKER (2020)
BRENDA LYTLE (2020)
TRAVIS MOORE (2020)
JOHN PRICE (2020)
JACK GASKINS

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE (2020)
JEAN DUNBAR (2021)
HUGH JAMES (2021)
CLINT SETTLE (2021)
BEA SMITH (2021)
ALEX EVINS (2022)
ANNA JOHNSON (2022)
BYRON MORRIS (2022)
BILL SCHWARTZ (2022)

Text-to-Give: Text to 73256 on your cell phone and type the message “MYADVENT” in order to receive a donation link and enter your information. Standard text charges may apply.

The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses

October 2019

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2019 DONATIONS INFORMATION

All donations to the church must be delivered to the church by 1pm on December 31, 2019 or postmarked by December 31, 2019 in order to receive credit for the year 2019.

ANNUAL MEETING
January 26, 2020, 9am
Parish and Community Life Center Gym
### Recurring Activities

The Advent Archives Historical Gallery in Satterlee Hall is open during office hours.

**Sunday**
- 8 & 10:15am Holy Eucharist

**Tuesday**
- 10am Staff Prayer/Meeting
- 4:30pm Meditation Group

**Thursday**
- 7am Men’s Bible Study
  (6:45 breakfast on the 3rd Thursday)
- 6pm Advent Toners

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**SUNDAY, Dec. 1 - 1st Advent**
- 9:10am Adult Sunday School and Wreath Making for all ages
- 4pm Middle School EYC

**Monday, December 2**
- 3pm Listening Hearts

**Tuesday, December 3**
- 7:15am High School Youth Prayer
  Breakfast
- 12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

**Wednesday, December 4**
- 5:45pm Wednesday Dinner & Wreath Making for all ages

**Thursday, December 5**
- 7am Middle School Youth Prayer
  Breakfast
- 9am Women's Bible Study
- 5:15pm Dinner’s Ready Pickup

**SUNDAY, Dec. 8 - 2nd Advent**
- 8am Holy Eucharist Rite II and 10:15 Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:10am Sunday School
- 1-4pm Safe Church Training
- 4pm Middle School EYC Skating
- 4pm Bach Organ Recital presented by Brennan Szafron
- 6:30pm High School EYC Christmas Party at the Mullens’ home

**Tuesday, December 10**
- 7:15am High School Youth Prayer
  Breakfast
- 6:30pm A Season of Carols & their history with reception to follow

**Wednesday, December 11**
- 11:45am EpiscoPals
- 5:15pm Angel/Junior Choirs
- 6pm Confirmation Rehearsal

**Thursday, December 12**
- 7am Middle School Youth Prayer
  Breakfast
- 9am Women's Bible Study
- 5:15pm Dinner’s Ready Pickup

**SUNDAY, Dec. 15 - 3rd Advent**
- Bishop’s Visitation and Confirmation
- 9:10am Bishop’s Forum and Sunday School for Children
- 10:15am Confirmation
- 11:45am Reception honoring Bishop & Mrs. Waldo and the Confirmands
- 12:30pm Vestry meeting with Bishop Waldo
- 5:30pm Middle School EYC Christmas Party at Winn Taylor’s home

**Monday, December 16**
- 11:15am ACC Concert

**Tuesday, December 17**
- 4pm Deadline to submit Christmas Altar Guild Memorials for bulletin
- 7:15am High School Youth Prayer
  Breakfast

**Wednesday, December 18**
- 12pm Staff Christmas Party

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**SUNDAY, Dec. 22 - 4th Advent**
- 9:10am Sunday School
- 10:15am Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

**SUNDAY, Dec. 29 - 1st Sunday after Christmas Day**
- 5pm Eve of the Epiphany Service at the Church of the Epiphany

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**Monday, Jan. 6 - The Epiphany**
- 7:15am High School Youth Prayer
  Breakfast
- 12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

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**Wednesday, January 8**
- 11:45am EpiscoPals
- 5:15pm Angel/Junior Choirs

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**Tuesday, January 9**
- 7am Middle School Youth Prayer
  Breakfast
- 8:30am Cherub Choir
- 9am Women's Bible Study
- 10:30am Summit Hills (Assisted Living)

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**SUNDAY, Jan. 12 - 1st Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord**
- 9:10am Sunday School
- 4pm Gabriel’s Instruments
- 4pm Middle School EYC
- 6:30pm High School EYC at Pye’s home

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Mary H. Wright News

**MHW Giving Tree:** Parents in Community will be collecting athletic socks and underwear for our students at MHW. Please place your items on or under the tree in the PCLC. Donations will be accepted through Wednesday, December 18.

**Thanks to the generosity of many Advent parishioners,** 25 coats were distributed on the very cold morning of November 13. Those children are grateful to all who donated.

**Advent Wreath Forms and Candles, Advent Calendars Available December 1 and December 4**

Advent Wreath Forms - $6; Advent Wreath Candle Sets - $6; 2019 Advent Calendars - $4

You may purchase these items on Sunday morning, December 1, or Wednesday evening, December 4. During the Formation hour on December 1, fresh greenery and a time for making your wreath will be offered in the PCLC Gym. On Wednesday, December 4, this activity will be offered as part of the Wednesday night dinner in Dining Room C. If you are unable to attend either of these events, you may purchase your Advent items from the receptionist in Satterlee Hall.

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

 Seekers and **Parents in Community** will meet together December 1 and 8 to enjoy the presentation on St. Nicholas by John Cribb. ALL are invited to join! Seekers will resume class after the holidays on January 5 with a presentation by Seminarian Dave Rodrick. Parents in Community will be off until January 12.

Gleaners will continue to meet in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall.

**Bishop Waldo's Visitation: Bishop's Forum and Confirmation Sunday**

Sunday, December 15

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Waldo will join us at the Bishop's Forum during the Sunday School hour at 9:10am and will be the celebrant and preacher at the 10:15 service. Join us for a reception immediately following the 10:15am service in the PCLC Lobby.

**Book and Brown Bag**

**Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:10pm in PCLC Dining Room C beginning January 7**

We will begin our discussion of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson on Tuesday, January 7. The book will be available for $7 from Jeanelle Smith during the first week of December.

**Just Mercy/Equal Justice Institute Church-wide Trip to Montgomery, Alabama March 19-20**

Mark your calendars and please let Laura Bauknight know if you are interested in this trip by emailing lbauknight@churchofadvent.org.

Departing early on Thursday, March 19, the group will travel to Hayneville, Alabama to visit the memorial site of Martyr Jonathan Daniels. Daniels, an Episcopal Seminarian and Civil Rights Activist, was shot on August 20, 1965 while shielding 17-year-old Ruby Sales from gun shots. Following lunch in Hayneville, we will travel to Montgomery, AL. The afternoon will allow plenty of time to visit the Equal Justice Institute’s (EJI) Legacy Museum. The museum offers interactive and haunting exhibits that capture our nation's history from slavery to incarceration of African American people. Dinner and discussion will round out the day. The following morning, we will visit the EJI National Memorial for Peace and Justice, sometimes referred to as the Lynching Museum. For more information on both sites, visit this link: [https://museumandmemorial.eji.org](https://museumandmemorial.eji.org). We will leave Montgomery by 11am and eat lunch on the road arriving back in Spartanburg late afternoon on Friday.

The Equal Justice Initiative, founded by Bryan Stevenson, is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society. For more information on EJI visit: [https://eji.org/about-eji](https://eji.org/about-eji).
Adult Choirs Will Continue Indefinitely As One Ensemble

Over the past three months, the St. Cecilia (former 9am) and Advent Schola (former 11:15am) choirs have rehearsed and sung together on a weekly basis. The congregational feedback over this time period has been quite positive. People have enjoyed the sound of the expanded vocal forces. Therefore, they will continue singing together on Sundays until further notice.

Come Sing During the Advent Season!

Our newly-expanded adult choir has room for anyone (especially tenors) who would like to sing during the Advent season (i.e. the month of December) leading up to Christmas Eve. The music is mostly easy and often based on familiar Advent and Christmas carols. We rehearse on Wednesdays between 6:30 and 8pm in the choir room upstairs in Pendleton Hall. To sign up or for more information, please contact Brennan at bszafon@churchofadvent.org or 864-504-3694.

Organ Recital - “Advent with Sebastian”

On Sunday, December 8, at 4pm, Brennan Szafron will be offering a recital of organ works for Advent and Christmas written by Johann Sebastian Bach. This will be offered as part of Brennan’s project to present the complete organ works of J.S. Bach.

Christmas Pageant - “The Best Old Fashioned Christmas Pageant Ever”

This year’s annual Christmas pageant will take place on Sunday, December 22. It will feature many children in this parish, namely those in our Angel and Junior Choirs. The pageant this year is one that’s been done in the past, and it’s entitled “The Best Old Fashioned Christmas Pageant Ever.” Allison Little has details on how your child can be involved. They may be found on the Christian Formation page.

Christmas Eve Music

The 4:30pm service this year will be a “game of pairs” similar to last year with festive instrumental music provided by two flutes, two trumpets and children’s voices. The 7 (note the new time) and 11pm services will feature an extended cantata entitled “A Christmas Garland on Greensleeves” plus many other Christmas favorites. Lindsey Brakhage and Kelly Vaneman will be offering a haunting soprano and oboe duet and Chris Vaneman will play his flute on the cantata.

“A Season of Carols & Their History”

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30pm

An invitation from the Spartanburg County Historical Association (SCHA): SCHA is honored to partner with Spartanburg’s Episcopal Church of the Advent for a special event open to their members. Organist-Choirmaster Brennan Szafron will delight with a special presentation of Carols and Hymns of the Advent and their history. A reception with Brennan and parishioners will follow.

Registration is required: please call 864-596-3501 to sign up. This is a complimentary event for SCHA members and parishioners of the Church of the Advent.
Youth Confirmation Retreat at Lake Bowen

Bear Cub Den of Pack 1 enjoying a roaring fire in the newly-refurbished Scout Hut

Behind the Scenes at Troop 1664 Piggly Fest

BSA Scouts enjoying a beautiful afternoon at Max Patch

Fruit of the Spirit Evening Circle

Enjoying lunch at the 73rd Annual Bazaar

THANK YOU to everyone who made our Bazaar a huge success!
December 2019 Flowers

The flowers that adorn the altar and baptismal font are given to the glory of God and

Sunday, December 1
Altar Memorial
in loving memory of Dr. Francis N. Belmont by his family

Baptismal Font
in loving memory of Steve A. Reynolds and Gladys M. Strout

Sunday, December 8
Altar Memorial
in loving memory of William Alton Crow and Mathilda Dixon Kyser Crow given by their son, George

Sunday, December 15
Altar Memorial
in loving memory of Elizabeth and Theodore Gage and Watt Smith II by their family

Sunday, December 22
Altar Memorial
in loving memory of Giles Patterson Cleveland, Ginevra Marxmiller Cleveland, Jesse Patterson Cleveland, John Bomar Cleveland, and Mildred Cleveland Walker

Christmas Eve, December 24
The flowers that adorn the altar and the baptismal font are given to the glory of God by families honoring their loved ones with Christmas Memorials.

Sunday, December 29
Altar Memorials
in loving memory of William and Grace Rothemich and Austin and Jeanette Sykes by their family
in thanksgiving to God for the blessings He gave to us through the life of William Sidney Bagwell, Jr.

January 2020 Flowers

The flowers that adorn the altar and baptismal font are given to the glory of God and

Sunday, January 5
Altar Memorials
in loving memory of Frank and Rosie Cunningham by Mr. and Mrs. Reed L. Cunningham,
Mr. Frank H. Cunningham IV, and Mr. Charles C. Cunningham

Sunday, January 12
Altar Memorial
in loving memory of Louise and Jim Hodge from their children

Sunday, January 19
Altar Memorials
in loving memory of Dick and Kathryn Nesbitt Galloway by June and Glen Boggs
in memory and celebration of the life of Roy McBee Smith, Senior

Sunday, January 26
Altar Memorials
in loving memory of Timothy Scott Llewelyn, M.D. by his family
in loving memory of Jean Price Blackford, John William Drake IV, Roger Steven Refshauge, and other loved ones by their family

Baptismal Font
in loving memory of Andrew Garrison Goldstein by his family
Monday, January 13
10am Serendipity Circle
12pm Phebe Crosland Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, January 14
7:15am High School Youth Prayer
Breakfast
10am Handmade with Love meeting
12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
6:30pm Troop 1 Scout Meeting

Wednesday, January 15
5:15pm Angel/Junior Choirs
5:45pm Wednesday Dinner & Program
6:30pm Adult Choirs

Thursday, January 16
7am Middle School Youth Prayer
Breakfast
8:30am Cherub Choir
9am Women's Bible Study

SUNDAY, Jan. 19 - 2nd Epiphany
9:10am Sunday School
4pm Gabriel's Instruments
4pm Middle School EYC
4:30pm Youth Choir
6:30pm Fellowship Group

Monday, January 20 - Office Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 21
7:15am High School Youth Prayer
Breakfast
12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
6:30pm Troop 1 Scout Meeting

Wednesday, January 22
5:15pm Angel/Junior Choirs
6:30pm Adult Choirs

Thursday, January 23
7am Middle School Youth Prayer
Breakfast
8:30am Cherub Choir
9am Women's Bible Study
10:30am Summit Hills (Independent Living)

SUNDAY, Jan. 26 - 3rd Epiphany
9am Annual Meeting and Children's Sunday School
10am Youth Pilgrimage Chili Sales
4pm Gabriel's Instruments
4pm Middle School EYC
4:30pm Youth Choir
6:30pm High School EYC at L. Johnson's home

Tuesday, January 28
7:15am High School Youth Prayer
Breakfast
12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
6:30pm Troop 1 Scout Meeting

Wednesday, January 29
5:15pm Angel/Junior Choirs
5:45pm Wednesday Dinner & Program
6:30pm Adult Choirs

Thursday, January 30
7am Middle School Youth Prayer
Breakfast
8:30am Cherub Choir
9am Women's Bible Study

SUNDAY, Feb. 2 - The Presentation of Our Lord - Scout Sunday
8 & 10:15am (Incense) Holy Eucharist
9:10am Sunday School
4pm Gabriel's Instruments
4pm Middle School EYC
4:30pm Youth Choir

Tuesday, February 4
7:15am High School Youth Prayer
Breakfast
12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
6:30pm Troop 1 Scout Meeting

Wednesday, February 5
5:15pm Angel/Junior Choirs
5:45pm Wednesday Dinner & Program
6:30pm Adult Choirs

Thursday, February 6
7am Middle School Youth Prayer
Breakfast
8:30am Cherub Choir
9am Women's Bible Study

Recovery Meetings
Mon., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
Noon-1pm
FAVOR All Recovery Group

Monday & Thursday
1:30pm, Al-Anon

Tuesday
3pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
6pm FAVOR Family Group

Wednesday
8pm AA and Al-Anon

Archives Committee News
The next display in the Advent Archives Historical Gallery will focus on "Celebrating Joy Together Through The Years." Photos from over 100 years ago and documents will be on display. Stay tuned to the Bell Ringer for the opening date.

Holiday Office Schedule
Tues., 12/24 - closes at noon
Wed.-Fri., 12/25-12/27 - closed
Tues., 12/31 - closes at 1pm
Wed., 1/1 - closed
Mon., 1/20 - closed for MLK Day

LOOKING AHEAD
Mardi Gras Party
February 13
Youth Pilgrimage Fundraiser
for ages 21 and up

February 25
Mardi Gras Party
The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Adults 21 & Over
Children and Young Family Happenings

This month seemed to go by very quickly as we have been very busy having lots of fun!

On November 3, we had a combined Sunday School class and talked about the many things we have to be thankful for. The children painted handprint turkey oven mitts and pot-holders. They turned out great and are just what any kitchen needs during November! In addition, this month the Cherub, Angel and Junior choirs all performed in church, the ACC had their annual walk-a-thon, and the Boy Scouts had a very successful Piggly Fest.

Happy Thanksgiving! We have so much to be thankful for at the Advent. Enjoy the time with your family and friends!

Advent Wreaths: No Sunday School on December 1 for 4K-5th grades as you are invited to create Advent wreaths with your child(ren) in the gym. We will make wreaths again on December 4 as part of the Wednesday night dinner in Dining Room C. Fresh greenery will be available during both sessions.

In addition to the wreath making on December 4, 4K-5th grade children are invited to classroom 103 in the PCLC to make Christmas ornaments and enjoy other festive activities. We will begin immediately following the meal.

Advent Wreath Forms, Candle Sets, and Advent Calendars available on December 1 and 4
Advent Wreath Forms - $6, Advent Wreath Candle Sets - $6, and 2019 Advent Calendars - $4. You may purchase these Sunday morning, December 1, or Wednesday evening, December 4. If you are unable to attend either of these events, you may purchase your Advent items from the receptionist in Satterlee Hall.

Christmas Pageant
Our annual Christmas pageant will be held during the 10:15am service on Sunday, December 22. Children are invited to participate in the production of "The Best Old Fashioned Christmas Pageant Ever." There are fun parts available to suit each child. Please email alittle@churchofadvent.org to have your child(ren) participate. Pageant rehearsal will take place on Saturday, December 21, at 10am in the church. Immediately following the pageant on December 22 all those who participated and their families are invited to a Cast Party in the PCLC Lobby!

Please note that we will not have Sunday School on December 22 and December 29.


FOR THESE PERSONS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES: Halcott R. Carter (Navy), Maren W. Catolico (Army National Guard), Henry M. Graham (Army National Guard), Christopher Guyne (Air Force), Michael R. Hall (Air Force), Alex Holland (Army), Jason Kopp (Navy), Tripp Lynn (Navy), Morgan Milanowicz (Army), Travis Moore (Army National Guard), Michael McCraw (Navy), Wayne Pennington (Army), Joshua Scybért (Army), Keytrick Thompson (Army), John Watters (Navy), and Russell Westenhaver (Army Special Forces)

FOR THE BIRTH OF THIS CHILD: Elizabeth Chiles Burnett, daughter of Anne Porcher and Haynes Burnett and granddaughter of Anne and Larry Flynn

FOR THESE PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED: Ralph Rivera, Carolyn Copley Lynn, Blanche Howe, Gretchen Hendrix, Gary Farmer, Mark Schweizer, Robert Watson Allen, Harry Hall, and John Edmond Keith

For updates or additions to the Advent Prayer List, please contact the Rev. Paula Griffin at pgriffin@churchofadvent.org or 864-504-3686.

After-Office Hours for Pastoral Emergencies: Please call 864-590-5602.

Another Successful Ecumenical Blood Drive

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our November 3 blood drive. Twenty four people donated blood and 22 units were completed. We are grateful for your participation! Please encourage your friends to join this life-saving ministry.

Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, February 23. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned to the Bell Ringer for registration information.

Christmas Memorials bulletin deadline is Tuesday, December 17

Christmas flower donations may be made in memory, honor, or thanksgiving of loved ones. Please return your form with your donation to the church office or place it the offering plate enclosed in an envelope. Forms will be available in Satterlee Hall, Pendleton Hall, and the pews on Thanksgiving Day. The deadline for inclusion in the Christmas bulletin is Tuesday, December 17, at 4pm. We regret that memorials may not be made over the phone.
Dear Middle and High School EYC,

Come and Christmas Carol with us at Summit Hills December 22nd from 3 - 5pm.

Meet at the church at 2pm

Sunday, December 1
Middle School EYC
4pm (new time)

Sunday, December 8
Middle School EYC Skating
4pm
High School Party
6:30-8pm

Wednesday, December 11
6pm Confirmation Rehearsal and Dinner

Sunday, December 15
Bishop Waldo’s Forum
(9:10am) and Confirmation (10:15) with reception to follow
Middle School Party
5:30-7:30pm

No EYC on December 29