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FEB. & MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

- 2/4 | Scout Sunday & Youth Pilgrimage Chili Sale
- 2/9 | "Almost Valentine's" Dinner & Concert
- 2/11 | 9am Vestry Installation,
- 2/13 | 6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Variety Show, Auction & Burning of the Palms
- 2/14 | Ash Wednesday Services: 7am, 12:15pm (Nursery), 5:15pm (Youth Center), 6:30pm (Incense) & Mary H. Wright Valentine's Day Parties
- 2/18 | Young Parents Night Out
- 2/25 | Blood Drive
- 3/4-11 | SPIHN Week
- 3/4 | 9am Basketball Recognition Service
- 3/9-11 | Kanuga Parish Weekend
- 3/25 | Palm Sunday / Beginning of Holy Week

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 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

This February issue of the Advent Parish Paper arrives two weeks prior to the beginning of Lent, February 14 - Ash Wednesday, or as the greeting card industry, flower industry and candy industry will focus on – Valentine's Day! This year, it may prove to be a challenging start for those of you considering giving up chocolate as part of your Lenten discipline. I think it will be interesting to see the paradoxical elements at work as starry-eyed couples go out to dinner with ashes on their foreheads.

You may want to take Brennan Szafron up on his offer to celebrate Valentine's Day on Friday, February 9, so that you can fully indulge in a special dinner, some great music, and perhaps a box of chocolates without feeling any pangs of Lenten guilt. If Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day coinciding doesn't make you smile, then perhaps Easter Day and April Fool's Day falling on the same date this year might help!

Regardless of how Lent begins and ends, it will still consist of 40 days and 40 nights (not counting Sundays). At the Advent, this special season affords us many opportunities to consider more profoundly the elements of faith and salvation that make Christianity the greatest gift the world has ever been given. I hope you will take full advantage of the quality programs that have been planned. They will be offered with the intention of providing a deeper and more meaningful experience of life.

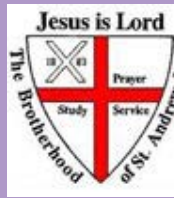
Living Well-Worshiping Well is the theme we have chosen. See the article on page 5 by Debbie Apoldo, Associate Rector for Christian Formation, for more details. I am very excited about our offerings on Sundays and Wednesdays. Take advantage of the special Adult Sunday School classes – the Rector's Forum or Parents & Community. Both will be providing a series in deepening one's faith and to learn more fully what it means to be a human being and a thriving and engaged member of the body of Christ.

The Wednesday Night Dinner & Program will lead us through a counter-intuitive yet powerful journey backwards through the services that make up the most sacred week of the entire year – Holy Week.

We'll begin on February 21 with an exploration of the Easter Vigil – the oldest celebration of the resurrection of Jesus!

The following Wednesday, we'll venture into the tomb where Jesus has been laid as we learn about Holy Saturday, and we'll stand at the foot of the Cross as we go through the elements commemorating the "perfect offering for our sins, and for the sins of the whole world" – Good Friday. The day when Jesus' death conquered death!

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The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet Sunday, February 11, at 8:45am in Dining Room C with John Cribb. John continues his lectures on

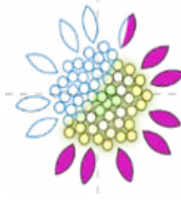
Abraham Lincoln as he develops his book that will certainly be a best seller. What John talks about are stories and situations that only a few like him have uncovered and are willing to discuss with us before his book is published.

Fellowship Group does not have a host for February 18. If you would like to host, please contact Laura at lbauknight@churchofadvent.org or 864-504-3692.

Country Store Cooking has begun! We took advantage of a slower pace in January and got a jump start on the 2018 Bazaar.



We will be at it again on February 5 and 6 from 9:00-1:00, please join us!



Serendipity will meet Monday, February 12, at 10 am at the home of Teenie Elliott, 527 Maverick Circle.

Lunch Bunch will meet Monday, February 12, at 11:45am in Dining Rooms A and B of the Parish and Community Life Center. Please reserve your meal by contacting Anne Bomar at bomar.anne@gmail.com.

Fruit of the Spirit - Advent Evening Women's Circle

Come join us in the kitchen of the Parish and Community Life Center on Thursday, February 22, at 6 pm where we will be cooking for St. Frances and St. Clare. This is always a great night of Fellowship as we cook and share appetizers and beverages.

MARK YOUR Calendars for the ECW Annual Meeting, Monday, March 5, at 11:45am. Krista Newkirk, President of Converse College will be the guest speaker. An invitation will be mailed to all women of the church. Hope you will plan to attend!



The Episcopal Church Women's Constitution has been updated this past year. Many thanks to Melissa Johnson, Paige Oberg, Lynn Sherlock, and Deborah McAbee for their many hours of work to bring our Constitution up to date. To view the document, please click on this link <https://tinyurl.com/y8zv42wo> – or visit the Parish Life page on the Web site.

From the Rector - continued from page 1

In mid-Lent we'll learn about Maundy Thursday and we will sit with Jesus and the disciples at the Last Supper and later in the Garden of Gethsemane. Hopefully we won't fall asleep like they did!

During the week of Lent 4, we will explore the meaning behind the mysterious service of Tenebrae: a liturgy that begins with the church, full of brightness, but as we hear the scripture lessons and readings from spiritual texts, the light gradually fades and turns into darkness all around us. We'll learn why.

On the final Wednesday before Holy Week, we'll have the chance to learn about the service that most people who grew up Episcopalian remember as one of their favorite Sundays of the year! Palm Sunday! The first shall be last and the last shall be first! We'll be just four days away from when we will gather in Montgomery Commons with Christians from two neighboring churches – First Presbyterian and St. Paul the Apostle Catholic!

With the lessons and learnings from our Wednesday Night Dinner & Programs fresh in our minds, we can fully partake in the richness of the Holy Week services from March 25, Palm Sunday through April 1, Easter Sunday! I hope you will indeed partake in everything you can, and if you do, I know that you will have had a truly blessed and meaningful Lent and a joyful and life-giving celebration of Easter!

I pray that you will join me in the observance of a holy Lent. God bless you. Ned+

Come hear the Charlestons on February 9; “Love is in the Air”!



This concert in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) dining rooms features the “Charlestons,” an a cappella male ensemble comprised on faculty from the Porter Gaud school in Charleston, SC. 6 pm cocktails, 6:30 three course dinner, 7:30 program, all for only \$30 per person! Tickets are available online or after Sunday services. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, February 6, at 12 noon.

Word and Music Lenten Series – 12:05 p.m. programs followed by lunch in the PCLC at 12:30pm. This year’s musical programs are:

- February 21 - Karen and Chip Hill, clarinetists
- March 7 – The Philharmonic Flutes
- March 21 – The Vista Ensemble from Columbia, SC

Congratulations to Alex and Stephen Forrest who performed with the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra on January 14!

Here is their photo on the right.

Shrove Tuesday pancake supper talent show: Shrove Tuesday is not that far away! Acts are needed for the Shrove Tuesday talent show. Anyone between the ages of 7 to 18 and may participate. Each act should be no more than 3 minutes in length. To sign up, please email bszafron@churchofadvent.org or call 864-504-3694 by Friday, February 9.



FLOWER MEMORIALS - FEBRUARY 2018

First Sunday in February – February 4

Altar Memorials

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God
 in loving memory of George and Bessie Wood and
 George Henry Wood by Louise and Frances
 in loving memory of Betty Banks Stephenson by Keenan,
 Mark, James and Banks Mullen

Baptismal Font

The flowers around the baptismal font are given to the glory of God
 in loving memory of David H. Dye by his family
 in loving memory of W. G. Foster by his family

Second Sunday in February – February 11

Altar Memorial

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God
 in loving memory of our parents, Frank G. and Ruth S.
 Hoyle, and Alfonso and Maria Teresa Gutierrez, and of
 our brother, Alfonso Gutierrez, and our nephew, Alfonso
 Gutierrez, Jr., given by their families

Third Sunday in February – February 18

Altar Memorials

The foliage that adorns the altar is given to the glory of God
 in loving memory of Edward F. Fisher, F. R. and
 Gladys Fountain and Frank and Mary Fisher by
 Mrs. Edward F. Fisher

Baptismal Font

The foliage around the baptismal font is given to the glory of God
 in loving memory of Steve A. Reynolds by his family

Fourth Sunday in February – February 25

The foliage that adorns the altar is given to the glory of God

in loving memory of Harold E. McElhenney
 by his family

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

Recurring Weekly Activities

Sunday

4:30pm Youth Choir
6pm Sunday Night ConneXion
Mon.-Fri., 8:15am Morning Prayer
Mon. & Thurs., 1:30pm - Al-Anon

Monday

5:30pm AA

Tuesday

7am HS Prayer Breakfast
10am Staff Prayer/Meeting
Tues. & Fri., 9:30am Watercolor Class
3pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
4:30pm Meditation Group
5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
6:30pm Troop One Meeting
6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

Wednesday

7am 9th Grade Prayer B'fast
9:30am Archives Committee
5:15pm Angel, Junior Choirs
5:30pm Evening Worship
6:30pm Advent Schola
8pm AA and Al-Anon

Thursday

7am Middle School Prayer B'fast
9am Women's Bible Study
12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
12:30pm Cherub Choir
6pm Advent Toner

Thursday, 1 February

7:00am Men's Bible Study and Fellowship
5:15pm Orientation for Vestry-Elect Members
6:15pm Combined Vestry Meeting

Sunday, February 4 - 5th Epiphany

7:45am Holy Eucharist I
9:00am Holy Eucharist II
10:10am Sunday School for all ages
11:15am Holy Eucharist II/Scout Service with lunch to follow

Monday, 5 February

9:30am Ecumenical Blood Drive Meeting

Tuesday, 6 February

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
2:30pm Listening Hearts Group
3:00pm Liturgy Commission

Wednesday, 7 February

6pm Youth UNplugged

Thursday, 8 February

7am Men's Bible Study and Fellowship
10am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist

Friday, 9 February

6pm "Almost Valentine's" Dinner and Music Event

Sunday, February 11, 6th Epiphany

7:30am-12:30pm Ecumenical Blood Drive
7:45am Holy Eucharist I
8:45am The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
9am Holy Eucharist II/Vestry Commissioning
10:10am Sunday School for all ages
11:15am Holy Eucharist I/Baptism
2:00pm Vestry and Staff Retreat

Monday, 12 February

10:00am Serendipity Circle
12:00pm Phebe Crosland Lunch Bunch
5:30pm Parish Life Commission

Tuesday, 13 February - Shrove Tuesday

11:45am Cancer Association Luncheon
12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing
6pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Talent Show, Silent Auction

Wednesday, 14 February

Ash Wednesday Services at 7am, 12:15pm (nursery available), 5:30pm (Youth Center) and 6:30pm (Incense)
12:30pm Outreach Commission Meeting

1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare
1:15pm Mary H. Wright Valentine's Day Parties

Thursday, 15 February

6:45am Men's Bible Study Breakfast

Sunday, February 18 - 1st Lent

7:45am Holy Eucharist I
9am Holy Eucharist II

10:10am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Holy Eucharist II

12:30pm Pastoral Visitors Lunch

5:45pm Young Parents Night Out (reservations required)

6:30pm Fellowship Group 1

Monday, 19 February

5:30pm Parish Management
5:30pm Adult Formation Commission

Wednesday, 21 February

12:05pm Word & Music Series
5:45pm Wed. Night Dinner/Kids Crew/ Nursery

Thursday, 22 February

9:00am St. Francis & St. Clare Cooking
6pm Fruit of the Spirit Circle
7:30pm Advent College Group

Sunday, February 25 - 2nd Lent

7:30am-12:30pm Ecumenical Blood Drive

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

8:45am Occasional Choir

9:00am Holy Eucharist II

10:10am Sunday School for All Ages

11:15am Holy Eucharist I

Tuesday, 27 February

6:15pm Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, 28 February

12:05pm Word & Music Series

5:45pm Wed. Night Dinner/Kids Crew/ Nursery

7:00pm 11th & 12th Grade Journey Group

Thursday, 1 March

7:00am Men's Bible Study and Fellowship

7:30pm Advent College Group

Sunday, March 4 - 3rd Lent

SPIHN WEEK

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

9:00am Holy Eucharist II/Basketball

Recognition

10:10am Sunday School for All Ages

11:15am Holy Eucharist I

Advent Children's Center Registration

The Episcopal Church of the Advent offers a quality educational program for children 6 months of age through 4K. Registration for the 2018 - 2019 school year will begin in February 2018. Please contact the ACC office at kborowski@churchofadvent.org or 864-585-7143 for more information or to schedule a tour.

SPIHN Week - March 4-11

Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be with us



the first of week of March. We will need your help for setup & breakdown, meals, hosting dinner time and staying the evening.

If you can assist, please sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/y9h5z4oq>. You may also contact Steve Wyman at jsstevew@gmail.com or 864-621-4148.

The Lighter Side of Lent

The Rev. Deborah Apoldo, Associate Rector for Christian Formation

The lighter side of Lent – sounds a bit like a Monty Python skit or an oxymoron. Yet our Lenten observance and disciplines do have a paradoxical quality about them. Yes, in the days and weeks leading up to Holy Week, and especially in the liturgies Holy Week, God calls our hearts and minds to engage the reality of suffering; our own suffering, the suffering in the world, and most especially the suffering of our Lord as he was betrayed, tortured, and hung on a cross.

Some posit that the origin of the moniker “Good Friday” is a distortion of “God’s Friday.” Others suggest that the origin of the name of the day of Jesus’ death is from the ancient meaning of “good” which was holy or sacred. Good Friday certainly seems counter-intuitive. Here’s the ultimate paradox, though. Through, and even during, the horrific events of that day, God fulfilled his life-giving promise of redemption and eternal life.

The season of Lent leads us on a path toward that redemption. Lent, and in particular, Holy Week gives us the opportunity to experience salvation in the midst of suffering, our own present or past suffering or altruistic and empathic suffering for the brokenness of this world. As we embark on our parish-wide journey through Lent, which is themed “Living Well – Worshiping Well,” we hope to live into the reality of salvation through faith in Jesus right here and right now, even in the midst of suffering.

Parents in Community on Sunday Mornings: The Alpha Course Beginning January 28 and continuing through the spring – the Parents in Community Class is working their way through “The Alpha Course,” thirteen talks about the basic tenants of the Christian faith. Each week we’ll hear thoughts and teaching on such subjects as Who Is Jesus?, Why Did Jesus Die?, How Can I Be Sure of My Faith?, Why and How Should I Read the Bible?, How Do I Pray?, Who Is the Holy Spirit?, How Does God Guide Us?, and more. After the talk there will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss meaning in a safe and open atmosphere of learning from one another. All of this is meant to help empower parents to have “God conversations” with their children. Don’t worry if you have to miss some classes. Just come as you are able.

Sunday Morning Rector’s Forum during Lent: Living Well, February 18-March 18

Pick up your copy of our parish-wide devotional read “Living Well” (available in the Church on Sunday mornings and around the campus at other locations) and begin to enter into the theme of *Living Well-Worshiping Well*. You discover opportunities to explore each weekly theme in depth. Then, come to the Rector’s Forum on Sunday mornings for a brief “tee up” and a longer community conversation about your experience of these themes.

Wednesday Night Dinner and Program during Lent: Worshiping Well, February 21-March 21

Dinner begins at 5:45pm and programs for children, youth and adults goes from 6:30-7:15.

Adults will be led through the various liturgies of Holy Week beginning with the Easter Vigil and working backward to Palm Sunday. Clergy will explain the meaning of the rituals, the traditions that have been passed on from ancient worshipers, and the theological and practical implications of each of the services of Holy Week. As we explore these liturgies, we’ll focus on enhancing the experience of our worship, but also on how our worship speaks to the realities of our lives.



Congratulations to all who were confirmed by Bishop Andrew Waldo in December 2017!

Operation Magi Thank You

Thank you to each of you for your generosity in making this year's Operation Magi a tremendous success. While some might look at this photo and see a room full of garbage bags, we see the love you shared with over 40 Mary H. Wright children. You signed up, you shopped, and, boy, did you deliver! The parents who came to pick up your gift donations were clearly moved and deeply grateful for the Advent's care. In addition to the sponsored children, we also collected over 30 coats for the clothes closet at MHW. We suspect some of those were put to use when the kids arrived back at school and again during the snow days! Participants also funded the magical snow for Polar Express Day and the children's jingle bells.



We pray that your participation added joy to your family's Christmas celebration—or at least a walk down memory lane between Easy Bake Ovens and GI Joes! THANK YOU!!

Valentine's Day Parties at Mary H. Wright Elementary School, February 14 (also Ash Wednesday)

We will celebrate Valentine's Day at 1:15pm. Please contact Joy Oates (joyoates@aol.com) or Julie Schwartz (julieschwartz@charter.net) to learn more. Thank you for sharing God's light and love with these children!

What About the Altar Guild?; a place to serve and be blessed.

The Rev. Debbie Apoldo

A while back I attended the annual dinner meeting of the Altar Guild. It was more of a celebration and experience of fellowship than it was a meeting. As I listened to the conversation at my table, I heard stories of years, make that decades, of dedication and joyful service. When I stood to give the opening invocation, I paused for a moment and asked folks to call out the number of years they had been on the Guild. I was astounded that not just one or two, but many said they had been serving this church as a member of the Altar guild for forty years or more! All I could think to say was thank you!

What is it about this ministry that elicits such devotion? That's a question better answered by the men and women who serve, but I'll take a shot at some possibilities. For one thing, my experience of the people who are drawn to serve the church in this way is that they are humble. Their service takes place at times and in places where few people see them doing what they do. Yet, all of us see the results of their labors.

Polished silver and brass, carefully cared for linens, candles that burn without fail, Lay Eucharistic kits that are cleaned, prepared and ready for use, kneelers that are meticulously created and cared for, setting the altar and the credence table both in the chapel and in the church – in short, all the necessities of worship and attending to the Lord's table that bless us as worshipers and that bless God and our Lord, Jesus – this is the domain of those who dedicate themselves to prayer by service.

The Altar Guild is a "guild" in every sense. Those who serve are trained in their respective duties and they support one another as they seek to give all to the glory of God. Is it possible that you are called to this vitally important ministry in our midst? The varieties of jobs and the amount of time required to carry them out makes this a place of service that can, in most cases, be adapted to your needs and availability. In many cases you would perform your duties one week out of the month (not every day, but as needed depending on the job you have). Some tasks are "bite sized" and can be accomplished without a great interruption to your other commitments. Training is given with love and patience and when the occasional conflict in your personal schedule arises, there is usually a way to trade your slot or ask someone to fill in.

All of what I've said is partly to convince you to consider this opportunity to serve. But more than the practical matters that you might consider is the blessing that comes from being connected to God and to prayer and to one another in this unique realm of devotion. For more information about specific jobs and time commitments, please contact Judy Waddell who leads the Altar Guild at judywaddell@charter.net.

New Date for the Chili Sale

The 2018 Youth Pilgrimage Chili Sale will take place on Sunday, February 4. The Youth will offer White Chicken Chili and Black Bean Turkey Chili. The cost will be \$9. Come support our pilgrimages to Alaska and Utah and get some great eats for Super Bowl Sunday!



“Blood Sunday”

Ecumenical Blood Drive



The bloodmobile from the Blood Connection will be at the Advent on **Sunday, February 25, from 7:30am to 12:30pm**. We will join with at least six other area churches in collecting blood in our community. This is an important part of the Advent’s community outreach. We have had great success with our ecumenical blood drives over the past year, and we hope that everyone in the parish, who is able to do so, will consider being a part of the drive. To sign up, please contact Cathy McCabe at cathy.mccabe78@gmail.com or 864-706-1845. Please remember to bring your photo ID or blood donor card.

Reminder: The Parish Paper Submission Deadline for the March issue will be Friday, February 16.

A Healthcare Power of Attorney

A Healthcare Power of Attorney is meant to be in place to allow you to make healthcare decisions for yourself when you are not able to speak for yourself. Not having a document of this type will likely put undue stress on family members and can lead to unnecessary disagreements at a very difficult time. Take the choice and doubt over what you would have wanted to happen to you away from everyone else. Creating a Health Care Power of Attorney is a simple and selfless act that can keep family members together, rather than tearing them apart. When tensions and grief are extremely high, a plan in place allows decisions to flow smoothly. It is best to have a Healthcare Power Of Attorney and a Living Will to make your wishes clear for your loved ones.

We have an excellent booklet from the Episcopal Church Foundation entitled, “Faithful Stewards of Your Good Gifts” which includes comprehensive instruction on all of these issues. Contact Kit Jennings at 864-504-3689 or kjennings@churchofadvent.org for a copy.

February Youth Happenings!

- February 3: Scouts Merit Badge College
- February 4: Scout Sunday @ 11:15am; Youth Pilgrimage Chili Sale
XCentric - 10:10-11:05am (Youth Center)
Confirmation in Deacons Room
Sunday Night Youth ConneXion Group, 6 to 7:30pm
Dodgeball in the Gym
- February 8: 11th & 12th Grade Journey Group
- February 9-11: Scouts Ski Trip
- February 11: XCentric 10:10-11:05am (Youth Center)
Confirmation in Deacons Room
Sunday Night Youth ConneXion Group, 6 to 7:30pm
Climb Upstate
- February 13: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- February 14: Ash Wednesday Services 7am, 12:15pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm
- February 18: XCentric - 10:10-11:05am (Youth Center)
Confirmation in Deacons Room
Sunday Night Youth ConneXion Group, 6 to 7:30pm
Scavenger Hunt
- February 25: XCentric - 10:10-11:05am (Youth Center)
Confirmation in Deacons Room
Sunday Night Youth ConneXion Group, 6 to 7:30pm
Movie Night
HS Students: “The Walking Dead” and Discussion Group
9 pm @ David D’s

**The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses**

December 2017

	YTD Actual	Last Year Actual
YTD Total Pledge Contribution	\$1,730,581	\$1,656,832
YTD Total Revenues	\$1,901,520	\$1,827,921
YTD Expenses	\$1,878,685	\$1,852,235

Scout Sunday, February 4, 11:15am service

The Boy Scouts of Troop 1 and the Girl Scouts of Troop 1664 will be honored at the 11:15 am service this Sunday. Come help us celebrate their many accomplishments of this year. Lunch will follow in the Gym.

Young Families' Parents Night Out

February 18, 6:00-7:30pm / Reservations required / details below

Join us for a Young Families' Parents Night Out!

Children will enjoy pizza, games and a craft at the church during the Parent's Night out while the parents will fellowship at a host home. All age children (infant to 5th grade) are welcomed and encouraged to come. We will have nursery for infants through age 3, and the older children will all meet in the gym for an evening of fun activities. Please drop your children off at the church beginning at 5:45 pm on February 18.

Parents, please plan on bringing an appetizer with you to the host home. Monitor the Bell Ringer as we fine-tune details. Beverages will be provided. We are looking forward to a great time together! Please RSVP to Suzanne Dantin at sdantin@churchofadvent.org.

Kids' Crew - Wednesday Nights During Lent

Kids' Crew will be up and running during the Lenten season beginning on Wednesday, February 21, and continuing through Wednesday, March 21. Kids' Crew welcomes all children ages 4K through 5th grade for a time of learning, fellowship and fun! It meets on Wednesdays immediately following the dinner at 6:30pm and concludes at 7:15pm.

Basketball Recognition - Sunday, March 4

All Advent basketball players are encouraged to attend the 9 am church service on Sunday, March, 4 for Basketball Recognition Sunday. After the service, we will enjoy a delicious breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs, grits and biscuits in the gym. The cost of breakfast will be \$15 per family. Please RSVP to Suzanne Dantin at sdantin@churchofadvent.org.



Thanks to our parents and directors for your support of the Christmas pageant!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS (Ages 1-11)

- 1 - Lucy Delaney
- 5 - Jack Clarke
- 5 - Henry Taylor
- 7 - Beau Montgomery
- 8 - Trevor Norton
- 9 - Sam Strickland
- 15 - Thomas Brewington
- 15 - McGinnis Frazier
- 23 - Grayson Boucher



SHROVE TUESDAY

Pancake Supper, Talent Show and Silent Auction

Tuesday, February 13

6:00-7:30pm

Parish & Community Life Center

Cost: \$3 children, \$6 adults; \$25 family maximum

Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us at 6pm in the PCLC Dining Rooms. Eat pancakes and sausage; watch some amazing talent, bid for youth services and artwork and burn palms from previous Palm Sundays that will be used for ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 14. Proceeds will go toward the 2018 Youth Pilgrimage.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT PRAYER LIST AS OF JANUARY 18, 2018

WE ARE ASKED TO REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS: Gus Allen, Richard Bagnol, Gloria Bock, Mac Cates, Judith Chase, Jane Clark, Marianne Clark, Ted Conwell, Dale Dixon, Roland Doepner, Jean Dunbar, Roy Ellis, Sue Fisher, Aly Goodwin, T. Griffin, Bob Heim, Richard Hollis, Taft Hunt, Betty Irwin, Anna Johnson, Julian Josey, Steve Leamy, Diane Lee, Giles Lewis, Frances Loudon, Jesse Martin, Jim McCullough, Glenn McGee, Kathleen McGee, Anne McIntyre, Iris Milhous, Cynthia Moseley, Dinny Moses, 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, Bill Bobo and family, Cody Bowman, Jim Burchfield, Jim Carlisle, Jamie Cobb, Chase Comer, Tom Conwell, Aiden Rito Cope, Rita Creedon, Lois Daum, Lester Dixon, Devin Edwards, Mary Satterlee Egglezos, Emma Jacqueline Finke, Sally Foster, Robert Gnerlich, Jack Graham, Peggy Graham, Cathy Grooms, Larry Head, Rick Holm, Joan Horvath, Allison Hoy, Ann Huckaby, Ken Huckaby, Barbara Humphries, Dick Humphries, Tot Hurteau, Mary Kinard, Joe Lawrence, Bud Lail, Donghee Lee, Fritz Lloyd, Cynthia M., Elaine Mann, Jan Martin, Willis Martin, Ben Marshall, Taylor Martin, Serena McCann, Tony Messel, Louis and Mary Anne Miller, Jodi Molnar, Felicia Montabano, Cindy Mounce, Perrin and Kendall Nicolson, Julia Oates, Emily Oostdyk, Dale Oostdyk, Tony Owens, Joe Peek, Ginger Phillips, Jack Pikiewicz, Butch Pittman, Roy Roe and family, Randy Romberger, Madison Simpson, Carolyn Smyth, Grayson Spring, Wesley Stoddard, Joan Suttles, Pamela Tatham, David Watters, Holly Westcott, Justin Daniel Wyatt and Vicki Zdanowski

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 Westenhover (Army Special Forces)

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

FOR THIS CHILD RECENTLY BORN OR ADOPTED: Julian Mullis, great grandson of Bennie Larj

FOR THESE PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED: Martha T. Lovett, Brandon Barnhouse, Sandra Sondov, Tom Davis, Clyde Ireland and Mike Doty

For Prayers To Be Included On The Confidential Prayer List Of The Daughters Of The King (DOK)

Please fill out a blue prayer card found in the pew rack and drop it in the wooden box on the wall at the back of the nave. You can also leave a request on the DOK prayer line 864-504-3681.

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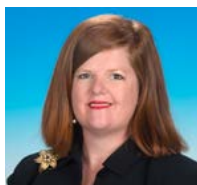
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