



The PARISH PAPER

That Christ's light be seen in us

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SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

MAY 20

8:00am | Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:00am | Adult Sunday School

10:30am | Holy Eucharist Rite II

Graduations and Pilgrimages —It takes a Village

Let me say thank you to all of you who have so graciously supported the efforts of our pilgrims and their parents in raising the funds for the 2018 Pilgrimages to Alaska June 7-15 and Utah June 22-29. These life changing experiences are only realized through this community's continued love and support our young people.

What exactly is a pilgrimage and what do we do when we are on one? A pilgrimage is a journey of discovery, a discovery of faith, hope and new spiritual insights that the pilgrim may not have experienced before. As our pilgrims depart this June from the Advent for our destinations, we will leave with an anticipation of encountering God on our journey. Through a commitment to the word of God and a living passionate Savior, we will seek the heart of God for ourselves and each other.

As part of our pilgrimage, we will be introduced to an insider's view of the culture and be given an opportunity to serve our new "neighbors" by doing the tasks most necessary to aid the local community.

In planning the pilgrimage, we intentionally seek opportunities for transformational experiences or moments where we can encounter God's presence. As the author of the universe, God is present and active in unfolding the divine story to all of us. Through cultural experiences, unique locations, engaging storytelling, the discovery of history, and worship opportunities, God meets us face to face. This is the wonder that causes our hearts to awaken to both our Creator and His creation.

Part of the experience of our pilgrimage is to discover a passion in living an active life with Christ. Seeing God as the Author of Life and ourselves as a part of that ever-unfolding story we will learn a variety of ways that we can grow in our faith and in our relationships with one another. I encourage you to pray for all of us journeying together on these pilgrimages to Alaska and Utah.

On May 13th we will be honoring the Graduating Class of 2018 with a special brunch in the Youth Center and recognition at the 11:15am service. As our graduating seniors prepare for the next chapter in their lives, I would like to say how honored I have been to share some great times together over the past four years with them. I really have come to appreciate more the phrase "It takes a village." Many in our parish have taught, chaperoned, fed, or even simply prayed for these graduating seniors. As our high school seniors leave here, please know that as a community, the Advent has and continues to shape and inspire both the spiritual and physical wellbeing of our youth. Thank you for providing a loving and caring community for our youth. A list of the 2018 Pilgrims and Graduating Seniors can be found on page 6.

Peace, David Dixon

Wednesday Night Dinners in May

May 2/ 5:45-7pm. Following dinner, we will celebrate our partnership with Mary H. Wright Elementary School highlighting the talent and artistic gifts of many of the MHW Students.

May 9/ 5:45-7pm. Following dinner, we will watch a video highlighting the many programs and activities of the 2017-2018 program year beginning with 2017 VBS and running through this Easter. After the video, we will share some of our personal experiences while brainstorming ideas for the upcoming program year.

TO RESERVE YOUR MEAL, please contact Gail Owens by noon the Monday before at gowens@churchofadvent.org or 864-583-2438.

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!

MAY COOK DATES: May 3 / Strawberry Jam; May 22 / Vidalia Onion Relish.



EPISCOPALS /MAY 9/11:45AM in Dining Rooms A and B of the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC). “Handel With Care” is the theme of our last EpiscoPals of the year. Our guests from Asheville are: Dr. Julie Fortney who is recently retired from the music faculty of Mars Hill College and Kyle Ritter who is Dean for Music at All Souls Cathedral. They will be assisted by other friends. Please reserve your lunch by emailing gowens@churchofadvent.org or calling 864-583-2438. As always, Advent members and their guests who are 45+ are invited to come and enjoy the lunch, fellowship, and program.

SORTA YOUNG BABY BOOMERS/FRIDAY, MAY 11/6:30PM

Join hosts, David Graham and Bridget Wolfe at 124 Burnette Drive for this relaxed evening of fellowship and fun. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Please let David and Bridget know you are coming by emailing dgraham@contecinc.com. Traditionally this group is people born in the years 1946-1970, but ALL are welcome!



Serendipity will meet at 10am on Monday, May 14, at the home of Gail Rodgers, 638 Crystal Drive. Regrets ONLY please to Gail: gail4888@gmail.com or 864-582-4888. Alene Pittman is the co-host.

Lunch Bunch will meet Monday, May 14, at 12pm in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC. Please reserve your meal by contacting Anne Bomar at bomar.anne@gmail.com. Please support our service project by bringing canned goods to lunch. This is the last Lunch Bunch for this program year. Have a wonderful summer, and stay tuned to the Bell Ringer for food pantry donation opportunities!

PENTECOST SUNDAY, May 20**CONFIRMATION, DEDICATION OF HISTORICAL MARKER AND PICNIC**

All Advent families are encouraged to celebrate Pentecost Sunday and our Confirmands. Following the 10:30am service we will dedicate a new Historical Marker and then enjoy a picnic on the lawn including Gail's fried chicken and all the fixins! Children's activities, including take-home church boxes, as well as a slide show will keep us entertained while we fellowship and celebrate another amazing program year at the Advent. Dress comfortably, wear your nametag, and bring a blanket. The Gym will be the rain location. Your donations are welcome to help cover food cost.

Fellowship Group/Sunday, May 20/6:30pm – will gather at the home of George and B Durham, 620 Turpin Road in Inman. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. Please let George and B know you are coming by emailing: edurham64@gmail.com. Traditionally this group is people born in the years 1930-1958, but ALL are welcome!

Music Recognition at the End of April: On April 25, the music department held its first ever music recognition dinner where several Junior choristers were awarded with medals and ribbons for their achievements in the Church of the Advent music program. This was done in front of all adults and children in the music program and I hope for this to become an annual tradition.

Ascension Day Evensong, Thursday, May 10, at 6pm: On May 10, the Church of the Advent Evensong Choir and the Advent Toners will be offering a service of Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Ascension. Come for this beautiful extra musical service where you'll not only get to go "up with a shout"; you'll get to partake in a fantastic outdoor reception with wine (weather permitting) afterwards, outside the Parish and Community Life Center.

Hymn of the Month - "Welcome Happy Morning": This month's edition to the Parish Paper will feature the first in a series of ongoing articles about hymns which we sing at the Church of the Advent. Right now we're well into the Easter season, so I figured I'd talk about "Welcome Happy Morning," arguably parishioners' favorite Easter hymn. The text and the tune were written by two different people. The hymn tune, known as Fortunatus was written by Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900), best known as the musical half of the lyrics/music duo "Gilbert & Sullivan" who created many comedic operas which satirized 19th century English society. The tune name, Fortunatus was named after the writer of the hymn text, Venantius Honoris Clementianus Fortunatus (c.530 – c. 600/609 AD), a Latin poet and hymnodist. Fortunatus was also a bishop of the early Christian church. The text of "Welcome Happy Morning" was originally written in Latin, but translated into English in the 19th century.

Summer Choir: Ah yes, it's that time of the year again! For 95% of the Sundays of the church year, services at the Church of the Advent are led by some kind of a choir. Starting May 27 and continuing up to August 12, the music program will offer a summer choir where anyone ages 10 to 110 can show up to the choir room at 9:45 any Sunday during the summer to learn an easy anthem for the upcoming 10:30 service. The atmosphere is low key and relaxed, and the summer choir provides a great way to lead the singing in worship at a time of year when many people take vacation. For more information, please call 864-504-3694 or bszafron@churchofadvent.org.

Ideas for the 2018-19 Concerts and Special Services? Is there a particular service with music which you'd like to see offered at this church? Is there a musical ensemble either local or out of town whom you'd like to hear at the Advent? If so, please talk to Brennan and he'll be glad to see whether or not he can make it happen! Call 864-504-3694 or email bszafron@churchofadvent.org if you have any suggestions.

FLOWER MEMORIALS MAY 2018

First Sunday in May – May 6

Altar Memorial

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

Patricia Reamy Curry by her family

Second Sunday in May - May 13

Altar Memorials

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

Robert Zimmerman Cates, Mary Love Fraleigh Cates, MacFarlane Lafferty Cates, Mary DuPre Cates, Elisabeth Cates Wall, Mary Love Cates Hayes, Mary Love "Zoo" Cates Hayes, Clifford Barron Hayes III and Robert Cates Hayes by their families

Third Sunday in May - May 20 - Pentecost Sunday

Altar Memorial

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

Dr. William F. Price from his family

Fourth Sunday in May – May 27

Altar Memorials

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John H. Bachman, Jr. by his family

in memory of loved ones by Mrs. Stokes J. Smith and 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

12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

Tuesday, May 1

7am High School Prayer Breakfast

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

2pm Listening Hearts Group

5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing

Wednesday, May 2

7am 9th Grade Prayer Breakfast 11:45am

Advent Office Volunteer Lunch

5:45pm Wed. Dinner & Mary H. Wright

School Arts Program

6:30pm Advent Schola

Thursday, May 3

7am Men's Bible Study

7am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

9am Country Store Cooking

9am Women's Fellowship & Bible Study

6pm Advent Toners

6:30pm Women's Evening Fellowship &

Bible Study

Friday, May 4

SUNDAY, May 6 - 6th Easter

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

8:45-11:30am Youth Pilgrimage Car Wash

9am Holy Eucharist II

10:10am Sunday School for all ages

10:10am Adult Confirmation Class

11:15am Holy Eucharist I

4 to 7pm Safe Church Training

4:30pm Youth Choir

5:15pm Gabriel's Instruments

6pm Youth ConneXion Bowling Night

Monday, May 7

5:30pm Assault on Mt. Mitchell Drivers Meeting

Tuesday, May 8

7am High School Prayer Breakfast

11:45am Cancer Assoc. Luncheon

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

5:30pm Youth Pilgrims' Dinner's Ready

Pickup

6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

6:30pm Troop 1 Meeting

Wednesday, May 9

7am 9th Grade Prayer Breakfast

11:45am EpiscoPals

5:15pm Angel Choir/Junior Choir

5:45pm Wed. Night Dinner & End-of-Year

Highlights

6:30pm Advent Schola

7pm 11th & 12th Grade Journey Group

Thursday, May 10 - ASCENSION DAY

7am Men's Bible Study

7am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

9am Women's Bible Study & Fellowship

10am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist

4pm Rehearsal for Evensong

5:30pm Ascension Day Sung Evening

Prayer and Outdoor Reception

6:30pm Women's Evening Fellowship &

Bible Study

SUNDAY, May 13- 7th Easter

Sunday after Ascension Day

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

8:45-11:30am Youth Pilgrimage Car Wash

8:45am The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

9am Holy Eucharist II

10am Baccalaureate Brunch

10:10am Sunday School for all ages

10:10am Adult Confirmation Class

11:15am Holy Eucharist II/Baccalaureate

Recognition

6pm Youth ConneXion Dodgeball

6:30pm Fellowship Group 1

Monday, May 14

10am Serendipity Circle

12pm Phebe Crosland Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, May 15

7am High School Prayer Breakfast

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

6:30pm Troop 1 Meeting

Wednesday, May 16

7am 9th Grade Prayer Breakfast

12pm Mary H Wright 5th Grade Lunch

5:15pm Angel Choir/Junior Choir

6pm Youth UNplugged

Thursday, May 17

6:45am Men's Bible Study Breakfast

7am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

9am Women's Fellowship & Bible Study

9am Country Store Cooking

6pm Advent Toners

6:30pm Women's Evening Fellowship &

Bible Study

Friday, May 18

10am ACC Year-End Concert

SUNDAY, May 20

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

8am Holy Eucharist I

9am Sunday School: Gleaners Class

10:30am Holy Eucharist II

12pm Pentecost Picnic & Celebration|

6pm Youth ConneXion Party

6:30pm Fellowship Group 1

Monday, May 21

9:30am Ecumenical Blood Drive Meeting

6pm DOK Meeting and Dinner

Tuesday, May 22

9am Country Store Cooking

Thursday, May 24

7am Men's Bible Study

6pm Advent Toners

7:30pm Advent College Group

Friday, May 25

8:30am Mary H. Wright School Field Day

(K-2nd Grade)

SUNDAY, May 27 - 1st Pentecost

TRINITY SUNDAY

8am Holy Eucharist I

9am Sunday School: Gleaners Class

9:30am Summer Choir

10:30am Holy Eucharist II

Monday, May 28 - Office closed

Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 29

8:30am Mary H. Wright School Field Day

(3rd-5th Grades at Stewart Park)

5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing

Wednesday, May 30

10am Staff/Prayer Meeting

Thursday, May 31

7am Men's Bible Study

Adult Christian Formation

Faith Rules

The Rev. Deborah D. Apoldo

Some time ago someone in the Parents in Community class asked me if there was a book they could read that explains what Episcopalians believe. Ah, er, um well yes, sort of. You see we Anglicans (which is the term that describes the world-wide expression of what we call the Episcopal Church here in the United States) have what you might call a generosity of spirit as it regards beliefs. Of course we affirm the core essential tenants of the Christian faith, but we don't really have "litmus tests" when it comes to some other matters that have been the subject of debate and interpretation for centuries.

The Book of Common Prayer and our liturgy reveal a great deal about our Episcopal ethos, especially the catechism (teaching) in the back of the Prayer Book. There is another helpful resource that I commend to anyone who is looking for answers to the what we believe question. It's a little book titled *Episcopal Questions, Episcopal Answers: Exploring Christian Faith* by Ian S. Markham and C.K. Robertson. Another interesting book that I ran across recently is titled *Faith Rules: an Episcopal Manual* also written by Ian S. Markham with Samantha R.E. Gottlich.

One of the "rules" suggested in this book is "Trust that God has spoken in Jesus." Here's a portion of what the authors mean by this rule: "All religions trust that somewhere God has spoken. For the Hindus, it is the Upanishads; for Jews, the Torah; and for Muslims, the Qur'an. So Christians believe that Jesus Christ (the Jew who lived approximately two thousand years ago in Israel) is the very utterance of God on earth. In other words, when you look at that life you see what God is like. To use traditional language, Jesus is the Eternal Word made flesh." (*Faith Rules: an Episcopal Manual*, Morehouse Publishing, p. 23). Just some ideas for your summer spiritual reading. DDA

May Adult Formation Opportunities

Sundays during the Sunday School hour (10:10-11:05am)

The Feasts of the Easter Season

The Rector's Forum

We'll take a look at the meaning and special elements found in the observance of each of the major feasts that take place during the Easter season. Each session will cover the biblical, church traditions and current practices of these celebrations in such a way as to enhance our experience of worship and devotion.

May 10 – The Feast of the Ascension

May 20 – The Feast of Pentecost

May 27 – Trinity Sunday

Continuing through The Alpha Course Talks

Parents In Community

The Alpha Course is a series of talks on core tenets of the faith – why they matter and how they related to our lives. Following up on the April topics related to the person and work of the Holy Spirit, topics coming in May include: How Do I Resist Evil? and How Does God Guide Us? Come join the class and the discussion and learn for yourself so that you can explain these important teachings to your children.

Confirmation on May 20 at 10:30am

Several adults who have been preparing to be confirmed by participating in this Spring's class will go before the Bishop for Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation. Please be present at the 10:30 service that day to celebrate a wonderful moment in the life of our church family. A family picnic follows the service.

Confirmation Corner

Our final session two classes for the Spring Semester will be April 29 and May 6. Both of these classes will be held in the large room and we will be discussing Faith and tackling a few questions like, "What is faith?" Also, "How does it work in our lives as followers of Christ?" This will lead us into the summer months in which there will be no classes, but the confirmands will be working with Suzanne Dantin and the VBS team in July.

Baccalaureate Sunday: Please congratulate the following seniors who will graduate this year!

The parish will honor the seniors at the 11:15am service on Sunday, May 13. Graham Hall will deliver the sermon. A brunch will precede the service at 10am in the Youth Center.

Miss Kathleen Atkins Babb
Miss Carlisle Green Brice
Miss Lindsay Kate Brown
Miss Mary Fields Chewning
Miss Claire Jennings Coleman
Miss Mary Lamoreaux Cribb
Mr. Carey Parker Evans

Mr. Brett Michael Frost
Mr. Alexander Crowell Hall
Mr. William Graham Hall
Miss Nan Marie Miles
Mr. Charles Bryan Overcarsh III
Mr. Jackson Tinsley Pye
Mr. Thompson Parker Rudolph

Miss Patricia Joan Ryan
Mr. James Benjamin Stevens
Miss Anna Hemeter Stone
Miss Augusta Carlisle Switzer
Mr. Connor Dodd Tighe
Mr. Jackson Calhoun Warren
Miss Lily Landreth Webster

Youth Pilgrimage Concert: Sounds 2018 - Thanks to our local musicians for supporting our pilgrimages by donating their time: Randy Foster, Michael Krell, Zoe Kushubar, Fayssoux McLean, Roy McBee Smith, Mike Tebalt, Brandon Turner and Brennan Szafron. Thanks, too, to our Music Trivia emcee, Kit Jennings, and donors!



Pilgrimage 2018 Participants

ALASKA PILGRIMAGE JUNE 7-15

1. Ligon Chewning
2. Jonah Dixon
3. Jack Gaskins
4. Chris Jungkind
5. William Morris
6. Ethan Neely
7. Hank Warren
8. David Dixon, Chaperone
9. Chris Strickland, Chaperone

UTAH PILGRIMAGE JUNE 22-29

1. Hannah Babb
2. William Cubitt
3. Chad Frost
4. Bern Jungkind
5. Henry Killoren
6. Robert King
7. Halstead Morris
8. Beth Tanner Myers
9. William Pitts

10. Taylor Pittman
11. Mary Lovett Pye
12. Bennett Rudolph
13. Graham Scheel
14. Elizabeth Stone
15. Elliot Toler
16. David Dixon, Chaperone
17. Kari Warren, Chaperone



Dinner's Ready Homemade Meals to Go

benefiting the 2018 Youth
Pilgrimages to Alaska and Utah
Cost per meal: \$9
Call 864-504-3683 to order.
Meal pickup 5:30-6:30pm
in the PCLC.

Tuesday, May 8

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

*order by 5pm Wed., May 1

Youth Pilgrimage Car Wash

Sunday, May 6

8:45-11:30am

(parking lot near
Kennedy Street)



**DONATIONS ACCEPTED
AND GREATLY APPRECIATED!**

Outreach at Mary H. Wright

Please let us know if you are interested in helping with the following activities. We will contact you closer to the date: **Wednesday, May 16** (5th grade Luncheon in the PCLC dining rooms); **Friday, May 25** (K-2nd Grade Field Day) and **Tuesday, May 29** (3rd-5th grade Field Day). These kids need good people in their lives, and we would love for you to connect in some way! Contact Joy Oates at joyoates61@gmail.com or Julie Schwartz at julieschwartz@charter.net to learn more.

Reminder: The Parish Paper Submission Deadline for the combined June-July issue will be Wednesday, May 16.

Your Living Will – Crafting Wishes and Leaving a Roadmap

A Living Will lets you choose the types of medical treatments you want and the types you don't want. It can express your wish to not receive life-sustaining medical treatment in the event of injury or terminal illness, or if you are in a vegetative state or coma. The Living Will allows medical personnel to withhold or withdraw treatment but does NOT authorize mercy killing or any acceleration of death. It is a roadmap for your doctors to use as a guide when managing your care. Your Health Care Power of Attorney then uses it to make sure what you want is being fulfilled. Thus, the appointment of a Health Care Power of Attorney is critical. The Living Will is where you begin to formalize the process of designating the types of treatments you want and do not want.

Completing a Living Will includes making choices regarding the types of treatments and medical care you want at the end of life. You will need to know what is important to you and what you value as to your quality of life. Therefore, you will want to share your mindset and beliefs. The decisions you are considering may seem daunting. These are topics most do not spend time thinking about or even conceptualizing. However, taking the time now to discern what you want (and don't want), formalizing those wishes and then sharing them with your designated Medical Power of Attorney and loved ones is priceless and can have far reaching benefits.

For more information about Health Care Power of Attorney, please see your own attorney or check with Kit Jennings at the Advent Foundation for additional resource materials. Email kjennings@churchofadvent.org or call 864-504-3689.

Sunday Night Youth Group Change Up

Sunday Night Youth Groups are held weekly in the Advent Youth Center. Each month we endeavor to plan both on and off campus fun event like Big Air or Planet Paintball, a Community Service Event, Dinner and a "Books, Movies, and Theology" Event. Meet in Youth Center from 6 to 7:30pm.

All youth group meetings and events are OPEN to all youth 6th-12th grade throughout the community. Friends are not only welcome but encouraged to participate.

May 6: XCentric, 10:10am- 11:05am (Youth Center)

Confirmation Class in the Deacons Room.

Sunday Night Youth Group Movie Night, 6-7:30pm (offsite)

May 13: Baccalaureate Sunday. No XCentric.

Sunday Night Youth Group, Dodgeball, 6-7:30pm, Youth Center

May 15: Last High School Prayer Breakfast 7am (Youth Center)

May 16: Last 9th Grade Prayer Breakfast 7am (Bojangles)

May 17: Last Middle School Prayer Breakfast 7am (Chick-Fil-A)

May 20: Pentecost Sunday/Church Picnic. No XCentric.

Sunday Night Youth Group: End of Program Year Party at Big Air,
6 to 7:30pm

May 27: Memorial Day Weekend. No XCentric. No Youth ConneXion.

See you over the summer!



Vacation Bible School: Please mark your calendars for Monday through Thursday, **July 9-12**, for an adventurous and exciting Vacation Bible School. VBS is open to all children entering 4K through 5th graders. We will spend the morning each day from 9 am to noon learning about stories from the Bible, playing games, enjoying snacks, singing and much, much more. Do not miss this wonderful

opportunity to learn more about the Bible while having loads of fun!

If you would like to volunteer for VBS, please contact Suzanne Dantin at sdantin@churchofadvent.org or 864-237-0570. We need teachers, shepherds, helpers with registration, nursery workers, and many more. Please consider volunteering for this great event. Many thanks to Liza Lounsberry and Janet Davis for chairing VBS this year!

End of Sunday School Celebration: On Sunday, May 13, all children in Adventure Kingdom Sunday School (4K through 5th grade) will meet in the gym for an End-of-Year Sunday School Celebration! We will have doughnuts and juice, play some games and celebrate an awesome year of Sunday School! A huge thanks to all of the Sunday School teachers this year, including Tricia Liollo, Alyson Campbell, Allison Little, Jason Moyer, Jenny Moore, Ashley Moody, Elizabeth Graham, Angela Halstead, Jennifer Bauer and Ellen Morris!

Easter Egg Hunt: The weather was beautiful and the baskets were filled this Easter as the children rushed to find Easter Egg in the church lawn. We had such a great time at this annual Advent event. Also, thanks to all who contributed money in their Mite Boxes. We raised approximately \$180 which will go toward funding summer supply boxes for children at Mary H. Wright Elementary School.



Parish Picnic and "Take-Out Church" Boxes: Please be sure to join us at the annual Parish Picnic on May 20. We will have sidewalk chalk, hula hoops and games to entertain the children. Also, please pick up a "Take-Out Church Box" for the summer. This pizza box is for families to use at home or while traveling during the summer. Each piece inside the pizza box helps households deepen spirituality and practice their faith even when they are away from church.



MAY BIRTHDAYS (Ages 1-11)



- 1 - Katherine Bauer
- 3 - Reynolds Green
- 7 - Heath Boyd
- 7 - Jacob Gay
- 8 - Brady Lowry
- 9 - Camille Kendall
- 9 - Georgia Kendall
- 13 - Chappel Wolfe
- 16 - Sims Loring

Register Now for Safe Church Training



It will be offered on Sunday, May 6, from 4 to 7 pm in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC). This training is required for anyone working with Children and Youth ministries, Scouts, Basketball coaches and Eucharistic Visitors. To sign up for training, please email sdantin@churchofadvent.org or call 864-237-0570. **PLEASE make plans to attend!**

Saving Lives is a Great Mission



We all know of the importance of donating blood. In the United States, someone needs a blood transfusion every two seconds, and one in ten patients entering a hospital will need blood. In our immediate area, over 500 people need to donate every day to meet the daily needs of the hospitals we serve and be prepared for emergencies. Your blood donation can save a life.

On June 3, we will participate in the ecumenical blood drive. The blood mobile will be parked in front of the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) from 7:30 to 11:30am. In addition to saving a life, your blood donation can also make a difference for our parish. For each unit of blood donated, the Blood Connection will be offering a grant of \$10 to the parish. These funds will be used to help the expenses of the youth pilgrimages this summer. 50 donors would provide enough grant funds to cover the majority of gas expenses while the pilgrims are in Utah.

To sign up, please contact Cathy McCabe at 864-706-1845 or cathy.mccabe78@gmail.com. Keep in mind that the minimum donor age is 16 with parental consent. Bring your photo ID or blood donor card when you visit the blood mobile.

Please come out and support both the blood drive – and the pilgrimage - by giving the gift of life.



The Daughters of the King (DOK) will have a dinner and meeting on **Monday, May 21**, at 6pm. They will be gathering in the Parish and Community Life Center, Dining Room A.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

PRAYER LIST AS OF APRIL 25, 2018

WE ARE ASKED TO REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS:

Gloria Bock, Ed Borg, Mac Cates, Judith Chase, Marianne Clark, Ted Conwell, Roland Doepner, Roy Ellis, David Fudge, Sue Fisher, Aly Goodwin, Bob Heim, Richard Hollis, Taft Hunt, Betty Irwin, Julian Josey, Cibby Krell, 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, Chris Strickland, Susan Taylor, Florence Twitty and Ginger Watson

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Commission and Team Meetings

Tuesday, May 1 6:15pm Vestry	Monday, May 21 5:30pm Adult Formation Comm.
Tuesday, May 8 12:15pm ECW Board 3pm Liturgy Commission	Tuesday, May 29 5:30pm Parish Management 6:15pm Vestry
Wednesday, May 9 12:35pm Outreach Commission 1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare 4:45pm Altar Guild Board	
Monday, May 14 5pm Advent Foundation Board 5:30pm Parish Life Commission	

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**The Episcopal Church of the Advent
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses
March 2018**

	YTD Actual	Last Year Actual
YTD Total Pledge Contribution	\$452,831	\$423,235
YTD Total Revenues	\$490,263	\$442,645
YTD Expenses	\$489,606	\$466,979