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- Oct. 29 | **Commitment Sunday; Halloween Fall Festival for Kids**
- Nov. 1, 8, 15 | **Adult Inquirer's / Confirmation Class**
- Nov. 3-4 | **95th Diocesan Convention hosted by our church**
- Nov. 4 | **Turn Your Clock Back One Hour Before Bedtime**
- Nov. 5 | **All Saints' Sunday; Ecumenical Blood Drive**
- Nov. 5 | **Service of Remembrance**
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- Nov. 16 | **71st Annual ECW Bazaar**
- Nov. 18 | **Boy Scouts Piggly Fest**
- Nov. 19 | **UTO Sunday**
- Nov. 21 | **Community Thanksgiving Service at Mount Mariah Baptist Church**
- Nov. 29 | **Wednesday Dinner and Advent season series with the Gleaners Class**
- Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21 | **Dinner's Ready**
- Dec. 3 | **Bishop's Visit; Youth and Adult Confirmation**

The Ministry of Hospitality – A Christian Virtue

It's that time of year, when most of us will prepare to host or visit friends and family. Many of us will experience the giving or the receiving of *hospitality*.

It might be something to look forward to, but it may also seem a little overwhelming. Life at the Advent can be like this at times. There are multiple services, programs, opportunities for outreach, classes and events offered that we may feel overwhelmed about where to jump in or how to keep from drowning.

I write this days before the Oyster Roast and Silent Auction, October 26. I am confident that when you receive this edition of the Parish Paper, this fun-filled evening to support our Outreach will have proven to be a huge success! Thanks to the Oyster Roast Committee, Laura Bauknight, the Parish Life and Outreach Commissions, volunteers and our amazing staff for making it all possible!

November 3-4, we will welcome Bishop Andrew Waldo, diocesan staff members and hundreds of other Episcopalians from across the Diocese of Upper South Carolina, for the 95th Annual Convention. We hosted this event in 2012 and many of us volunteered and helped make it a great experience for all in attendance! I know we'll do it again this year!

Before we know it, November 16 will be here, and we'll witness the amazing work of the Episcopal Church Women and our support staff at the annual Holiday Bazaar. For the third time in three weeks, we will again welcome hundreds of guests and visitors to the Advent!

Between these three events, we will have hosted over 1,000 people at our Advent home! What a great way to get ready for the holidays! What a great way to practice the ministry of *hospitality*.

Hospitality means *openness* to what guests and strangers bring to us. We receive a revelation from others which can change us, enrich our lives, expose us to new possibilities, and present ways of thinking and living.

Hospitality implies *attentiveness* to the other and to the needs of others, even anticipating their needs. As [Richard] Gula explains, "The key to hospitality is 'paying attention.' . . . When we pay attention, we divest ourselves of self-preoccupation. To be hospitable we have to get out of ourselves and become interested in the other."¹

I pray that as we practice hospitality, we will be filled with a rich experience of God's love. It is this amazing Love that invites us to dine every Sunday at the altar.

God bless you! Ned+

¹Excerpted from *Putting on the Heart of Christ* by Gerald M. Fagin, SJ

Casserole Cooking will take place on Thursday, November 9. We will meet at 9am in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) Kitchen.

BABY BOOMERS

November 10 / 7pm

will meet at the home of Bruce and Martha Schwartz, 275 Fairlane Drive. Please bring an appetizer to share and beverage of your choice. Let the Schwartz's know if you're coming by emailing mwschwartz@charter.net.



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet Sunday, November 12, at 8:45am in Dining Room C. Arthur Cleveland will

be in touch with members about the program.

Fellowship Group

November 19 / 6:30pm at the home of Mike and Martha Honeycutt – 506 Bent Creek Lane. Please bring an appetizer to share and beverage of your choice. Let the Honeycutts know if you're coming by contacting 864-706-0085 or puttyrut@gmail.com. Friends are always welcome!

Dinner's Ready

Homemade Meals To-Go prepared by chefs Mark Mullen, Bill Schwartz, Kari Warren, Billy Cribb and Craig Williams and their friends will be available for pickup from 5:15 to 6:15pm on Thursdays - November 30, December 7, 14 and 21. Each meal serves one adult (or 2 small kids) and costs \$9. Meals can be preordered by calling 864-504-3684 beginning November 17. Please see page 7 for menus!

BAZAAR TIME! IT'S HERE!!

Thursday, November 16/11am-6pm

Lunch will be offered from 11:30am-1:30pm

Sip and Shop from 5 to 6pm

Parish and Community Life Center

VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNTRY STORE AND LUNCH

Sign up through SignUpGenius using this link, <https://tinyurl.com/yb8kehbu>. You may also contact Cathy Ellett at: cathyellett@charter.net, 864-590-1335 (cell) or 864-583-4558.

LUNCH RESERVATIONS

To reserve a table of 8 or to place take-out orders, call 864-504-3684. Please make reservations by noon on Monday, November 13.

LUNCH MENU

Tossed Salad, Bourbon Spiced Pork Tenderloin, Long Grain and Wild Rice, Green Beans, Yeast Roll and Chocolate Lovers' Tiramisu. Cost: \$10

ARTICHOKE COOK OFF IN COUNTRY STORE

On November 6 and 7, Mary Hope Rhodes and Haidee Courson challenge you to join them for the "Advent Artichoke Relish Cook Off". Prizes for the team with the most jars! **Men and Women** are invited to come help us to finish up our Country Store. May the BEST team win!!

LOVE GIFTS

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

BAKED GOODS

We need LOTS of home-made goodies for this booth! Please contact Jennifer Pitts at jenniferpitts@spencerhines.com and let her know what you plan to bring! You may drop off your items on Wednesday, the 15th, from 10am-5pm in the gym.

Lunch Bunch, Serendipity and EpiscoPals WILL NOT meet in November. All members are encouraged to attend and volunteer for the ECW Bazaar



November 19 is UTO Sunday: The United Thank Offering, a collection made twice a year by the Episcopal Church Women, goes to provide relief for disasters as well as other needs around the nation and world. It is yet another example of the outreach ministry of this important group in our parish and The Episcopal Church at large.

CONNECT OVER COFFEE

Sunday, November 19, 10:10-11am / PCLC Lobby

New to the Advent? Don't know where the Undercroft is or the difference between Advent Toners and St. Cecelia's? Come chat with members of the Hospitality Team – no questions are off limits!

We're Loving Our New Bells! By now, the new Church of the Advent handbells purchased as a result of the successful "Buy a Bell" campaign have been heard in public on many occasions. The bells were heard in church for the first time as the prelude to the 11:15 a.m. service on September 24, they've been used every Sunday since October 1 to accentuate the otherworldliness of the Gospel Acclamation (sung "Alleluia" which replaces the sequence hymn), but most importantly, they were heard in a concert dedicating them on Thursday, October 5. Pictured here are members of the Advent Toners on the day of their concert along with our organist/choirmaster Brennan Szafron. We, the Toners and the Church of the Advent, are loving our new bells!



Diocesan Convention Liturgies Open to the Public: The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina annual convention will be held this year at the Church of the Advent. On Friday November 3rd there will be a sung service of evening prayer and on Saturday November 4th there will be an 11:00 a.m. Eucharist. There will be a choir at both services consisting not only of our adult choir members but also interested church choir members from the Piedmont Convocation, not to mention anyone who regularly participates in this church's Evensong choir.

Service of Remembrance and Reflection on November 5 @ 5:30 p.m. On All Saints' Sunday (November 5) at 5:30 p.m., there will be a simple service of remembrance and reflection in commemoration of lost loved ones past and present. Anyone who attends is invited to bring anything to help remember said loved one. This item (e.g. a favorite hat or a photo) can be placed at the front of the church. This is a very simple service which will intersperse scripture readings with hymns and instrumental music. It has started to become an annual tradition at the Church of the Advent.

Occasional Choir to Sing on November 26: Thanksgiving is early this year, so the last Sunday of November will actually be Christ the King Sunday! Come at 8:15 a.m. to the choir room upstairs in Pendleton Hall to learn a simple anthem for the day which will actually be taken from *The Hymnal 1982*. Anyone ages 10 to 110 may sing in the Occasional Choir. For more information, please call 864-504-3694 or email bszafron@churchofadvent.org.

Your Advent Foundation at Work Through The St. Fiacre Fund

The recent landscaping for our church campus has been met with incredible results! Many have commented that the new openness has worked wonders in making the Advent Churchyard so much more beautiful and welcoming. Now that the season of fall is upon us, phase two of our plan, the planting, will begin.

The St. Fiacre Fund over the past years has been funded by the purchase of niches in the Columbarium, the Bell Tower, the Pergola, and the Edicule. The St. Fiacre fund oversees the churchyard and has funded all of the work that has been and will be done. Over \$50,000 will be spent beautifying our landscaping in 2017. This work began with the Archives Committee recognizing that our graveyard and grounds were a living history of the Church of the Advent, and needed to be preserved in a very special way. The Chicora Foundation (in the business of historical renovation and planning for cemeteries – www.chicora.org) was employed to provide a preservation plan. Our thanks to the Archives Committee, with the help of Horticulturist & Landscape Designer Stewart Winslow, for bringing this plan to fruition. There is more work to be done in the area of cleaning and repairing stones, but all of the recommendations of the Chicora Foundation are well on their way!

Special thanks to our Archives Committee – Mickey Pierce, Garnett Rodgers, Dexter Cleveland, Adair Watters, Bennie Larj, Susan Hodge Irwin, Cathy Terrell, John Holmes, and special thanks to Stewart Winslow. Our Advent Foundation is led by Jay Wakefield – President, Anne Louise Greer – Vice President, Todd Turner – Treasurer, Mac Davis – Secretary, Warwick Spencer – Director, Charlie King – Senior Warden, and Ned Morris – Rector. For information on planned giving for the Advent Foundation, or how to contribute through memorials to the St. Fiacre Fund, please contact Kit Jennings – Executive Director at 864-504-3689 or kjennings@churchofadvent.org.

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

HOLIDAY OFFICE SCHEDULE
Wednesday, Nov. 22 - closed at 1pm
Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24 closed

Recurring Weekly Activities

Mon., Day Off - The Rev. Paula Griffin
Mon., Thurs., 1:30pm - Al-Anon
Monday, 5:30pm AA
Tuesday morning - Staff Prayer/Meeting
Tuesday, 7am HS Prayer Breakfast
Tues., Friday, 9:30am Watercolor Class
Tuesday, 12:15pm Book & Brown Bag
Tues., 3pm Co-Dependents Anonymous
Tuesday, 4:30pm Meditation Group
Tuesday, 6:30pm Troop One Meeting
Tuesday, 6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir
Wednesday, 7am 9th Grade Prayer B'fast
Wednesday, 9:30am Archives Committee
Wednesday, 5:15pm Angel, Junior Choirs
Wednesday, 5:30pm Evening Worship
Wednesday, 6:30pm Advent Schola
Wednesday, 8pm AA and Al-Anon
Thurs., 7am Middle School Prayer B'fast
Thursday, 9am Women's Bible Study
Thursday, 12:30pm Cherub Choir
Thursday, 6pm Advent Toners
Friday, Day Off - The Rev. Ned Morris and The Rev. Debbie Apoldo
Sunday, 4:15pm Youth Choir
Sunday, 5pm Gabriel's Instruments
Sunday, 6pm Sunday Night ConneXion
Sunday, 9pm HS Discussion Group

21st Sunday after Pentecost, October 29

Commitment Sunday

7:45am Holy Eucharist I
 9am Holy Eucharist II
 10:10am Sunday School for all ages
 11:15am Holy Eucharist II
 5:30pm Young Families Halloween Fall Festival

Monday, 30 October

9am Labors of Love Cooking
 9:15am ECW Board Meeting

Tuesday, 31 October

5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing

Wednesday, 1 November - All Saints' Day

5:30pm Evening Worship
 6pm Youth UNplugged
 6:30pm Adult Inquirer's & Confirmation Class

Thursday, 2 November

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed
 7am Men's Bible Study
 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing
 7:30pm Board Games & Theology

Friday, 3 November

95th Diocesan Convention Leadership Day
 5:30pm Evening Worship (Church)

Saturday, 4 November

TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR BEFORE BEDTIME

95th Diocesan Convention Business Day
 11am Holy Eucharist (Church)

22nd Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 5

All Saints' Sunday

SPIHN WEEK
 7:30am-12:30pm Ecumenical Blood Drive
 7:45am Holy Eucharist I
 9am Holy Eucharist II/Baptisms
 10:10am Sunday School for all ages
 11:15am Holy Eucharist II/Baptisms
 1pm Daisies Meeting
5:30pm Service of Remembrance

Monday, 6 November

9am Country Store/Artichoke Relish

Tuesday, 7 November

9am Country Store/Artichoke Relish
 9am Youth Day Hike
 2pm Listening Hearts Group
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist with Healing

Wednesday, 8 November

5:30pm Evening Worship
 6pm Youth UNplugged
 6:30pm Adult Inquirer's & Confirmation Class

7pm 11th & 12th Grade Journey Group

Thursday, 9 November

7am Men's Bible Study
 9am Bazaar Casserole Cooking
 10am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist
 12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

Friday, 10 November

7pm Baby Boomers
23rd Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 12
 7:45am Holy Eucharist I
 8:45am The Brotherhood of St. Andrew
 9am Holy Eucharist II
 10:10am Sunday School for all ages
 11:15am Holy Eucharist II
 5pm Young Families: Be Thankful Event

Tuesday, 14 November

11:45am Cancer Association Luncheon
 5:30pm Holy Eucharist with Healing

Wednesday, 15 November

6:30pm Adult Inquirer's & Confirmation Class

Thursday, 16 November

Episcopal Church Women's Bazaar
11am-6pm

Parish and Community Life Center Gym

7am Men's Bible Study
 12:15pm Holy Eucharist with Healing

Saturday, 17 November

8:30am-2pm Scout Piggly Fest

24th Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 19

UTO Sunday

7:45am Holy Eucharist I
 9am Holy Eucharist II
 10:10am Sunday School for all ages
 10:10am Conversations over Coffee
 11:15am Holy Eucharist II
 6:30pm Fellowship Group

Tuesday, 21 November

5:30pm Holy Eucharist with Healing
 6:30pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Mount Mariah Baptist Church

Wednesday, 22 November

Office closes at 1pm

Thursday, 23 November - Office closed

Friday, 24 November - Office closed

10:30am Thanksgiving Day Service

The Last Sunday after Pentecost, Nov. 26

7:45am Holy Eucharist I
 8:15am Occasional Choir
 9am Holy Eucharist II
 10:10am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Holy Eucharist II

Tuesday, 28 November

5:30pm Holy Eucharist & Healing

Wednesday, 29 November

5:45pm Wednesday dinner and Advent Season Series

6pm Pilgrimage Meeting

6:15pm Nursery/6:30pm Kids Crew

7pm Youth & Adult Confirmation Practice

Thursday, 30 November

7am Men's Bible Study

5:15-6:15pm Dinner's Ready Meal Pickup

SPIHN - November 5-12

Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be with us the first of week of November. We will need your help for setup & breakdown, meals, hosting dinner time and staying the evening. If you can assist, please sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/y7fs2j8w>. You may also contact Steve Wyman at jsstevew@gmail.com or 864-621-4148.

Do You Have a Life Mission Statement?

The Rev. Deborah Apoldo, Associate Rector for Christian Formation

Several years ago when I was teaching an adult Confirmation class, I asked the participants to write a brief life mission statement. I gave this as a homework assignment in advance of the coming class on the Sacraments. My motive was to get each person to think about what they saw as their life's purpose. Most participants figured out that I was looking for something a bit more spiritual than career and leisure time activity goals. In fact, I wasn't really looking for goals or measurements at all.

When we gathered for class that night, we took out the Book of Common Prayer and turned to the page where the questions that make up the Baptismal Covenant are located. We made our way through the first questions having to do with belief in the three persons of the Trinity pretty quickly. Then we spent some time with the remaining five questions. Each of those questions begins with the words "Will you?". Then we compared our life mission statements with the elements of the Baptismal Covenant. That sparked good conversation about a vision for how each of us can live into the promises we make whenever we renew our baptismal vows.

When was the last time you thought about or set out for yourself a vision for how you will live into the "I will" responses of your Baptismal Covenant? Are you modeling this way of life for your children? Would others say you are faithful to what you've said you would do? We make five vows, that when lived out with God's help, make for a life well lived in fellowship with Jesus.

Sunday Mornings

The Rector's Forum: What's In This For Me?

Sundays, November 5, 12, 19, 25 in the Parish and Community Life Center, Dining Rooms A & B

We will resume the series from earlier in the Fall. We try to glean wisdom from thoughtful interpretation of relevant portions of the Bible in order to assist with making sense of currents in the culture, in the workplace, in our families, and in the community. We'll be looking at how Jesus treated and interacted with women as one topic. Other topics will flow out of what is happening and relevant as we go along. There will be plenty of time for table-talk and group conversation as well as guidance with regard to understanding what the Bible seems to say.

The Gleaners Class: The Gleaners continue with their weekly discussion of the lectionary selections for the day along with looking at related artwork and singing favorite hymns. All are welcome to participate. Join them in the Undercroft.

Parents in Community: An opportunity for fellowship, learning and discussion for parents of children of any age who are still living in the home. The usual format is viewing a relevant DVD and then opening the floor for questions and discussion. This is a lively and fun way to learn from each other. They gather in the PCLC, Dining Room C.

A Special Service of Remembrance and Reflection in Observance of All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 5, at 5:30pm in the church

We will gather to offer prayers of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of loved ones who have died. You are invited to bring items of significance that honor your loved ones (pictures, mementos, jewelry, service medals, prayers, etc.) and place them on the table at the front of the church along with a candle (provided). There will be prayers, several selections from Scripture, hymns and a lovely offering of music and time for remembering and reflecting. This service has become a tradition over the last several years as it has proven to be a blessing and an important means of grace for many.

Spartanburg Community Thanksgiving Service - Tuesday, November 21 at 6:30pm. This annual event, sponsored by the Spartanburg County Foundation and Spartanburg Interfaith Alliance, will be held at Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, 445 S. Church Street. It brings together faith groups from Spartanburg and is open to all members of the community. All proceeds collected by the offering will benefit a local charity. The Spartanburg County Foundation has historically matched the offering given, up to \$5,000. Please join us in attending this community-wide service and share in our spirit of unity.

Wednesday Evenings in Advent - November 29, December 6 and December 13

Reserve your Wednesday evenings starting at the end of November and in December. We will gather for dinner and an offering of formation lead by the Gleaners Class. Lessons will deal with themes that are present in the season of Advent. There will be focus on works of art, some hymns, and traditions surrounding this season of anticipation. There is a family dinner followed by separate programs for children and adults.

Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation, December 3: Bishop Andrew Waldo will be with us that morning to celebrate during 11:15am service. He will also be our guest speaker at the Rector's Forum.

OPERATION MAGI

Christmas 2017 at Mary H. Wright Elementary School

Christmas tradition holds that our infant Savior received three significant gifts on the occasion of his birth. Many families have adopted the practice of giving three presents to their children—as a way of referencing the biblical account and reining in holiday excess. This year, Advent families will again have the opportunity to adopt that wisdom as we shine Christ's light on students at Mary H. Wright Elementary School.



Operation Magi is looking for volunteers to adopt MHW students (ranging in age from pre-K to 5th grade) and purchase ONLY three gifts. Of the three gifts, one must be a set of clothing (shirt and pants/skirt, plus much-needed socks and underwear). We ask that the second gift be an age/reading level appropriate book (this information will be included on wish list). The third gift should be a toy/item from the child's wish list with a value of no more than \$25. These new parameters reflect input we've received from teachers/counselors at the school. It is our hope that the presents we give will be things the children can truly use and enjoy—items that don't have a particularly high price point and can be easily stored/transported in small and/or transitional residences.

MHW shopping lists will be available by the week of Thanksgiving and will specify children's wants and needs, including clothing size information and favorite colors, etc. All Advent gifts must be bought and delivered to the Parish & Community Life Building by Sunday, December 17.

NOVEMBER 2017**First Sunday in November – November 5****Altar Memorials**

The flowers that adorn the altar in celebration of All Saints' Sunday are given to the glory of God

in loving memory of Elisabeth Cates Wall by her family
in loving memory of Walter M. Cart, Henry R. Cart,
Elizabeth C. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cart and
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Robinson by Donna R. Cart

Baptismal Font

The flowers around the baptismal font are given to the glory of God

in thanksgiving for the lives of Brandt and Pierce
Settle, Winifred Ryba and Parker Brandt, given by their
Grandparents

Second Sunday in November – November 12**Altar Memorials**

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

in loving memory of Fred and Tena Oates and Perrin and
Mary Louise Dargan
in loving memory of Henry Edmund Bock, Anton and
Mary Louise Johnson, Lauren Johnson and
The Rev. Richard Cornish Martin, SSC, SOM
in loving memory of Mildred Harrison Dent by her family

Baptismal Font

The flowers around the baptismal font are given to the glory of God

in loving memory of Frances Stalikas

Third Sunday in November – November 19**Altar Memorials**

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

in loving memory of Emerson Fort Wolfe and
Mary Chase Wolfe by their family

in loving memory of Mrs. Catharine Hardwick Johnston,
Mr. James Shuttleworth Johnston, and
Mr. Hugh Martin Efird, Sr. by Ellen, Katie, Lauren,
Elizabeth, and Carrie Gould

in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Graves Schoepf
by their daughter, Carolyn Schoepf

Baptismal Font

The flowers around the baptismal font are given to the glory of God

in loving memory of our parents and siblings
by Mr. and Mrs. George Brandt III

Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 23**Altar Memorial**

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

in honor in my daughters Marjorie Spigner Garrett,
Natalie Spigner McConnell and grandchildren,
Drake and John Garrett, and Anna and
Catherine McConnell by Carolyn M. Schoepf

Fourth Sunday in November – November 26**Altar Memorials**

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

in loving memory of Elizabeth Phifer Carlisle and
Walton Carlisle Beeson by Avery Beeson
in loving memory of Giles Patterson Cleveland,
Ginevra Marxmiller Cleveland, Jesse Patterson Cleveland,
John Bomar Cleveland and Mildred Cleveland Walker
by their family

Baptismal Font

The flowers around the baptismal font are given to the glory of God

in loving memory of our son Robert Acheson Goldstein
by Jan and Larry Goldstein

Youth Activities



Day Hike

We will have a High School Day Hike on Tuesday, November 7. Please RSVP to David Dixon if you plan to join us on this awesome hike: ddixon@churchofadvent.org.

2018 Pilgrimages

The youth pilgrims will be selling Christmas greens at the ECW (Episcopal Church Women) Bazaar on Thursday, November 16. Order forms will be available in the PCLC Lobby, Pendleton Hall and the Satterlee Hall reception area. Please, plan to support the 2018 Pilgrims with your purchase of Christmas wreaths and garlands this year.

“Blood Sunday”

Ecumenical Blood Drive



The bloodmobile from the Blood Connection will be at the Advent on **Sunday, November 5, from 7:30am to 12:30pm**. We will join with at least six other area churches in collecting blood in our community.

All donors will receive a free Regal Cinemas movie ticket and a Clemson or Carolina t-shirt! 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 864-706-1845 or cmccabe@cityofspartanburg.org. Please remember to bring your photo ID or blood donor card.

Reminder: The Parish Paper Submission Deadline for the combined December-January issue will be Wednesday, November 15.

Dinner’s Ready - Homemade Meals To-Go - \$9 each

Pre-Order Your Meals Beginning November 17 by calling 864-504-3684. Each meal serves one adult or two small children.

Pickup time in the Parish and Community Life Center Lobby is 5:15 to 6:15pm. If you have questions, please contact Leigh O’Shields at 864-706-1350.



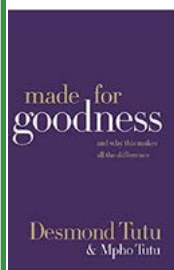
Thursday, November 30 - Prepared by Chef Mark Mullen & Friends: Cinnamon-Roasted Pork Loin, Holiday Rice, Green Beans, Roll and Crème de Menthe Brownie. The deadline to order is 5pm on Monday, November 27.

Thursday, December 7: Prepared by Chef Bill Schwartz and Friends: California Chicken Boneless Breast, Brown Rice, Zucchini & Squash Casserole, Parmesan Garlic Bread and Key Lime Pie slice. The deadline to order is Monday, Dec. 4.

Thursday, December 14 - Prepared by Chef Kari Warren & Friends: Parmesan-Crusted Chicken, Mac-n-Cheese, Green Beans, Cheddar Cheese Biscuit and Homemade Blonde Brownie. The deadline to order is 5pm Monday, Dec. 11.

Bonus Meal! Thursday, December 21 - Prepared by Chefs Billy Cribb and Craig Williams & Friends: Braised Beef Short Ribs over Creamy Polenta w/ Demi Glaze, Country Collards & Torn Bread and Mini Chocolate Pecan Pies. The deadline to order is 5pm on Monday, December 18.

Book and Brown Bag



Our next book selection will be *Made for Goodness: And Why This Makes All the Difference* by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. The books will be available for \$10 in Libby Adamson’s office and at the beginning of class from Fr. Ned. You may contact Libby at ladamson@churchofadvent.org or 864-504-3696 to make arrangements for a pickup time. Please bring exact change if you are paying with cash. Our discussion will begin on November 28.

Advent Archives Committee Announces First Ever ‘Wardination’ Event

In an effort to celebrate and to preserve, the Senior and Junior Wardens of the Advent, both past and present, are being invited to the very first “Wardination” Breakfast which is to be held in dining room ‘A’ in the Parish Life and Community Center on Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9 am. Those attending will be asked to share noteworthy events that occurred during their time of service as well as provide their own anecdotal reflections. Thanks to their leadership, many old traditions have been continued but not without a willingness to apply both hearts and minds to discern answers to the challenges that so often present themselves. Those challenges with which they have dealt are a great part of our history and it’s important that our history be sustained. The information gathered will not only be recorded, but will become an important part of our archive records!

8 CHILDREN & YOUNG FAMILIES

NOVEMBER 2017

Special Children's Offering November 5

Children are invited to bring canned goods for TOTAL Ministries during the offering at the 9 am service. Thank you, parents, for supporting our commitment to teaching children about loving others and offering gifts in honor of all that God has given us. *If you are out of town on November 5, you may drop off your canned goods in the reception area located in Satterlee Hall.*

Daisies Food Drive

Donate Canned Goods by November 5. Advent's Daisies (K5 and 1st grade) of Troop 1664 will be doing a canned goods food drive for their November meeting when the girls learn about being considerate and caring. The donated items will go to a local food bank, and the girls will help deliver them later in the month. Please bring your items to the designated box in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) Lobby. Thank you for your help!



"Be Thankful" Pot Luck Dinner for Young Families

On Sunday, November 12, from 5 to 7 pm, we will have a pot luck dinner for all Young Families (anyone with children ages birth to 5th grade) in the PCLC Dining Rooms. The meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring your most favorite side dish, salad or dessert! We will also be making Thanksgiving placemats for the children. Paint will be involved so wear appropriate clothing! There will be a \$6 charge for children to help defray the cost of the craft. Please RSVP to sdantin@churchofadvent.org.



Looking ahead to December

Wednesday Nights During Advent

Kids Crew will meet after Wednesday Night dinners on November 29, December 6 and December 13. All children ages 4K through 5th grade are encouraged to join Suzanne Dantin in the gym at 6:30pm to learn about the Advent season, play some games and have a great time! The program will conclude at 7:15 pm.



Christmas Pageant
December 17, 10:30am service – all kids are encouraged to participate!! Let Suzanne Dantin know if you want to be a part:
sdantin@churchofadvent.org.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

(Ages 1-11)

- 1 - Felicity Drake
- 2 - Millie Bauer
- 4 - Tessa Conrad
- 9 - Bennett Johnson
- 10 - Mary Marshall Jordan
- 12 - Ellen Jordan
- 13 - Mary Scott Strickland
- 17 - Lucille Montgomery
- 19 - Maddie Lounsberry
- 20 - John Hopkins
- 22 - Bentley Cobb and Bella Cobb
- 26 - Evers Morris
- 27 - Bradley Johnson
- 27 - Hillary Green
- 27 - Mac Rethmeier
- 28 - Brice Krydinski
- 30 - Kaese Boucher



Troop 1 "Piggly Fest" BBQ and Brunswick Stew

Mark your calendars for Troop "BBQ" on Saturday, November 18. Enjoy lots of delicious pulled pork, Brunswick Stew, slaw, roll, and dessert for \$9.00. Scouts will also have gallons of tea available for purchase. You can pick up your plate anytime between 8:30am and 2:00pm in the circle in front of the Parish and Life Community Center. Scouts will be selling tickets between Sunday services on October 29 and November 5 and 12. Please support Troop 1; after all, it has been forming character since 1914 - right here at the Advent. Questions can be directed to troop1@churchofadvent.org

*For all the saints who from their labors rest
Who there by faith the world confessed
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed
Alleluia. Alleluia.*

As churches observe All Saints' Day in November, many will be singing this familiar hymn – a hymn which celebrates, honors and remembers the lives of the many who have gone before us. It also acknowledges the darkness of the time and yet it claims the hope of the future as the King of glory passes on His way and the all the saints join in singing. All Saints' Day celebrates all the saints of God – those whose names we remember and those whose names we do not know – whose lives have given witness, great or small, to the resurrection of Jesus.

Scripture reminds us of both the painful reality of death and the blessed hope of resurrection. On All Saints Days tears of pain co-exist with the belief that death is never the final word. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes even as Jesus wiped the tears from his very own. Death will be no more. In this vast, complex, universe, God sustains us in an embrace of love.

As we move further into November, we quickly arrive at the time of the year filled with family gatherings and traditions. Holidays can be emotionally charged events and stressful times under “normal” circumstances. When one has experienced a recent loss, however, the approaching holidays may bring along a certain amount of fear or dread. Grief can be a strange time when past routines and traditions are disrupted, leaving behind questions of how best to move forward.

On the evening of November 5 at 5:30pm, you are invited to a brief service of remembrance, thanksgiving, and reflection. You will be invited to bring items of meaning and significance that honor your loved ones, and during the service, there will be an opportunity to place these on a table in the front of the church and to light a candle of remembrance. This service offers an opportunity to honor the memories of loved ones through the lighting of candles, meditative prayer, music, and scripture.

GriefWord: Guides for Survival and Growth offers a few suggestions for those experiencing grief during the holidays:

- Be gentle to yourself and others
- Plan ahead. Find those people who encourage you to be yourself and accept your feelings – both happy and sad.
- Remember that healing does not mean forgetting. The healing that comes as you go through grief brings learning, growth and renewal, but the memories of your loved one will always live in your heart.
- Feel free to step to a different drummer and create new traditions or find new ways to celebrate old ones. Be true to yourself and do what feels right to you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(as of October 25, 2017)

WE ARE ASKED TO REMEMBER THESE

PARISHIONERS: Richard Bagnal, Gloria Bock, Mac Cates, Judith Chase, Jane Clark, Dale Dixon, Roland Doepner, Roy Ellis, Sue Fisher, Aly Goodwin, T. Griffin, Bob Heim, Max Hollis, Richard Hollis, Taft Hunt, Julian Josey, Steve Leamy, Diane Lee, Giles Lewis, Jesse Martin, Glenn McGee, Kathleen McGee, Anne McIntyre, Iris Milhous, Cynthia Moseley, Dinny Moses, Marion Nichols, Francie Satterfield, Prudy Scott, Molly McCuen Sherard, Rich Snow, Susan Taylor, Don Tillman, Florence Twitty, John Wardlaw, Ginger Watson and Reecie Wilkes

AND FOR THESE PERSONS: Beth Abrams, Jack Bacot, Bill Bobo and family, Cody Bowman, Jim Burchfield, Jim Carlisle, Susan Clementson, Jamie Cobb, Chase Comer, Aiden Rito Cope, Rita Creedon, Lois Daum, Lester Dixon, Devin Edwards, Mary Satterlee Egglezos, Emma Jacqueline Finke, Sally Foster, Jack Graham, Peggy Graham, Jack Gregg, Mariann Griffin, Cathy Grooms, Larry Head, Rick Holm, Joan Horvath, Allison Hoy, Ann Huckaby, Ken Huckaby, Barbara Humphries, Dick Humphries, Tot Hurteau, Mary Kinard, Bud Lail, Donghee Lee, Fritz Lloyd, Jack Anthony Maglione, Jan Martin, Taylor Martin, Serena McCann, Tony Messel, Louis and Mary Anne Miller, Jodi Molnar, Phyllis Morrow, Julia Oates, Emily Oostdyk, Dale Oostdyk, Tony Owens, Ginger Phillips, Jack Pikiwicz, Randy Romberger, Madison Simpson, Jim Smith, Carolyn Smyth, Wesley Stoddard, Pamela Tatham, David Watters, Holly Westcott and Justin Daniel Wyatt

FOR THESE PERSONS SERVING IN THE ARMED

FORCES: Halcott R. Carter (Navy), Christopher Guyne (Air Force), Michael R. Hall (Air Force), Alex Holland (Army), Tripp Lynn (Navy), Michael McCraw (Navy), Friedan McLean (Air Force), Brian Parker (Navy), Wayne Pennington (Army), 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, Josh and Marianna Graham and Kaitlin and John Bomar

FOR THE BIRTH OF THESE CHILDREN: Vivian Rose Mathis daughter of Amanda and Lenny Mathis and Griggs Hunt Pettitt, great-grandson of Linda Hays, and Lydia Lawson Still, granddaughter of Elizabeth Simons and great-granddaughter of Sister and Reddick Still

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Bradley “Lee” Daley, Jr. and Erskine Wyatt

And for the people on the confidential Prayer List of the Daughters of the King

For all updates to the Parish Paper Prayer List, please contact The Rev. Paula Griffin at pgriffin@churchofadvent.org or 864-504-3686.

Holy God, give courage to all who are bereaved, that in the days ahead they may hold fast to the comfort of a holy hope, and joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.



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FALL BACK: Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4.

SERVICES 7:45, 9 & 11:15am

Commission/Team Meetings

Tuesday, November 7 3pm Liturgy	Monday, November 20 5:30pm Adult Formation Comm.
Wednesday, November 8 12:30pm Outreach Commission	Tuesday, November 28 5:30pm Parish Management
1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare	6:15pm Vestry
4:45pm Altar Guild Board	
Monday, November 13 5:30pm Parish Life Commission	

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