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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- 7:45am | Holy Eucharist Rite I
 9:00am | Holy Eucharist Rite II
 10:15am | Sunday School for all ages
 11:15am | Holy Eucharist Rite I or II (alternating)

Perseverance—even when it's boring and tough

Recently, I had some conversations with a few of our youth about church and youth ministry in general. The conversations were enlightening and filled with honesty. Maybe you've heard some of the comments similar to the ones I did:

“Oh I used to go to that church, but the music bugged me, so I went somewhere that had an awesome band.”

“That youth group doesn't do all the fun stuff, so I found a church with an indoor rock climbing wall. They don't teach us much about the Bible, but there's heaps of fun.”

“I really had a hard time getting along with those people, so I went to a different church. They don't hassle me about life and stuff there.”

“Thursdays I go to youth at this church, but on Sundays I go over to that one. They have better worship on Sunday.”

For some reason, we treat church as if it's a shopping center, not the family of God. After all, one place has good fun, another has great teaching, and perhaps there's another one where deep emotions are just waiting for us. Here's a big fact about being part of a church family (really any community or group): it's not always an amusement park fun-ride. There are times when church is boring, or difficult to be at. But we don't learn to persevere in faith by giving up; in fact, it teaches us some pretty important lessons:

1. When we stick around at the one church we learn to love and appreciate our differences. We learn that church is more than music, or interesting sermons, or entertainment. We learn what it means to be God's person in tough places. We learn how to be a part of a family, not just a visitor to the cinema.
2. Sooner or later, persevering in a church teaches us to forgive. Some people just chuck it all in and say, “They upset me, so I'm going to find somewhere easier where people will be nice,” which is fine, until those people do something that is upsetting.
3. We help others by hanging in there. Our presence at church helps others. When we hang in there with people through tough times and good, we help others to do the same.

I'm glad I have stayed in places where it wasn't fun, easy or entertaining. I've learned that I have what it takes to go through tough times and come out on the other side. I've also found some of my best friendships were formed in the places least expected. There is something to be said for “stick-to-it-iveness.”

Peace, David

BAZAAR NEWS!

This Year's Bazaar is **Thursday, November 15 / 11am-6pm.**

Lunch will be offered from 11:30-1:30, and we will conclude the day with **SIP AND SHOP** from 5 to 6pm with wine and hors d'oeuvres.

LOVE GIFTS are now 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 2-6pm; and Saturday 10am-1pm. If you have any questions, please contact Grantham at 864-431-2780.

TO VOLUNTEER with the Bazaar – we need you!! Please contact the Co-chairs: Kitsy Babb at kitsybabb@gmail.com or Krista Stone at kristastone@att.net.

ARTICHOKE RELISH cooking on October 29 and 30 and November 5 and 6. We need all hands on deck!!

Wednesday Night Dinner and Program

October 3 and 17

Additional Fall dates: November 7, December 5 and 19

Dinner is served from 5:45-6:30/ Program - 6:30-7:00

MEAL COSTS: Still the best deal in town!! Adults \$7; Child 3 to 12 \$4; Birth-age 3 is Free with a Family max of \$30. Please reserve your meal(s) by 5pm on the Monday prior by contacting gowens@churchofadvent.org or 864-583-2438. RSVPs for child care should be sent to sdantin@churchofadvent.org or 864-237-0570.



Episcopal Church Women
CTRCLCES

Serendipity will meet Monday, October 8, at 10am in Dining Room B of the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC). Elizabeth Gilliam and Lois Stringer are the hosts. Hope to see you there!

Lunch Bunch will meet Monday, October 8, at 12pm in Dining Rooms A and B of the PCLC. Please reserve your meal by contacting Anne Bomar at bomar.anne@gmail.com.



Fruit of the Spirit - Advent Evening Women's Circle, October 9, 5:30-7pm

Join us at Blue Moon on Tuesday, October 9, from 5:30 to 7. Supper for \$15 will be provided; BYOB. A discount will be available on purchases. Please RSVP to Nicole Brown at jnbrown4@charter.net or Erin Strickland at emrstrickland@yahoo.com.

EPISCOPALS / WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, at 11:45am in the PCLC, Dining Rooms A & B.

The program is Strings A-Plenty with guests Mary Irwin, Mary Ada Poole, and friends. They will make music for us and tell us about Spartanburg's newest musical organization, the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra. If you are an Advent member 45+ years old or a guest, you are welcome. Please reserve your delicious \$7 lunch by calling 864-583-2438 or emailing Gail Owens at gowens@churchofadvent.org.

SORTA YOUNG/Baby Boomers Fellowship Group/October 19/6:30pm will meet at the home of John and Kate Dargan, 777 Plume Street. Please let the Dargans know you are coming by emailing Kate: kdargan@oatespartners.com. Bring your favorite appetizer to share and beverage of choice. Friends are always welcome!

FELLOWSHIP GROUP/OCTOBER 21/6:30PM will meet at the home of Jim and Teenie Elliott – 527 Maverick Circle. Please bring an appetizer to share and your beverage of choice. There will be a sign up for 2019!! Let the Elliotts know you are coming by emailing teenieelliott@gmail.com or calling 864-579-0629.

VESTRY NOMINATIONS FOR 2019 FOR THE CLASS OF 2022

Dear Advent Family,

As outgoing Junior Warden I chair the Nominating Committee for Vestry nominations. If you are interested in serving your parish as a member of the Vestry, if you would like to nominate someone to stand for election, or if you have questions about Vestry service please contact me. Below you will find the criteria nominees must meet. Thank you for your consideration and help with this very important task.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

1. Be committed to Jesus Christ and His church
2. Be an active member of the Church of the Advent as defined in the Canons:
 - a. Be a confirmed Episcopalian
 - b. Worship regularly
 - c. Be involved and participate in our parish life
 - d. Support the mission of the Advent financially, practicing good stewardship
3. Be willing to commit to regular attendance at the Vestry meetings and take responsibility for other needs of the church.

The Nominating Committee is accepting nominations for the Vestry election to be held at our annual meeting on Sunday, January 27, 2019. We would like to have your suggestions for nominees by Monday, October 15, 2018. We will choose a Senior Warden-elect, four Vestry members and a Youth representative.

The Nominating Committee members and their contact information:

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Sincerely,

Martha Schwartz

Jr. Warden, The Episcopal Church of the Advent

SC Bach Society Concert Has Been Rescheduled to October 20: Due to the risk of a strong hit from Hurricane Florence, the South Carolina Bach Society Concert from last month has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 20, at 7pm. Come hear overtures (i.e. sinfonias) to several of Johann Sebastian Bach's sacred cantatas with an eight-piece orchestra and Brennan Szafron as organ soloist. The program has been subtitled "Fireworks for Organ and Orchestra." Tickets are \$5 for students and no more than \$10 for all Church of the Advent parishioners. Please read the Bell Ringer to learn about ticket purchasing opportunities.

"What Is Music Therapy?" - October 21 at 10:15am: Come to a presentation given by Converse music therapy professor Dr. Carol Shutis during the Christian Formation hour. Carol will talk about music therapy and the way that music can help infirmed people and their loved ones during difficult times.

Occasional Choir: Come sing in the Occasional Choir on the fourth Sunday of the month, in this case October 28. We'll meet in the chapel at 8:15am to learn a simple anthem for the 9am service. Anyone aged 8 to 108 may come and sing!

Hymn of the month - "All Things Bright and Beautiful": The Church of the Advent traditionally holds its "Blessing of the Animals" service on the Sunday closest to October 4. Often, at this particular service we sing the hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful", which praises all living things in God's creation. The text was written by Cecil Frances Alexander, a 19th century Anglo-Irish hymnodist and poet. She became known for her 1848 collection, "Hymns for Little Children," in which "All Things Bright and Beautiful" is included. The text was intended to paraphrase the Apostles Creed for children, not to mention Psalm 104, verses 24 and 25. Mrs. Alexander's original poem consists of seven verses; our hymnal uses four of them. As for the tune, many composers, namely John Rutter have set this text to music, but the famous tune has most of us know is named "Royal Oak." "Royal Oak" is based on a 17th century English melody.

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

Mon.-Fri., 8:15am Morning Prayer

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

Mon. & Thurs., 1:30pm - Al-Anon

Monday

6pm Co-Dependents Anonymous

Tuesday

7am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

10am Staff Prayer/Meeting

12:15pm Book & Brown Bag

3pm Co-Dependents Anonymous

4:30pm Meditation Group

4:45pm Gabriel's Instruments

5:30pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

6:30pm St. Cecilia Choir

6:30pm Troop 1 Meeting

6:30pm FAVOR Family Group

Wednesday

9:30am Archives Committee

5:15pm Angel Choir/Junior Choir

6:30pm Advent Schola

8pm AA and Al-Anon

Thursday

7am Middle School Prayer Breakfast

8:30am Cherub Choir

9am Women's Fellowship & Bible Study

12:15pm Holy Eucharist/Healing

6:30pm Advent Toner

SUNDAY, September 30 - 19th Pentecost SPIHN Week Begins

7:45am Holy Eucharist I/Stewardship

9am Holy Eucharist II/Stewardship

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Holy Eucharist I/Stewardship

Tuesday, October 2

2pm Listening Hearts Group

7:30pm Venus Pie Group 11th-12th Grades

Wednesday, October 3

5:45pm Wednesday Dinner/Program

Thursday, October 4

9am Labors of Love Cooking

7:30pm Advent College Board Games

SUNDAY, October 7 - 20th Pentecost Commitment Sunday

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

9am Holy Eucharist II

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Holy Eucharist II

12:30pm Gleaners Class Lunch

5:30pm Blessing of the Animals

6pm Sunday Night ConneXion

Monday, October 8

10am Serendipity Circle

12pm Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, October 9

11:45am Cancer Assoc. Luncheon

5:30pm Fruit of the Spirit Circle

Wednesday, October 10

5:15pm Young Families Gathering:

FR8Yard

Thursday, October 11

7am Men's Bible Study

10:30am Summit Hills Holy Eucharist

6:30pm Angels Charge Ministry: A Heavenly

Evening with Becca Stevens (PCLC)

SUNDAY, October 14 - 21st Pentecost

Pink Sunday

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

9am Holy Eucharist II

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Holy Eucharist I

1-4pm Youth ConneXion: County Fair

5:30pm Sunday Night Worship Committee

Monday, October 15

6pm DOK Dinner & Meeting

Tuesday, October 16

9am Bazaar Casserole Cooking

7:30pm Venus Pie Group 11th-12th Grades

Wednesday, October 17

11:45am EpiscoPals

5:45pm Wednesday Dinner/Program

Thursday, October 18

6:45am Men's Bible Study Breakfast

9am Labors of Love Cooking

Friday, October 19

6:30pm SORTA Young/Baby Boomers

Saturday, October 20

7pm South Carolina Bach Society Concert

SUNDAY, October 21 - 22nd Pentecost

Youth Sunday

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

9am Holy Eucharist II/Youth Service

10:15am Sunday School for all ages

11:15am Holy Eucharist II

3pm Youth ConneXion at Ronald McDonald

House, Greenville

6:30pm Fellowship Group

9pm HS Students Discussion Group

Monday, October 22

9:30am Ecumenical Blood Drive Mtg.

Tuesday, October 23

9am Bazaar Casserole Cooking

Thursday, October 25

7am Men's Bible Study

5:30pm Sunday Night Worship Committee

7:30pm Advent College Board Games

Friday, October 26

5pm Youth Trip to Scarowinds

SUNDAY, October 28 - 23rd Pentecost

7:45am Holy Eucharist I

9am Holy Eucharist II

10:15am **Rise Against Hunger**

11:15am Holy Eucharist I

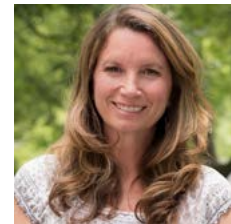
4:30pm Halloween Festival

9pm HS Discussion Group

Monday, Oct. 30 & Tuesday, Oct. 31

9am Country Store Cooking

An Invitation from Angels Charge Ministry



Join us for *A Heavenly Evening* on October 11 featuring The Rev. Becca Stevens, Founder of Thistle Farms in Nashville, TN. Becca is an amazing Top 10 CNN Speaker, Episcopal priest, author, and a social justice advocate for those who are marginalized in our society and all over the world.

Come have a delicious dinner, hear Becca speak, learn about Angels Charge Ministry AND have an opportunity to purchase Thistle Farms fabulous lotions, oils and Becca's books. The event will begin at 6:30pm in the Parish and Community Life Center with wine being served. You will have time to shop and mingle before dinner and the program at 7pm. This will be A Heavenly Evening you will never forget! Single-event tickets are \$40 and may be purchased online at <https://www.angelschargeministry.org> or by calling 864-680-1420.

Reminder: The Parish Paper Submission Deadline for the November issue will be Monday October 15.

The Rev. Deborah Apoldo, Associate Rector for Christian Formation

Worship as Formation

Whenever someone asks me what my church background is I give a response something like this; I worshiped mostly at such and such a church, or; I was formed in the Episcopal Church. I am quite intentional about the words I use to describe my life in the church. I don't use the more common language of "membership" or "attendance", as in; I attended such and such a church or; I am a member of the Episcopal Church.

It's not that there is anything wrong with referring to ourselves as a member or attendee of a church or denomination. For me though, my experience of worship and belonging goes deeper than these other words convey. In many ways and in a variety of settings the church joined me. The church joined me on a spiritual journey to which the Holy Spirit had drawn me. The people, the liturgy, the prayers and the sacraments have formed me as I've continued on that journey. It is, of course, a both/and situation. After all, I had to respond to the Spirit's invitation. I had to make the effort to be there and to engage and to commit myself to the life, ministry, sermons, classes, and financial support of the churches in which I found myself. And, of course, making friends and finding mentors has been a huge part of the experience. But over the years worship of God in Christ in communities of faith has washed over me in a way that has formed me into someone who loves the Lord and who seeks to live my life for his Kingdom.

What about you? How do you describe worship? What would you say is different about you because you offer yourself to God in worship? What would you miss if you weren't in worship on a regular basis? How has worship formed you?

Mark your calendars:

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 7 at 5:30 in front of Pendleton Hall

Bring your beloved critters for a blessing as we celebrate the life and legacy of St. Francis of Assisi in this traditional way – giving God thanks for the blessings of the whole of creation. Please note: all animals should be on a leash or otherwise contained. We will be receiving contributions of cat or dog food and/or cash donations for the Spartanburg Humane Society. (Make checks payable to The Episcopal Church of the Advent and note SHS in the memo).

All Souls Service of Remembrance

Sunday, November 4 at 5:30pm

This has become a lovely tradition at The Advent as we take time to honor, remember, and give thanks to God for the lives of loved ones who have died. You are invited to bring an item of remembrance to place on a table in the sanctuary of the church and to offer prayers as our choir performs portions of Gabriel Faure's beautiful Requiem.

Sunday Formation Opportunities for Adults

10:15am-11:05am

Special Offering on October 21

What is Music Therapy? with Dr. Carol Shultis

Offered at the Gleaners Sunday School Class. All are invited.

Dr. Carol Shultis, a professor in the Petrie School of Music at Converse College, will be offering a presentation on a field of study which is becoming increasingly popular in today's society. Music Therapy is a discipline that uses music as a tool to lessen the effects of physical, emotional, social and cognitive problems and improve the ability to function in every day life. Converse College offers a very strong music therapy program, and Carol will discuss the ways in which music therapy can be beneficial to a wide variety of people.

The Gleaners Sunday School Class

The Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall

This is an ongoing class with singing, religious art appreciation and Bible study based on the lectionary readings for the week. There is a strong sense of fellowship and belonging among all who participate in the Gleaners. It's a great place to plug into the life of the church and meet new friends. All are invited and welcome.

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The Seekers Sunday School Class

Dining Room A in the Parish and Community Life Center

This class is new for the 2018/19 season. Studies and topics will change every several weeks and will be focused on growth in faith and life application. Look for more details in the Bell Ringer each week to learn about current studies.

Parents in Community Fellowship

Dining Room C in the Parish and Community Life Center

Parents of children of all ages gather to learn from one another and to discuss teachings from various sources. Sometimes the class uses a DVD series, sometimes there are guest speakers, and sometimes the focus is a discussion on an article or current concerns that have to do with raising a family. All topics are centered around our lives of faith and how we both grow in our own faith and convey Christian principles to our children.

Welcome to Sunday!

Dining Room B of the Parish and Community Life Center

This class takes the place of the Rector's Forum and will be taught both by lay persons and clergy. The focus will be on the traditions and practices of The Episcopal Church and based on a series of teachings that include such topics as: Anglican Spiritual Traditions, Church Music and The Hymnal 1982, Seasons of the Church Year, The Book of Common Prayer, etc. The format is informal and includes both teaching and discussion in a seminar approach. The weekly classes are designed to accommodate drop-ins. If you miss some Sundays, you can find a place in this class. It's also a great place to dig deeper into the hows and whys of being an Episcopalian.

Wednesday Evenings for Everyone

5:45-7pm

Each first and third Wednesday we gather to enjoy a meal together followed by a program. This fall's programs have been offered by the various ministry commissions of the parish. Coming in October and November are offerings by the Adult Formation Commission, the Pastoral Care Commission and the Parish Management Commission.

"Will" is short for a "Last Will and Testament." Do you have one? Is it up to date?

Most of us know there are tremendous benefits to having a Will, and the downsides of not having one can be very costly. However, more than 50% of us don't have one regardless of income or accumulated wealth. Half the population has missed this most important piece of their financial plan.

The reality is we all have a Will until we draft one of our own. This default Will provides the state we reside in with the right to make decisions for us. Any Will you draft will take the decision-making power away from the state and into the hands of those you want making decisions for you.

Therefore, writing a Will is something that everyone should do - regardless of your age or wealth. By drafting a Will, you are simply putting your wishes onto paper for everyone to know and follow. This will make it easier for your loved ones in the long run. Please make sure that you have a will and it is up to date and accurately reflects your wishes. The purpose of a Will is to:

- Name beneficiaries (who receives your property)
- Name an Executor (the person who handles the distribution of your property)
- Name guardians (the person(s) who will take care of your children)

Feuds between siblings are one of the most common causes of litigation over an estate.

Family fights and squabbles after a loved one's death are common, and some can be epic - destroying otherwise 'healthy' sibling relationships. Is that the legacy we want to leave for our kids? Isn't it everyone's deep desire that his or her children get along?

We have lots of information on this subject and more in the office of the Advent Foundation. Please call Kit Jennings at 864-504-3689 or email at kjennings@churchofadvent.org.

SPIHN Week, September 30-October 7: Spartanburg Interfaith Hospitality Network families will be joining us this week. We still need your help for meals, hosting dinner time, and staying the evening. As we go to print, we have the following openings:

Sunday, September 30 - 1 Overnight Host

Friday, October 5 - 1 Supper Assistant Host

Saturday, October 6 - 1 Saturday Morning Host, 1 Saturday Afternoon Host, 1 Guest Supper provider, 1 Supper Assistant Host, and 2 Overnight Hosts

Sunday, October 7 - 1 or 2 more Breakdown helpers

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



Mary H. Wright Elementary School Fall Festival is on October 18 from 4-6 pm. Volunteers are greatly needed! This is a wonderful opportunity for you and your children to volunteer together, and it is an easy way to earn service hours for school and Scouts. If you would like to donate candy to be used as prizes or underwrite one of our activities, it will be most appreciated. All donations may be dropped off at the Satterlee Hall reception area. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please call Joy Oates at 864-415-9095 or Julie Schwartz at 864-504-8776. Thank you for your continued support of the children at MHW!

Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now), Sunday, October 28: We will gather in the PCLC gym at 10:15am to prepare more than 10,000 meals but could use 5 to 7 volunteers at 8:40am to assist with unloading and setup. This is a fun and meaningful way that we serve together with our families and with other members of all ages. If you can help, please use our SignUpGenius link, <https://tinyurl.com/y7lgf7fq>. You may also contact Clint Settle, Outreach Commission Chair at 864-505-8489 or clintsettle@scfbins.com.



“Blood Sunday” Ecumenical Blood Drive: The bloodmobile from the Blood Connection will be at the Advent on Sunday, November 4, 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.

Operation Magi

Christmas 2018 at Mary H. Wright Elementary School

The leaves are just beginning to fall—but as a trip to any retail outlet will tell you, Christmas preparations are underway. This season, 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, to include a set of clothing, a book, and one toy/item from the child’s wish list with a value of no more than \$25.

MHW shopping lists will be available in mid-November and all gifts must be bought and delivered to the Parish & Community Life Building by Sunday, December 16.



Let Operation Magi be an expression of your joy this Christmas. Participating provides a wonderful teaching moment for young families or a terrific collective effort for a Sunday School class, Bible study, fellowship group, or supper/book club. To adopt a child, please contact Lynne Blackman at blackman.lynne@gmail.com or 864-680-0578.



Sunday School is off to a fabulous start! Have you noticed how wise our children seem lately? If so, that's because our 4K children through 4th graders have been learning about "Living in Wisdom" during Sunday School this past month. The Sunday School teachers have focused on the lectionary readings from the Song of Solomon and Proverbs during August and September.

During the month of October, our younger children will learn about Esther and Job from the Old Testament. Meanwhile, 5th graders have been learning about the fruits of the spirit and will continue to learn about each of the fruits for the upcoming weeks. Many thanks to the wonderful teachers who make Sunday School a great experience for our Advent children! **Please join us next Sunday!**

FR8yard. Inviting all Young Families (all families with children in 5th grade or younger) to join us for a great time of food and fellowship at FR8yard (125 East Main Street) on Wednesday, October 10, from 5:15 to 7pm. The Advent Children's Choirs will have an outdoor practice session from 5:15 to 5:45 in lieu of their regular Wednesday practice and then perform for all of us at 5:45pm. You will not want to miss this great kick-off to Fall! Please RSVP to Suzanne Dantin at sdantin@churchofadvent.org by Friday, October 5.

Rise Against Hunger (formerly Stop Hunger Now), Sunday, October 28: We will gather in the Parish and Community Life Center (PCLC) Gym at 10:15am to prepare more than 10,000 meals. All children in Adventure Kingdom, ages 4K and up, will participate in this intergenerational activity.

Halloween Fall Festival. Calling all Young Families and Friends to join us on Sunday, October 28, for our Second Annual Halloween Fall Festival from 4 to 6pm on the lawn beside the Scout Hut. Our Advent Youth Group is putting on this Fall Festival to raise proceeds for their 2020 Pilgrimage. We will have pumpkin painting, apple bobbing, and lots of other fun games and activities. Also, we will be serving hot dogs, chips and drinks for dinner. The cost will be \$10 for an individual, with a maximum of \$40 per family. Look forward to seeing you there!



Sign Up NOW for the Advent Youth Winter Ski Trip

Destination: Snowshoe Mountain

The Advent Youth Winter Ski Retreat is a wonderful time each year for our Middle School and High School youth to enjoy community and grow in faith. The retreat will involve 5 days and 4 nights on Snowshoe Mountain. Three days and nights of skiing, group gathering time in the evening with games, music, and faith formation. The theme this year is "Life, Choices and Good Times"!

January 2, 2019—January 6, 2019

Register by OCTOBER 14, 2018 by filling out the registration form & paying the \$200 deposit. The total cost is \$550 per person and is inclusive of ski/board rentals, 3 days and 4 nights lodging, transportation, 4 group meals (additional money needed for other meals, snacks, spending, etc.), lift tickets for 3 days and 3 nights of skiing. We have space for 20 participants.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

(Ages 1-11)

2 - Bear Brannon
 5 - Robert Hammett
 6 - Henry Montgomery
 6 - Phoebe Montgomery
 8 - Amelia Atallah
 9 - Vivian Mathis
 12 - Thomas Hyde
 13 - Wade Cooper
 15 - Abram Moyer
 16 - Mary Elisabeth Reid
 19 - Miles Little
 20 - John Foster
 23 - Tab Cannon
 23 - Noah Moore
 24 - George Shannon
 30 - Abigail McGarity



Basketball Coaches Needed!

Our goal is to organize teams and start practices in mid-October for the YMCA and early November for St. Paul's.

YMCA League Coaches should contact David Dixon at ddixon@churchofadvent.org.

If you would like to coach in the St. Paul's League, please contact Suzanne Dantin at sdantin@churchofadvent.org.

Go Advent!

FLOWER MEMORIALS

First Sunday in October - October 7**Altar Memorials*****The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God***

in honor of our precious grandchildren, William, James, Eliza, Allie, Grace and Harrison Camp

in loving memory of Henry Burritt Jennings and Martha Glen Reeves Jennings, Lottie Jennings Barksdale and Carl Downs Barksdale, Virginia Jennings Christman and Milon Stone Christman, Martha Glen Barksdale Boggs and Thomas Edgar Boggs, Jr., Virginia Christman Smith Irwin and John Davis Smith, James Renwick Wilkes III, Thomas Edgar Boggs III, and Charlotte Jennings Boggs, by their family

Second Sunday in October - October 14**Altar Memorials*****The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and***

in loving memory of loved ones by George E. Stone and family

in loving memory of The Reverend Waller Caldwell III by his family

Third Sunday in October - October 21**Altar Memorial*****The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and***

in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Y. DuPre, Earline Bates and Lois Mills by Mr. and Mrs. Gary J. Giegerich, Mr. and Mrs. David R. Lavender and Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Wiggins and children

Fourth Sunday in October - October 28**Altar Memorial*****The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and***

in loving memory of Buddy Cubitt and Buddy Nelms by Jamie, Jennifer, Maggie and Will Cubitt

For updates or additions to the Advent Prayer List, please contact the Rev. Paula Griffin at 864-504-3686, 864-542-6650 or pgriffin@churchofadvent.org.

*After-Office Hours for Pastoral Emergencies
Call 864-590-5602*

“Pink Sunday,” October 14: Please wear pink in memory of all those whose lives have been touched by cancer, and stop by the Cancer Support Group table to fill out a prayer flag. Please contact Judy Waddell at 864-680-4417 or judywaddell@charter.net if you have questions.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
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PARISH MANAGEMENT | VESTRY **OCTOBER 2018**

Commission and Team Meetings

Tuesday, October 2 6:15pm Stewardship Commission	Wednesday, October 10 12:30pm Outreach Commission
Monday, October 8 5:30pm Parish Life Commission	1:15pm St. Francis & St. Clare
Tuesday, October 9 3pm Liturgy Commission	Monday, October 22 5:30pm Adult Formation Comm.
	5:30pm Parish Management
	Tuesday, October 30 6:15pm Vestry

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Commitment Sunday is October 7

Pledge cards will be blessed at all services on this day.



Advent Strategic Plan Survey
If you submitted your pledge electronically, you may place your completed survey in the offering plate before or on October 7.