Farewell Charlie (sort of)

Hopefully by now, all of you reading this article are aware of the reception on Sunday, June 1 at 11:15am in the Parish and Community Life Center to honor, congratulate and thank Charlie Gosnell for over 23 years of superb and gracious service to our church.

The staff gathered for a luncheon to share fond memories and to present Charlie a farewell gift. Randy Murphy, one of his team members, confessed to being nervous around Charlie at the beginning but was soon put at ease. He deemed Charlie “a good man” and expressed his appreciation for all that he has been taught.

After the ACC graduation, Charlie lamented that he would miss seeing those children - many of whom have stopped by during their high school years. The camaraderie is shared by our young ones. Kathie Borowski said one of the toddlers blurted, “Charlie, we made card for you!”

As happy as we are for him that he is retiring and will have more time for mission trips, racing and other things he has been wanting to spend more time doing, we find ourselves a bit sad that his smile and generous spirit will not be experienced quite as often as we have been used to over the years. The good news is that he has offered to come back as a volunteer to this place he calls “his church.” Let’s hope he does so often.

On August 24, 2003, we celebrated the groundbreaking for our Parish and Community Life Center. The Cornerstone Campaign, and your support of it, has brought us a long way since that pivotal moment. As we look back, it is truly incredible how far we have come as a community of faith in the last decade. In addition to what we call the PCLC, we also have a renovated Satterlee Hall which houses our offices and conference rooms, a new Youth Center, a renovated Pendleton Hall, and an endowment which serves our parish in outreach, maintenance, and pastoral care. We are now closing the books on Cornerstone One and Cornerstone Two - but what a wonderful look back to see how our ministries have grown with each passing day as a result. Thank you for your dedication to the Church of the Advent. Kit Jennings - Executive Director - The Advent Foundation - kjennings@churchofadvent.org - 864-504-3689
Register now for upcoming Third Wednesday Dinners

Third Wednesday Dinners’ Focus on Fellowship will continue throughout the summer. Mark your calendar for June 18, The Jennings/Cleveland Magic Show Returns: July 16, BINGO; and August 20, 2014 Pilgrimage Presentation at 5:45 p.m. Please let us know if you will be coming so that Gail can prepare accordingly. Call 864-504-3692 or email egilliam@churchofadvent.org by Monday, noon, before the event.

Pentecost Sunday is June 8. After the 10:00 a.m. service, come to the lobby of the PCLC (Parish and Community Life Center) to celebrate by having a piece of red velvet cake. Beverages will be served in the Cart Garden. You can also admire the new plantings by the new Landscape Volunteers.

Young Families are invited to a pool/pizza party on June 25th at 5:30 p.m. at Fernwood Pool. Come swim, eat pizza and enjoy snowcones! Contact Elizabeth Gilliam if you have questions.

Laud & Praise: Lakeside was a great success. Thank you to all of the volunteers who made it possible to experience a glorious worship service.

Nametags are a form of hospitality. If you would like one, please contact Elizabeth Gilliam at 864-504-3692 or egilliam@churchofadvent.org.

Welcome New Members

Mickey Brown, Margaret Cothran, Herb Neely, Jr., Chris Neely, Rick Forrest, Sally Forrest, Trey Rousey, III, Paige Rousey, John White and Karen White.

Save the Date ~

Mid-Summer Lunch will be served on July 20 in the PCLC after the 10:00 a.m. service. RSVP by calling 864-504-3692 or email egilliam@churchofadvent.org.

Advent Bazaar ~ November 20

Country Store at the Bazaar
Calling all helpers and cooks! The following dates have been reserved for cooking our favorite Bazaar goodies: June 11, 25; July 9, 23, 30; Aug. 6, 13, 27. Hope to see you in the Billie Little Kitchen in the Youth Center at 9:00 a.m. or come when you can!
**Summer Choir**
Now that all musical groups have finished for the academic year, the Church of the Advent Summer Choir is now in session! To sing in it, all you need to do is come to the choir room upstairs in Pendleton Hall at 9:00 a.m., exactly one hour before the 10:00 a.m. service to learn whatever the anthem is for the day. The music is kept easy and fun, and the atmosphere is relaxed. Parishioners ages 8 to 108 are invited to join. For more information, please call 864-504-3694 or e-mail bszafron@churchofadvent.org.

**2014–15 Concerts and Special Services**
Plans are still being finalized for any concerts and special services to be held at the Advent. Please stay tuned for next month's paper for more details. There may also be a new musical group starting this fall; stay tuned for more details!

**Vacation Bible School**
Brennan Szafron, organist/choirmaster will be leading the music at “Gateway to Galilee” this month! If your child enjoys the music at Vacation Bible School, please consider signing him/her up for one of the church’s many children’s choirs this fall!

**Congratulations to the Junior Choristers!!**
On Sunday April 27, Tally Vaneman, Lillian Byers, and Hayden Green received light blue ribbons from the Royal School of Church Music in a ceremony held at the 9:00 a.m. service. Drew Lawton also received his dark blue ribbon. Drew, Hayden, and Sam Evins were recognized as graduating choristers. Tally was recognized as a new senior chorister, and Lillian was recognized as the new head chorister for 2014-15.

**2014 June Flowers**

**First Sunday in June – June 1**
**Altar Memorials**
The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Theodore Jervey Hopkins and Charles Blalock Smith by Calvert Hopkins Helms

**Second Sunday in June – June 8**
**Altar Memorials**
in loving memory of Sarah Z. Zimmerman, C. Henry Zimmerman, Anne Zimmerman Gleim, James M. Zimmerman, Mary J. Zimmerman, Russell D. Zimmerman, Anne Frezile Zimmerman, Jerry U. Criswell, Sallie Barre James and Nancy McWhorter Irwin by Mary Z. Criswell

in loving memory of Dr. William F. Price from his family

**Third Sunday in June – June 15**
**Altar Memorials**
in loving memory of Helen DuPre Moseley and Carlos DuPre Moseley by Cynthia Moseley

in loving memory of my husband, Jerry J. Harrison, given by Carolyn Schoepf and daughters, Marjorie Spigner Garrett and Natalie Spigner McConnell and grandchildren, Drake, John, Anna and Catherine

**Baptismal Font:** in loving memory of Charles Otto and Dorothy Crowell Gnerlich given by their son, Charles Gnerlich

**Fourth Sunday in June – June 22**
**Altar Memorials**
in thanksgiving to God for the blessings He gave to us through the life of Francis Nicholas Belmont

in thanksgiving for the life of Missy Rowland Turner given by Carole and Mac Davis

**Fifth Sunday in June - June 29**
**Altar Memorial:** in loving memory of T. Kenneth Cribb given by Lynn and Billy Cribb

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*A Memorial or Honorary Gift to the Advent Foundation is a wonderful remembrance.*
**Book and Brown Bag**

Book and Brown Bag, which meets every Tuesday at 12:15, will conclude *My Bright Abyss, Meditations of a Modern Believer* on Tuesday, June 10. This book study group will take a summer break and reconvene on August 19. Stay tuned for updates!

**Summer Formation**

Summer is a great time to take a break from routines and spend some extra time enjoying the things you love, which we hope will include faith formation!! Even if you are away, there are wonderful on-line resources for people of all ages as well as families - one of our favorites is [www.vibrantfaithathome.org](http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org). Of course, when you are in town, we hope to see you in Gleaners on Sunday morning, Bible Challenge on Wednesday night and at VBS!

**Gangway to Galilee VBS**

Gangway! Clear the way! In Gangway to Galilee VBS, your children learn, through stories, songs and activities, that Jesus gives amazing grace to us all. Clear your children's schedules to hear amazing Bible accounts that take place on the Sea of Galilee or its shore. Christ showed us He will keep us safe, save us, and provide for all we need now and eternally!

**4th and 5th Grade Service Projects**

June 23-26 - Kickoff dinner with VBS June 22 5:30 - 6:30pm. We are trying something new this year by having a boys team and a girls team that will work to help in different areas around Spartanburg. Our incredible leaders, Sharyn Pittman and Moira Scheel, will be guiding the way for this group! Come join us for this wonderful opportunity to serve our community. **Space is limited so sign up today with friends!**

**Young Families Pool Party!**

Join us as we gather together at Fernwood pool from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Pizza and snowcones will be there, too!

Members of the Thursday morning Women’s Bible study enjoy a field trip to Hollywild with members of the Soup Kitchen Bible study. Many thanks to Lucia Meeks for personally underwriting the cost of the visit!
Extending Christ’s healing care

Pastoral Care / Health & Wellness

Father Steve McGehee

Feeding the Five Thousand: Got Produce? We do!!

The Health and Wellness Commission is partnering with the Hub City Farmer’s Market to bring their Mobile Market to the Advent the third Wednesday of every month during the growing season, starting this June. The Mobile Market serves as a Farmer’s Market on wheels, and will bring farm-fresh, local produce to the Advent once a month from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The dates (listed below) are in conjunction with the Wednesday night program. We invite you to enjoy the fresh fruits and vegetables that are so spectacular during the summer through this convenient, accessible market. The market accepts Cash, Credit/Debit and SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), and will be parked in the Parish and Community Life Center lot on Advent Street. For more information on the Hub City Farmers Market, visit: www.hubcityfm.org and their Facebook page, www.facebook.com/HubCityFM.

Hope to see you at “the Market” this summer!!

Mobile Market Dates at the Advent:
June 18
July 16
August 20
September 17
October 15

In peace,
Father Steve+

Prayers of the People
(as of May 21, 2014)

WE ARE ASKED TO REMEMBER THESE PARISHIONERS: Carolyn Schoepf, Prudy Scott, John Wardlaw, Marianne Clark, Aileen Belmont, Marion Nichols, Ginger Watson, Gay Peden, Helen France, Betty Taylor, Mac Dunbar, Cynthia Moseley, Iwalani Foster, Beverly Burn-Turnage, Frannie Jordan, Bill Chase, Julian Josey, Susan Taylor, Patrick Myers, Mary Drozdak, Frances Loudon, Ross Marchand, Linda & Phil McGee, Mary Ann Munn, Ed Hall, Giles Lewis, Lynn Brown, Gloria Bock, Katie Hodge and Roland Doepner

AND FOR THESE PERSONS: Jerry Tashner, Harold Pye, Jack Graham, Tom Buice, Mike & Dottie Mayfield, Bill Drake, Tom Comer, Jane Dowling Fender, Roberta Bigger, Chase Comer, Philip Foster, Barbara Humphries, Mary Humphries, Betty Holland, Bet Ancrum, Donna, Jan Hunter, Geri Rose and Guy Fain

FOR THESE PERSONS SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR COUNTRY: Halcott R. Carter, Michael McCraw, Robert Christian Smith, Tripp Lynn, John Watters, Ed Y. Hall, Jr., Sam Brown, Robert Gautier, Grant R. Blackwell, Daniella Roberson, Michael Hall, Jennifer and Christopher Guyne, Chad Sims, Ashley McGaha, Derrick Gossett, Wade Hampton McIntyre IV, Thomas Adam Nolen, Wayne Pennington, Robert E. Flandry III, Rion Cartin, Thomas E. Grubb, Brian Parker, Friedan McLean, Sean Douglas Shriner, Alex Holland, Joshua Scybert and Jim Duncan Steven

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Geri Neal Rose, Sandra Ann McCravy and Richard Darwin Koon

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

Cancer Support Group will meet Wednesday, June 11, at 4:00 p.m. in the first floor Conference Room. If you have questions, please call Jackie Hollis at 864-573-5177.
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Summer Camps, Jobs & Volunteer

- It is not too late to sign up for Youth Week at KANUGA | June 16-21
  Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC | kanuga.org
  Junior young people (rising in grades 7th - 9th) "We Believe"
  Senior young people (rising in grades 10th - 12th) "The Elements of Grace"

- Mary H. Wright Elementary School at Camp Bob
  Kanuga Conference Center, Hendersonville, NC | kanuga.org
  High school student volunteers are needed to be camp counselors in June.
  Contact David at ddixon@churchofadvent.org.

- Camp Gravatt, Aiken, SC | bishopgravatt.org
  Junior High (7th - 9th Graders), June 14-23 or July 15-24

- Camp St. Christopher's | stchristopher.org, John's Island, SC
  9th - 12th Graders - June 16 - 21 AND 6th - 8th Graders - June 9 - 14
  7th - 9th Graders - July 21 - July 26

- Camp Wayfarer | campwayfarer.com
- Camp Greystone | campgreystone.com
- Camp Lurecrest | camplurecrest.org
- Christian Camping & Conference Association | ccca.org

Wacky Wednesdays 2014
This summer we have some awesome trips lined up for the youth to have fun and build community. We will be going kayaking down the Lower Green River rapids, Zip-lining at The Gorge, Rollercoasting at Carowinds and ...in addition to these events, there are two movie nights that will be local and prepayment is not required, just sign up and pay at the theatre. The day trips will be all-day events - the Atlanta trip we will return late that evening after the game.

I have worked to try and get the best prices for each event. With the exception of Carowinds, each location requires payment upfront to reserve the date and time. I have listed each event below and the cost. Please check the events your student/s would like to attend and submit payment to me by June 14th. Student will need extra money for food, drinks, snacks, etc. A boxed lunch for the Kayaking and the Gorge trip will be provided which is included in the price of the trip. Contact David at ddixon@churchofadvent.org.

**JUNE**
4 - Green River Inflatable Kayaking - Green River Adventures (Cost: $45.00 boxed lunch included)
11 - Movie Night @ Theatre - (Cost of ticket and xtras)
25 - The Gorge - Green River area, 3hr zipline course (Cost - $85.00 boxed lunch included)

**JULY**
9 - Carowinds (Cost - $35.00 plus food)
16 - Movie Night @ Theatre - (Cost of ticket and xtras)
23 - Georgia Aquarium (Cost $35.00 plus food) & Atlanta Braves Game (7:00PM Braves vs Marlins) - (Cost $20.00 plus food)
STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION: As we reflect on a wonderful send-off for Hal and a great Parish-wide “Laud & Praise: Lakeside” event, I would ask that we all think about Stewardship in a different way- different from the Annual Campaign; different from pledging and budgets; different from “do we have enough to do what we want (and often times, need) to do?” At least 100 Advent parishioners gave of their time and talents to make Laud & Praise: Lakeside a glorious event, one that the children will be able to file in their memories and draw upon for years. The view of that Cross of Flowers will burn in my mind for a while, I know. I don't think I've ever seen a more magnificent cross.

The gifts that those 100 parishioners gave us is Stewardship - returning a portion to God of all of His great gifts to us, a gift of Thanksgiving for giving his Son so that we may live, a simple acknowledgement that everything we have and everything we love is a gift from God - unearned, and (at least in my case) undeserved, except for His Grace. We are all called as stewards of God's gifts to “Let Christ's Light Be Seen In Us.”

Together, I am sure we can find ways to do just that. The Stewardship Commission meets the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 2 at Satterlee Hall. Come join us to discuss how we can all live that life at The Advent. Fondly, Matthew Myers

CHILDREN’S CHAPEL: This summer we will continue Children’s Chapel in June and August. We will have a special Pentecost Children's Chapel on June 8 followed by teaching on worship in the church. Children will learn from beginning to end the meaning behind what we do each Sunday. The Sundays will be June 15, 22, and 29 then will continue in August on the 3rd, 10th and 17th. No Children's Chapel will be held the month of July.

THE ADVENT SHOPPE: Special Father’s Day Event! Open House on Wednesday, June 11, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. 15% off our special assortment of books and plaques for Dad! From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. meet Sherry Jackson, author of “Five-Star Trails: South Carolina Upstate: Your Guide to the Area's Most Beautiful Hikes,” who will be available to sign your books and answer questions. While you are in the Shoppe to get a gift for Dad, get a trinket for you!

REGISTRATION FOR CUMBERLAND-SEWANEE MISSION TRIP CONTINUES: Our trip in 2014 will be from Sunday, June 15, through departure on Friday, June 20. We invite adults in our parish to join us and take the opportunity to get to know other parishioners but the trip is also open to your friends. Our project is scheduled to be the interior work on a new home. The cost per person is a $165 fee and approximately $100 to $125 in out-of-pocket expenses for meals and personal refreshments. For more information, please contact Larry Moore at daddymoe@yahoo.com, Bob Page at rwpage@charter.net or Rick Gilliam at ragilliam@gmail.com.

Behind-the-Scenes at the Assault on Mt. Mitchell organized and run by the Freewheelers of Spartanburg. Keenan Mullen and Angela Halstead also served as 2014 Assault Directors for the Marion ride. Photo by Jim Elliott.
The following is an excerpt from the press release issued by the Diocese regarding Same-Sex blessings:

Bishop Waldo Releases Pastoral and Theological Reflection on Same-Sex Blessings

Columbia – May 8, 2014 -- The Right Reverend Andrew Waldo, Bishop of The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina, released today In Dialogue with Sacred Tradition: A Pastoral and Theological Reflection on Same-Sex Blessings.

Bishop Waldo will allow the blessings of same-sex relationships in the Diocese of Upper South Carolina under conditions outlined in the report released today.

“My decision to allow the blessing of same-sex relationships is deeply rooted in scripture, tradition and reason and comes after four years of dialogue throughout the Diocese and a year-and-a-half of deep study and dialogue by a task force of clergy and lay persons who represent deeply diverse positions,” said Waldo.

The entire document is available on the Diocesan website: www.edusc.org.

The Vestry and I have met and have held an initial discussion regarding the decision of Bishop Waldo to bless same-sex relationships and the pastoral and theological reflection found in the report completed by the Task Force on Unity and Faithfulness. We are discerning when the curriculum included in the document will be offered to our parish as an Adult Forum series. I encourage all of us to take the time to read through the report found at the Diocesan website: www.edusc.org.

When I was interviewing with the Advent Vestry and the Discernment/Search Committee back in 2009 to be the next rector, and was asked where I stood in terms of gays in the church, I recall saying that I believe the church needs to be a place where all are welcome. There has to be room at the table for everyone, but no one has a louder voice at that table than anyone else. There is only one who sits at the head and no one needs to be talking so loudly that we can't hear the one who sits in that place, Jesus Christ. We are called to follow him faithfully and to love one another as he loves us.

That seemed to be an acceptable answer then and I pray that it still is today. Please know that I am available to speak with anyone in our parish who would like to make an appointment (please call Donna Matthews at 864-504-3696). We are very fortunate to be members of a Christian community, here at the Advent and within the wider Church that strives to be faithful, loving and courageous while seeking humbly to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please continue to keep our Diocese, Bishop, Vestry, Staff and each other in your prayers, and be assured that you are in mine.

God bless you. Ned+

Confirmation Corner with David Dixon: During the summer months our Confirmands will be working on a project that will be presented to the Vestry in the fall prior to confirmation. Confirmation is about making a choice; making a choice implies having the power to do so and making use of that power. The project will focus on what it means living out our call to be Christ's body in the world.

The Bible tells us again and again that we are to act in the world. Often, however, we find ourselves paralyzed - by fear, by doubt, by our own comfort with the status quo.

The Confirmands have chosen as their project this year’s VBS. They will be in charge of leading the games and activities throughout the week of VBS. This project will show youth that they do have the ability to influence others and make a difference in the lives of those they are in community with, also, that their power is at its strongest when used in community - the message Jesus taught again and again.
## Support the Advent's ministries

### Analysis of Revenues & Expenses

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### 2014 VESTRY MEMBERS

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### DEADLINE REMINDER

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