



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

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January 29, 2012 ◇ Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany

Thanks to Retiring Vestry People: All the people of Advent give a heartfelt word of THANKS to Gwen Miller for 6 years of service, Lewis Meriam for his 3 and Fran Woodland for her last year. These faithful parishioners have willingly answered the congregation's call to represent congregants' views and guide in decision-making. Lay leadership is of fundamental importance to the faithful functioning of Advent, and these folks have served with distinction. Thank you!

Welcome Newly-Elected Vestry Members: The Annual Meeting elected by acclamation the following to 3-year terms: Teddi Augustine, John Bacan, and Dick McCormick. Also, Tom Clark was elected to fill the unexpired remaining 2 years of Fran Woodland's term, necessitated by her relocation to Beijing to accept new employment opportunities. Thank you to the four of you for agreeing to serve in this important ministry.

A New Mid-Week Bible Study will be started, if enough interest in it is expressed to Fr. RJ; your input is needed and would be appreciated. The study would be open to everyone, and held on either Wednesday or Thursday, within one of the following time frames: 11:00 - 12:00 or 1:00-2:00 (but we can be flexible if need be). If you would like to be a part of this Bible study, please let Marcia Duennes know which day and time you prefer or if you have no preference with regard to day or time. We will ultimately choose the time and day that works for the most people, so let your voice be heard. Please either see Marcia at church, e-mail her (marcee47@oh.rr.com) or call her at 440-327-0120 to tell her your preferences.

Ladies Night Out will take place on Monday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m. We will dine at Brio in Crocker Park and enjoy some fine Italian cuisine. Brio is located across from Barnes and Noble on the northwest corner by the circle in the middle of the main street. There is a parking garage by Dick's, a block away from Brio. Valet parking is also available at the front of the restaurant. Please let Marcia Duennes know if you are planning on attending so reservations can be made (440-327-0120; marcee47@oh.rr.com).

Men's Night Out will take place on Monday, February 13, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Smoky Bones, 25785 Brookpark Road, in North Olmsted.

Is there more to life? Advent's spring Alpha Course began last Wednesday, but it is not too late to attend. If you have already attended the Alpha Course, you may consider attending the follow-up study, entitled *A Life Worth Living*, which has as its focus Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Like the original Alpha course, this follow-up course includes, each Wednesday night, a group dinner, followed by a video, and then discussion. Advent is offering this course at the same time as the Alpha Course (Wednesdays, beginning at 6:30 p.m.). If you, or a friend or family member, would like to attend either course, please contact Fr. RJ.

Service Schedule

Close Advent after Coffee Hour

1/29 Peter Meckes
2/5 John Urbas

8:00 a.m. Chalice Bearer/Lector

1/29 Marcia Duennes
2/5 Jack Morgan

10:00 a.m. Chalice Bearers

1/29 Dick McCormick &
Bunny Meriam
2/5 Dick McCormick &
Barbara Frank

10:00 a.m. Lector

1/29 Dick McCormick
2/5 Barbara Gage

10:00 a.m. Ushers

1/29 Peter Meckes
2/5 Peter Meckes/Tom Clark

10:00 a.m. Acolytes

1/29 Madison Rausch &
Angelo Evans
2/5 Madison Rausch &
Rose Dornon

Altar Guild

1/29 Bunny Meriam &
Susan Rausch
2/5 Marcia Duennes &
Betty Clark

Prayers of the People

1/29 Denise Geyer-Keller (#5)
2/5 Dick McCormick (#6)

Intercessory Prayer

1/29 Mary Lou Dixon
2/5 Ray Busony

Coffee Hour

1/29 Ed & Lillian Kwasny
2/5 Sharon Rice/Teddi Augustine

Counters

1/30 Sally Morgan
2/06 Ray Augustine

Nursery 7:50-11:15 a.m.

Note: It is your responsibility to contact another volunteer directly to take your place. Please call the office with all changes. Thank you.

The Next Metanoia Project Dinner will take place next Sunday, February 5, at the Hospitality Center at St. Malachi's on West 25th Street in Cleveland. If you would like to join the group serving at the center, or want to assist by cooking, please contact Dick McCormick (call 440-835-4485; or e-mail him at rem@mbdynamics.com.)

Starting in February, we will be starting a new Youth Choir here at Advent. We will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays right after church for 20 minutes by the piano. Those who are interested, please let Kim Pederson know so she can get enough music for each member.

Missing Lid Latch? Someone provided stew contained in a slow cooker for the January 1, 2012 Metanoia dinner. The lid latch (looks like a big rubber band) for this cooker is in the Advent kitchen awaiting your pick up.

UPDATE: Sisters in Christ - A journey through the Bible for the Women of Advent

--"Sisters share a love tied with heartstrings" --



"Now if we are children, then we are heirs-heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory." (Romans 8:17)

Our schedule of meetings for February and March has been revised so that our members can attend Superbowl festivities with their families and friends. Accordingly, our meetings will take place at 7:00 p.m. at the Humphrey/Cracha home on the following Sunday evenings: February 12, February 19, March 4, and March 18. As always, if you have questions, you may contact Nicole Humphrey or Julie Cracha for information (e-mail Nicole at nicole4jeff@gmail.com or call Julie at 440-427-0601).

Save the dates and look for further updates in ADVENTures, and on Facebook:

Chili Cook-off on Saturday, February 18

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Tuesday, February 21.

Did you know? You can look at Advent's Facebook Page WITHOUT joining Facebook and without providing any information to Facebook! Just visit our web page (www.adventwestlake.org) and click on the link for "Facebook (Advent's Page)" on the bottom left side of the screen under "More Quick Links." When you click on that link, you will go immediately to our Facebook page, without joining Facebook or signing in.

Faithweavers needs you this spring. If you feel called to youth ministry, and are interested in teaching a Faithweavers class beginning in February, please see Denise Geyer-Keller. Thank you.