



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

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January 8, 2012 ◇ Epiphany Sunday

The Metanoia Project Dinner at the Hospitality Center at St. Malachi's on West 25th Street in Cleveland went very well. More than sixty guests enjoyed a tasty, warm dinner, followed by a brief prayer service. Thank you again to everyone who has done so much for this important and growing ministry. If you would like to join the group serving at the center or preparing dishes for the meals on February 5, please contact Dick McCormick 440-835-4485; rem@mbdynamics.com.

Advent's Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 22, 2012, following the ONE service at 9:00 am. After the service, the Annual Meeting will also be held in the Sanctuary, followed by a potluck lunch in the Parish Hall. Please sign up to provide a main dish, side dish or dessert on the clipboards which will circulate during services.

No Intercessory Prayer Group Meeting will be held today. Please pray for the special needs of these people who are on the prayer request list kept on the table in the hall outside the sanctuary.

Pastor Schlupe will conduct the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services on January 15 while Fr. RJ and his family are away. Please plan to attend one of these services to welcome and support our dear friend.

Ladies Night Out will take place at 6:30 p.m. this Monday, January 9, at Mahle's Restaurant at 24945 Detroit Road in Westlake. The restaurant is on the south side of Detroit, between Columbia and Clague Road. Please let Marcia Duennes know if you will be attending (440-327-0120; marcee47@oh.rr.com).

Is there more to life? As normal life resumes after Christmas and New Year's Day, people begin to feel like something is missing from their lives. For many, that something is a relationship with God. The Alpha Course is designed to invite people to begin or to strengthen a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Advent will offer the Alpha Course again beginning on January 25 at 6:30 p.m. Alpha is a ten-session course, which begins with dinner, and is followed by a video and small group discussion. Please consider inviting friends, family members, or acquaintances who might be asking if there is more to life to discover more about the Christian faith at our Alpha Course.

How is it possible to live the Christian life positively, joyfully, and practically? *A Life Worth Living* is a follow-up to the Alpha Course. Alpha has produced a series of nine videos in which Nicky Gumbel presents a study of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Each video is followed by a discussion group. Advent will offer this course at the same time as the Alpha Course, beginning with dinner on January 25 at 6:30 p.m.

Service Schedule

Close Advent after Coffee Hour

1/08 John Urbas
1/15 John Crothall

8:00 a.m. Acolyte/Chalice Bearer

1/08 Marcia Duennes
1/15 Judy Bell

8:00 a.m. Lector & POP

1/08 Marcia Duennes
1/15 Judy Bell

10:00 a.m. Chalice Bearers

1/08 Scott Duennes &
Sharon Rice
1/15 Dick McCormick &
Nicole Humphrey

10:00 a.m. Lector

1/08 Sally Morgan
1/15 Nicole Humphrey

10:00 a.m. Ushers

1/08 Ray Augustine &
Ethan Rausch
1/15 Jerry & Jan Nagy

10:00 a.m. Acolytes

1/08 Madison Rausch &
Kaylie Evans
1/15 Denise Geyer-Keller &
Nico Humphrey

Altar Guild

1/08 Sally Morgan &
Sandy Shoenfelt
1/15 Marcia Duennes &
Chris Rhodes

Prayers of the People

1/08 Barbara Machol (#2)
1/15 Denise Geyer-Keller (#3)

Intercessory Prayers

1/08 Barbara Machol
1/15 Fran Woodland

Coffee Hour

1/08 Lisa Le Barron
1/15 Marcia Duennes

Counters

1/09 Anne Meldrum
1/16 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.

A Book Review

A Perfect Day by Richard Paul Evans. Read (Audio Book) December 2011 by Lewis and Bunny Meriam.

The main character, Robert Harlan, has three loves in his life: his wife, his daughter and his writing. He gets a chance to finish the book he has been writing. The story is about a perfect day when his wife spends with her father before he dies. The book becomes a national best seller, and Robert becomes a different man now losing sight of his earlier loves. Then he meets someone who tells him much about himself and informs him he has but a few weeks to live. Robert must work hard to resolve his problems in order to leave this world with a right heart and the love back in his heart. He learns that he has further to go than he expected.

We enjoyed reading this book. Actually, we listened to the audio book while going to/from work. My life, and wife, were touched by the shift in focus that changed Robert. And we were glad to see that love can change many a heart, both now and in the times to come.

Amazon says "*A Perfect Day* is a novel of love and awakening from one of the world's most beloved storytellers."

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)

An amazing evening was shared among the sisters at the Humphrey/Cracha home in December. May we share many more and may the numbers of our sisters increase as we enjoy each other and the Word of God. Our next meeting will take place later this month; watch Advent's Facebook page as information about the date, time and place will be announced there. Or, you may contact Nicole Humphrey or Julie Cracha for information (e-mail Nicole at nicole4jeff@gmail.com or call Julie at 440-427-0601).

Yummy Caramel Corn for Sale!

Are you ready for some football????!!!! It's SuperBowl season and the ladies of Advent would like to help you get ready for your parties! We will be making and selling homemade buttery caramel corn (don't even ask how much butter goes in this) for SuperBowl Sunday. **We will be delivering the caramel corn to church on SuperBowl Sunday, February 5, 2012. Ordering information will be available next Sunday.** The profit from this delicious fundraiser will defray the cost of bus transportation and lodging for our trip to the 2012 Women of Faith Conference! If you want to party with the ladies making the caramel corn, put a note on your calendar for Saturday, January 28 when we will gather together. More information about this gathering will be published in next week's ADVENTures and on Advent's Facebook page. Hope you can join us!