



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

Advent Episcopal Church ◊ 3760 Dover Center Road ◊ Westlake ◊ OH ◊ 44145

August 5, 2018 ◊ The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Preaching this Morning at Advent

Advent welcomes Pastor Paul Laursen to our 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services today. Pastor Laursen will be with us through August and beyond.

On Piano this week at Advent

Advent welcomes Darlene Khoury to our 10:00 a.m. service as guest pianist today.

What is a “Music Leader” at Advent Episcopal Church?

The vestry continues to pray and seek the Lord’s guidance and will for a worship experience that will appeal to existing parishioners and new ones we expect to attract. We said in last summer’s congregational discernment meetings that we wanted to “Sustain and Grow Our Community”, to “grow together in numbers”, and to add “new members bringing families”. The vestry discerns that we can’t “do church” as in the past and expect such outcomes – that is, to expect to sustain and grow our community. We need to change while still holding onto core theological values. One of the changes is to make the musical dimension of worship vibrant, uplifting and appealing to a broader spectrum of today’s and tomorrow’s worshippers. The purpose of our Music Leader position is to “Plan, organize, and lead music programs to enrich the spiritual worship experience of members and visitors. Through music, create an uplifting, respectful and memorable time of celebration, capturing the hearts and spirits of those in attendance, creatively blending liturgy and praise.” This includes combining traditional hymns with contemporary and modern praise music that engages the congregation and helps us learn and sing new songs joyously without intimidating us with music beyond our skill level. For some, such changes to our music may be unsettling, for others welcome. Please pray with us that the Music Leader we call is the Lord’s choice and that He’ll give us the discernment to see His plan for music at Advent.

Positive Financial Results After 6 Months

Through the faithfulness of all of you, because some are paying their pledges in advance, I’m pleased to report that revenues are more than \$13,700 ahead of our budget after 6 months. Expenses are about \$9,300 less than budget so, in the aggregate, we are showing a positive variance of \$23,000 January – June, 2018. Some of the expenditures Ray Busony has announced for replacing kitchen cabinets, cleaning and stretching the sanctuary carpet, and stripping/waxing the parish hall floors will be expensed and some comes out of our capital funds including a generous parishioner gift late last year. So, the good news is you are faithfully honoring your financial commitments to Advent and that is enormously reassuring. Thanks be to God!!!
Dick McCormick

Ladies Night Out

Please join us at Panini's Restaurant, August 6, at 5:30 p.m. We will be on the patio, weather permitting. It is located at 23800 Detroit, Westlake (corner of Clague and Detroit). Please let Teddi know at teddiaugustine@gmail.com, 440-327-9334, or see her at church. Hope you can make it.

New Devotionals

Forward Day by Day devotionals for August—October are now available on the table in the Narthex.

Men’s Night Out

Men of Advent, please join us at The Depot in Berea on Monday August 13, at 6:30 p.m., at 30 Depot Street, Berea, 440-243-6169. Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending at: 440-657-5286 or nosonut5830@att.net.

This Week at Advent

Today, August 5

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, August 6

5:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, August 7

Wednesday, August 8

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Sunday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny	Irv Frank	Marilyn Decker
Mary Lou Dixon	Joan Joye	Velta Sanborn
Bob Allen	Karen Zolar	Rose Walker
Barb Frank	Lois Zolar	Dave Luptak
Julie Cratcha	Michael Uhrich	George Belinsky
Bill & Judy Arkley		

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma
Eliza Jennings residents
Sylvia Little, Bishop Little's wife
Betty Clark

Please contact the church office if you would like your name added or removed from our list.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

2 Brandi Frank
6 Jennifer Meckes
7 Anne Crothall
9 Marilyn Decker



16 Megan Geyer-Keller
17 Rob Dzurec
19 Scott Duennes

6 Bob & Velta Sanborn
14 Stephen & Cynthia Sabolich
20 Jason & Khoa Evans
25 Paul & Donna Koszkalda



Server Schedule Today, August 5

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Marcia Duennes & Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 2)

Acolytes Dick McCormick

Ushers Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild Jennifer Meckes & Cynthia Sabolich

Greeter Don Moore

Coffee Hour Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

Close Advent Max Gage

Counter / Date TBD

Next Sunday, August 12

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Scott Duennes
Acolyte Alex Dzurec

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Bunny Meriam & Sharon Rice

Lector Marcia Duennes

Prayers of the People Marcia Duennes (Form 3)

Acolytes Bunny Meriam

Ushers Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild Marcia Duennes & Anne Crothall

Greeter Don Moore

Coffee Hour

Close Advent Peter Meckes

Counter / Date Anne Crothall (8/13)

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

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Sunday morning Bible study has ended for the summer. We will resume late in September.