



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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

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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 September and beyond.

## A letter from Bishop Little, Retired

Dear Dick,

Many thanks for the note and for your prayers and that of the people of Advent. I'm very very grateful for the support and encouragement. Sylvia continues to decline - that's the sad reality of the disease. She remains loving and, generally, cheerful; but she needs increasing help with daily tasks.

I'm grateful that Advent remains spiritually vibrant but sad that membership continues to decline. The parish has maintained its witness in a powerful and engaging way, and I pray that you will experience joy even as you struggle with numbers. Thanks for sharing your Statement of Faith, which is biblical and Christ-centered! Bishop Bill Love is a great friend and a gifted leader - I'm so glad that he's your DEPO bishop. It sounds as though your supply priest is a wonderful person, and I hope that when you are able to call someone permanently, even on a part-time basis, you'll find the leader you need for this era.

My greetings and best wishes to everyone at Advent.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Edward Little, Retired

## Advent Has a New Music Leader!

Dr. Darlene M. Khoury, a Maronite Catholic and Roman Catholic, was born in Akron, Ohio in 1959 and began studying the piano at the age of four. Darlene was a Sister of Saint Joseph of Baden Pennsylvania from 1980-2001. Darlene has ministered the past 38 years on both the National and International levels as a Liturgist, Spiritual Director, Director of Sacred/Liturgical Music, Composer, Catholic High School Teacher/Administrator and Pastoral/Youth Minister throughout the Diocesan Parishes and offices of the United States, Rome, Ireland, Canada, and presently in Akron and Cleveland, Ohio. Educated by the Roman Catholic School System, she earned her Bachelor Degrees in Theology and Existential Psychology in 1985 from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a Masters Degree in Secondary Education Administration, and a Doctorate Degree in Theology. Presently, Darlene is the Director of Choral Music, Theology Teacher, Director of Religious Education and Campus Minister at Our Lady of the Elms All-Girls School, Pre-K through Grade 12, in Akron OH.

## GIFT...Growing In Faith Together...at Advent

David and Goliath is a story from the Bible, one that many of you may have learned growing up. Goliath is a nine foot tall giant who holds the entire Israelite army in fear and no one dares to go and fight him. It takes an unlikely figure, a shepherd boy named David, with an unwavering faith in God who slays Goliath.

Many of us face similar situations today. It may not be a literal giant holding us captive. Our giant may be fear, addiction, anger, rejection or even comfort that has control of us. These giants paralyze us, causing us to not live in the fullness and freedom of life that God has intended for us.

“Goliath *MUST* Fall” is the DVD study **GIFT** will be using this year. Led by Pastor Louie Giglio he examines the story of David and Goliath to reveal how we must slay our giants. The key to living free from our giants is not better slingshot accuracy, but keeping our eyes on Jesus, the one and only giant slayer. Put your hope in Jesus and watch Goliath fall. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdkcUCJ3PKU>)

Louie Giglio is Pastor of Passion City Church and the founder of the Passion movement. Passion has gathered collegiate-aged young people at events across the U.S. and around the world, uniting them in worship, prayer and justice. Louie is an engaging pastor who reaches individuals of all ages using Bible lessons while sharing with us his own giants. (<https://www.louiegiglio.com/>) **GIFT** begins October 21 following the 10:00 a.m. service. More information will be coming. Any further questions about **GIFT** or “Goliath *MUST* Fall” please see Denise Geyer-Keller or Dick McCormick.

## This Week at Advent

### Today, September 16

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

### Monday, September 17

### Tuesday, September 18

### Wednesday, September 19

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

### Thursday, September 20

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, September 23

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
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  
Rebecca Bertalan, daughter of Paul Laursen

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



## Server Schedule

### Today, September 16

#### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Dick McCormick

#### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer** Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

**Lector** Lewis Meriam

**Prayers of the People** Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 6)

**Acolyte** Anna Evans

**Ushers/Greeters** Jim Edwards

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild** Bunny Meriam & Cynthea Sabolich

#### Coffee Hour

**Close Advent** Ray Busony

**Counter / Date** Marcia Duennes (9/16)

### Next Sunday, September 16

#### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Kathleen Huffman

#### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer** Dick McCormick &

**Lector** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Prayers of the People** Dick McCormick

**Acolyte** Kaylei Evans

**Ushers/Greeters** Jan & Jerry Nagy

**Intercessory Prayer** Sharon Rice

**Altar Guild** Jennifer Meckes & Anne Crothall

#### Coffee Hour

**Close Advent** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Counter / Date** Marcia Duennes (9/24)

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