



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

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November 4, 2018 ◇ The Twenty-Fourth 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 November and beyond.

GIFT...GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER.... At Advent “Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine” (Isaiah 43:1) We are told many times in the Bible not to fear. It is necessary to keep repeating this because fear and its close relatives: worry, stress, and terror), may be the biggest giants we face personally and in our world. As Goliath taunted the Israelites, the giant of fear looms over us, taunting us each day. We may dread going to our mailboxes as there always seems to be a new bill in there awaiting payment. There aren’t too many times, we actually get a check in the mail. We turn on the news, whether it is the television, radio, or one of our many electronic devices and we are assaulted by tragedies in our world. The news seems to downplay the good that does go on in our world. Perhaps we worry about a family member, friend, neighbor or ourselves who may need help medically, financially or spiritually. Our list of fears seems endless.

As we learned in session one of “Goliath *MUST* Fall”, the giant is dead, but it can still be deadly. Jesus’ resurrection shows us that God has power *even over death itself* and there is nothing that we will ever face that he cannot overcome. We can show those around us that we serve an all- powerful God when we refuse to give into fear, and choose to trust that Jesus has overthrown this giant! “Fear *MUST* Fall” is the topic for session two in our DVD study. With Pastor Louie Giglio’s guidance we will learn concrete steps that we can take to develop a deep trust in Jesus. David wrote these words in Psalm 34:4 “I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.”

Our next **GIFT** DVD study of “Goliath *MUST* Fall” is on November 18 from 11:30 to 12:30. Each of the sessions stand alone and will make sense even if you were unable to attend the previous month. If you wish, you may bring a packed lunch with you to have during the DVD. We hope that you join us as we grow in our faith together and hear anew that God wants us to live free and that God wants our giants to fall. For further questions about **GIFT** or this study please see Denise Geyer-Keller or Dick McCormick.

Ladies Night Out

Please join us at King Wah, November 5, at 5:30 p.m. It is located at 20668 Center Ridge, Rocky River Please let Teddi know at: teddiaugustine@gmail.com, 440-327-9334, or see her at church. Hope you can make it.

All Saints Day

Advent will be celebrating All Saints Day today, Sunday, November 4. We will be remembering family members and friends who have passed away since All Saints Day 2017. We weep with those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.

Veterans’ Day Observance

Advent will honor veterans at the 10:00 a.m. service on **November 11**. If you, or an IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER, (which includes a person's parents, spouse, children, siblings, grandparents/ grandchildren, adopted children and their spouses) is a veteran, please sign up on the clipboards, leave a note in the office or email JoAnn in the church office (advent.church@sbcglobal.net), so we may include the names in our observance. The service would be a wonderful time to invite veterans, and current members of the armed forces and their families to worship with us.



Stewardship Corner

The Apostle Paul continually throughout his New Testament letters encourages people to express their gratitude and thanks to God for who God is, and what He has done for us through Jesus. One way that we express our gratitude is to give thanks throughout the day. When we see life and its blessings as gifts, we are prepared to offer our thanks. Our thanksgiving is demonstrated when we use the faith God has given us to live in obedience to His Word. God hears and sees our gratitude through the lives we live. When we generously share our time and money with others in Christian love, we show our thanksgiving for our gifts. Our giving reflects Christ’s love in us. As stewards, we find that gratitude to God opens our hearts to receive more of God’s love which enables us, in turn, to be more faithful with our time, talents, and treasure. In response to God’s love and grace, we give of ourselves and our resources.

Save the Date – December 14

Dar Khoury has brought to us a really exciting opportunity to hold a concert & mission at Advent on Friday December 14 featuring Dan Schutte. Tickets are \$10.00 per person. Brings your friends and family! Call JoAnn in the church office (440-871-6685) to purchase yours today!

Daylight Saving Time has ended. Did you turn your clocks **BACK** one hour?

This Week at Advent

Today, November 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday, November 5

5:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, November 6

Wednesday, November 7

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

Thursday, November 8

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 11

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
Bible Study
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	Arthur Beel	

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma
Eliza Jennings residents
Sylvia Little, Bishop Little's wife
Kaylene Say Niece of Max and Barbara Gage

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

November Birthdays

11 Bill Arkley
12 Velta Sanborn
19 Donna Koszkalda

November Anniversaries

1 John & Liz Urbas
7 Arthur & Marilyn Decker
27 Lewis & Bunny Meriam



Men's Night Out

Men of Advent, please join us at Bootleggers, on Monday November 12, at 6:30 p.m., 34550 E. Royalton Rd (Rte. 82) Columbia Station. Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending at: 440-657-5286 or nosonut5830@att.net.

Server Schedule

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer Bunny Meriam & Dick McCormick

Lector Lewis Meriam

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 4)

Acolyte Denise Geyer-Keller

Ushers/Greeters Jan & Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild Jennifer Meckes & Cynthea Sabolich

Coffee Hour Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

Close Advent John Urbas

Counter / Date Marcia Duennes (11/5)

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8:00 a.m.

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10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer Marcia Duennes & Sharon Rice

Lector Marcia Duennes

Prayers of the People Marcia Duennes (Form 5)

Acolyte Cynthea Sabolich

Ushers/Greeters Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild Bunny Meriam

Coffee Hour

Close Advent Max Gage

Counter / Date Marcia Duennes (11/13)

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

Devotionals

Forward Day by Day November—January is now available on the table in the Narthex.