



ADVENTures

a weekly newsletter

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

January 13, 2019 ◇ The First Sunday after the Epiphany

Advent's Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held Sunday, January 20, following the **ONE service at 9:00 a.m.** After the service, the meeting will commence 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. We will present positive financial results for 2018, vote on an in-the-black 2019 budget, elect new vestry members, respond to questions and issues of concern to the congregation, and enjoy some fellowship time. Hope to see everyone attend!

GIFT...GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER ...AT ADVENT

On January 27, our **GIFT** DVD series "Goliath *Must* Fall" returns. January's topic examines the giant of rejection. Rejection is painful. It can take different forms. Whether we are rejected for a prospective job; entrance into the top college of one's choice; a writer submitting an article or book to a publisher or any other number of reasons--rejection is painful. It is the pain of rejection we feel from someone we are close to that dwarfs all the other forms. Just a few words or the lack thereof, from a key person in our world such as a parent or spouse, can shape how we view ourselves for our entire lives. The giant of rejection brings along its cousins--insecurity, inferiority, being driven by perfectionism or compulsiveness. We need to break free from the clutches of rejection. Fortunately for us God can defeat rejection. God accepts us, it is through this realization that the giant of rejection *will* fall. Pastor Louie Giglio (www.louiegiglio.com) will guide us through this month's session "Rejection *Must* Fall". We will see how David resisted the pull of rejection and learn how God extends the invitation to us to embrace the acceptance that he offers us! Please join us on January 27 as we learn together that whatever giant there may be in our lives, the key to living free from our giant is by keeping our eyes on the one and only giant-slayer: Jesus. Put your hope in him, and watch Goliath fall. We will meet for one hour following the 10:00am service. Please feel free to bring your own packed lunch with you if you so choose to eat as we watch the DVD.

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 January and beyond.

Financial Statements

2018 Financial Statements are available on the small table in the back of the church near the Ushers' stand. Please contact JoAnn in the Church office if you have any questions concerning your statements.

Advent to Minister at Eliza Jennings

On Monday, January 14, at 2:00 p.m., Advent will continue our outreach at Eliza Jennings Skilled Nursing Facility, located at 10603 Detroit Avenue in Cleveland. We will provide an interdenominational service that will include traditional hymn favorites, a brief message, prayer, and communion.

Men's Night Out

Men of Advent, please join us on Monday, January 14, at 6:30 p.m., at Harry Buffalo, 4824 Great Northern Blvd., North Olmsted, 440-734-4545. Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending at: 440-657-5286 or nosonut5830@att.net.

Dear Friends,

Our hearts were truly blessed by the evening with Dan Schutte. It truly was a spiritual time for us. Also, the graciousness, friendliness, and kindness of all involved plus the wonderful gathering after with all those home-made cookies was so welcoming and made for comfortable as well as a joyful time. We appreciate all your time, effort, love,... etc. that contributed to this very special night. May we suggest a return visit with Dan? God bless each of you.

Much love,
Jane & Roy Knauss

This Week at Advent

Today, January 13

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

Monday, January 14

2:00 p.m. Eliza Jennings Ministry
6:30 p.m. Men's Night Out

Tuesday, January 15

7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, January 16

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

Thursday, January 17

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, January 20

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny	Irv Frank	Joan Joye
Mary Lou Dixon	Marilyn Decker	Velta Sanborn
Bob Allen	Karen Zolar	Rose Walker
Barb Frank	Lois Zolar	Arthur Beel
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
Kaylene Say Niece of Max and Barbara Gage
Jack Morgan

Comfort

Family and friends of Linda Laursen, at her passing
sister-in-law of Paul Laursen

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

Directory Update

Please add Art Beel's phone number to your directory
Art Beel 440-734-5526

Server Schedule

Today, January 13

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Kathleen Huffman
Acolyte Alex Dzurec

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Teddi Augustine & Marcia Duennes

Lector Marcia Duennes

Prayer of the People Marcia Duennes (Form 5)

Acolytes Anna Evans

Ushers Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Sharon Rice

Altar Guild Bunny Meriam & Pat Perris

Coffee Hour

Close Advent John Urbas

Counter / Date Anne Crothall (1/14)

Next Sunday, January 20

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector None

9:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Dick McCormick & Bunny Meriam

Lector Scott Duennes

Prayer of the People Anne Crothall (Form 6)

Acolytes Kaylei Evans

Ushers Teddi Augustine

Intercessory Prayer Sharon Rice

Altar Guild Jennifer Meckes & Anne Crothall

Coffee Hour Annual Meeting

Close Advent Ray Busony

Counter / Date Marcia Duennes (1/22)

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

“The Church in Babylon” Bible Study Starts January 27, 9:00 AM

What does today’s culture have to do with Babylon 600 years before Christ’s birth? What is relevant today from these musty Old Testament writings from Daniel, Lamentations and Chronicles? What can we learn from those Jewish exiles about “how to be witnesses for Christ” in our 2019 darkness? Why should I come to this Bible study anyhow?

Dr. Erwin Lutzer is Pastor Emeritus of historic Moody Church in Chicago and served as its senior pastor from 1980 – 2016 (36 years!). We will read and discuss pertinent Old Testament passages and use his book, DVD, and study guide entitled “The Church in Babylon” to understand how we are to be salt & light in this world. No homework is required to participate and missing a session won’t nullify the following ones.

Lutzer writes “America is polarized politically, racially, morally, and religiously. Common ground among Americans seems to have vanished. We are angry, hostile, even violent. Someone has said that we are a nation addicted to rage. Yet it is into this atmosphere of shrill voices that we have been called to represent Christ. The message we have and the lives we lead ought to permeate society and be a beacon of light in the approaching darkness.” That’s enough to get my attention!

But, there’s more. Here are the 10 Sessions we’ll study:

- Session 1: Welcome to Babylon
Finding God in Enemy Territory
- Session 2: Conflicts of Conscience
Keeping the Faith in a Hostile Work Environment
- Session 3: When the State Becomes God
Standing Strong While Others Bow
- Session 4: The Church, Technology, and Purity
The Courage to Confront a Deadly Enemy
- Session 5: Transgenderism, Sexuality, and the Church
Calling out the Lies of the Culture
- Session 6: Islam, Immigration, and the Church
Balancing Compassion and Security
- Session 7: Five False Gospels within the Evangelical Church
Defending the Faith Once Delivered to the Saints
- Session 8: Taking the Cross into the World
Shamelessly Sharing the One Message That Can Save Us
- Session 9: Jesus at the Church Door
Prayerless Pulpits. Satisfied Saints, and Spiritual Blindness
- Session 10: The Church That Will Survive Babylon
Prevailing in a Hostile Culture

Please decide to join us for this lively study of God’s Word as we learn how to apply it in our culture today.