



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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

February 24, 2019 ◇ The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

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 February and beyond.

Good Turnout for GIFT

Slaying the Giant of Rejection

Pastor Louie Giglio helped us grapple with the pain of rejection and helped us to understand that the deep and complete acceptance we have from God can overcome the absence of acceptance we so often seek from others. He said, "Rejected people reject people," and "loved people love people." Denise's exercise at the end helped us name a rejection we've experienced but perhaps haven't admitted or named or faced. Then we named and owned a God-inspired remedy for that rejection. Great healing discussion!

Ladies Night Out

Please join us Monday, March 4, at JoJo Carlonis, at **5:00 p.m.** It is located at 627 W. Bagley Road, Berea. Please let Teddi know at 440-327-9334, teddiaugutine@gmail.com, or see her at church. Hope you can make it.

The Church in Babylon – When the State Becomes God, Standing Strong While Others Bow

This is the title of today's session. Erwin Lutzer writes "I believe it's the responsibility of the church to equip its members to withstand the heavy arm of the state and be obedient to God alone, despite the consequences." How do 2019 believers choose between God and Caesar? What principles and strategies can we learn from the Jewish exiles in Babylon? How do we muster the courage to remain true to God's convictions in our American culture today? Come, learn, and contribute!



PALMS

Palms will be burned by the Altar Guild to be used during the Imposition of Ashes at our Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m. on March 6. If you have palms at home that were blessed at our Palm Sunday service last spring and wish to include them, please bring them to church by Sunday, February 24 and either give them to Jennifer Meckes or put them on the back file cabinet in the church office.

Shrove
Tuesday



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our pancake supper will take place this year on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. We will have punchies, assorted pancakes (blueberry, chocolate, buttermilk, and surprise) and sausages. Come one, come all. Bring family, friends, neighbors and a healthy appetite. If you plan to attend, and/or can help, please let Peter Meckes know (nosonut5830@att.net or 440-657-5286), or sign up on the clipboards circulating during services.

This Week at Advent

Today, February 24

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:30 a.m. "The Church in Babylon" Bible Study

Monday, February 25

Tuesday, February 26

Wednesday, February 20

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

Thursday, February 27

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Birthday and Anniversaries
11:30 a.m. "The Church in Babylon" Bible Study

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

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

Devotionals

New devotionals from Out Daily Bread for March—May are now available on the table in the Narthex.

Server Schedule

Today, February 24

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer Teddi Augustine & Dick McCormick

Lector John Crothall

Prayer of the People Anne Crothall (Form 6)

Acolytes Cynthea Sabolich

Ushers Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Sharon Rice

Altar Guild Cynthea Sabolich & Karen Edwards

Coffee Hour

Close Advent John Urbas

Counter / Date Anne Crothall (2/25)

Next Sunday, March 3

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Scott Duennes

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer Marcia Duennes & Bunny Meriam

Lector Marcia Duennes

Prayer of the People Marcia Duennes (Form 2)

Acolytes Denise Geyer-Keller

Ushers Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild

Coffee Hour Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

Close Advent Max Gage

Counter / Date Marcia Duennes (3/4)

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