



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

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March 3, 2019 ◇ The Last 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.

GIFT...GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER...

At Advent

“Comfort *Must Fall*” is the topic for our March 17 GIFT session in the “Goliath *Must Fall*” series. Right now I am imagining that there may be some of us saying to themselves, or maybe out loud: “You’re kidding? Comfort must fall? I’m kind of partial to a roof over my head, food to eat and not being on anyone’s dislike list.” If we think about it though, David stepped out of his comfort zone, relying on his faith in God, to confront the giant Goliath that all the soldiers were afraid of. Think of times in history when people have stepped out of their comfort zone and fought the oppression of slavery. Or the persecuted Christians in foreign lands who, even today, worship God in secret locations to avoid being arrested (or worse) by their governments. What about the Apostles who left their lives behind to take up and follow Jesus. Sometimes, at our workplaces, out in a restaurant, at school, in a store, your neighborhood, or any number of places you may be confronted by an uncomfortable situation or asked to defend or explain your Christian beliefs.

With Pastor Louie Giglio’s guidance we will explore in this session how a sneaky, yet prevalent, giant called Comfort can keep us from stepping out in faith in the ways God is calling us to. We will see how that giant has been defeated in our lives. Our job isn’t mustering up our courage to step out, it’s remembering some key facts: “*Life is short. God is big.*”

Please join us on March 17, following the 10:00am service for the DVD study of “Goliath *Must Fall*.” Our session together will last one hour. Please feel free to bring your own packed lunch with you if you so choose to eat as we watch the DVD.

LENT

Lent is the 6-week/40 day (excluding Sundays) period leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter, with the last week of Lent being called Holy Week. Lent is a time of sacrifice and remembrance as we remember when Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray before beginning his work for God. During this time Jesus was tempted several times by Satan, but was able to resist. On Ash Wednesday, we attend a service during which we are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes as a symbol of our recognition and admission of sin and our mortality.

Lent is a time of discipline, sacrifice and preparation. In lieu of giving up a favorite food, you may wish to consider a more meaningful discipline, such as adding a time of daily worship or devotion to your schedule. Reading your Bible or a devotional book each day, or special Lenten services, are appropriate Lenten disciplines.

The Church in Babylon

– The Church, Technology, and Purity

Today’s session will stir your heart and give you practical steps to put into action. Erwin Lutzer writes “Technology can be used for either good or evil. But we make a mistake to emphasize the benefits of technology without confronting its dark and destructive influences. The church today has to go head-to-head with this issue and give families the tools they need to protect their children and grandchildren from these addictive influences – yes, technology is almost instantly addictive.” Come, share, and learn how as parents and grandparents we can support our kids and grandkids in their use of technology!

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, teddi-augutine@gmail.com, or see her at church. Hope you can make it.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our pancake supper will take place this year on Tuesday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. We will have punchkies, 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.

Good-bye Alleluia!

The solemn Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, March 6, marking the departure of the word “Alleluia” in worship. “Alleluia” will return on Easter morning, April 21, as we celebrate the glorious Resurrection of our Lord!

Serving at Advent March 3 — March 10

This Week at Advent

Today, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

- 5:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, March 5 Shrove Tuesday

- 6:00 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Dinner

Wednesday, March 6 Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent
- 9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group
- 7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, March 7

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, March 10

- 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**

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

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| 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
- Jack Morgan

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

March Birthdays

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| 4 Rob Meriam | 20 Khoa Evans |
| 6 Barbara Gibel | 27 Jason Evans |
| 11 Dick McCormick | Pat Perris |
| 12 Mary Lou Dixon | 28 Marcia Duennes |
| 17 Steven Boyce | 30 Susan Boyce |
| 19 Ray Busony | |



8:00 a.m. Chalice Bearer/Lector

- 3/3 Scott Duennes
- 3/10 Dick McCormick
- Acolyte** Alex Dzurec

10:00 a.m. Chalice Bearers

- 3/3 Marcia Duennes & Bunny Meriam
- 3/6 **(7:30 p.m.)** Scott Duennes & Dick McCormick
- 3/10 Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

10:00 a.m. Lector

- 3/3 Marcia Duennes
- 3/6 **(7:30 p.m.)** Scott Duennes
- 3/10 Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People

- 3/3 Marcia Duennes (Form 2)
- 3/10 Dick McCormick (Form 3)

Acolytes

- 3/3 Denise Geyer-Keller
- 3/6 **(7:30 p.m.)** Anna Evans
- 3/10 Kaylei Evans

Ushers

- 3/3 Max Gage
- 3/6 **(7:30 p.m.)** Peter Meckes
- 3/10 Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer

- 3/3 Ray Busony
- 3/10 Ray Busony

Altar Guild

- 3/3 Anne Crothall & Pat Perris
- 3/6 **(7:30)** Altar Guild Members
- 3/10 Jennifer Meckes & Cynthia Sabolich

Coffee Hour

- 3/3 Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice
- 3/10

Close Advent

- 3/3 Max Gage
- 3/6 **(7:30)** Peter Meckes
- 3/10 Ray Busony

Counter / Date

- 3/4 Marcia Duennes
- 3/11 Anne Crothall

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

Men's Night Out

Men of Advent, please join us Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m., at Berea Union Depot, 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.