



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

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

March 10, 2019 ◇ The First Sunday in Lent

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 10:00 a.m. 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 began 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 attending special Lenten services, are appropriate Lenten disciplines.

The Church in Babylon

– Transgenderism, Sexuality, and the Church

Today’s session confronts head-on certain lies in our culture. Erwin Lutzer writes “Let us weep for a nation that has lost its way in its understanding of sexuality. Let us pray for sensitivity and sanity; for help and healing. Let us join together in telling the truth to this generation. If we do not guard our hearts, a discussion of both homosexuality and the transgenderism debate can readily lead to a self-righteous attitude among those of us who have never had such aptitudes or desires. We’re all members of a fallen humanity and are humbly grateful for God’s undeserved mercy toward us.” I need the conviction not to be judgmental and I need some suggestions as to how to be sensitive and sane. Come for our discussions.

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.



Easter Flowers

Order forms for Easter flowers are included in today’s bulletin. The flowers will adorn the altar for Easter. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. If you wish to purchase and donate a plant in memory or honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving, please fully complete the order form (please print), and put it in the

offering plate, with cash or a check made payable to Advent and put *Easter Flower* on the memo line.

The Deadline for ordering is Sunday, April 7.

Did you remember to change your clocks Saturday night? Daylight Savings Time started today!

This Week at Advent

Today, March 10

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 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 p.m. **NO Vestry Meeting**

Wednesday, March 13

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

Thursday, March 14

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday, March 17

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. **GIFT**

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
Jack Morgan

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

Server Schedule

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Dick McCormick
Acolyte Alex Dzurec

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayer of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 3)

Acolytes Kaylei Evans

Ushers Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild Jennifer Meckes & Cynthia Sabolich

Coffee Hour

Close Advent Ray Busony

Counter / Date Anne Crothall (3/11)

Next Sunday, March 17

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer Teddi Augustine & Bunny Meriam

Lector Lewis Meriam

Prayer of the People Anne Crothall (Form 4)

Acolytes Cynthia Sabolich

Ushers Bob Sanborn

Intercessory Prayer Sharon Rice

Altar Guild Karen Edwards & Anne Crothall

Coffee Hour **GIFT**

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

Counter / Date Marcia Duennes (3/18)

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

