



# ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

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

April 7, 2019 ◊ The Fifth Sunday in Lent

## Preaching this Morning at Advent

Advent welcomes Pastor Jon Paulus to our 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services today. Pastor Jim Kulma will be with us next Sunday, April 14, and through Holy Week and Easter.

## The Church in Babylon – Five False Gospels within the Evangelical Church, Part 2: The Gospel of Social Justice

Last week, this week, and next week we're studying False Gospels within the Evangelical Church. But what is the "evangelical church"? Is Advent one? Is the Episcopal denomination one? Does it matter whether we are evangelicals or not? Is the portrayal of evangelicals in the media valid? In this week's topic "The Gospel of Social Justice", we'll try to come to a common definition of "What is social justice?" Is it biblically sound? Is it a gospel issue? Erwin Lutzer says, "We must tell this generation that *social justice, even at its best, is not the gospel!*" Ouch! What does he mean? Is he saying we shouldn't care about combating poverty, racism, and injustice? (Hint: NO) Come and join our discussion and let's discern and reason together what the Holy Spirit reveals to us through Scripture.

## Men's Night Out

Men of Advent, please join us Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m. at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse, Great Northern Mall, 25779 Brookpark Road, North Olmsted. Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending, at: 440-657-5286 or nosonut5830@att.net.

## Some Easter Facts

- ◆ The date of Easter varies from year to year. It falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after March 21 (the vernal equinox.) So Easter could be any date between March 22 and April 25.
- ◆ The first Nicene Council (325 A.D.) determine the method for setting the date to observe Easter.
- ◆ Eggs represent the new life that returns to nature around Easter time.
- ◆ The 40 days before Easter are known as Lent. Many people use this as a time of fasting and prayer, a reminder of Christ's 40-day fast in the wilderness.

## Holy Week Worship Schedule

Invite your family and friends!

Sunday, April 14 **Palm Sunday:**

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, April 18 **Maundy Thursday**

Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 19 **Good Friday**

"Stations of the Cross" 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 21 **Easter Sunday:**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist



## GIFT...Growing In Faith Together...at Advent

Our next GIFT session in the "Goliath MUST Fall" series will be held on May 19 following the 10:00 a.m. service. The topic that morning will be 'Anger MUST Fall.'

## Offertory Song

This morning's Offertory song is, "*God of Second Chances*" by David Haas.

David composed this piece after 9/11, when there was great hatred toward the Muslim Community. It asks God to help us to forgive ourselves and others, and to give us the grace and hope to move on when met by life's seemingly insurmountable failures. We hope this hymn encourages you as you continue your Lenten journey.

## Stir-Fry Dinner

Advent will host a Chinese chicken stir-fry dinner on Saturday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. All are invited to celebrate the first weekend following Easter. Included are stir-fry, salad and dessert. It's FREE!!!

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.

## Financial Statements

Financial Statements for the first quarter of 2019 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.

## This Week at Advent

### Today, April 7

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, April 8

2:00 p.m. Eliza Jennings Ministry  
5:00 p.m. Men's Night Out

### Tuesday, April 9

### Wednesday, April 10

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

### Thursday, April 11

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday Palm Sunday

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

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	Sharon Rice
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  
Trevor, grandson of Art Beel

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

## April Birthdays & Anniversaries

6 Barb Frank  
Scott Medley  
7 Bun Blossom



8 Jeff & Tracey Medley  
15 Art & Kay Beel

21 Bunny Meriam  
25 Arianna Evans

## Server Schedule

### Today, April 7

#### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Kathleen Huffman

#### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer** Dick McCormick & Bunny Meriam

**Lector** Dick McCormick

**Prayer of the People** Dick McCormick (Form 2)

**Acolytes** Cynthia Sabolich

**Ushers** Peter Meckes

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild** Jennifer Meckes & Karen Edwards

**Coffee Hour** Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

**Close Advent** Peter Meckes

**Counter / Date** TBD

### Next Sunday, April 14

#### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Dick McCormick

#### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer** Teddi Augustine & Dick McCormick

**Lector** Denise Geyer-Keller

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

**Acolytes** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Ushers** Max Gage

**Intercessory Prayer** Sharon Rice

**Altar Guild** Cynthia Sabolich & Pat Perris

**Coffee Hour**

**Close Advent** John Urbas

**Counter / Date** Anne Crothall (4/15)

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

## Easter Flowers

Order forms for Easter flowers are available from the Ushers. 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 TODAY, Sunday, April 7.**