



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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

April 14, 2019 ◊ Palm Sunday

## Preaching this Morning at Advent

Advent welcomes Pastor Jim Kulma to our 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services today. Pastor Jim Kulma will be with us through Holy Week and Easter.

## PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week. Since the 4<sup>th</sup> century AD, Palm Sunday has been observed by processions and the blessing of palm leaves (symbolizing our Lord's victory over sin and death) to recall Christ's royal entry into Jerusalem over a carpet of clothing and branches thrown before him by the crowds. Holy Week is so important in the life of the Church that, whenever possible, the Holy Eucharist is observed every day, except Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Before we mourn our Lord's death and burial on those last two days of Holy Week, the Church does not celebrate on those days the greatest and most joyous of all the Christian acts of worship – the Holy Eucharist.

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday takes its name from the commandments that Jesus gave to his followers on the evening of the Last Supper. "Maundy" comes from the Latin term "mandatum," meaning "command." On that night, Jesus instituted the Holy Eucharist and commanded His followers to continue that act in remembrance of Him until His return, and to love one another, as He had loved them.

## GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday was once known as "Black Friday" because we mourn on that day Christ's death on the cross. Because of the good we derive from His crucifixion, the day became known as "Good Friday."

## 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.

## 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."

## The Church in Babylon – Five False Gospels within the Evangelical Church, Part 3: The Gospel of New Age Spirituality and The Gospel of Sexual Preference

Barna Research shows that practicing Christians find the lure of New Spirituality enticing, 'perhaps because it holds a positive view of religion, emphasizes the supernatural and simultaneously feeds into a growing dissatisfaction with institutions.' What is New Age Spirituality? Why does Dr. Lutzer say it is a "false gospel"? What is so attractive about New Age spirituality? Dr. Lutzer says "At last people have a god who agrees with them about everything! They want a god who does not embarrass them; a god who thinks just like they do. They want a theology that diminishes the horror of sin and magnifies how good they as human beings actually are! We want a god who is as broadminded as we are." God on our terms!

And in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of our time together, the false gospel of sexual preference. "We must distinguish between homosexual inclinations and acting on them. We must distinguish between respect for people & agreeing with their behavior. We must counter the widespread notion that those who accept the LGBT lifestyle agenda have taken the high road; they, after all, are about 'inclusion' and not 'exclusion'. They represent 'love' not 'hate'." Two challenging topics. Two we must become more informed about so we can pro-actively be loving and compassionate "salt" and "light" in our culture – speaking the truth in love, but speaking the truth. Come and let's see how the Holy Spirit empowers us to be "salt" and "light".

## This Week at Advent

### Today, April 14 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



### Monday, April 15

### Tuesday, April 16

- 7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

### Wednesday, April 17

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

### Thursday, April 18

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

### Friday, April 19 Good Friday

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

### Sunday, April 21 EASTER 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. NO 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
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

### Comfort

The family of Julie Cratcha, at her passing on April 4.

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

## Song of Shadows

Hear the annual Lenten Cantata *Song of Shadows* by Joseph Martin on Friday, April 19, 8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 32929 Lake Road, Avon Lake, OH.

## Server Schedule

### 8:00 a.m. Chalice Bearer/Lector

- 4/14 Dick McCormick  
4/21 Kathleen Huffman  
Acolyte: Alex Dzurec

### 10:00 a.m. Chalice Bearers

- 4/14 Teddi Augustine & Dick McCormick  
4/18 Scott Duennes & Marcia Duennes  
4/21 Teddi Augustine & Dick McCormick

### 10:00 a.m. Lector

- 4/14 Denise Geyer-Keller  
4/18 Lewis Meriam  
4/19 John Crothall  
4/21 Dick McCormick

### Prayers of the People

- 4/14 Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 3)  
4/18 Anne Crothall (Form 4)  
4/21 Dick McCormick (Form 6)

### Acolytes

- 4/14 Denise Geyer-Keller  
4/18 Denise Geyer-Keller  
4/19 Kaylei Evans  
4/21 Kaylei Evans & Anna Evans

### Ushers

- 4/14 Max Gage  
4/18 Teddi Augustine  
4/19 Jim Edwards  
4/21 Max Gage & Bon San born

### Intercessory Prayer

- 4/14 Sharon Rice  
4/21 Sharon Rice

### Altar Guild

- 4/14 Cynthea Sabolich  
4/18 Altar Guild Members  
4/19 Altar Guild Members  
4/21 Bunny Meriam & Karen Edwards

### Close Advent

- 4/14 John Urbas  
4/18 Denise Geyer-Keller  
4/19 Peter Meckes  
4/21 Max Gage

### Counter

- 4/15 Anne Crothall  
4/22 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.

## 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.