



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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

April 28, 2019 ◊ The Second Sunday of Easter

## **Preaching this Morning at Advent**

Advent welcomes Pastor Jon Paulus to our 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services today. Pastor Paul Laursen will be here for Sundays in May and beyond.

## **The Church in Babylon – Five False Gospels within the Evangelical Church, Part 4: The 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’.” Christians should care enough to get to know the whole person. If you think that identifying as LGBT is mainly about sex — that’s shallow. The theology of “whom we have sex with” might be black and white, but the person and related experiences aren’t. Care enough about a person not to reduce them to their sexual orientation.

A challenging topic. One 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”.

## **Men’s Night Out**

Men of Advent, please join us Monday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Bootleggers Bar and Grille, 34550 E. Royalton Road, Columbia Station, 440-748-1029  
Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending, at: 440-657-5286 or nosonut5830@att.net.

## **“ALLELUIA” is back!**

The key to the Christian faith is found in the fact that Christ is risen. Sin and Death have been vanquished and God’s power over our spiritual enemies is acknowledged and accomplished. Easter was the name of an Anglo-Saxon fertility goddess of spring. The Christian Easter transforms this, celebrating the power of new life in the springtime. In Easter, we look to the future. Our hopes are great and their fulfillment is assured. The Easter message gives us confidence and hope.

**ALLELUIA – He Has Risen!! He Has Risen Indeed!!**

## **Ladies Night Out**

Please join us on Monday, May 6, at 5:00 p.m., at the BJ’s Restaurant & Brewhouse, Great Northern Mall, 25779 Brookpark Road, North Olmsted. Please let Teddi Augustine know if you can attend at 440-327-9334, teddiAugustine@gmail.com or see her at church. Hope you can make it.

## **New Devotionals**

Forward Day By Day for May—June—July are available on the table in the Narthex,

## **Secure Your Church**

I attended a "Secure Your Church" seminar at the Jewish Community Center in Beachwood a while back.

One of the suggestions was locking the entrance doors, at your church, once the service begins.

We discussed this at Vestry and decided to give it a try.

The ushers will need to watch the doors for late arrivals.

As always, make sure you check the doors behind you during the week as you exit the building.

Our secretary is here by herself and we want the building to be secure.

Thank you,

Ray Busony Jr. Warden

## **This Week at Advent**

### **Today, April 28**

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

### **Monday, April 29**

### **Wednesday, April 31**

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

### **Thursday, May 2**

7:15 p.m. Choir Practice

### **Sunday, May 5**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Practice  
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
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.*

## **Server Schedule Today, April 28**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Scott Duennes

**10:00 a.m.**

**Chalice Bearers** Marcia Duennes & Dick McCormick

**Lector** Marcia Duennes

**Prayers of the People** Marcia Duennes (Form 2)

**Acolytes** Cynthea Sabolich

**Ushers** Jan & Jerry Nagy

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild** Anne Crothall & Pat Perris

**Coffee Hour**

**Close Advent** Ray Busony

**Counter / Date** Marcia Duennes (4/29)

## **Next Sunday, May 5**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Dick McCormick

**10:00 a.m.**

**Chalice Bearers** Marcia Duennes & Bunny Meriam

**Lector** Marcia Duennes

**Prayer of the People** Marcia Duennes (Form 3)

**Acolytes** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Ushers** Max Gage

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild** Jennifer Meckes & Cynthea Sabolich

**Coffee Hour** Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

**Close Advent** Max Gage

**Counter / Date** Anne Crothall (5/6)

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