



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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

August 11, 2019 ◇ Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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 here for Sundays in August and beyond.

Vision of Advent

Advent seeks to be a biblically-faithful, dynamically growing, spiritually healthy and exciting church, reaching out to the community with the love of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The West Shore Healing Room

The West Shore Healing Room will open on Tuesday, August 13 at Advent. Led by Bill Benedict, The West Shore Healing Room, which is certified by the International Association of Healing Rooms in Spokane, Wash., will have a team to offer personal prayer for physical and emotional healing.

The room will be open on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary and there is no charge. Appointments for prayer at other times can be made by calling 216-407-3220 or emailing to westshorehealing@gmail.com. The International Association of Healing Rooms coordinates 2,946 healing rooms in 68 countries.

Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, and Reception into the Episcopal Church: As we understand it in the Episcopal Church, “Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us as his children and makes us members of Christ’s Body, the Church, and inheritors of the Kingdom of God. (Book of Common Prayer, BCP, p. 858).” “Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. (BCP p. 298).” “Infants are baptized so that they can share citizenship in The Baptismal Covenant, membership in Christ, and redemption by God (BCP p. 858).”

What is “Confirmation” in the Episcopal Church? Confirmation is a sacramental rite in which candidates “express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop” (BCP, p. 860). “In the course of their Christian development, those baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by a bishop (BCP p. 412).”

What is “Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows”? Baptized persons who have returned from a time of religious inactivity to an active practice of faith may publicly reaffirm their baptismal vows. Others who have experienced a renewal of faith or desire to renew their Christian commitment may also reaffirm their baptismal vows. Reaffirmation may be repeated.

What is “Reception” into the Episcopal Church? Those who have already made a mature Christian commitment in another denomination are recognized as members of the one holy catholic and apostolic church, and received into the fellowship of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

“Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation are rooted in The Baptismal Covenant. Preparation for Confirmation/ Reception/Reaffirmation should help the candidates discover the meaning of Christian commitment in their lives, and explore ways that their Christian commitment can be lived.” Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation may be combined in one service with a bishop present.

Heads-Up: Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation: In August 2016 Bishop William Love, Bishop of Albany of the Episcopal Church, visited Advent and celebrated at a healing service. We are keen to have him return, he is asking to return, and we’d like his visitation to embrace baptism, confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation of baptismal vows. Therefore, we are asking all in our Advent family to consider whether family members or friends are interested in being baptized as youth or adults, whether there are baptized persons desiring confirmation, whether there are folks who want to reaffirm their baptismal vow, and whether there are people who wish to be received into the Episcopal Church. Formal preparation is required of candidates for confirmation. Parents, godparents, and sponsors of those being baptized and others reaffirming and being received may also choose to participate in such preparation. Therefore, over the next 3 weeks, please pray about possible candidates and inform JoAnn in the church office of their names. Preparation sessions will include The Baptismal Covenant, Holy Eucharist, The Lord’s Prayer, The Ten Commandments, The Apostles’ Creed, The Nicene Creed, forms of prayer, and discipleship.

This Week at Advent

August 11

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

Monday, August 12

2:00 p.m. Eliza Jennings Ministry

Tuesday, August 13

7:00 p.m. West Shore Healing Room

Wednesday, August 14

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

Thursday, August 15

Sunday, August 18

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

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	Steve Boyce	

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma
Eliza Jennings residents
Sylvia Little, Bishop Little's wife
Trevor, grandson of Art Beel
Ken and Jim

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

1st Annual Advent Golf Outing

Open to men and women! Friday, September 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Mallard Creek Golf Club, 34500 Royalton Road on Rt. 82 in Columbia Station next to Bootleggers Grill. Dinner at Bootleggers Grill after golf. Wives and sweethearts invited. Grand Prize: Pot of Gold! Bragging rites! Sign up.....spots limited. See Peter Meckes 440-657-5286 or nosonut5830@att.net if you have any questions.

Men's Night Out

Men of Advent, please join us Monday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Burntwood Tavern 5600 Great Northern Blvd., North Olmsted. (Just south of I 480 on the west side by the new Aloft Hotel.) (AGAIN!) Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending, at: 440-657-5286 or nosonut5830@att.net

Server Schedule Today, August 11

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Dick McCormick

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Teddi Augustine & Scott Duennes

Lector Scott Duennes

Prayers of the People Anne Crothall (From 3)

Acolyte Denise Geyer-Keller

Usher Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Sharon Rice

Altar Guild Bunny Meriam & Pat Perris

Coffee Hour

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

Counter / Date Anne Crothall (8/12)

Next Sunday, August 18

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Scott Duennes
Acolyte Alex Dzurec

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Bunny Cynthia Sabolich

Lector Lewis Meriam

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 4)

Acolyte Kaylei Evans

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Bev Cummings

Altar Guild Cynthia Sabolich & Jennifer Meckes

Coffee Hour

Close Advent Peter Meckes

Counter / Date Marcia Duennes (8/20)

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