

ADVENTURES a weekly newsletter

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

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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 October and beyond.

Bible Study

Bible Study will not be hold on **November 3.** Advent's 9:00 a.m. Bible Study of the Book of Revelation resumes on Sunday, November 10.

When God is Your Portfolio Manager – Christians are increasingly matching their faith with their stock

An article from the Wall Street Journal authored by Jason Zweig of this title: He writes "What would Jesus buy? That question is spreading in the investing world, as evangelicals and other Christians seek investment management and financial planning to match their interpretation of biblical principles. Biblical responsible investing, or BRI, is booming. Anyone who does want biblically-inspired portfolio management or financial planning should bear in mind that while some want to pray with you, others may want to prey on you. Over the years, many unscrupulous promoters have exploited the trust of the faithful. You should check a biblicallyoriented adviser's background with extra care at brokercheck.finra.org and adviser-info.sec.gov. Whether faith-based investing will pay off in this world or only in the next is another question. Excluding companies with any involvement in abortion eliminates most health-care stocks. Many technology companies run diversity programs that seek to advance gay employees. Some research finds such BRI funds don't earn lower average returns; other data suggest that investing with a social conscience may harm performance. How that should make you feel depends largely on what you believe. Underperformance is a small price to pay if you believe you are following God's commandments. Weighed against the wages of sin, a couple of percentage points of forgone return count as nothing.

If interested, here are sites to investigate:

- Inspire International ESG exchange-traded fund with the ticker symbol: WWJD
- Christian Investment Forum, Charlotte, NC, claims there are 90 BRI firms
- The National Association of Christian Financial Consultants
- Search for Certified Kingdom Advisors Inspire 100 ETF with the ticker symbol BIBL

All Saints' Day

Advent will be celebrating All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 3. Please forward names of any family members, friends, or significant people in your life who have passed away since All Saints' Day 2018(November 4) to JoAnn in the office by Tuesday, October 29 (440-871-6685 or advent.church@sbcglobal.net) or by signing their name on the signup sheet. These people will be acknowledged during the Prayers of the People at both services on November 3.

Again, Thank You

I just want to say that the people here at Advent are truly amazing. Whenever there is a plea for some additional funds, for something that needs to be fixed or replace, some one always in our congregation steps forward and takes care of the request.. This happens over and over again. I would be remiss if I didn't come out and tell you that you are truly "special people" for all that you do. From the bottom of my heart, I want to tell you thank you and I love you all.

In Christ's love.

Max Gage

Fellow Parishioner and Vestry Member



Veterans' Day Observance

Advent will honor veterans at the 10:00 a.m. service on **November 10**. If you, or an IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER, (which includes a person's parents, spouse, children, siblings, grandparents/grandchildren, adopted children and their spouses) is a vet-

eran, please sign up on the clipboards, leave a note in the office or email JoAnn in the church office (advent.church@sbcglobal.net), so we may include the names in our observance. The service would be a wonderful time to invite veterans, and current members of the armed forces and their families to worship with us.

On November 3, Daylight Saving Time will end. Please turn your clocks BACK one hour!

This Week at Advent

Sunday, October 27

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

Bible Study

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

Monday, October 28

Eliza Jennings Ministry 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29

Wednesday, October 30

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent Wednesday Morning Prayer Group 9.00 a m

The Praise Community 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 1

7:00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

Sunday, November 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal **NO Bible Study**

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

11:00 a.m. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny Irv Frank Joan Joye Velta Sanborn Mary Lou Dixon Marilyn Decker Bob Allen Karen Zolar Rose Walker Barb Frank Lois Zolar Arthur Beel George Belinsky Michael Uhrich **Sharon Rice** Bill & Judy Arkley Steve Boyce Dave Luptak

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

Richard Ward, Jr.

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

Financial Statements

Your third quarter financial statements are available on the table in the narthex. Please call the office (440-871-6685) if there are any questions.

Update on Lois Zolar

Lois Zolar is in the O'Neill Healthcare for the next few weeks and would love to hear from her Advent family. 20770 Lorain Rd Fairview Park, OH 44126

Server Schedule Today, October 27

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Dick McCormick & Bunny Meriam

Lector Lewis Meriam

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 4)

Acolyte Anna Evans

Usher Jan & Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild Bunny Meriam & Jennifer Meckes

Coffee Hour

Close Advent Ray Busony

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Next Sunday, November 3

8:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearer/Lector Scott Duennes Alex Dzurec Acolyte

10:00 a.m.

Chalice Bearers Marcia Duennes & Cynthea Sabolich

Lector Marcia Duennes

Prayers of the People Marcia Duennes

Cynthea Sabolich Acolyte

Peter Meckes Usher

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Altar Guild Pat Perris & Cynthea Sabolich

Coffee Hour Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

Close Advent Peter Meckes

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