



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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

**December 15, 2019 ◊ The Third Sunday in Advent**

## **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 December and beyond.

## **Advent Wreath Readers**

At the 10:00 a.m. service today, Jan & Jerry Nagy will present the short Christmas readings that accompany the lighting of the Advent Wreath.

## **Bible Study**

There will be no 9:00 a.m. Bible study on Sunday December 22 and on Sunday December 29. Advent's study on the Book of Revelation will resume at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

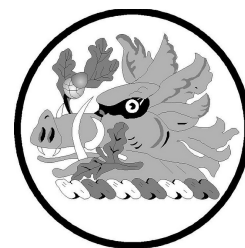


## **December 24 Christmas Eve Service**

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Eucharist. Invite your family and friends.

## **57th Annual Boar's Head & Yule Log Festival**

Saturday December 8, 2017 is the 57th annual performance of the Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival at 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. A multi-sensory event an hour in length for all ages, the Festival features costumed players and glorious music that includes choral and orchestral selections, together with organ and brass accompaniment. Originally rooted in pagan times, when the boar was the first dish served at a Roman feast, the colorful ceremony of the Boar's Head became a service of praise to the Lord of the universe. In medieval England, the boar was king of the great forests: a ferocious, menacing animal and a symbol of evil. The presentation of the boar's head at Christmas symbolized triumph over evil. The Church endowed this custom with symbolic meaning: the triumph of Christ over evil. The ceremony of the Boar's Head became a part of the Christmas celebrations in the great manor houses of the Middle Ages. Brought to Cleveland in 1960 by Episcopal Bishop Nelson M. Burroughs, it has been presented as a gift to the people of this area. Admission is free; a free will offering is welcome. [Boarsheadcleveland.org](http://Boarsheadcleveland.org) for more information



## **The 2020 Advent Flower Calendar**

The 2018 Flower Calendar is posted on the wall outside the parish office. If you wish to donate flowers for the altar, please add your name to the Calendar. Please print clearly if you are donating the flowers in memory of a loved one, as a thank offering, or as a celebration of a birthday or anniversary. Flower costs will be the same as 2019, \$40.00.

## This Week at Advent

### Sunday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

### Monday, December 16

### Tuesday, December 17

7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

### Wednesday, December 18

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

### Thursday, December 19

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, December 22

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. 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	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.  
Jack Morgan

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

## Server Schedule Today, December 15

### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Dick McCormick  
**Acolyte** Alex Dzurec

### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearers** Scott Duennes & Denise Geyer-Keller

**Lector** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Prayers of the People** Anne Crothall (Form 6)

**Acolyte** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Usher** Bob Sanborn

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild** Anne Crothall & Cynthea Sabolich

### Coffee Hour

**Close Advent** Ray Busony

**Counter / Date** Marcia Duennes (12/16)

## Next Sunday, December 22

### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Kathleen Huffman

### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearers** Bunny Meriam & Cynthea Sabolich

**Lector** Lewis Meriam

**Prayers of the People** Anne Crothall (Form 2)

**Acolyte** Anna Evans

**Usher** Jim Edwards

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild** Pat Perris & Karen Edwards

### Coffee Hour

**Close Advent** Ray Busony

**Counter / Date** Anne Crothall (12/23)

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

Heavenly Father, I think about my family, my relatives, co-workers, the neighbors, people with whom we spend each day. Dear Jesus, as we approach Christmas Day, help us to appreciate these special people you put into our lives. Give us the encouragement we need to reach out to those around us, use our lives to help them to know you. We thank you for all that you give us. Amen.