



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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

December 22, 2019 ◊ The Fourth Sunday of 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 with us through December and beyond.

Advent Wreath Readers

At the 10:00 a.m. service today, Art and Marilyn will present the short Christmas readings that accompany the lighting of the Advent Wreath.



December 24 Christmas Eve Service

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

The 2020 Advent Flower Calendar

The 2020 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 in celebration of a birthday or anniversary. Flower costs will be the same as 2019, \$40.00.

Safeguarding Family Harmony

At our November Vestry Meeting, we read and reflected on Bible passages that spoke to us regarding upcoming family gatherings during the Thanksgiving weekend. And now, the Christmas holidays are upon us. Do you anticipate or fear the possibility of difficult discussions with family members who hold opposing political or religious or sexuality views sometimes expressed strongly and in uncivil ways? Did they occur over Thanksgiving? Do you think it may become necessary to encourage a “time out” if you foresee such difficult encounters in this coming Christmas season? Perhaps these Bible passages offer some guidance.

2 Timothy 2:16-17, 22-25 Good News Translation (GNT)

¹⁶ Keep away from profane and foolish discussions, which only drive people farther away from God. ¹⁷ Such teaching is like an open sore that eats away the flesh. ²² Avoid the passions of youth, and strive for righteousness, faith, love, and peace, together with those who with a pure heart call out to the Lord for help. ²³ But keep away from foolish and ignorant arguments; you know that they end up in quarrels. ²⁴ As the Lord's servant, you must not quarrel. You must be kind toward all, a good and patient teacher, ²⁵ who is gentle as you correct your opponents, for it may be that God will give them the opportunity to repent and come to know the truth.

Titus 3:2-8 Good News Translation (GNT)

² Tell your people not to speak evil of anyone, but to be peaceful and friendly, and always to show a gentle attitude toward everyone. ³ For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, and wrong. We were slaves to passions and pleasures of all kinds. We spent our lives in malice and envy; others hated us and we hated them. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior was revealed, ⁵ He saved us. It was not because of any good deeds that we ourselves had done, but because of his own mercy that he saved us, through the Holy Spirit, who gives us new birth and new life by washing us. ⁶ God poured out the Holy Spirit abundantly on us through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that by his grace we might be put right with God and come into possession of the eternal life we hope for. ⁸ This is a true saying.

This Week at Advent

Today, 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

Monday, December 23

Tuesday, December 23 Christmas Eve

Church office is closed.

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service/Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day

Church office is closed.

Thursday, December 26

7:00 p.m. **NO Choir Practice**

Sunday, December 29

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	Dave Luptak
George Belinsky	Steve Boyce	
Bill & Judy Arkley		

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.



8:00 a.m. Chalice Bearer/Lector

12/22 8:00 a.m. Kathleen Huffman
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10:00 a.m. Chalice Bearers

12/22 10:00 p.m. Bunny Meriam & Cynthea Sabolich
10/24 9:00 p.m. Teddi Augustine & Dick McCormick
12/29 10:00 a.m. Bunny Meriam & Cynthea Sabolich

Lector

12/22 10:00 a.m. Lewis Meriam
12/24 9:00 p.m. Dick McCormick
12/29 10:00 a.m. Lewis Meriam

Prayers of the People

12/22 10:00 a.m. Anne Crothall (Form 2)
12/24 9:00 p.m. Dick McCormick (Form 3)
12/29 10:00 a.m. Dick McCormick (Form 4)

Acolytes

12/22 10:00 a.m. Anna Evans
12/24 9:00 p.m. Anna Evans & Cynthea Sabolich
12/29 10:00 p.m. Bunny Meriam

Ushers

12/22 10:00 a.m. Jim Edwards
12/24 9:00 p.m. Bob Sanborn & Jim Edwards
12/29 10:00 a.m. Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer

12/22 10:00 a.m. Ray Busony
12/24 9:00 p.m. None
12/29 10:00 a.m. Sharon Rice

Altar Guild

12/22 10:00 a.m. Pat Perris & Karen Edwards
12/24 9:00 p.m. Altar Guild Members
12/29 10:00 a.m. Bunny Meriam

Close Advent

12/24 10:00 a.m. Ray Busony
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12/29 10:00 a.m. Peter Meckes

Counter / Date

12/23 Anne Crothall
12/30 Marcia Duennes

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