



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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

February 16, 2020 ◊ The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

## 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 February and beyond.

Shrove  
Tuesday



## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our pancake supper will take place this year on Tuesday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m. We will have punchkies, assorted pancakes (blueberry, chocolate, butter-milk, and surprise) and sausages. Come one, come all. Bring family, friends, neighbors and a healthy appetite. If you plan to attend, and/or can help, please let Peter Meckes know (nosonut5830@att.net or 440-657-5286), or sign up on the clipboards circulating during services.

## Devotionals

The devotionals, *Forward Day by Day*, for February—April, are now available on the table in the narthex.

## Did You Know?

Every Vestry meeting starts with a Bible reading followed by questions and discussion related to the Scripture just read, spanning 15 minutes or so. In our June meeting we read from *The Passion Translation of Proverbs* 16:1-4, 9, “Go ahead and make all the plans you want, but it’s the Lord who will ultimately direct your steps. We are all in love with our own opinions, convinced they’re correct. But the Lord is in the midst of us, testing and probing our every motive. Before you do anything, put your trust totally in God and not in yourself. Then every plan you make will succeed. The Lord works everything together to accomplish his purpose. Even the wicked are included in his plans – he sets them aside for the day of disaster. Within your heart you can make plans for your future, but the Lord chooses the steps you take to get there.”

These proverbs and passages all address the theme of God’s sovereignty over human affairs. A person may plan words or actions in her/his heart, but what actually happens is from the Lord. Nothing that a person plans to do can come to pass apart from God’s sovereign will. We then discussed what opinions do we have that we’re convinced are correct about intercessory prayer, healing ministries, music at Advent, Advent’s future, and church growth? Which of our motives is He probing and testing? In all these matters, we are striving to put our trust totally in God and not in ourselves. We make plans but God chooses the steps to get there if the “there” is in accordance with His will.

## PALMS

Palms will be burned by the Altar Guild to be used during the Imposition of Ashes at our Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m.

on February 26. If you have palms at home that were blessed at our Palm Sunday service last spring and wish to include them, please bring them to church by Sunday, February 16 and either give them to Jennifer Meckes or put them on the back file cabinet in the church office.



## Altar Flowers

We all enjoy the flowers that surround the altar on Sundays. We are therefore appreciative of those parishioners who donate to pay for the flowers. The altar guild budget is running a little over budget on flower expense, meaning there are some who have not paid for the flowers they volunteered to provide. We ask that back due donations be brought to current and that future donations be paid before your committed date. Thank you for your faithfulness!

## This Week at Advent

### Sunday, February 16

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

### Monday, February 17

### Tuesday, February 18

7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

### Wednesday, February 19

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, February 20

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

## Prayer Request

### *Health and Recovery*

Lillian Kwasny	Dave Luptak	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	Shirley Moore
Barbara Gage		

### *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  
Liz Schilling, friend of JoAnn Beck

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

## Server Schedule Today, February 16

### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Kathleen Huffman  
**Acolyte** Alex Dzurec

### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearers** Marcia Duennes & Teddi Augustine

**Lector** Marcia Duennes

**Prayers of the People** Anne Crothall (Form 4)

**Acolyte** Anna Evans

**Usher** Peter Meckes

**Intercessory Prayer** Bev Cummings

**Altar Guild** Bunny Meriam

### Coffee Hour

**Close Advent** John Urbas

**Counter / Date** Anne Crothall (2/18)

### Next Sunday, February 23

### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Kathleen Huffman

### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearers** Denise Geyer-Keller & Dick McCormick

**Lector** Dick McCormick

**Prayers of the People** Dick McCormick (Form 5)

**Acolyte** Cynthea Sabolich

**Usher** Teddi Augustine

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild** Cynthea Sabolich & Karen Edwards

### Coffee Hour

**Close Advent** Peter Meckes

**Counter / Date** Marcia Duennes (2/24)

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