



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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

March 1, 2020 ◊ The First Sunday in Lent

## 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 March and beyond.

## Why is Bishop Love our Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight (DEPO) bishop?

The Episcopal Church has a democratic organization structure and lacks a single leader who defines "truth" for the entire denomination. In 2004, the Episcopal Church (bishops, clergy and lay) voted to support and consecrate the election of Bishop V. Gene Robinson of New Hampshire, who was a non-celibate homosexual. Some in the denomination were keen to maintain traditional beliefs and practices and opposed his ordination. Others interpreted the topic in terms of human rights and wanted change and thus supported his consecration. Subsequently, differing views surround establishing and implementing church rituals that recognize same-sex relationships and performing a marriage ceremony for same-sex couples.

In response to these differing views, in 2004 the Episcopal Church developed a "Delegated Episcopal Pastoral Oversight," (DEPO) procedure. DEPO is the Church's response for parishes that find themselves in distress over these changes, who refused to accept Robinson's consecration, and who cannot support other such non-traditional rituals and practices. Advent appealed to our diocesan bishop, Mark Hollingsworth, to appoint another bishop to provide pastoral oversight to Advent. Bp. Hollingsworth graciously agreed to delegate his oversight of Advent to, first, Bishop Ed Little, now retired bishop of Northern Indiana and later to Bishop William Love, Bishop of Albany. "Oversight" means the episcopal acts performed as part of a diocesan bishop's ministry or by another bishop to whom such responsibility has been delegated by the diocesan bishop (Hollingsworth).

Bishop visitations to a parish, celebrating confirmations and baptisms, and spiritual and pastoral care of a congregation by a bishop are duties Bp Love has agreed to provide Advent. In all other aspects of our congregational life, Advent continues to be a part of the Diocese of Ohio, we pay our assessments to Ohio, and we participate as full parishes in good standing at Diocesan conventions and other Diocesan matters. Advent continues in this DEPO arrangement from 2004 to the present.

## Ladies Night Out

Please join us at King Wah, March 2, 2019 at **5:00 p.m.** It is located at 20668 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, 440-3310330. Please let Marilyn Decker know if you can make it: 440-779-8834, or see her at church. Hope you can make it.

**Who is Bishop William Love?** A cradle Episcopalian and native of Texas, Bishop Love moved to up-state New York in the fall of 1982, complements of Uncle Sam. He served in the United States Air Force as an Air Intelligence Officer stationed at Plattsburgh AFB in Plattsburgh, NY from 1982-1986. At the rank of captain, he resigned his commission in order to enter the ordination process in the Diocese of Albany. He is a graduate of Nashotah House Seminary (Wisconsin). Bishop Love was ordained Deacon in June 1991 and ordained as a priest in March 1992. In May 1992, he became the Rector of St. Mary's Church, Lake Luzerne. He was elected as bishop coadjutor and subsequently installed as the 9th Bishop of Albany at the Cathedral of All Saints on Sunday, February 4, 2007.

Bishop Love firmly believes in the authority of Holy Scripture as the living Word of God. He describes himself as Anglo Catholic, Evangelical and Charismatic, committed to the Great Commandment and Great Commission. He is a strong believer in the healing power of Jesus Christ. His constant prayer is to be a channel of God's love and mercy and healing grace in this broken and hurting world in which we live. He has served on several short-term mission trips to Uganda, Bolivia, Peru, South Sudan, Northern Malawi, and Haiti, as well as visits to the Diocese of the Arctic, the Diocese of Down and Dromore in Northern Ireland and the Diocese of Maridi in South Sudan.

Bishop Bill and his wife Karen (a retired USAF Colonel and current high school math teacher) have been married 36 years. They are richly blessed with two adult children and their spouses: Chris and his wife Lauren, and Catie and her husband Doug Jones, in addition to four grandchildren. Personal hobbies include: hiking, kayaking, photography, and travel enjoying the beauty of God's creation.

**Remember to change your clocks Saturday night! Daylight Savings Time starts March 8!**

**This Week at Advent**

**Sunday, March 1**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
Bible Study  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Birthdays and Anniversaries

**Monday, March 2**

5:00 p.m. Ladies Night Out

**Tuesday, March 3**

**Wednesday, March 4**

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

**Thursday, March 5**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, March 8**

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

*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  
Fr. Richard Lutz

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

**March Birthdays**

4 Rob Meriam	20 Khoa Evans
6 Barbara Gibel	27 Jason Evans
11 Dick McCormick	Pat Perris
12 Mary Lou Dixon	28 Marcia Duennes
17 Steven Boyce	30 Susan Boyce
19 Ray Busony	



**Server Schedule Today, March 1**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Scott Duennes

**10:00 a.m.**

**Chalice Bearers** Dick McCormick & Cynthea Sabolich

**Lector** Dick McCormick

**Prayers of the People** Dick McCormick (Form 2)

**Acolyte** Cynthea Sabolich

**Usher** Peter Meckes

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild** Bunny Meriam

**Coffee Hour** Teddi Augustine & Sharon Rice

**Close Advent** Peter Meckes

**Counter / Date** Marcia Duennes (3/2)

**Next Sunday, March 8**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Kathleen Huffman

**Acolyte** Alex Dzurec

**10:00 a.m.**

**Chalice Bearers** Bunny Meriam & Teddi Augustine

**Lector** Lewis Meriam

**Prayers of the People** Anne Crothall (Form 3)

**Acolyte** Anna Evans

**Usher** Max Gage

**Intercessory Prayer** Sharon Rice

**Altar Guild** Anne Crothall & Pat Perris

**Coffee Hour**

**Close Advent** Max Gage

**Counter / Date** Anne Crothall (3/9)

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