



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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July 4, 2021 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Worship with the Diocese of Albany at

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=episcopal+diocese+of+albany

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church and may God bless your worship today!

Guest Preacher on the 4th of July

During the COVID dilemma, many of you received semi-weekly emails entitled Our Sabbath Moment. These were authored by Seth McCormick, a Hospice Chaplain with Carilion Clinic Hospice, Roanoke, VA. These Our Sabbath Moment offerings were intended for nurses, social workers, first responders and others in the Carilion network. The purpose was to give opportunities for rest, reflection and refreshment spiritually, emotionally and psychosocially during this time of the Pandemic, a sort of emotional protective equipment, or EPE. Another purpose was to encourage readers to find a moment in their day to pay attention to their own bodies, minds, rhythms and hearts. In Judaism, the Sabbath is a time and day to worship, to cease and to rest. Seth's hope was that these emails would help recipients to have a mini-Sabbath during the workday. Anyhow, Seth will preach at Advent at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services on July 4. This will also give Paul a form of "Independence Day".

Zoom Invitation

This is a recurring invitation for worship services at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. You can use the same link, Meeting ID, and Passcode Sunday after Sunday. This way, the link won't change week by week. You can launch the link either from this transmittal or a separate email I'll send, which should overcome the difficulties some have experienced recently.

Peace be with you!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93790207331?pwd=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzI/ZQT09>

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/adIAXI5aCt>

Ladies Night Out

Please join us on Monday, July 12 at Bonnie's Bar & Grill, 22811 Lorain Rd, Fairview Park, at 5:30 p.m.

Please let Marilyn Decker know if you can attend at 440-779-8834 or see her at church. Hope you can make it.

Men's Night Out

We're Back! Come join us for good food and fellowship as we re-join life outside the COVID bubble.

Monday July 12, 6:30 p.m. at Burntwood Tavern
5600 Great Northern Blvd. North Olmsted. Please let Peter Meckes know you'll be joining us: 440-657-5286 (Home) 440-915-6306 (Cell) or nosonut5830@att.net.





This Week at Advent

Sunday, July 4

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 a.m. Birthdays and Anniversaries

Monday, July 5
Church office is closed

Tuesday, July 6

Wednesday, July 7

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, July 8

Sunday, July 11

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Prayer Request

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny	Joan Joye	Gus Cratcha
Mary Lou Dixon	Marilyn Decker	Stacey Smith
Bob Allen	Karen Zolar	Shirley Moore
Barb Frank	Lois Zolar	Arthur Beel
Michael Uhrich	Sharon Rice	George Belinsky
Bill & Judy Arkley	Steve Boyce	Sue Boyce
Dave Luptak	Liz Urbas	Richard Ward Jr
John & Anne Crothall		

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz
Ken Wood Jim Johnson	Betty Clark
Eliza Jennings residents	Bill Liptak
Liz Schilling, friend of JoAnn Beck	
Julie and Ray Coy	
Residents of Pinzone Tower	
Will Hayes, friend of Cynthea Sabolich	
Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy	
Carolyn Kay, cousin of Jan Nagy	

Safety Protection

David Arkley, Detective for Cleveland Police
Son of Bill & Judy Arkley
Rachel Moffitt, ER Nurse daughter of Bill & Judy Arkley

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

4 Paul Koszkalda Jr.
8 John Crothall
Paul Laursen
14 Chelsea Boyce
15 Stacie Smith
17 Bruce Bunn III
21 Teddi Augustine
Shirley Moore

July Birthdays and Anniversaries

3 Dudley & Kay Blossom
21 Max & Barbara Gage



Server Schedule Today, July 4

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 6)

Usher Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (7/7)

Close Advent Max Gage

Server Schedule July 11

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Kathleen Huffman

Acolyte Kylie Bunn

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 2)

Usher Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (7/12)

Close Advent Peter Meckes

Note: It is your responsibility to contact another volunteer directly to

The West Shore Healing Room

The West Shore Healing Room will open on Tuesday, July 13 at Advent. Led by Bill Benedict, The West Shore Healing Room, which is certified by the International Association of Healing Rooms in Spokane, Wash., will have a team to offer personal prayer for physical and emotional healing.

The room will be open on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary and there is no charge. Appointments for prayer at other times can be made by calling 216-407-3220 or emailing to westshorehealing@gmail.com. The International Association of Healing Rooms coordinates 2,946 healing rooms in 68 countries.

Have you ever wondered what happened to the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence?

This was compiled by Michael W. Smith, an American contemporary Christian composer and singing artist, on July 4, 2015. Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons in the revolutionary army, another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from wounds or hardships of the revolutionary war.

They signed and they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

What kind of men were they? Twenty-four were lawyers and jurists. Eleven were merchants, nine were farmers and large plantation owners, men of means, well educated. But they signed the Declaration of Independence knowing full well that the penalty would be death if they were captured.

Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts, and died in rags.

Thomas McKeam was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him, and poverty was his reward.

Vandals or soldiers or both, looted the properties of Ellery, Clymer, Hall, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge, and Middleton.

At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson Jr., noted that the British General Cornwallis had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. The owner quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed, and Nelson died bankrupt.

Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife, and she died within a few months.

John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she was dying. Their 13 children fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children vanished. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

Such were the stories and sacrifices of the American Revolution. These were not wild eyed, rabble-rousing ruffians. They were soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering, they pledged: "For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor."

Dutch Sheets' Prayer "God Wants to Heal History"

Dutch Sheets is an internationally recognized author, gifted teacher, and conference speaker. He travels extensively, challenging believers for passionate prayer and societal reformation. Seeing America experience a sweeping revival and return to its Godly heritage is Dutch's greatest passion. He is a messenger of hope for America, encouraging believers to contend for awakening. Here's his prayer on June 25 from his blog **Give Him 15**.

Father, we thank You for forming this nation as a beacon of light, a city on a hill for You. As the leaders of each state wrote into their constitutions, an acknowledgement of and dependence upon You, we give thanks for all of our leaders. We pray for those who diligently acknowledge reliance upon You and Your statutes, for only through our trust in You will we see America's destiny fulfilled. Use our prayers, Lord. Fill the bowls of heaven with them as we cry out for the changes You desire and that line up with Your word.

We boldly ask You to bless our nation and bring a sweeping revival – an awakening that will touch every soul. Come, Holy Spirit, sweep across our land. We invite you into our states and make our reverential decrees. We pray on this Independence Day that the people of the State of Ohio and all in the United States put their trust in Almighty God and rely on Him, alone.

Excerpts from The Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security. Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

27 Facts were listed in the Declaration.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are Absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

