

# ADVENTURES a weekly newsletter

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## October 3, 2021 The Nineteenth 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!

#### **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 from this transmittal link.

Peace be with you!

There are no changes, just the same info in an abbreviated format. These are not new, just shortened.

Join Advent Service via Zoom from PC or tablet

https://zoom.us/j/93790207331?pwd=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzlZQT09

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

#### Ladies Night Out

Please join us on Monday, October 4 at 5:30 p.m. at The Berea Depot, 30Depot Street, Berea 440-243-6169. 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

Come join us for good food and fellowship, Monday October 11 at, 6:30 p.m. at BJ's Brewhouse and Restaurant, 25779 Brookpark Road, North Olmsted. Please let Peter Meckes know you'll be joining us: 440-657-5286 (Home) 440-915-6306 (Cell) or nosonut5830@att.net.

#### What is Advent's Statement of Faith?

### Advent's Statement of Faith: Marriage, Sexuality and the Sanctity of Life

Our culture today has deviated far from core Christian beliefs about God's definition and purposes for marriage, God's characterization of gender identity, God's idea of sexual relations, and God's view of abortion and the sanctity of life. Here's what we at Advent believe that is counter-cultural. We believe that God created marriage to be the exclusive covenant union of one man and one woman as delineated in Holy Scripture and as stated in The Celebration and Blessing of a Marriage, pages 423 – 432, in the Book of Common Prayer 1979. This Celebration and references to marriage in the Holy Bible NIV collectively comprise Advent's definition of marriage.

We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female, and that these two distinct complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God. This is Advent's definition of gender identity.

We believe that God intends intimate sexual activity to occur exclusively between a man and a woman who are married to each other.

We believe that all human life is sacred and created by God in His image. Human life is of inestimable worth in all its dimensions, including pre-born babies, the aged, the physically or mentally challenged, and every other stage or condition from conception through natural death. We believe all people of faith are therefore called to defend, protect, and value all human life.

This Week at Advent

Sunday, October 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal 9:00 a.m. Bible Study Holy Eucharist

Monday, October 4

5:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, October 5

Wednesday, October 6

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

**7:00 p.m.** The Praise Community

Thursday, October 7

Sunday, October 10

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

**Prayer Request** 

Health and Recovery

Lillian Kwasny Gus Cratcha Joan Joye Marilyn Decker Mary Lou Dixon Stacev Smith Bob Allen Karen Zolar Shirley Moore Arthur Beel Sue Boyce Barb Frank Michael Uhrich Sharon Rice George Belinsky Steve Bovce Dave Luptak Bill & Judy Arkley John & Anne Crothall Jan Nagy

**Bev Cummings** 

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma
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

Jessica Laursen, Niece of Paul Laursen

Shirley Wilton, Grandmother of Bruce Bunn

Molly Hirz, daughter of Lynn from Shining Star

David Arkley, son of Bill & Judy Arkley

Safety Protection

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.

Server Schedule Today, October 3

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick Acolyte Kylie Bunn

10:00 a.m.

**Assistant** Dick McCormick

**Lector** Dick McCormick

**Prayers of the People** Dick McCormick (Form 4)

Usher Max Gage

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Counter** Anne Crothall (10/4)

**Close Advent** Max Gage

Server Schedule October 10

8:00 a.m.

**Assistant** Dick McCormick

10:00 a.m.

**Assistant** Dick McCormick

**Lector** Dick McCormick

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

Usher Peter Meckes

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Counter** Anne Crothall (10/11)

**Close Advent** Peter Meckes

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

#### **OCTOBER Birthdays**

11Max Gage20Alex Dzurec14Peter MeckesKaylei Evans16Art Decker25Jan Nagy

31 Robert Allen

**OCTOBER Anniversaries** 

8 John & Anne Crothall



#### "Fire on the Family Altar" – A Post by Dutch Sheets

Dutch Sheets is an internationally recognized author, gifted teacher, and conference speaker. He has pastored, taught in several colleges and seminaries, and served on the board of directors of numerous organizations. 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. His current podcast is **Give Him 15**, a call to believers to give fifteen minutes a day in prayer as our continual "appeal to heaven."

His **Give Him 15** podcast on Sept 24 entitled "**Fire on the Family Altar**" offered practical advice for singles, parents, grandparents, etc. – members of natural and spiritual families. He writes "The first institution God established on earth was family. It is, without question, the most important to God and the most hated by Satan." The Sept 24 post is about restoring the family altar of prayer and Dutch and Cheryl Sacks, a fellow believer, offer **Steps to Build a Family Altar.** He and she write:

"Whether you live alone or in a household with children, married or single, you can light the altar of prayer and worship in your home. You can begin taking steps now to build—or rebuild—the altar of prayer. Here are some suggestions:

"Call your family together and discuss the idea of devoting a special time each day or week to gather to meet with the Lord. [Explain that this is a time to invite His presence and power into your lives and family to thank Him for the great things happening and to ask His help in the challenges. Find a time you can all agree upon, and make sure it is set aside for this purpose.]"

"Tailor your gathering to the ages and personality of your family. [Younger kids can't sit still for long. You may need to pray with them when you put them to bed and have a longer time of prayer after they fall asleep. If you have teenagers, involve them in framing the time to make it interesting and exciting.]

"Set the tone. [Our family has found that reading Scripture or a chapter from a Christian devotional helps set the tone and inspires faith. At our house, we often turn on Pandora and start with our favorite worship music.]"

"Create a journal where you can record your family's requests and the date the prayers are answered. [We also write down the blessings God has given that week—and some we didn't even ask for! He is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20).]"

"Remember, in addition to a special set-aside time, we can pray and worship together anytime and at any place—[on our way to work, school or a sporting event, even on vacation. You could make the next birthday or graduation a time of praying blessings – that your special family member will fulfill his or her God-given destiny.]"

**Reach out to a prayer partner.** [If your family is not ready to pray with you just yet, remember you can always reach out to a prayer partner or start a prayer group and pray for one another's families.]"

Dutch closes with this prayer: "Dear Lord, our families and this nation need You as never before. Only You can bring the healing and reconciliation that we so desperately need. We ask You to send a sweeping nationwide revival and let it begin with me...in my home, in our homes. Ignite a fire in this nation through the praying families of America, one that spreads to every sphere of culture. And, Lord, we pray that this would not end with our generation, but that our children and our children's children would keep the fire on the family altar burning—that the generations to come would put their trust in You and not forget Your faithfulness (Psalm 78:6-7)."

To listen to the full podcast, go to <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fX8dPTIdGY8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fX8dPTIdGY8</a> . For more resources and ideas, visit www. <a href="https://www.givehim15.com/">https://www.givehim15.com/</a> and <a href="https://bridgebuilders.net/">https://bridgebuilders.net/</a>

### **Love in the Name of Christ**

Love In the Name of Christ is collecting coats for the homeless and disadvantaged in Cuyahoga County 9/20/2021-10/20/2021. Please bring your coats to Advent by 10/17/2021. Children's and 1X - 4X men's & women's coats are the most needed. Thank you! Questions call 216.459.0302 or email <a href="mailto:meesh@loveinccuy.org">meesh@loveinccuy.org</a>.