



# ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

January 23, 2022 The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Worship with the Diocese of Albany at  
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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=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzIzQT09>

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## **The Need at St. James AME Church, Mayfield Kentucky**

On December 10, 2021, a violent, long-tracked tornado moved across Western Kentucky, producing catastrophic damage in Mayfield, a town of about 10,000 residents. Because Advent supported Katrina hurricane victims through an Episcopal church in Pascagoula in 2006, I searched for Episcopal churches in Mayfield and found St. James, an African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church. AME means the church was organized by people of African descent and heritage. The church's roots are of the family of Methodist churches, placing their emphasis on a plain and simple gospel. Episcopal refers to their form of government, governed by bishops.

I spoke with Thomas Bright, the treasurer/sexton/sr. warden who provided background and context. The St. James building was devastated and partially destroyed by the tornado. Their average Sunday attendance had been 25-30 (smaller than Advent) and their pastor traveled 80 miles one way most every Sunday to lead worship and preach. Thomas' 80-year-old aunt and a parishioner died in the tornado. Established in 1868, the church has been a spiritual mainstay in the community. They plan to rebuild and have been granted \$100,000 to restore this historically significant building. A candle factory in Mayfield, a major employer, was destroyed and will not be rebuilt, thus adding to the area's economic woes. Thomas was overwhelmed by Advent's "out of the blue" expression of financial support and prayer. At our meeting this week, the Vestry voted to provide St. James \$10,000 for their near-term needs. Many of you have already contributed funds to support St. James. We will collect future donations over the next couple of weeks so your expressions of support can be combined with Advent's outreach provision.

We added St. James to our Prayers of the People during Sunday services. Please include them in your personal prayers.

## **Homeless Bag Donations**

Please join the Prodigal Knights MM in sharing the Love of Jesus by making a caring much needed helping hand to some of the citizens of Cleveland area, who have fallen on times. Some who are shelter resistant or just have nothing to eat or supplies to take care of themselves. We will be handing out to those we the Knights see on the street and also would like to help Operation Subzero who helps homeless Vets in and around the community of Cleveland.... Gloves, socks, hats plus any item on the flyer. All is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

We will be collecting until Sunday February 6th but distributing will start asap as offerings arrive

## **Bob Allen Memorial Service**

After multiple complications of his health, Robert "Bob" Allen passed away this past Tuesday morning, January 18th. Bob, as you may know, was a member of this Advent family and he will be missed. The good news is that he is no longer suffering and is now with Jesus, his Lord and Savior. There will be a memorial service in his honor Saturday, January 29, 2022 at 11:00am, here at Advent. All are welcome to attend the celebration of Bob's life.

**This Week at Advent**

**Sunday, January 23**

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

**Monday, January 24**

**Tuesday, January 25**

**Wednesday, January 26**

**7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent**  
**9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group**  
**7:00 p.m. NO The Praise Community**

**Thursday, January 27**

**Sunday, January 30**

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

**Server Schedule Today, January 23**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Assistant** Dick McCormick

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**Lector** Dick McCormick

**Prayers of the People** Dick McCormick (Form 6)

**Usher** Max Gage

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Counter** Anne Crothall (1/24)

**Close Advent** Ray Busony

**Server Schedule Sunday, January 30**

**8:00 a.m.**

**Assistant** Kathleen Huffman  
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 (1/31)

**Close Advent** Ray Busony

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

**“We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” 2 Chronicles 20:12b**

Paul's closing prayer at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting included this passage. At our Vestry meeting, we read, discussed, and prayed over 2 Chronicles 20:1-30. Vestry debriefed on the Annual Meeting topics guided by these verses. We commend them to your personal devotions. All vestry persons were uplifted, edified, and empowered by this verse, by verse 15b "Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's.", and by verse 17a "You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you" We agreed we needed to surrender Advent's future to the Lord, not try to fight the battles ourselves, and wait for His provision – whatever that might mean. It was a powerful time of inspiration from Holy Spirit.

**Prayer Request**

*Health and Recovery*

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

*Friends of Advent*

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz
Ken Wood Jim Johnson	Betty Clark
Eliza Jennings residents	Bill Liptak
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	
Shirley Wilton, Grandmother of Bruce Bunn	
David Arkley, son of Bill & Judy Arkley	
Cathy Sutula, friend of Kathleen Huffman	
Pam Padrutt-Melvin, friend of Denise Geyer-Keller	

*Safety Protection*

Rachel Moffitt, ER Nurse daughter of Bill & Judy Arkley

*Please contact the church office if you would like your name*

**The 2022 Advent Flower Calendar**

The 2022 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 now be \$50.00. Payment must be received before flowers will be ordered.