



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

February 6th, 2022 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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

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 \$100,00 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

"Look now with favor on these your servants joined together in Marriage, who ask to be strengthened by your blessing" Nuptial Blessing

Dear Friends:

February 13th is the observance of World Marriage Day. On this day we will honor the Sacrament of Marriage at Advent with a very special Service by:

- 1.) The Renewal of Marriage Vows,
- 2.) Remembering those spouses who are in heaven,
- 3.) A Nuptial Blessing before Communion, and
- 4.) A Reception in the hall after the service

What YOU need to do:

1. We ask that you please call Scott to let him know that you would like to renew your vows.
 2. Please bring a picture of your beloved deceased spouse to be placed on our Remembrance Table during the Service. You will be given a votive candle to place by their picture during the Prayer of the People which you may take home with you.
 3. Please feel free to call the office for any questions you may have.
- God bless you, and let us continue to love and to serve the Lord!

Ladies Night Out

Please join us on Monday, February 7th at 5:30 p.m. at King Wah, 20668 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River. Please let Marilyn Decker know if you can attend at 440-779-8834 or see her at church. Hope you can make it.

No Men's Night Out This Month

Due to the second Monday of the month falling on Valentine's Day, there will be no men's night out this month.

This Week at Advent

Sunday, February 6

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, February 7

5:30 p.m. Ladies Night Out

Tuesday, February 8

Wednesday, February 9

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, February 10

Sunday, February 13

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	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	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 Cynthia 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 added or removed from our list.

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.

Server Schedule Today, February 6

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 3)

Usher Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (2/7)

Close Advent Max Gage

Server Schedule Sunday, February 13

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

10:00 a.m.

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Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 4)

Usher Jerry Nagy

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (2/14)

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.

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=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzIzOT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930