



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

July 3rd, 2022 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

## **The American Revolution: Was it an Act of Biblical Rebellion?**

As we celebrate Independence Day this weekend, I offer some varying points of view on this title. No right or wrong answers or conclusions, just points to ponder – some from today and some from the American Revolutionary era.

Was the American Revolution an act of rebellion against God and the Bible, especially “Submission to Governing Authorities” in Romans 13? Today, John McArthur (Pastor of Grace Community Church and host of the national radio program “Grace to You”) asserts: “People have mistakenly linked democracy and political freedom to Christianity. That’s why many contemporary evangelicals believe the American Revolution was completely justified, both politically and scripturally. They follow the arguments of the Declaration of Independence, which declares that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are Divinely endowed rights. . . . But such a position is contrary to the clear teachings and commands of Romans 13:1-7.”

Such a view today does not reflect the extended theological debates that occurred during the times of the Revolution. Then, some but not all Christian and political leaders turned to the Bible and found much guidance on the subject of civil disobedience and resistance to tyrannical civil authority. Famous heroes of the Bible including many in the Hebrews 11 “Faith Hall of Fame” were accorded their special position of honor because they committed civil disobedience (e.g., Daniel, Rahab, Moses, and the Apostles in Acts 4-5) against tyrannical commands of civil and religious rulers. The Founders believed that they were not in rebellion against God’s ordained institution of civil government; they were only resisting tyranny and not the institution itself. The second Scriptural viewpoint overwhelmingly embraced by most Americans during the Revolutionary Era was that God would not honor an offensive war, but that He did permit civil self-defense (e.g., Nehemiah 4:13-14 & 20-21, Zechariah 9:8, 2 Samuel 10:12, etc.).

Perhaps today’s critics disagree with the theological positions held by the Founding Fathers, theologians, and ministers of that era, but it does not mean that there was no Biblical basis for the American Revolution. What do you think?

Dick McCormick

## **Ladies Night Out**

Please join us on Tuesday, July 12th at 5:30 p.m. at The Berea Depot, 30 Depot Street, Berea. Please let Marilyn Decker know if you can attend at 440-779-8834 or see her at church. Hope you can make it!

## **The next Cleveland Retrouvaille Weekend is scheduled for August 26 - 28, 2022**

The Retrouvaille program is a Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but both of you want to try again? Then the Retrouvaille program may help you rediscover each other again.

RETROUVAILLE, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, but it is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience for couples and six follow up sessions. A registration fee of \$200.00 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Marce or Liz Gliha at 440.357.6580 or 1.800.470.2230, or go online to [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org).

## **Prodigal Knights**

The Prodigal Knights MM are on the move again. Please join us in our blessings at our Prayers at the Pump ministry. We are currently accepting donations of \$20 dollar gas cards for either BP or Speedway until Sunday July 31st. If you have any questions or would like more information please see Jason or Khoa Evans at the 10 o'clock services, email [prodigalknights@gmail.com](mailto:prodigalknights@gmail.com) or call their office at 216-215-6535. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **Advent at Lake Erie Crushers Baseball**

Friday July 8th @ 7 PM after the game fireworks!

Crusher Ticket payment!

Pay \$10 per seat ticket only!

Pay to Advent only.

DO NOT pay for Handicap parking pass! That is a freebie on the house.

## This Week at Advent

### Sunday, July 3

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, July 4

### Tuesday, July 5

### Wednesday, July 6

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 7

### Sunday, July 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	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	Bill Carangio
John Vasicek	Nita Ritchie	Warren

### Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz
Ken Wood Jim Johnson	Betty Clark
Eliza Jennings residents	Bill Liptak

Ray Coy

Residents of Pinzone Tower

Andrew Bodi & Bodi Family, friend of Cynthea Sabolich

Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy

Bill Tumbleson, former Advent Priest

Mike Wilson, father of Debbie Priefer

Dar Khoury's Mom

Donna and Melissa, friends of Beverly Cummings

Marge, friend of Beverly Cummings

Jan Maiocco, wife of former Priest Joe Maiocco

### Safety Protection

David Arkley, son of Bill & Judy Arkley

Rachel Moffitt, ER Nurse daughter of Bill & Judy Arkley

All Workers at Cleveland Crisis Pregnancy Center

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

## July Birthdays

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 Anniversaries

3 Dudley & Kay Blossom  
 21 Max & Barbara Gage



## Server Schedule Today, July 3

### 8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

### 10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 2)

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (7/4)

Close Advent Ray Busony

## Server Schedule Sunday, July 10

### 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 Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Bill Benedict

Counter Anne Crothall (7/11)

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.

## 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?](https://zoom.us/j/93790207331?pwd=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzIzOT09)

[pwd=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzIzOT09](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