



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

July 17th, 2022 The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

What is Christian Persecution?

The bubble that we live in in our Advent community and the USA at large isolates and insulates us from Satan's targeting of God's people in the rest of the world. As a resource guide, Pastor Paul Laursen provided us with copies of "The 2022 World Watch List – 52 weeks of prayer for persecuted Christians" from www.OpenDoorsYSA.org. It tells stories of Christians under severe persecution in Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, India, Saudi Arabia and 40 other countries. A woman in India, a man in a North Korean prison camp, a woman in Nigeria, a pastor in Afghanistan – they are examples of Christians who suffer because of their faith. While Christian persecution takes many forms, it is defined as any hostility experienced as a result of identification with Jesus Christ. They are attacked. They are discriminated against at work and at school. They risk sexual violence, torture, arrest and much more. Here are some staggering statistics from last year as reported by OpenDoorsUSA: Over 360 million Christians living in places where they experience high levels of persecution and discrimination; 5,898 Christians for their faith; 5,110 churches and other Christian buildings attacked; 6,175 believers detained without trial, arrested, sentenced or imprisoned; and 3,829 Christians abducted. 360 million is more than the population of our country! 5,110 attacked churches is about half of the churches in Ohio. Staggering statistics! And surely these numbers are under-reported – how can OpenDoorsUSA know of every church and believer attacked and persecuted?

What is our call to action? Pray and Intercede: use this book to learn how you can pray with your persecuted family, and then lift them up throughout the year. One country per week. Share: share this book with your friends and your family. Ask other believers to join you on this journey of prayer. Give: at OpenDoorsUSA.org you can find many ways to get involved financially, if you feel God leading you to do so.

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.

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 or call their office at 216-215-6535.

Thank you in advance for your support.

This Week at Advent

Sunday, July 17

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 18

Tuesday, July 19

Wednesday, July 20

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, July 21

Sunday, July 24

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

Jeff Campbell, nephew of Mary Lou Dixon

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

Server Schedule Today, July 17

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick
 Kylie Bunn

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 4)

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (7/18)

Close Advent Ray Busony

Server Schedule Sunday, July 24

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 5)

Usher Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Bill Benedict

Counter Anne Crothall (7/25)

Close Advent Max Gage

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=NWFhZVhnbGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzIzOT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930