



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

December 18th, 2022 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Stewardship 2023 and Our Collective Response

What fun it is to read appeals for money! What fun it is to ask for money! Yet, your giving enables us to worship together on Sundays and special occasions and at memorial services, to grow from the Christ-centered sermons and music we're blessed with, to provide outreach to skilled nursing and international missionaries and relief organizations, to maintain our worship space and facility, to have fellowship opportunities, and to continue a presence of Christian hope in our little corner of God's earth. Please consider how you will participate with your time, energy, prayers, presence, and finances to encourage us all to continue serving as a remnant for God in this place we call Advent. Thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Stewardship

As I explained Sunday we need to develop a budget for 2023. The vestry has to approve the funds I'm going to spend on the building, maintaining our place of worship. If you haven't already, please fill out the pledge notice that was sent in the mail or just drop a note in with your Sunday giving (or call the office) as to what you can pledge for 2023. With an income in mind we can plan a budget for salaries, utilities, Outreach, grounds & building maintenance.

Your Faithfulness is greatly appreciated.

Blessings,

Ray Busony Jr. Warden

Good Morning from Paul!

This is my third update to you about our month long mission adventure. Last evening (Friday Dec. 8, our time), we arrived in Joshore, Bangladesh after a layover at the international airport of several hours. We were quite happy to finally reach our destination....not so fast, then it took a ninety minute taxi ride to get to our room for the next week in some unknown village/city.

A big deal here is the World Cup, which was shown last evening on a gigantic screen/sheet, in the middle of town. Apparently much of the town was up till all hours. Here the game started somewhere between 11 and 12 midnight. We were fast asleep long before then.

Anyway, the ministry in Kathmandu was simply awesome. The requests for prayer went on and on and the results were quite edifying.

As we left, we were offered an invitation to return next year and include a youth conference as well. At the same time we were invited to travel for six days with an Anglican bishop for a six day adventure. We shall see. But it was evident that the Holy Spirit was present throughout. Back at the church where we were staying, by the way, no heat in any of the buildings or homes despite only high 30's overnight. We then prayed for family members of our host families.

Right now Kathryn has a deep cough that is keeping her awake at night. Its very early Sunday morning as I write this note. We are traveling to two churches today. Please pray for the Lord's healing for Kathryn. Thanks.

One of the great testimonies of our trip was a gentleman who had received prayer for healing on Kathryn's last trip, about four years ago, who came forward to testify that he had been healed then and was still walking in that healing today. Very special to hear and see!

So looking forward to the next week, in addition to several days of conferences, we will be going into two Muslim villages, where apparently there are no Christians. So prayer covering for those outreaches would be greatly appreciated.

By the way, earlier in our stay in Nepal, at the YWAM base in Kathmandu, I agreed to teach basic English via zoom to a few Nepali folks at the base there after the first of the year. Doesn't seem too impossible. Last spring I began teaching one of my granddaughters the basics of Danish, so how hard could English be? Seems doable. I am actually looking forward to it.

Bangladesh is actually quite different than I had pictured it. Much green and lots of water. Spiritually it is indeed a dark place. Yesterday, Saturday, we went to two quite remote villages in deeply Hindu areas. The new Christians have no corporate place to meet. We gathered in the open on a plastic tarp surrounded by mosquitos and some interested Hindus. Once we got serious and mentioned the name of Jesus several quickly disappeared.

While the folks are quite poor, living off the land mostly, I like the open meetings, because the surrounding neighbors can't help but hear the name of Jesus being spoken, and won't be able to ignore the stories of the healings that took place. It seems hard to believe that we are heading into our fourth week, the time has just evaporated so rapidly. What a rich blessing and opportunity to be trusted by so many people to teach and minister to them.

Thanks so much for your ongoing prayer and support! See you in about a week.

Paul

This Week at Advent

Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Monday, December 19

Tuesday, December 20

Wednesday, December 21

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

Saturday, December 24

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 25

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

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 & Joyce Carangio
John Vasicek	Nita Ritchie	Richard Guzowski
Bruce Finch	Cynthia Sabolich	Nancy & Ed Medley
Jason Evans	Paul Laursen	

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz	
Jim Johnson	Betty Clark	Bill Liptak
Eliza Jennings residents	Ray Coy	
Residents of Pinzone Tower	Gary Conaway	
Andrew Bodi & Bodi Family, friend of Cynthia Sabolich		
Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy		
Mike Wilson, father of Debbie Priefer		
Dar Khoury's Mom		
Tina and Donna, friends of Beverly Cummings		
Pastor Julia Wertz, Pole Methodist Church, and Easton Methodist Church		
Jeff Campbell, nephew of Mary Lou Dixon		
Baby Ruby, 2 year old, friend of Sue Boyce		
Ann, sister of Mary Lou		
Cade and the Maurer Family, friends of Denise Geyer-Keller		
Sandy, friend of Sue Boyce		
Melissa, friend of Joan Joye		
Richard Shaw, cousin of Denise Geyer-Keller		

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 added or removed from our list.

Server Schedule Today, December 18

8:00 a.m.

Officiant Dick McCormick

10:00 a.m.

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Message Darlene Khoury

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (12/19)

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

Server Schedule Sunday, December 25

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 Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Bill Benedict

Counter Anne Crothall (12/26)

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