



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

March 19th, 2023 The Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Earthquake Relief for Victims in Turkey

Advent supported Ukrainian war refugees last year through Samaritan's Purse and Feed My Starving Children in the combined amount of \$5,415 – donated by individual parishioners and from Advent's Outreach funds. Now the world faces another humanitarian and spiritual calamity. The death toll surpassed 50,000 on Feb. 24th from the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and large aftershocks in Turkey and Syria that started on Feb. 6. Turkey declared more than 44,000 people dead and Syria almost 6,000. The situation in Syria amounts to a "catastrophe on top of a catastrophe," as the country has experienced suffering from 12 years of civil war. Eye witnesses describe "apocalyptic" scenes in southern Turkey. "Entire neighborhoods have been flattened; homes destroyed, schools and shops closed; lives torn apart. The scale of devastation here is truly incomprehensible".

Kathryn for many years has been a part of Word & Deed Ministries. She and Paul went to Nepal and Bangladesh under that ministry banner. Word & Deed is a Reformed Christian ministry that focuses on meeting the spiritual and physical needs of people in accordance with biblical principles for the glory of God. Its approach is to act as a bridge connecting Christian churches, businesses, and individuals in North America with churches and missions in the developing world so that together they can reach out in the name of Christ to those in need.

Please pray for those whose lives are devastated in Turkey and Syria, that they may experience Christ's hope and comfort during their dire circumstances. Vestry voted to appropriate \$3,000 from our Outreach budget for humanitarian aid to Turkey, to be channeled through Word & Deed Ministries. We invite parishioners to individually add their contributions. If you choose to do so, place "Turkey" in the memo line of your check. Thank you.

Joan Joye's New Address

She is now living with her daughter Wendy Johnson and her address is...

Wendy Johnson
6700 Buckhorn Blvd
Lorain, OH 44053

She would very much appreciate receiving cards because she is not able to talk on the phone currently!

Junior Warden Updates

We are installing a new computer in the office. I'm working with Tak getting the system up & transferring files. Tak is doing 99% of the work. We are going from Windows 7 to Windows 10. He also supplied the computer to Advent at no cost. He is a fantastic support system for the church. We are Blessed to have Tak & Mely. He is available for questions on Wednesday but has asked that you call to let him know you're coming in to meet with him. Questions can be on cell phones or computers. There is no charge for his service. Center for Aging in the Digital World. 440-787-2020 (Donations welcomed)

We are also switching our phone & internet service from AT&T to Spectrum. Once again Tak is working on this with me. We are going to be able to keep the same email as before: advent.church@sbcglobal.net. For any tech geeks in the audience our AT&T download speed was 20mbs & upload was maybe 10mbs. Spectrum is much better at 300mbs and 10mbs upload. The phone number will remain the same. The price for Spectrum will be lower than AT&T.

I'm lining up a service to strip, wax & buff the hall floor. They did a really nice job last time and surely needs it. That should happen soon. I'll try to get that done on a Friday/Saturday when the hall is not in use.

Mission Trip to Liberia

As we heard in services on March 12th, Paul and Kathryn are planning a 3-week trip to Liberia, leaving the Tuesday after Easter, April 11, and returning on Thur May 4. The trip is under the auspices of Word & Deed Ministries. The Vestry approved \$4,000 from our 2023 Outreach budget to help underwrite the cost of this trip. We invite parishioners to make individual contributions as you may feel moved. Checks with "Liberia" in the Memo Line will be credited to your account as a non-pledge gift. It will help Paul if these funds are received by March 26th. We'll disburse the funds to Word & Deed Ministries that last week of March. Denise Geyer-Keller, Max Gage, and Dar Khoury will give the Message during these 3 Sundays as part of Morning Prayer.

This Week at Advent

Sunday, March 19

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, March 20

Tuesday, March 21

Wednesday, March 22

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, March 23

Sunday, March 26

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	Bill & Judy Arkley	Steve Boyce
Dave Luptak	John Crothall	Anne Crothall
Bev Cummings	Bill & Joyce Carangio	Pat Perris
John Vasicek	Nita Ritchie	Richard Guzowski
Cynthia Sabolich	Nancy & Ed Medley	Jason Evans

Friends of Advent

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma	Fr. Richard Lutz
Jim Johnson	Betty Clark
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, Jan, and Carroll, 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	
Jan Maicco	
Dominic, friend of Sue Boyce	

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

Server Schedule Today, March 19

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 4)

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (3/20)

Close Advent Ray Busony

Server Schedule Sunday, March 26

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 5)

Usher Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Kathryn

Counter Anne Crothall (3/27)

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

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

Easter Flowers

Order forms for Easter flowers are included in today's bulletin. The flowers will adorn the altar for Easter. The cost of each plant is \$10.00. If you wish to purchase and donate a plant in memory or honor of a loved one, or in thanksgiving, please fully complete the order form (please print), and put it in the offering plate, with cash or a check made payable to Advent and put *Easter Flower* on the memo line. **The deadline to order is March 26.**

