



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

June 4th, 2023 The First Sunday after Pentecost

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

Advent Night at the Lake Erie Crushers is Friday June 30th @ 7 PM, with Fireworks!

Tickets \$13 per

Parking \$4.00 for Handicap

PARKING IS PAID AT THE BALLPARK

Parking \$5.00 for Regular

Seating will be like last year behind home plate and handicap seating will be available upon request.

All orders must be in by June 11th.

All moneys payable to Advent, not to me.

Pete Meckes

Father's Day Celebration

On June 18th we will be having only one service at 10 AM with lunch immediately following afterwards to celebrate all of our Fathers! Come one and all, no charge! There will be sign-up sheets being passed around starting next week but we wanted to give an early heads up!

Men's Night Out

Tuesday June 13th @ 6:30 PM, Carrabba's Italian Grill 25054 Sperry Road, Westlake, OH 44145. Come join us for good, food, conversation, and fellowship. Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending, at: nosonut5830@att.net or 440-657-5286.

Ladies Night Out

Please join us on Monday, June 5th at 5:30 p.m. at Burntwood Tavern, 5600 Great Northern Blvd, North Olmsted. Please let Marilyn Decker know if you can attend at 440-779-8834 or see her at church. Hope you can make it!

Openness to Jesus Isn't the Problem – the Church Is

This provocative title comes from The Barna Group, a private, non-partisan, for-profit organization that has been conducting and analyzing primary research to understand cultural trends related to values, beliefs, attitudes and behaviors since 1984, especially as they relate to Christianity, the church and culture. What follows are highlights from Spiritually Open, a Barna survey 2,005 U.S. adults and teenagers (ages 13-17) conducted online from December 13–22, 2022 via a consumer research panel. Those surveyed self-classified as "Christian", "Other faith", or "No faith".

- 71% of Americans surveyed have a positive opinion of Jesus.
- 26% or even fewer have a positive opinion of evangelicals, famous people who are Christian, celebrity pastors, and megachurches.
- Only 47% have a positive opinion of churches in their neighborhood which falls to 22% of those with "No faith".
- 42% of No-Faith respondents claim the reason they doubt Christianity is because of the hypocrisy of religious people.
- 48% of No-Faith people report Christianity as being judgmental.
- Only 48% of "Christian" respondents have "A faith you respect".
- Of all U.S. teens and adults, 63 percent say they have made a personal commitment to Jesus Christ that is still important in their life today.

"This isn't to say that, at a surface level, present-day Christianity doesn't have a welcome presence in the U.S. It is typically seen as respected, principled, loving, friendly, generous and so on. More telling than these general descriptions, however, are the glaring disparities between how Christians and those of no faith regard Christianity. These gaps represent the hurdles the Church needs to overcome, especially if sharing faith or welcoming people into churches is the goal." Barna's research reveals a rising spiritual openness in America opening a tremendous opportunity for faith leaders and Christians at large. The challenge facing the Church is whether we are ready and able to meet the spiritually open—where they are, as they are.

June Birthdays

9 Barbara Gage
14 Lewis Meriam
16 Bruce Finch



June Anniversaries

6 Richard and Linda McCormick
21 Bill and Judy Arkley

This Week at Advent

Sunday, June 4

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, June 5

Tuesday, June 6

Wednesday, June 7

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, June 8

Sunday, June 11

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
Cynthea Sabolich	Nancy & Ed Medley	Jason Evans

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 Cynthea Sabolich	
Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy		
Mike Wilson, father of Debbie Priefer		
Dar Khoury's Mom		
Gean and Carrol, 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		
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 added or removed from our list.

Server Schedule Today, June 4

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 Kathryn

Counter Anne Crothall (6/5)

Close Advent Ray Busony

Server Schedule Sunday, June 11

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 6)

Usher Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Bill Benedict

Counter Anne Crothall (6/12)

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=NWFhZVhVVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVOzZlZOT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930