



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

June 11th, 2023 The Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

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.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone at Advent for the card and gift card I received in recognition of my Master's Degrees! I also appreciated all the kind words and congratulations at last Sunday's service! - Scott

Coffee and Cookie Hour

Starting this Sunday, June 11, Paul's wife, Kathryn, will be offering freshly brewed coffee and cookies (hopefully some folks will volunteer to bring cookies to share) in the lobby between services. Our hope is that this will enhance fellowship at Advent! Please remember that only water is permitted in the Sanctuary.



Big Announcement

On Father's Day, June 18, our ONE service at 10am will be located outside in the courtyard weather permitting! Our service will be a bit different. We will be singing several old gospel songs and our normal liturgy will be a bit abbreviated and less formal to go with the outdoor setting. Folding chairs will be set up in the courtyard. You may remember that our excellent fellowship team will be providing a special Father's Day Breakfast immediately following our service! Please bring friends and family to enjoy this very special day.

Joan Joye's New Phone Number

If anyone wants to reach out or see Joan her new phone number is 440-597-8446.

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.

This Week at Advent

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

Monday, June 12

2:00 p.m. Eliza Jennings Ministry

Tuesday, June 13

Wednesday, June 14

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 15

Sunday, June 18

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	
Jane, Jan and Carol, 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	
Pat, 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 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

Server Schedule Sunday, June 18

8:00 a.m.

Assistant

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 2)

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (6/19)

Close Advent Ray Busony

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=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVOzIzOT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930