

# **ADVENTURES** a weekly newsletter ;

# July 16th, 2023 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

## Bishop Anne Jolly Holds Diocesan Wide "Listening Sessions"

To build and deepen relationships in the diocese and with the Bishop and her staff, Bishop Anne Jolly is inviting everyone in the diocese to participate in 18 Listening Sessions this summer. These will include facilitated discussions and table conversations about the vision for the diocese and how the Bishop and her staff can support congregations in living out their missions. The development of a Diocesan Strategic Plan is an expected outcome. On June 27 I attended a Session in Sandusky. I prayed about what I should say/not say and to be gracious in any remarks. I believe my words were not mine but Holy Spirit guided and I don't sense people heard judgment or condemnation.

The sessions included table conversations then reporting highlights to the plenary. Topics discussed included: strategies of a Diocesan Strategic Plan that might include congregational development; attracting families with children; church growth; building community across all in the diocese; fighting systemic racism; implementing technology across all congregations; prioritizing Bellwether Farm; and being attractive to the LGBTQ community. I recommended "spiritual formation" to be the #1 and central or core priority, which my table agreed with and which was positively received by the entire group. (My table was quite liberal.) We were asked to prioritize these strategies. Then, all discussed concerns/ likes/dreams associated with implementing these strategies over the next 5 years. To the entire group, I expressed my dream that "The diocese, each congregation and each congregant would acknowledge Jesus as Lord and that making Him known and foremost would be the top priority for all in implementing any Strategic Plan." The first thing Bp Jolly expressed in her closing remarks was her vision that that dream is hers also, and that that's what we should all strive for through the power of the Holy Spirit. I was blown away at how Christ-centered, Spirit-inspired and authentic were her impromptu remarks. Upon leaving, one-on-one, I commended her for her fervent, evangelical, and politically-risky remarks – "The first time in a long time I've heard what seemed to be a genuine commitment to Christ coming from an Episcopal bishop or even priest." She was visibly moved. Pray for her leadership. I believe she would be warmly received by the Advent community.

## Advent's Eliza Jennings Nursing Home Ministry

Advent has been supporting a nursing home ministry since early 2014. That particular ministry is the Eliza Jennings Health Campus located at 10603 Detroit Avenue in Cleveland. The ministry was started by Advent's own David Luptak, when Rev. RJ Johnson was Advent's priest. The ministry group met the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. Each service lasted approximately 45 minutes and included a few hymns (using a boom box), scripture reading, prayer, a sermon, and Holy Eucharist. The volunteers included, David Luptak, Rev. RJ Johnson, Don Moore, Jane Meyer, Bob Schaffer, Marilyn Decker, Anne Crothall, Jason Evans, Bev Cummings, Max and Barbara Gage. Then the pandemic hit. The ministry was ceased from February of 2020 until October of 2021. When we finally received the ok to return, our ministry, began meeting once a month, the 2nd Monday of the month. Our current volunteers are Bill Benedict, who plays his guitar, Marilyn Decker, Dick McCormick and myself. If anyone from Advent feels a calling to join us, as we continue to minister to the residents of Eliza Jennings, we would love your presence. There's an awesome feeling knowing that you may have touched someone with your presence. Sometimes they touch you! God does some really amazing things when you serve Him. Please let me know!

-Max Gage

## July Birthdays 4 Paul Koszkalda Jr 8 John Crothall & Paul Laursen 14 Chelsea Boyce 15 Stacie Smith 17 Bruce Bunn III 21 Teddi Augustine & Shirley Moore



July Anniversaries 3 Dudley & Kay Blossom 21 Max & Barbara Gage

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Sunday, July 16				
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 17

**Tuesday, July 18** 

## Wednesday, July 19

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 20

Sunday, July 23

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m.	<b>Choir Rehearsal</b>
9:00 a.m.	<b>Bible Study</b>
10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

added or removed from our list.

## **Prayer Request**

#### Health and Recovery Joan Joye Gus Cratcha Marilyn Decker Mary Lou Dixon Stacey Smith Karen Zolar Shirley Moore Barb Frank Arthur Beel Sue Boyce Michael Uhrich Sharon Rice Bill & Judy Arkley Steve Bovce Dave Luptak John Crothall Anne Crothall Bev Cummings Bill & Joyce Carangio Pat Perris John Vasicek Richard Guzowski Nita Ritchie Nancy & Ed Medley Jason Evans Cynthea Sabolich Friends of Advent Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma Fr. Richard Lutz Jim Johnson Betty Clark Bill Liptak Eliza Jennings residents Ray Coy Garv Conaway **Residents of Pinzone Tower** 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 Ernie, friend of Katherine Jensen 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, July 16

## 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 6)

Usher Jim Edwards

Intercessory PrayerKathrynCounterAnne Crothall (7/17)

Close Advent Ray Busony

## Server Schedule Sunday, July 23

## 8:00 a.m.

Assistant	Dick McCormick	
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Lector	Dick McCormick	
<b>Prayers of the People</b> Dick McCormick (Form 2)		
Usher	Usher Peter Meckes	
Intercessory Prayer		Bill Benedict
<b>Counter</b> Anne Crothall (7/24)		
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=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzlZQT09

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331 Passcode: 988930 From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331 Passcode: 988930