



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

July 30th, 2023 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Healing Ministry – Save the Date: July 30

Healing has a central place in our Christian faith. The pages of the Bible are filled with healing. God heals, prophets heal, Jesus heals, and Jesus' followers heal. Healing is a form of divine service, as Jesus tells his followers that when they care for the sick, they are indeed caring for Him. Christians look forward to God's coming kingdom in which all will be healed. God's mission in the world is inconceivable without healing and caring concern.

Bill Benedict actively prays for healing in the Healing Rooms on the second Tuesday of each month at Advent. Kathryn Laursen has described countless stories of healings, many dramatic. She has trained others in praying for healing. Advent parishioners give personal testimonies of their first-hand experiences of being healed in body, mind and spirit. Bishop William Love visited Advent on August 28, 2017. Our almost 3-hour evening service with 82 in attendance was a glorious celebration including a Litany of Healing, a Litany of Forgiveness, Holy Eucharist, his anointing with oil of those seeking healing followed by prayers with Advent healing prayer teams. Recently, parishioners have requested a more focused healing mission at Advent. Vestry has discussed this idea and is fully supportive. Paul Laursen is as well.

We'd like to hear from parishioners. Do you have an interest in receiving prayers for healing? Are you interested in being trained to pray for others seeking spiritual, physical and emotional healing. Are you willing to become part of a healing ministry team at Advent? What might that ministry look like? If these questions stir an interest within you, we invite you to an open session on Sunday July 30 after the 10:00 service to brainstorm and pray about the possible launch of a Healing Mission at Advent. We'll meet in the sanctuary. Let us know of your interest!

Alpha

In a world of isolation, anonymity, and keyboard-warriors, Alpha offers content and guidance for churches and individuals to create a space for honest and open conversations about life's biggest questions. Everyone is welcome and no questions are off limits. The Alpha Course is open to everyone interested in exploring the meaning of life and discovering the relevance of the Christian faith.

We share a simple meal together at the beginning of each session, which gives us an opportunity to get to know each other a bit better, followed by a short video talk which then leads into small group discussions.

Alpha is by the Church, for the Church, and through the Church, but it is run worldwide in many settings—homes, cafés, restaurants, prisons, and more. It is estimated that more than a million people in the U.S. have experienced Alpha for themselves in the last three years.

As of 2022, millions of people have tried Alpha in 169 countries, and it has been translated into 112 different languages. There are now over 55,000 Alpha Courses worldwide. Today more than 17 million people have participated in the Alpha Course. Alpha is supported by all the major Christian denominations.

Alpha will be starting at noon on Wednesday, September 20 in the Fellowship Hall, and will run for ten weeks. There is no charge for the Alpha Course. You may like to make a voluntary contribution towards the cost of food with which each weekly session is started.

By the way, we still need volunteers to help prepare the weekly meal as well as to be table hosts. Training will be given! To volunteer or to register for Alpha, please use one of the following emails:

Kathrynsears@yahoo.com

Paulnlaursen@gmail.com

This Week at Advent

Sunday, July 30

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 31

Tuesday, August 1

Wednesday, August 2

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, August 3

Sunday, August 6

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	
Jean, 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 added or removed from our list.

Server Schedule Today, July 30

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 3)

Usher Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Anne Crothall (7/31)

Close Advent Denise Geyer-Keller

Server Schedule Sunday, August 6

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 Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Kathryn

Counter Anne Crothall (8/7)

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