



ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

March 17 2024 The Fifth Sunday in Lent

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

Advent Blessed to be Served by Abraham Fiodembo

While Paul and Kathryn are ministering in Liberia, Abraham Fiodembo will serve as our supply priest on Sundays and during Holy Week. Paul and Abraham have known one another for many years and each holds the other in high esteem. Abraham's first Sunday leading worship and preaching will be March 10. Here is some biographical information about him and his family.

Biography:

Family: 35 years ago, Joyce and I got married at All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi Kenya. We are blessed with two children Xavier (adult male) married with 2 children and Patience (adult female). We have two wonderful grand children.

Education: DMin, MA Christian Ministry, MA Religious Studies, BA Bible/Theology and Certificate in Anglican Studies.

Ministry: Teacher, Director - Children Worldwide, Kenya (England based Children's Ministry), Branch Manager (YMCA-Kenya), Priest (Anglican Church of Kenya), Church Relations Officer (Wycliffe Bible Translators - Kenya), Supply Priest (Diocese of Tennessee), Priest - Diocese of Ohio (Cleveland). Bereavement Coordinator, Hospital/Hospice Chaplain (Cleveland Clinic, Hospice of the Western Reserve), Priest/Church Planter (Anglican Diocese of the Great lakes).

Mission: Director/Founder – Umala Village Mission non profit registered in Ohio and in (Kenya, East Africa). Serving 25 orphans, 25-30 widows, 10-15 young mothers and 25 youth involved in various economic and social empowerment initiatives like tailoring, soap making, farming among others. The Mission also runs PRISCARE – Nurse assistants' training program and medical services to the community members with no access to medical services. The Mission sponsors education of needy children in the community.

The Mission needs include (supply of clean water, transport, child sponsorship and salaries for 25 staff members).

We feel honored to be in the family of Advent and hope that God will use us to be a blessing.

Good Friday Offering:

This year's **Good Friday** offering will be for The Voice of the Martyrs. Advent has designated the Good Friday offering to this organization for many years. This "is an interdenominational organization working with Christians around the world being persecuted for their faith in Christ." Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand founded VOM in 1967 after they were imprisoned in Communist Romania for their Christian witness. Just a *few* of the many services they provide is: "encouraging and empowering Christians to fulfill the Great Commission in areas of the world where believers are persecuted for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ; VOM provides practical relief and spiritual support to the families of Christian martyrs; and they equip persecuted Christians to love and win to Christ those who are opposed to the Gospel in their part of the world". Please make a note on your check or envelope that this offering is for Voice of The Martyrs and Advent will forward the offering directly to VOM. For more information on this organization and the many other ways fellow Christians can help, not only through donations but also by becoming a "Partner in Prayer with a front-line worker" please go to www.persecution.com and it will take you directly to the Voice of the Martyrs website. This is another way that Advent can be a witness to sharing the Gospel of Christ across the world.

Scott Boyce Serves Advent Well

Scott Boyce finished at the end of February his two-year role as Advent's Parish Administrator. Scott has performed well after having stepped in at the beginning of 2022 without a lot of overlap with JoAnn Beck, his predecessor. His duties included creation, publication, and distribution by email and snail mail the weekly worship bulletin using the Book of Common Prayer, prior-year bulletins, music inserts and lyrics from Dar, the Hymnal, and the pew Bible; editing and printing the ADVENTures newsletter; counting and handling receipts and disbursements and entering them into QuickBooks working under the direction of Gary Conaway our treasurer; office administration; answering the phone; and generally being the voice and face of Advent to the outside during 4 days a week. During this period Scott carried a full load in achieving his master's degree in business administration at Baldwin Wallace. And, at times, work another job part-time. We are thankful for Scott's contributions, the quality of his work, dedication to timely completion of assignments, cooperative attitude working with others at Advent, his professionalism, and willingness to adapt his schedule when surprises arose. We wish him Godspeed as he embarks on his professional career.

Khoa Evans Joins as Advent's Parish Administrator

Khoa and Jason (Advent's trustworthy and always reliable sexton – they're really a team!) have been members of the Advent family for years and years. Jason can tell you many stories about prior personalities and happenings at Advent! Khoa has been co-chef (chief chef?) assisting Pete Meckes in several fellowship activities at church. Through Ray Busony's efforts, she started shadowing Scott and has spent January and February learning all the above duties as Parish Administrator. She's working 25 hours per week, Monday through Thursday, nominally 8:00 – 2:30 with flex time. She shows a servant-mentality and really wants to support our ministries here. Welcome Khoa and help her in this new assignment

Prayer List

I would to get a more up-to-date prayer list, if everyone could take a moment to let me know if there are any changes that need to be made to the list that would be wonderful!! You can email me or call the office Monday-Friday and let me know.

Thanks!!

Khoa

SHOUT OUT!!

Thank you to everyone who joined us last night for our Chili Dinner. We hope you all had a wonderful time and can't wait to see what we do next!! Please feel free to make meal suggestions at anytime to Peter Meck-

