

# **ADVENTURES** a weekly newsletter <sup>5</sup>

# 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 <u>Good Fridav</u> 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 frontline worker" please go to <u>www.persecution.com</u> 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-

	This Week at A	Advent	Server Schedule Today, March 17	
	Sunday, March 17		8:00 a.m.	
	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Choir Rehearsal	Assistant Kathleen Huffman	
	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.	
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller	
Monday, March 18			Lector Denise Geyer-Keller	
	Tuesday, Mar	ch 19	,	
	Wednesday, M	Iarch 20	<b>Prayers of the People</b> Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 2)	
	7:00 a.m.	Men's Bible Study at Advent	Usher Peter Meckes	
	9:00 a.m.	Wednesday Morning Prayer Group	Intercessory Prayer Bill Benedict	
	Thursday, Ma	rch 21		
	Sunday, Marc			
	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	Close Advent Denis Geyer-Keller	
	9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal	Server Schedule Sunday, March 24	
	9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Bible Study Holy Eucharist	8:00 a.m.	
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	Health and Reco		Assistant Dick McCormick	
	Joan Joye	Jennifer & Peter Meckes	10:00 a.m.	
	Mary Lou Dixor Karen Zolar	n Marilyn Decker Stacey Smith Shirley Moore Barb Frank	Assistant Dick McCormick	
	Sue & Steve Boy	yce Michael Uhrich	Lector Dick McCormick	
	Sharon RiceBill & Judy ArkleyDave LuptakJohn CrothallAnne CrothallBev CummingsBill & Joyce CarangioPat Perris			
			Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 3)	
	John Vasicek	Nita Ritchie Richard Guzowski h Nancy & Ed Medley	Usher Jim Edwards	
	Barbara Gage	in Mancy & Ed Medicy	Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony	
	Friends of Adver		Counter Susan Boyce (3/25)	
	Wendy & Jim Jo Eliza Jennings ro	ohnson Bill Liptak Ray Coy		
	Residents of Pin		Close Advent Ray Busony	
	way Andrew Bodi &	Bodi Family	No	
Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy Dar Khoury's Mom Jan, Peggy and Evelyn, friends of Beverly Cummings Pastor Julia Wertz, Pole and Easton Methodist Church Jeff Campbell, nephew of Mary Lou Dixon Baby Ruby, Pat, Joyce, Sandy, Kurt, Rita, Derek, Josh, and Janet, friends of Sue Boyce		of Jan & Jerry Nagy	te: <b>Zoom Invitation</b> 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	
		ephew of Mary Lou Dixon	Sunday. This way, the link won't change week by week. You can launch the link from this transmittal	
			link.	
Ann, sister of Mary Lou			Peace be with you!	
Cade and the Maurer Family, friends of Denise Geyer- Keller Melissa, friend of Joan Joye Ernie, friend of Katherine Jensen Stephen Masih + Church in India Elizabeth Haas			There are no changes, just the same info in an abbre- viated format. <b>These are not new</b> , just shortened.	
		of Joan Joye	Join Advent Service via Zoom from PC or tablet	
		Katherine Jensen	https://zoom.us/j/93790207331?	
		Church in India	pwd=NWFXZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzlZQT09	
	Safety Protection	n	Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331	
	First Responder	Capt. Jason Evans IPFCA Chaplin	Passcode: 988930 From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799	
	David Arkley, so	on of Bill & Judy Arkley	Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331	