



ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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**November 2, 2024 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
All Saint's Day**

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

Ladies Night Out:

Ladies night out will Monday, November 3rd at B.J.'s Restaurant at 5:30 p.m.
Located at 25779 Brookpark Rd
N. Olmsted Ohio 44070
Please see or contact Marilyn Decker if you will be going.

Men's Night Out:

Men's Night Out will be Monday, November 10th at Harry Buffalo Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.
Located at 4824 Great Northern Blvd
N. Olmsted Ohio 44070
Please see or contact Peter Meckes if you will be going.

Advent's Veterans Day Celebration and Roll Call: will be Sunday November 9, 2025 at the 10:00 AM service. Clipboards will be sent around with the current list of Veterans names. Please add to the list any additional **"Immediate Family"** members names and branch of service for the Roll Call.

Advent Wreath – Readers Needed



Those who are interested in participating in the Lighting of the Advent Wreath with short readings the Sundays of Advent (November 30, December 6, December 13 and December 20) should sign up on the available clipboard or please leave a note with your name and preferred Sunday on Khoa's desk or send an email to office@adventwestlake.org

November Birthdays

11 Bill Arkley
15 Lamuel Ritchie
19 Regan Bunn
27 Gabriella Linn



November Anniversaries

3 Ray & Patti Busony
7 Arthur & Marilyn Decker
27 Lewis & Bunny Meriam

This Week at Advent

Sunday, November 2

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, November 3

Tuesday, November 4

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer

Thursday, November 6

Sunday, November 9

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

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=NWFhZVhnVGdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVQzlZQT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

Server Schedule Sunday, November 2

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick
(Form 4)

Usher Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Bill Benedict

Counter Gary Conaway (11/3)

Close Advent Max Gage

Server Schedule Sunday, November 9

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Anne Meldrum

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller
(Form 5)

Usher Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Gary Conaway (11/10)

Close Advent Peter Meckes

URGENT APPEAL FROM LOVE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

For several years, Advent has financially supported the ministry Love INC (Love in The Name of Christ). Again, this year Advent will provide them \$750. When Advent receives requests from non-parishioners for various forms of help (prayer, financial help, clothes, housing, personal items, etc.) we refer them to Love INC. They are a worthy Christian partner for Advent and many local churches. Paul was formerly involved with Love INC in Lorain County. As you'll see below, they have a dire financial need entering this most critical winter season of the year. Please pray for this ministry as we are requested to do below. And, consider making a generous gift to bring them hope and sustainability. You can either send funds directly or write a check to Advent with "Love INC" in the memo line. Advent's funds will be disbursed this week. <https://www.wsaw.com/2024/10/30/diwali-celebration-this-weekend-rothschild/> Please help.

Dear Church Partner,

I am writing to you today with a heavy heart and deep humility. Love INC of Cuyahoga County has been faithfully serving our neighbors in need — meeting practical needs, building relationships, and sharing the love of Christ for almost 30 years — but at this time, our ministry is facing a serious financial strain that we can no longer shoulder alone. This is not something new, and I have worked hard to get us back on solid ground. Unfortunately, since August, we have been operating on faith, "limping along" to continue answering calls and providing care with limited resources. We've trusted God each step of the way, and He has been faithful, but the reality is that our funds are nearly depleted. Our **Fall Fundraiser**, which we prayed would bring stability, has brought in only about **\$3,500** so far. We are still believing in a big financial provision.

Despite every effort to reestablish the health of this ministry — reducing staff, scaling back services, and relying on volunteers — our resources are now critically low. Until we see how God provides through the remainder of this fundraiser and any other means of financial support, we have made the difficult decision to **pause all financial assistance to neighbors in need**. If you are referring someone to us, this is what they will hear on the voice message:

"Thank you for calling Love INC of Cuyahoga County's resource center.

Unfortunately, we are not able to process applications for assistance at this time due to lack of funding.

If you are calling for another reason, please spell your first and last name, phone number and reason for your call. God bless you"

So please make sure to email us about them and contact information.

We will continue to serve through our **Clothing Closet, Baby Depot, Furniture and Toilet-ry Ministry**, and we can provide your church with an updated **Resource Referral List** to help direct neighbors to other available community support.

This is not an easy message to write. It grieves me deeply because I know how many lives are touched through this ministry every single week — families who find hope, stability, and a glimpse of Jesus' love through your partnership and our collective work. We are continuing to trust in the Lord's provision and believe that He will move through His people — the local Church — to help sustain this vital work.

Would you prayerfully consider how your church can help during this time?

Share our fundraiser with your congregation or on your social media pages. (I can send you a flyer with a QR code and some imaging for social)

- Consider a special offering or mission giving to help us meet this immediate need.
- Invite me to share about our ministry to your congregation or I can send a 3–5-minute video capturing our ministry in action

Allow us an Info Table at an event you're hosting or in your lobby after services

Pray for wisdom, strength, and divine provision for our staff and volunteers.

We are reminded that **“God will supply all our needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19)** — and we hold fast to that promise.

Thank you for being part of the body of Christ that lifts others up when the burden grows heavy. Your partnership **truly makes the difference** between doors staying open or closing.

□ *Mobilizing local churches to transform lives and communities in the Name of Christ*

With gratitude and faith,
Serving in Love,

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<https://www.loveinccuyahoga.org/>



“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done.” Proverbs 19:17

