



**Adventures  
May 18, 2023**



### **Sponsor a Singer**

Update: Some families and groups have expressed interest in our Sponsor a Singer effort, but the program hasn't received any gifts yet. The sooner we have the sponsorships paid up, the sooner Ariana will be able to hire singers for the fall. As with most things, the best ones get snapped up first! For more information or to sponsor a singer, contact Fr. Bret.

Advent's financial crisis is forcing us to look at every line of our budget, including our beloved music program. Since this program is not only popular, but a strategic asset, we are determined to keep funding for our Director of Music and four paid singers in the church's operating budget. However, our choir sounds noticeably richer and fuller with a full complement of eight paid singers. To keep our choir at full strength, we have to get creative.

The cost of funding a singer's position for a program year is \$2,600. Father Bret and an anonymous parishioner have agreed to sponsor one singer each – without reducing their pledges – on the condition that the other two are also sponsored. An individual, a family, or a group of parishioners might choose to sponsor a singer, just so long as it isn't at the expense of their pledge. Sponsors will be thanked

publicly unless they prefer to remain anonymous. If we get more sponsorships than singers, we will praise God! And the extra money will be used to sponsor singers in the next program year.

**Episcopal Church of the Advent  
Treasurers Executive Summary  
Prepared for the Vestry for its Meeting on May 16, 2023**

**April 2023 Financial Performance**

For the month the balance sheet increased by about \$28K. That is reflected on the Treasurer's Summary Report in both the Totals column for April and in the change in the balance sheet amount at the bottom of the page.

The day school showed a net income of \$42,201. Tuition was slightly higher than budgeted, and a significant amount of income was for supply fee (\$43,945). Comparing the actual income with the budgeted amounts remains problematic, since the budgeted amounts have been carried forward from last year and don't yet reflect reality. The church operating net of -\$14,132 includes a one-time Evangelism Fund Expense of ~8.8K for the Godly Play training. Church operating expenses were otherwise under budget. Pledge income was slightly less than budgeted for April, unlike March when it was significantly over budget.

Summer is approaching. It might be appropriate to communicate to the laity that to date the operating account deficit is about half what was budgeted, and that it is important to keep that trend going forward.

The Treasurer's Summary Report and the Treasurer's report is attached.

The attached Balance sheet shows a net increase of \$28,571 for the month.

Respectfully Submitted,  
David Van Winkle – co-Treasurer

## Charlie Holt's Q&A session

Some members of our congregation wanted to attend Charlie Holt's Q&A session at coffee hour after the May 14 service, but had to be elsewhere. With his permission, Fr. Bret took this video of the session on his cell phone. It will be available to view or download until the end of the month. [Click here.](#)



## Grace Mission

Advent volunteers to help serve the second Sunday dinner at Grace Mission following their Sunday service each month. Volunteers need to be at Grace from 4 until 6 PM. Our next day for helping out is Sunday, June 11. Please call Brenda Christie if you need

information and/or want to volunteer. (850) 599-1948  
[Brenda@gracemission.net](mailto:Brenda@gracemission.net).

**Needs: Men's t-shirts / Medium – XXL  
Men's underwear / Medium – Large  
Toothpaste – small (travel size)**

## Full Summer Snack Pack!

On Saturday June 3, we will have our 2023 A Full Summer Snack Pack! Thank you all for your support! We are a group of people who saw a need to help local food insecure children and we're **doing** something about it!

We had such an overwhelming response to our Snack Pack, that we increased our team numbers from 20 to 25! That means we'll pack 6,250 snacks instead of 5,000 this year! That also means our fundraising goal is now \$34,595. Here's how our funds are allocated:  
\$4,095-pays for the monitoring fee for the Sabal Palm Elementary School community's Hope 24/7 Food Locker for one year  
\$12,500 pays for 25 teams at A Full Summer Snack Pack  
\$18,000 is allocated to the 9 Leon County School food pantries A Full Summer helps to support. \$34,595 is the total needed



**In the two months since we have started fundraising, we have raised \$25,989.52!** That's wonderful! Thank you! We know we can reach our goal!

To those of you who have donated, Thank you! If you'd like to help and haven't, please consider a donation by going to DONATE to AFS or by **mailing a check** made payable to A FULL SUMMER to St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, Attn: A FULL SUMMER. And please like us on Facebook and share this email and our website with your friends, coworkers, and family.

Here's a story about Mashayla West and Claudia Williams at Astoria Park Elementary's pantry so you can see what your donation supports: Astoria Park Pantry. By the way, the refrigerator you see below the picture of Ms. West was donated by A FULL SUMMER. Thank YOU!



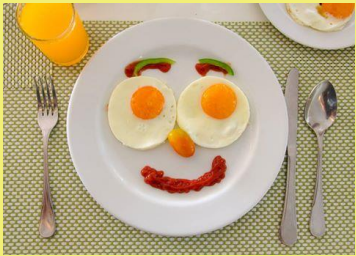
### **Name Tags at Advent**

We now have **Name Tags** to make conversations easier with visitors, newcomers, and all of us. We will wear them on the second Sunday of the month beginning June 11. Pat Thomas and Kathy Newlin will have a table set up outside the main doors to Advent with name tags for all members. Please return your name tag at the back of the Church if you are not attending the coffee hour. We will collect the rest in the Parish Hall when you leave.

### **News from the Plant Sale**

Thanks to all the volunteers who grew the plants, and dug up their gardens and especially the volunteers who helped before, during and after the plant sale was over to make this year's plant sale a huge success!

**The sale raised over \$2100.00**



## Breakfast at Advent

**Enjoy a great breakfast.** Served NEXT on the First Sunday, June 4th. It is a two-service Sunday.

**Breakfast is served at 9-10 AM.**

## Adult Formation Study Class

A message from Milt Dahl about the current class.

Learning from the Bible is one of the most important aspects of our human/spiritual life.

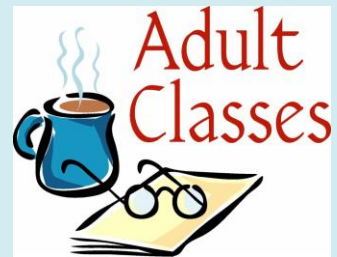
It is not just to provide a foundation to build upon but also a way to hear the voice of God's spirit who enlivens and transforms. It is not just for kids but for especially for each of us, every day of our lives.

In the four weeks that began April 23, we will watch at home and again in class a five-minute video from the Bible Project. During the remainder of the class we discuss and share our feelings, thoughts and questions. For those who are new to the group, you can expect to find lively, insightful, respectful and often quite diverse and contrarian conversation. It is not dominated by one or a few. Those, who for whatever reason, have not previewed the video are full participants. Classes can be missed without penalty. For those who want a deeper dive there are notes accessible and a link to further study.

These videos are solidly fundamental, joyfully artful, skillfully produced for learning and filled with wisdom and nuance.

Episode/Week 1 is [What is the Bible?](#), Episode 2- [The Story of the Bible](#), Episode 3- [Literary Styles](#), and Episode 4- [Ancient Jewish Meditation Literature](#).

**We meet Sunday at 9:30 AM in the Vestry Room.**



## Let's create!

A group of Adventers plan to gather to create and have fun and fellowship the first Wednesday of each month. We will be in the Parish

Hall from 3 to 5 PM on **June 7, 2023**. Bring your paints, paper, journals, markers, crayons, coloring books, knitting or slow stitching. All are welcome. Be inspired. Invite a friend. Please contact [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org) for more information.

### **Coffee Hour**

In the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. Visit with friends and meet new folks while enjoying some light refreshments.



**Think about joining the host teams.** It is easy. Expenses are reimbursable. Supplies provided. Please contact [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org) for more information.

### **May Hosts**

May 7 Val Tucker

May 14 Men of Advent for Mother's Day

May 21 ECW for Graduation Celebration

Congratulations!

Join us this Sunday (05/21/23) at Coffee Hour to celebrate graduations! Will Bullen has graduated from University of Florida and Olivia Ericson has graduated high school and is going to Ole Miss! Exciting futures for this two!

May 28 Pat Thomas and Barbara Barnes

**A big Thank You to all.**

### **Prayers**

**Please remember in your Prayers:** Judith Rogers, Barbara Barnes.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

**May Birthdays:** Nikki McNeese on May 1, Pat Wright on May 5, Jan Rogers 7, Felton Wright on May 15, Ken Mills, Al Kaempfer, Allen Heitz, George Meros Jr. and Dede Meros on May 16, Serafina Rietow on May 17, Mark Dent on May 18, Caitlyn Salters on May 21, Randy Serles on May 22, Megan McKinley and Sara Rutten on May 23, Susie Rodriguez and Jan Derrick on May 24, Terese Combs and Kelly Zorn on May 26, Darren Hall on May 27, Corky Schuetz on May 28 and Wilson Richardson on May 31.



**May Anniversaries:** June Wright and Jack Richardson on May 1, Angela Bellavance and Andrew Askew on May 5, Susan and Mark Baird on May 11, Terese and Tom Combs and Nancy Sampson and Vincent Salters on May 12, Nancy Hough and John DiMino on May 14 and Tricia Collins and Burton Cox on May 30.

## Choir Announcement

Rehearsals held Wednesdays, 7-8 PM in the choir room. Contact Ariana, [acorbin@advent-church.org](mailto:acorbin@advent-church.org), if you're interested in joining!

## Vestry and Co-Treasurers

Welcome to our new vestry. Many thanks to those who have cycled off.

Mark Dent: Senior Warden; Sharon Ray: Junior Warden; Jane Bullen: Secretary; Mark Baird, Judy Graham, Nancy Hough, Amy Serles, and Barbara Sullivan.

David Van Winkle and Ken Mills: Co-Treasurers

## The Episcopal Church of the Advent Website and Facebook Page

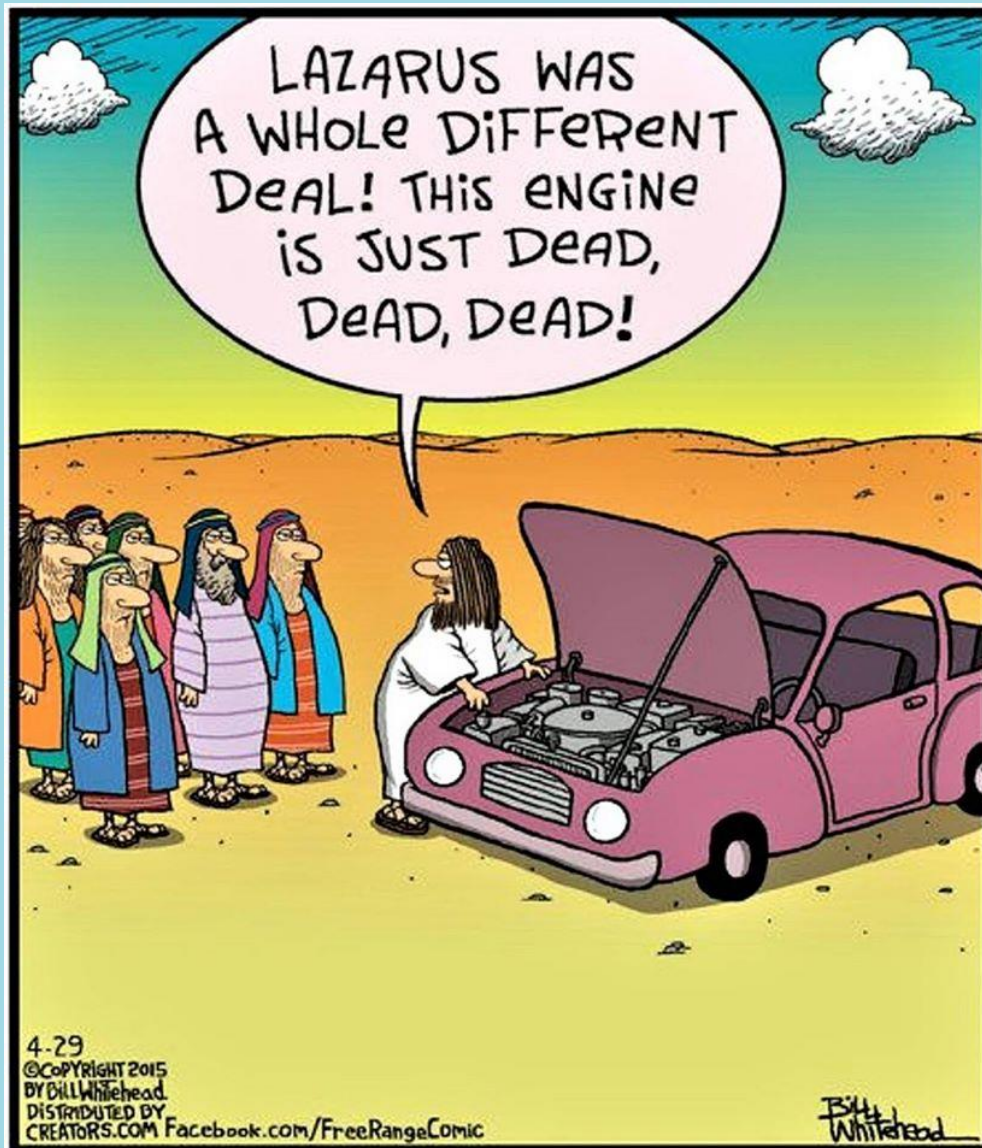
Lots of important stuff here

Advent's website: <https://www.advent-church.org>

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AdventChurchTallahassee](http://www.facebook.com/AdventChurchTallahassee)



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