



EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ADVENTURES

November 9, 2023

Rector's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ,

An unusual year calls for an unusual Annual Meeting, in at least one way. The original plan for 2023 was to hold an Annual Meeting on January 29, with the congregation voting on a slate of leaders prepared by the Nominating Committee during that meeting. While we did have a meeting on January 29, it could not be the parish's official Annual Meeting because our diocese had not yet had its Convention. Our diocese requires that every parish hold their Annual Meeting within 30 days following Diocesan Convention, and Diocesan Convention was postponed twice, finally to November 11.

However, the members of our church's elected lay leadership who wanted to step down on January 29 did not want to wait, and their successors were ready to step into those positions. So, the Vestry decided to exercise its power to fill vacant positions that arise between Annual Meetings. The Vestry did this by passing a resolution stating that the outgoing leaders' resignations were accepted and the incoming leaders would serve in an interim capacity until the next Annual Meeting. Then, the interim leaders would comprise the slate presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

The slate is Mark Baird, Judy Graham, and Amy Serles. Under our bylaws, the officers of Junior Warden, Secretary, and Treasurer are chosen by the Vestry at the first Vestry meeting following the Annual Meeting, and the Rector appoints a Senior Warden. Also, our Bylaws do not allow for nominations from the floor of the Annual Meeting. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Vestry should make themselves known to the Vestry, so they may be considered by the Nominating Committee, or potentially considered by the Vestry should a vacancy arise before the next Annual Meeting.

Speaking of which, our diocese's Standing Committee has not yet announced a date for its 2024 Convention, but it has announced that it will not be held in January. There will be a diocesan "Convocation" on January 27, but this will not be an official Convention, and thus will not trigger the canonical requirement that every parish hold an Annual Meeting within 30 days.

In the midst of all this uncertainty and change, please be assured that your parish leadership is doing everything we can to nurture and sustain our life as a worshipping community and implement our strategic plan. Please pray for us and for our diocesan leadership, who are likewise doing their best under challenging and unusual circumstances. While good leadership is important, prayer is important too, because the Church's best and highest leader is Jesus Christ our Lord, and the measure of every Christian is the extent to which we follow him.

Yours in Christ,
The Rev. Bret B. Hays+

Recital by Ariana

Ariana will be giving a doctoral solo organ recital Saturday, November 11, 3:00 PM at Trinity United Methodist Church. Included on the program is music of Mendelssohn, Howells, Liszt, Hindemith, Langlais, and Messiaen. This event is open to all and free to attend!



Bach Parley

The Tallahassee Bach Parley is playing a concert on Sunday, November 12, at 3 PM at St. John's. Free childcare will be provided. \$10 suggested donation. You can also attend an open dress rehearsal at 3 pm the day before, also at St. John's. More info and livestream [link](https://www.bachparley.org) at [BachParley.org](https://www.bachparley.org).

Grateful Generosity

Please make plans to join your fellow Adventers on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall for an evening of *Grateful Generosity*, a gathering to reflect on God's presence in our lives and the message & meaning of stewardship. Advent is hosting this wine and dessert gathering and all that is required is the pleasure of your company.
That's: **Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 PM, Parish Hall.**

Annual Parish Meeting

Our long awaited Annual Parish Meeting for 2023 is now scheduled for Sunday, November 19th. We will have one service at 10:00 AM. We will then gather in the Parish Hall for an “enhanced” coffee hour and the meeting. Please plan to bring your favorite finger food appetizer to “enhance” the Coffee Hour table during our Parish Meeting. If you have questions contact Debbie Dent or Kim Meros.



Lessons and carols



Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 7 PM in Advent Church

Come and join us for this beautiful Advent performance.

Advent Men's Cookout

Several of us have been talking about getting a men’s group together again, but we have been stalled at the start. Let’s go for it!!!! Wednesday December 6 at 6 PM on the old Memorial basketball court behind the Parish Hall. Bring yourself, a favorite meat, a side to share & a camp chair. We will cook it up on Ken Mills’ cooker and weather permitting sit around on the court and discuss what direction we might want to take with a men’s group. Contact Mark Dent with any suggestions.



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Breakfast with St. Nicholas

We’re excited to announce that Breakfast with St. Nicholas will be Saturday, December 9 from 9 – 11 AM in Advent’s Courtyard. If you’ve been thinking about participating in a wonderful outreach ministry, please let us know. We would love to have you and your new ideas as we celebrate our 5th year (not counting COVID!) of Breakfast with St. Nicholas. Please see Susan Kaempfer or Kim Bergstresser if you have any questions.



Advent Day School Fundraiser



Our school is having a Christmas Evergreen Fundraiser. Click [here](#) for description and order form.

Advent Day School Happenings



That went stupendously well!!

Click [here](#) for ADS November Newsletter.

More Advent Day School Happenings

Dear Advent Day School Families,
My name is Jackie Ayers, and I am a Pre-k teacher here at Advent. We started a kindness unit with our class when school started. Every day in the class, books are shared about what kindness is and how we can show kindness not just at school but with our families and even our planet. With this season of thankfulness upon us, I thought why not talk about ways we could show kindness to our community as well. We talked about some ways this might happen and we decided on a food drive. I shared with the class what this means and starting next week, November 13 – 16th, all classrooms will have a box in their room, as well as in the office to collect items. All collected items will be donated to ECHO, (www.echotlh.org) in time for Thanksgiving. Most needed **items**.

Thank you to everyone for your help with this project.
Jackie Ayers

Prayers

George Punshon, Mary Sargent, Molly Aquino, Kathy and Ben, Helene Fischer and Nancy Fischer.

God at Work

God at Work begins soon: Four parishioners have signed up to present on their working lives and how they connect with their faith. Please join Sarah Rogers on December 13 and Jay Breeze on December 20. All sessions will be at 6 PM in the parish hall, in the context of a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share! We plan to wrap up by 7 so as not to conflict with choir practice. Please try to attend all four to get a sense of the many different ways God is present and active in our lives.

Grace Mission

Grace Mission has lots of needs for volunteers. Please call Brenda Christie if you need information and/or want to volunteer. (850) 599-1948

Brenda@gracemission.net.

Their website is <http://gracemission.net>. Go to "Get Involved" for volunteer activities.

For Grace Mission News click [here](#).



URGENT NEEDS

Women's underwear / sizes medium – 2XL

Women's bras / all sizes

Men's t-shirts / sizes Large – 3X

Men's socks / black and blue

Men's boxers / medium – 2X

Deodorant

As colder temperature approach, please consider donating gently used winter clothes, especially sweaters, hoodies and coats.

Drop off donations at the front door (not the kitchen door anymore) between 10 AM and 2 PM, Tuesday through Friday.

Thanks for blessing our people at Grace Mission!

St. John's Annual Holiday Bazaar

Do your Christmas shopping, prepare for Thanksgiving company, find treasures, and support local charities at the same time! The annual St. John's Episcopal Church Market is an old-fashioned church bazaar, raising funds for activities of the parish and for local non-profit organizations.

The St. John's Market always takes place the Saturday before Thanksgiving. This year, that is Saturday, November 18, 10 am -2 pm.

- antiques and collectibles
- fine home furnishings and housewares
- Christmas wreaths and centerpieces
- fine artwork
- gently-used children's clothes and toys
- tools and sporting goods
- pickles, sauces, and jellies
- homemade breads, cakes, and pies
- jewelry, purses, and wallets
- artisan craft items
- live plants
- gently-used books

All are welcome. No admission fee. Doors open promptly at 8 AM on Saturday, November 18. Delicious homemade chili will be available for purchase at lunchtime, and you can take home some of the best chicken pilau in North Florida!

****PREVIEW PARTY**** Shop in select booths before they open to the public at our Market Preview Party, on Friday, 11/17. Tickets can be purchased online (saint-john.org/marketpreview23/)

****DONATIONS**** Have items to donate to the St. John's Market? We will hold donation drop-off days on October 14 and October 28, from 8 AM to 12 PM, at the former St. John's Bookstore location.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

November Birthdays: Kim Meros and Lillian Van Winkle on November 1, Ann Todd on November 4, Mark Harvey on November 5, Jane Bullen on November 7, Gail Brown, Caitlin Brown and Logan Bishop on November 12, Shirley Punshon on November 14, Kelly Craft on November 17 and Michael Boyle on November 23.

November Anniversaries: Susan and Al Kaempfer on November 9, Barbara Barnes and Gil Starleigh on November 11, Tish and Craig Willis on November 26 and Jane and Steve Bullen on November 27.



The Choir



Welcome them!

Join Join Join! Rehearsals held Wednesdays, 7-8 pm in the choir room. Contact Pat Akins, pakins@advent-church.org, if you're interested in joining!

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 Pat Akins, pakins@advent-church.org



November Hosts

November 5 Val Tucker and LaVerne Lambert

November 12 Miff and Ken Mills

November 19 Annual Parish Meeting

November 26 Barbara Sullivan and Debbie Payne

A big Thank You to all.

Save the date for Bowls & Brews! Saturday, January 13, 5 to 7 PM.

Chili competition, craft beer, kids' activities, a family movie, and music by Hot Tamale. It's MLK Weekend, so tell your neighbors, co-workers and teammates to get it on their calendars now. Arrive at 5 if you can – the chili goes fast!

Love to cook? Consider competing! Or join our non-competing House Chili chefs and dessert bakers to be sure no one goes home hungry.

Want to help make it happen? There are lots of fun and easy ways to help. Whatever your schedule, talents, or interests, we'll find the perfect spot for you on the B&B Team.

To learn more, Contact Pat Akins, pakins@advent-church.org

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Advent Church Budget Wish List UPDATED!!

This is the current “wish list” for facilities projects around Advent’s campus. Some parishioners have expressed interest in knowing more about our plans in this area, to see if they will be able to fund them with directed gifts. [Click here](#) for list.

Godly Play

Godly Play is here! The session begins at 9:15 AM in our new Godly Play atrium (in the old youth room, next to the choir room — look for the signs in the Parish Hall). This program celebrates the spirituality of children by teaching the basics of our faith through absorbing storytelling,



appreciative engagement, making art, feasting, and of course, play. The program is geared for ages 3-13 but appropriate for any child who can understand spoken language and is potty trained. For more information, contact Fr. Bret. To sign up, [click here](#).

Adult Formation Study Class

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

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Thanks to Our Vestry

Senior Warden - Mark Dent
Junior Warden - Sharon Ray

Secretary - Jane Bullen

Co-Treasurers - David Van Winkle and Ken Mills

Vestry Members - Mark Baird, Judy Graham, Nancy Hough, Amy Serles, and Barbara Sullivan

Office Hours/Contact Information

Church Office

Phone: 850.386.5109

Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 PM | Monday - Friday

The Episcopal Church of the Advent *A Community of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun*

<https://www.advent-church.org>

Mission

To love and serve God and our neighbors by offering to the people of Tallahassee meaningful worship services rooted in the tradition of Episcopal liturgy and music, a high-quality education to young children in our day school, opportunities for fellowship, and outreach ministries that serve the community and the world.

Vision

To be an inclusive worshipping community that serves our neighbors through education, outreach, and giving and welcomes all who want to love God.

Next *Adventures* will be November 30, 2023



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