



ADVENT

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ADVENTURES

January 4, 2024

A Note from Our Rector

For many years I've been a fan of Mockingbird Ministries, an Episcopal organization dedicated to "connecting the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life," notably by proclaiming God's grace using modern references and media. They publish a wealth of material, most of which I don't have time to read, watch, or listen to, but recently, two of their reflections caught my eye.

[The first](#) will catch many of your eyes because it's a response to Florida State's Seminoles being denied the opportunity to compete in the College Football Playoff despite a perfect season, but this author realized that outcome is a perfect metaphor for the disappointments that accompany all our attempts at perfection and self-reliance, and how only God gives us victory and peace through Jesus Christ.

[The second](#) presents a timeless insight into the church's mission and the nature and purpose of evangelism. And it has an amusing example of how not to use a church sign to attract newcomers.



The date for Bowls &
Brews!
is
Saturday, January 13, 5
to 7 PM.

bowls & brews

Hot chili. Cold Beer. Warm people. Rain or shine, it's Bowls & Brews time! Saturday, January 13 from 5 to 7 pm in our Parish Hall. Chili competition, craft beer for purchase (ID required), tons of fun for the kids, and live music by Hot Tamale! \$10 buys all the chili samples, fresh cornbread, and desserts you'd like, while they last. Kids under 11 eat free. **Want your chili to go?** We'll have several homemade house chilis hot and ready for purchase by the pint during the event.

If you're on Facebook, please take a moment right now to share our **Bowls & Brews 2024** event page and tag or invite Facebook friends. We'd love to meet your co-workers, teammates, neighbors and friends over some good food, good beer, and good laughs on January 13. Proceeds will help support Advent, its ministries, and our Day School.

Advent Cooks: Find that recipe! To contribute a dessert, to contribute homemade chili without competing, to compete?

or

Want to help? Sign up here to contribute toward a heater, tent, or



bounce house rental. **[Sign up here](#)** to help during the event or with set-up or clean-up. Contact Pat Akins in the church office at (850) 386-5109 or email her at **pakins@advent-church.org**

Un-Greening of the Church



Our flower lady will be un-greening the church this week. She will put the poinsettias on the bench of the pergola by the Memorial Garden. Please help yourself and find them a good home.

ECW Project for Grace Mission

Throughout January, ECW will be collecting gently used and new coats, jackets and sweatshirts (all sizes/men's and women's) for our friends at Grace Mission. A rack will be in the Narthex for your greatly appreciated donations to help keep our neighbors warm. Please see Susan Kaempfer or Amy Serles if you have questions.



Fellowship Lunch



See you for this fun event on Thursday, January 25, 2024. Noon, Parish Hall, \$5. Bring your friends and neighbors. Sign up in the usual places.

Flowers in Advent Church and St. Clement's Chapel

If anyone would like to sponsor the Flower arrangements in Advent Church or St. Clements Chapel, please contact Pat Akins in the church office at (850) 386-5109 or email her at pakins@advent-church.org

You can sponsor the flower arrangement in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary. Your loved one will be mentioned in the church bulletin on the Sunday that you have chosen. The cost for Advent Church is \$75 and St. Clements Chapel is \$35.



Breakfast with St. Nicholas

A good time was had by all.

Our St. Nicholas



The breakfast crew



Fr. Bret working the room



WHAT?!



Adult Formation Study Class



We are a group of Adventers who love learning and growing and becoming better stewards and friends. Pop into class (9:30 to 10:15 AM on Sundays in the vestry room) as you can and/or follow along from home. Each week you will have by email a summary from the conversations of the last week and a five minute video to guide our conversations for the coming week. In any case make a habit of examining a part of our core beliefs to help us in our journey. We are starting the new year looking at generosity---God's limitless generosity and how we can live out what God has first given us. In the 6-10 weeks to come we will be looking at the lessons from the "Sermon on the Mount" in order to make them part of our lives and faith.

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. **See ECW announcement above.**

Thanks for blessing our people at Grace Mission!

Please Remember in your Prayers

Vivian Parmenter and Judi McGinnis.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays: Rick Effinger on January 1, Olivia Serles and Anne Rogers on January 2, Jack Richardson on January 4, Tari Van Winkle on January 6, James Richardson and Michael Richardson on January 10, Judith Rogers and Sharon Ray on January 12, Suzanne Harrell on January 13, John Hubbs on January 17, Ariana Corbin on January 21, John Askew on January 23, Fred Deeb and Stirling Van Winkle on January 24, Jerry Carroll, Bee Pennington and Theo Meros on January 25, Rachel Hubbs and Suzanne Hall on January 26, Evelyn Melton on January 27, John DiMino, Barbara Barnes and Susie McKinley on January 29 and Susan Baird, Robbin Huntsberger and Lauren Ramey on January 30.



January Anniversaries: Miff and Ken Mills on January 8 and Suzanne and Darren Hall on January 26.

The Choir



Welcome them!

Join Join Join! Rehearsals held Wednesdays, 7-8 pm in the choir room. Contact contact Pat Akins in the church office at (850) 386-5109 or email her at 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.

Thinking about **joining the host teams for Coffee Hour**? It is easy. Expenses are reimbursable. Supplies provided. Please contact Pat Akins in the church office at (850) 386-5109 or email her at pakins@advent-church.org



January Hosts

January 7 Pam Noble and Evana Peters
January 14 Kim and Pete Bergstresser
January 21 Jane Bullen
January 28 Sophia Tucker and Nancy Fischer

A big Thank You to all.

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](#).



Facebook Page

www.facebook.com/AdventChurchTallahassee

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

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 February 1, 2024



Funnies

The tree remains up until Epiphany.

You'll get used to the way
things are done here. Properly.

