



EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ADVENTURES

March 7, 2024

Daylight Saving Time



Church is an hour earlier this week.

DST is here.

2024 Easter Flowers and Music

The forms for these flowers are in the back of the Church/Chapel, Office and Parish Hall and available for download [here](#).

Easter Sunday is March 31, 2024

Form and checks due no later than Thursday,
March 28, 2024



Plant Sale Reminder

Plant Sale Reminder, This year our theme is "Spreading Generosity". We do this by taking some of our beautiful plants from our yards and preparing them for the plant sale. Springtime is coming and everything is starting to green up in our yards. Now is the time to look around and see what can be split up or propagated into new plants for the sale. If you need any help with that, please contact one of us. We are also looking for additional volunteers that can help on the sale day of May 4th and set up the day before. Please See Milt of Vivian for any assistance or to sign up.

Lenten Study



This year we're studying the phenomenon of "Seculosity," the tendency to seek righteousness, or "enough-ness," by embracing everything *but* the grace of God. Join us on Wednesday nights in Lent (except Ash Wednesday), 6-7 pm, for a potluck dinner and a provocative, wide-ranging conversation. We'll discuss two chapters each week for the rest of Lent. If you missed us last week or didn't complete the reading, come anyway! We'll begin each session with a brief summary of the chapters we'll be discussing.

Holy Comforter's Camp Firelight VBS



At Holy Comforter's Camp Firelight VBS, children (Ages 5 - 11) will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time on their summer camp adventure with God. They will become "campers" and discover how to put their trust in God in every situation. They will discover our Firelight Theme for the week, "Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." (Psalm 56:3).

Space is limited. Registration is now open through April 15 or until full.

Date: June 3-7, 2024 Time 9:00 - 12:00

Place: Holy Comforter Episcopal Church, 2015 Fleischmann Rd.

Registration forms on-line www.hc-ec.org

Contact: Julianne Chester Children@hc-ec.org

ERD Giving

For all of Lent through Easter, we have special emphasis on giving to support **Episcopal Relief and Development**. Although many may give to this fund throughout the year, this is our time as a church to make a special contribution to support the worldwide work of ERD. If you are not familiar with this organization, you may read online at episcopalrelief.org or pick up a brochure next time you are in

church to learn of the Christian impact we as Episcopalians have throughout the globe. Make checks to Church of the Advent and mark ERD and mail, or drop your contributions in the **decorated milk jug in church**. Let's make this season a special one in serving God in the service of helping our neighbors.

Mary Claire Lovell, ERD Co-Ordinator

An Upcoming Ordination

Megan Worthman invites us to celebrate her ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons on March 9. The ordination will be at St. John's Cathedral, Denver (where Fr. Bret served his curacy in 2008-2010) and will be [livestreamed](#) starting at 8 am. Megan was a member of Advent in 2015-2017. Please keep her in your prayers. Her ordination to the priesthood will be September 14.

Some Diocesan History

The third Bishop of Florida, and the first to be consecrated within the boundaries of the state, was the Right Reverend Edwin Gardner Weed.

Bishop Weed was a native of Savannah, Georgia, a confederate war veteran and a graduate of the University of Berlin and General Theological Seminary. He had served the Church of the Good Shepherd in Augusta, Georgia throughout his ministry of fifteen years, before being called to Florida. He was consecrated in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, on August 11, 1886. He, too, was a traveler, reaching Key West even before the church there knew that it had a new bishop. Travel continued to be a major part of his life throughout his episcopate. He would sometimes stay on the road eight weeks at a time, and in one of his earlier years as bishop was home only eighteen days during the entire year.

Before the diocese was divided in 1892, Bishop Weed had survived more than one crisis. First, some four years into his episcopate, a yellow fever epidemic struck Jacksonville which decimated the population. He did all that he could for the people stricken with the illness, and stationed a priest at the cemetery to make sure that all the deceased of whatever faith "had a proper burial."

Bishop Weed was an unusual bishop. Not only was it said that he was a pastor to his people, being compassionate and lovable towards them, but he also appeared to be at ease wherever he might be. It has been reported that Bishop Weed was financially independent and gave his entire bishop's salary plus much of his personal wealth to the support of the diocese.

In 1886 when he became a bishop there were only forty-five congregations in the Diocese of Florida. During the tenure of Bishop Weed the State of Florida was growing to the extent that it was impossible for one bishop to care for the needs of the increasing number of communicants and churches throughout the state. His diocese was nearly a thousand miles in length, reaching from far into the Florida "panhandle" to the southernmost extremity of these United States, the city of Key West. Travel between these two distant points was difficult under good circumstances and virtually impossible when conditions were not as favorable. Bishop Weed needed help to insure that his growing flocks across the entire length and breadth of Florida were properly cared for and had an Episcopal Presence.

By Convention, the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida was established on October 13, 1892 by division of the Diocese of Florida. The boundaries of this new Missionary District were also far apart. The northern boundary was basically a line drawn across the state from just north of Daytona on the east to a spot on the Gulf of Mexico just north of where Crystal River is presently located. The southern boundary was the city of Key West.

In 1892 fifty-four parishes transferred out and formed the Missionary Jurisdiction of Southern Florida, and fifty-one parishes were retained in the Diocese of Florida.

By 1924, the year of Bishop Weed's death, the Diocese of Florida had grown to sixty-eight congregations.

Bishop Weed was, indeed, a builder. In all, both before and after the division, he established seventy-seven congregations.

Dr. Cyndy Stewart to be honored: On March 9, the Tallahassee Chapter of the National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. will honor Cyndy at its 31st annual Gold Star Awards Program, held at 2 pm at the Old West Florida Enrichment Center, 2344 Lake Bradford Rd. Please join her and Fr. Bret at the celebration! "In being a Gold Star Award recipient, I am among a group of distinguished female leaders whose accomplishments are being recognized for our work in churches, educational institutions, and social/civic projects."

Lenten Study from ERD

2024 Lenten Meditations

Psalm 51:10 reads, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Reflect on your newness in Christ as you journey through Episcopal Relief & Development's Lenten Meditations, written by Miguel Escobar, and discover new ways your faith is guiding you through the world.

You're invited to subscribe to Episcopal Relief & Development Lenten Meditations! Visit our [website](#) to sign up for daily meditation emails, written by [Miguel Escobar](#), on living an authentic life as followers of Christ.

Want to learn more? In this [video](#), Miguel reflects on what was in his heart when he was crafting the meditations.

Even if you have received our daily meditations in the past, you may not be subscribed to them this year. Please [click **Subscribe**](#) to make sure!

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.



Please Remember in your Prayers

Please pray for Shirley Punshon and Pat Thomas.

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.

Click here for more their complete 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](#).



Birthdays and Anniversaries

March Birthdays: Connie Rumberger and Val-Tisha Tucker on March 1, Simone Weatherly on March 4, Marie Mills on March 5, Beverly Davis and Vivian Parmenter on March 7, John Gaden on March 8, Lois Crew on March 9, Judi McGinnis and Nancy Hough on March 10, Tim White on March 14, Kim Bergstresser on March 16, Kelley Hanrahan on March 17, Homer Newlin, Gil Starleigh and Ann Davidson on March 18, Nancy Wright on March 19, Anne Stone on March 21, Sarah Rogers and Jacob Huntsberger on March 25, Barbara Buford and Anthony Maccarone on March 26, Caroline Willis on March 30 and Henry Gullede on March 31.



March Anniversaries: Kim and George Meros on March 28.

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. (Please send your email to mdahl98@yahoo.com to receive.) 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.

The Choir



Welcome them!

Join Join Join! Rehearsals held Wednesdays, 7-8 pm in the choir room.

Contact Ariana, acorbin@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 at 850.386.5109

March Hosts

March 3 Kathy Newlin with ECW
March 10 Barbara Sullivan and Debbie Payne
March 17 TBA
March 24 Nancy Hough and Denise Mercier
March 31 Easter, ECW

A big Thank You to all.

Morning Prayer

Monday at 9:00 am in St. Clement's Chapel.

Bible Study

We gather on Thursday morning at 10:30 am in the Vestry room in the church office building.

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.

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

Office Hours/Contact Information

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Fr. Bret Hays

Email: Fr.Bret@Advent-Church.org

Deacon Joseph (Joe) Scheff

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Monday

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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.

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**DON'T DALI--SET YOUR CLOCKS
AHEAD ON SATURDAY NIGHT**

**SO YOU WILL HAVE TIME TO EAT
YOUR SURREAL BEFORE CHURCH.**