



ADVENTURES

August 7, 2024

### **Gala Banquet: St. Michael and All Angels**

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church is holding a gala banquet on Saturday, August 17, 6-10 PM at the Capital City Country Club in honor of the 45th anniversary of the ordination of their rector, Fr. Hugh Chapman, to the sacred order of priests. Tickets are \$60 per person, or a table for eight can be purchased for \$500. Fr. Bret and Tracy Sumner are attending, and everyone at Advent is encouraged to join the party, or make a donation to SMAA in Fr. Hugh's honor. Donations can be sent to the SMAA office at 1405 Melvin St, Tallahassee, FL 32301-4232. Tickets are now available at [Eventbrite](#) or at the parish office (8:00 am – 4:00 pm). For more information, contact [office@stmichaelandallangels.org](mailto:office@stmichaelandallangels.org).

### **Confirmation Class**

**Confirmation (and more) Class:** Fr. Bret is developing a class for people seeking to be baptized, confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church, or who are already confirmed and wish to reaffirm the mature commitment to Christ and his church. He envisions a class in the fall over 8-12 weeks, but the timing will depend on the availability of the people who are

interested. If you or a member of your family are interested in such a class, please email Fr. Bret with the days of the week and times when you will be available.

## ECW Activities

What are those Ladies up to?

Well, there is the ECW Labor Day BBQ Fundraiser- Read it very carefully so you can get your Labor Day food.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY**

**ADVENT ECW HOSTS BBQ FUNDRAISER**

For this Labor Day, why not take a load off and have someone else do the cooking?! Enjoy the most tender meat from a slow-cooked, hickory-smoked shoulder cut of farm fresh pork. Let Johnston's cook for you! We're raising money for the many causes we give to: Episcopal Relief & Development, ECHO, Grace Mission, Habitat for Humanity, and many more.

**BUTT:**  
6lbs Boston Butt (pork)

**HAM:**  
6lbs Ham

**RIBS:**  
3.5 lbs Ribs

**SMOKED MEATS BY**  
**Johnston's**  
Old Fashioned Meat Market  
FAMILY OWNED  
SINCE 1926

\*ACCEPTED  
• CASH  
• CHECK (PAY TO: ADVENT ECW)  
• CREDIT CARD (SQUARE)

**COST**  
**\$35 EACH\***

**ORDER/PAY BY**  
**08/21/24**

**PICK UP**  
**08/30/24**

**TIME**  
**3-6PM**

**LOCATION**  
**ADVENT PARISH HALL**  
**615 PIEDMONT DRIVE**

Questions?  
adventecw@gmail.com  
Office: 850-385-5109

And here is our upcoming schedule so far We will may add more, but this is what's up so far.

## Adult Formation Study Class

An invitation to join us for a new study Sept 1.

The Adult Formation Sunday class meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the vestry room. We're a joyful, welcoming and relaxed group. We focus on what is life-giving and personal and do our best not to give advice.



Barbara Brown Taylor's "[Learning to Walk in the Dark](#)" will be our discussion guide for 10 weeks. Learning to Walk in the Dark is a short, intriguing reflection about **unlearning and relearning** about the darkness in and around us. This is not a how-to book, but if it were, the only instructions would be to become more curious. What we need is a spirituality that works as well in the darkness as in the bright light. Each chapter is short and delightfully written.

[Barbara Brown Taylor](#) (born 1951) is an American Episcopal priest, academic, and author. In 2014, Time magazine placed her in its annual Time 100 list of most influential people in the world. In the early 2000s, she chose to leave active ministry, while retaining her ordination. Her memoir of this time "Leaving Church: A Memoir of Faith" was the first of a trilogy of books about redefining her faith followed by "An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith" and "Learning to Walk in the Dark."

Our format is to have a short, prepared presentation and then take it from there focusing on what intrigues the group. There is no need to "be prepared." All will receive an email the week prior suggesting some questions to explore during the reading and a summary of some of the issues discussed the previous week.

Please read along with us and follow the emails if getting together at 9:30 is difficult.

I will have used copies of the book available (\$5 payable when you see me) outside the parish hall.

Contact for more information: Pat Akins 850.386.5109 [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org)

## Emergency Care Help Organization

ECHO stands for Emergency Care Help Organization

ECHO is a Christian faith-based social services non-profit working to reduce instability by providing emergency resources and support services to people in need in the Big Bend. Established in 1981 as a centralized location to help the homeless and hungry, today ECHO

reaches our community's most vulnerable yet hard-working families and individuals experiencing poverty and hardship.

This is what [ECHO does](#).



### **Grace Mission**

**Desperate Needs:** Men's Boxers and briefs (size M-XXL), Men's T-Shirts

(size L-XXXL), Women's Underwear (size M-XXL), Women's Bras (size 34B – 40C), Tooth Brushes, Tooth Paste, Body Wash, Lotion (small size) and Deodorant.

Collection basket in Parish Hall elevator foyer and Advent Church narthex.



### **Our Next Presiding Bishop**

Please check out [the official announcement of the election of our next Presiding Bishop!](#)

His election was also covered by [the New York Times](#) and [the Associated Press](#). And if you want to know even more about Bp. Rowe, there's always [his Wikipedia page](#).



### **Please Remember in your Prayers**

Please pray for Vinnie.



### **Temple Israel Open House**

# Open House



August 18th, 10am - 12pm



August 18th, 2024. 10am-12pm. Come learn about everything Temple Israel, Tallahassee's Jewish Community Center. The Spinning Dreidel Gift Shop will be open.

## Advent Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study is a fun and engaging combination of thoughtful learning and reflection, deep questions, lighthearted conversation, and discovery of connections between our lives and the ancient text. We meet on Thursdays in the Vestry Room, 10:30 am to noon, and we laugh a lot!



**Advent Parish Day School Work Day**



**Goodwill Industries - Big Bend, Inc.**

Here is some information about Goodwill, Ind. Click [here](#).

**Trunk or Treat**



room, ask anyone or look for the sign in the Parish Hall near the piano. If you're interested in signing up your children for Godly Play or volunteering for this ministry, please contact Fr. Bret.

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### 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](mailto: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.



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### 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 850.386.5109 [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org)



### August Hosts

August 4 Mary Claire Lovel and Judy Graham

August 11 Denise Mercier and Nancy Hough

August 18 Pamela Noble

August 25 TBA



**A big Thank You to all.**



### **Spires in the Sun**



Advent has purchased a copy of “Spires in the Sun,” a comprehensive book on the carpenter gothic Episcopal church buildings of our diocese. St. Clement’s Chapel gets several pages of history and photos, beginning on p. 290! Find the book on top of the old card catalog in the library/meeting room off the Parish Hall, and take a look!



### **Safe Families for Children**



Safe Families for Children of North Florida invites you to join in loving the most vulnerable population in our city through a partnership with Capital City Youth Services called the Bucket Brigade. You as a family or group can fill a bucket that we will pick up and deliver to a resource center that focuses on helping homeless families and youth. Check out the details here and text Tammy at 850.545.5153 with how many buckets you would like and she will deliver them to the church or your home.

<https://safe-families.net/#bucket-brigade>

## Show hospitality to a family in crisis directly -

1 - Build teams to work together on filling - and ask for buckets from Safe Families.

2 - Fill buckets with supplies for a family, or youth, experiencing homelessness.

3 - Let us know the buckets are ready for pick up and we will make sure they get into the hands of those with the greatest need!



### What fills a bucket?

**Tangibly** - See a full list at: [safe-families.net](http://safe-families.net)

camping items, quick and easy food with long shelf life.

**Relationally** - Notes and cards of caring encouragement, personal invitation to your church.

**Spiritually** - Bibles or verses, books on resiliency through faith.

For more information contact [Tammy@ 850-545-5153](mailto:Tammy@850-545-5153)

### Morning Prayer

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

### 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](https://www.facebook.com/AdventChurchTallahassee)



**QuickLink**

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



**Thanks to Our Vestry**

**Senior Warden** - Tracy Sumner

**Junior Warden** - Sharon Ray

**Secretary** - Jane Bullen

**Co-Treasurers** - David Van Winkle and Ken Mills

**Vestry Members** - Mark Baird, Mark Dent, 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

**Fr. Bret Hays**

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## **Deacon Joseph (Joe) Scheff**

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



## **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.

**Adventures:** The Advent newsletter is a monthly event. Please get your announcements in by 11:00 A.M. the Thursday before publication. Appropriate interval Eblasts will be sent as needed. Next *Adventures* will be August 1, 2024

### **Funnies**

And then there was the day  
Ezra the Complainer told God  
he wanted tea with his manna.

