



ADVENTURES

September 19, 2024


Annual Meeting and Farewell Event

On September 29, Advent will have only one service, at 10 AM. There will be no Godly Play that day. After the service, we will have our Annual Meeting in the Parish Hall. Instead of coffee hour, we will have a lunch, which will serve as our farewell recognition of Fr. Bret, even though his last Sunday will be October 6.

Don't miss it!

The new vestry members will be formally elected to the Vestry at that time and we will announce our new Delegates and Alternates to the Diocesan Convention for 2025-2026.

Now, here's the lunch information: The fried chicken, desserts and drinks will be provided. Adventers, please bring sides and desserts. Please make sure that your dishes are PLATED and READY-TO-SERVE, so we can get the meeting started ASAP! Click the link to go to the sign-up genius created for the luncheon: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AADAA28A0F8C61-51523677-annual>



Fellowship Lunch- September 26, 2024

Hi There Adventers!!!

Our Fellowship luncheons are back!!

Come join us on Thursday, September 26 at Noon and enjoy great food, and wonderful Fellowship. Our hosts are Pat Wright, June Wright, LaVerne Lambert and Julie Kwasnica. These ladies are preparing a scrumptious meal for us, so come and enjoy!!

Our theme will be our favorite school colors! So dig out those old shirts and come ready to show your pride in your favorite school. Help us celebrate Fall and the return of our Fellowship luncheons. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

RSVP to the church office by Tuesday, September 24 at 850-386-5109.

Sign Up sheet in the Parish Hall



Advent Parish Work Days



Good morning Adventers,

We are planning to coordinate some Advent Parish Work Days. The summer has been long, dry, hot and humid and our church grounds show it. Jane Berry and I have been working over the

past couple of weeks and have weeded and mulched the bed under the oak tree, the beds along the sidewalk to the chapel, the beds around the chapel and the memory garden. We need some assistance to get the grounds looking good before the Day School Silent Auction on October 12 and for the other fall activities coming up.

We plan to weed and mulch the bed at the beginning of the sidewalk going from the Church parking to the Church (where the large sage palm is located), the bed at the front of the church (where the sidewalk leads to the Day School), the beds along the side of the Church and the sidewalk to the Church, and the narrow bed along the side of the Parish Hall next to the parking lot.

Some of the areas need some lopper work, weed eating and edging, and perhaps a chain saw, so if you have any of these at your disposal, please bring them.

Weather permitting, we look forward to seeing anyone who has some time to come on Friday, September 20; Monday, September 23; Friday, September 27; and Monday, September 30. It warms up quickly still and some of these areas are in full sun as the day goes by, so we look forward to starting starting about 9 am and finishing by around noon. Please remember to wear a hat and gloves (lots of thorns on vines), and sunscreen.

Jane and I look forward to seeing you in doing this important work for our Parish. If you have questions, please contact me via email or by phone.

Best regards,

Sharon Ray. your Junior Warden



Bunco

Ladies! We are gathering for some fun, fellowship and food! We invite you to join us to play Bunco on **10/04/24 (Friday) at 6:30pm**. If you don't know how to play, not to worry! It's easy and fun! Come and see! Bring a friend and a dish/wine to share!

Please RSVP: adventecw@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals

On Friday, October 4, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Advent will celebrate the Blessing of the Animals with a 6 pm service on the grass. Even if you're confident that your pet is without sin, bring them anyway, just to be safe. Please assume complete control of your creature.



A Blessing of the Animals

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation, you called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless the animals and all living creatures. By the power of your love, enable them to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen.

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Advent Trunk or Treat Festival

Advent ECW is hosting a Trunk or Treat Festival for the community and we need your help! Sign up to decorate your trunk with a Halloween, Fall, or any other theme that will appeal to kids and their families, and distribute pre-packaged candy, snacks or other items such as toys, pencils, stickers, etc., from **4:00 to 6:00 pm on Sunday, October 20** in the Advent parking lot. We also need adult and youth helpers to staff game and craft stations.

Here is the link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AADAA28A0F8C61-51422084-advent>

If you need more info , please reach out to Amy Serles, adventecw@gmail.com.



Please Remember in your Prayers

Please pray for Sophia Tucker, Maria Acosta, James, Barbara Barnes, Gil Starleigh, Philip, Raymond Curci, Bill Trexler, Pat Thomas and Amelia Cooper.

Parish Directory List

Once again, in case you missed it. And thank you for those updates sent in. Please click the attached [Church directory](#) and check if there are changes that need to be made to your information. Have you retired and we need to get rid of that work number? Have you eliminated your land line? These are some of the usual needed updates.



Contact Pat Akins by email or phone call. Her email address is pakins@advent-church.org and Advent's phone number is (850) 386-5109.

With a Little Help from My Friends

Need a Lift? Or a Hand? If you need a ride to church or help with an unusual household task, please contact Judy Graham so she can help you find another parishioner to help you. Please contact pakins@advent-church.org and Advent's phone number is (850) 386-5109.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

September Birthdays: Jim Melton, Jesse Stewart, Tom Findley and Kelly Jaap on September 3, Michael Erickson on September 5, Matt Rogers on September 6, Tricia Collins, Bob Parmenter and Amy Serles on September 10, Peter Bergstresser on September 11, Will McKinley and Craig Akins on September 13, Ute Sartin and Ben Bergstresser on September 14, David Gregory and Barbara Sullivan on September 15, Logan Baird on September 18, The Rev. Bret Hays and Jackson Serles on September 20, Lew Wilson III on September 23, Sandra Updike on September 24 Max McKinley on September 25 and Bonnie Wright on September 27.



October Birthdays: Tucker Jaap on October 1, June Wright on October 2, Angela Bellavance on October 6, Joe Mills Jr. on October 7, Sherry Dahl and Ally Findley on October 8, Miff Mils on October 9, Gwendolyn Hall on October 10, Alex Payne on October 14, Logan Brown on October 15, Linda Powell and Vincent Salters on October 17, Joy Glaros on October 19, Larry Sharp on October 24, Richard Dozier on October 25, Timmy Holt on October 27 and Mary Caitlin Willis and Audrey Gaden on October 30.

September Anniversaries: Elizabeth and Ray Curci on September 11, Shannon and Michael Boyle on September 18 and Bonnie and Felton Wright on September 26.

October Anniversaries: Sandra and Larry Updike on October 5, Pat and Craig Akins on October 6, Carol and Jay Breeze on October 11, Rachel and John Hubbs and Vivian and Bob Parmenter on October 17 and Karen and John Gaden on October 24.

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.

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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 pakins@advent-church.org and Advent’s phone number is (850) 386-5109.



September Hosts

September 1 The Bergstresser Family

September 8 Barbara Sullivan and Debbie Payne

September 15 Nancy Fischer and Sophia Tucker

September 22 Nancy Hough and Denise Mercier

September 29 Kathy Newlin

October Hosts

October 6 Beverly Davis and June Vickers

October 13 Bergstresser Family

October 20 Susan Kaempfer

October 27 Judy Graham

A big Thank You to all.



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!



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.

Camp Weed Information

Camp Weed September 2024 Newsletter: Click [here](#).

Godly Play

Godly Play runs from 11:30 to 12:15 in the Evelyn and Bill May Godly Play Room. Families with children participating in Godly Play should go straight from receiving Communion to the Parish Hall if their kids need a quick snack or a bathroom break. If you need help finding the Godly Play 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.



Sign Up for Important Announcements

Advent now has SMS texting! Receive timely announcements and reminders on your phone about:

- Daylight Savings
- Holiday Service Times
- Special Events
- Power Outages and Weather-Related Alerts



[Click here to sign up](#), then add your email address and mobile phone number. You may opt-out any time by texting STOP.

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.



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-bridgade>

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

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



QuickLinks



Office Hours/Contact Information

Church Office

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

Fr. Bret Hays

Email: Fr.Bret@Advent-Church.org

Deacon Joseph (Joe) Scheff

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

Text Notifications

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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 worshiping 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

Stop coming up and saying, "Trick or treat."



I said, "I have 95 Theses" not "95 Reese's."