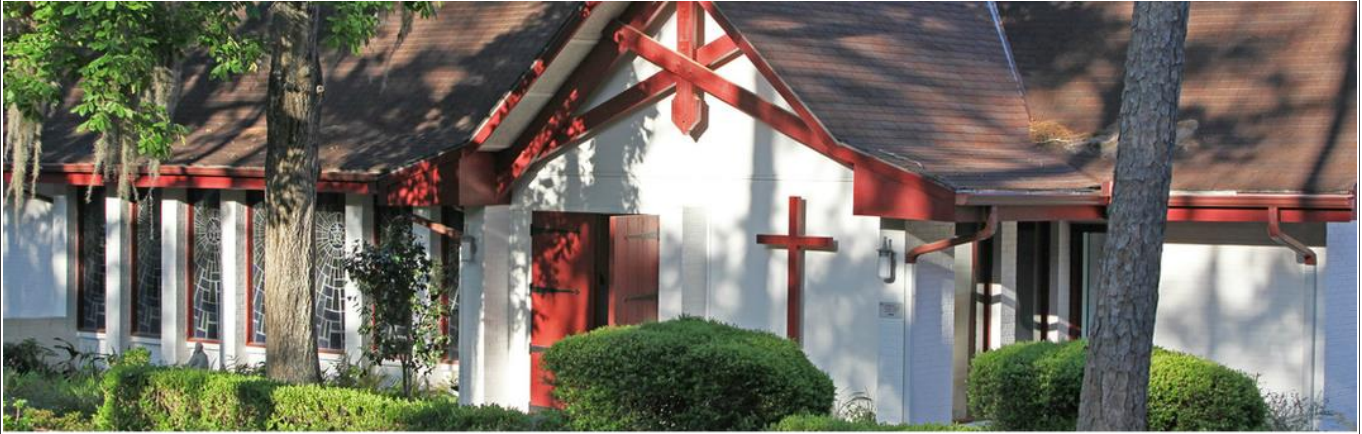




ADVENT
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Adventures

January 9, 2025



The Bishop is coming, the Bishop is coming!

Bishop Scott Benhase, Assisting Bishop to the Diocese of Florida, will visit us on Sunday January 26th. He will be our celebrant and preach at the **only service that day at 10:30 a.m.**

We will then meet and greet him at a festive Coffee Hour after the service.

Stewardship

Your Stewardship Team has recently mailed the 2025 stewardship letters to the congregation. You will find a pledge card enclosed. Please prayerfully consider your pledge. If you have not pledged before, please consider doing so in 2025 as the Finance Committee is meeting and must put together a budget based upon the pledged monies. Please drop your card off at the church office or place it in the offertory plate on Sunday. There is absolutely no pressure, but please respond at your earliest convenience. We thank you!

Fellowship Lunch Coming!

Thursday, January 23, 2025! 12 noon \$7 Advent's Parish Hall

Bring a friend.

Sign up sheets are in the office and the parish hall. Or call the office. 850.386.5109.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, January 21 so we can have plenty of food prepared.

La Trinidad Parish; Los Arabos, Cuba

La Trinidad is Advent's companion parish located in Los Arabos, Cuba. In January 2019, I was fortunate enough to be part of a group from Advent and St. Johns Episcopal Church who visited these beautiful people who have nothing and give everything. I stayed with a host family who cooked for me, hand washed my clothes and treated me like royalty. Although we spoke different languages, we were able to communicate through laughter, food and the occasional use of Google Translate!!! I've been able to stay connected through social media and travelers from St. Johns.

We recently learned that the situation in Cuba is awful, and our companion parish needs extra help in the form of food. They are becoming noticeably thin and unhealthy. It's difficult to describe everything that has gotten Cuba to this point, but they say it is worse than the "Special Period" when the Soviets pulled out in the 1990s. The currency has collapsed and even those who have money cannot purchase food because there is none in the stores. Likewise, food ration cards are worthless. The devaluation of the currency, along with inflation, has caused already meager salaries to be nearly worthless (\$30 per month is now worth about \$5 or less). The substandard electrical system, which has caused rolling blackouts for years, now causes regular black outs on the entire island.

This is all to say that St. Johns is successfully using a food delivery service called Supermarket23 to send food to their companion parish and they have asked us to do the same for La Trinidad. Advent's vestry has approved the implementation of the program. It is safe, quick and relatively easy to use. The food is delivered to the home of Fr. Juan Carlos, priest of La Trinidad, and photos are provided confirming delivery.

Beginning January 2025, Advent plans to start sending at least \$100 worth of food, monthly to Fr. Juan Carlos for distribution to the 30 members of La Trinidad. If you would like to participate in this tax-deductible outreach ministry you may do so by check. Please make your check payable to Advent and write "La Trinidad food" on the memo line. This is a continuing ministry so please consider a monthly gift.

Please keep our faithful friends in these little churches in your prayers. Problems stacked on problems but they persevere, continuing to provide safe water to their communities and sharing resources and love as Christ taught them.

Susan Kaempfer

ECW Calendar

Happy New Year! ECW is gearing up for a great year and we would love for all of you ladies to join us! Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events! More info to come. Stay tuned!

1/28/25 - January ECW Meeting

1/31/25 - BUNCO! (Parish Hall 6:00pm)

February - Wine Tasting Event

02/25/25 - February ECW Meeting

03/25/25 - March ECW Meeting

03/30/25 - Spring Door Hanger Party

April - BBQ Fundraiser

04/04/25 - 04/06/25 - ECW Retreat

04/12/25 - Palm Cross Making

04/20/25 - Easter Coffee Hour (ECW Hosts)

04/22/25 - April ECW Meeting

05/27/25 - May ECW Meeting

06/07/25 - A Full Summer

Bowls & Brews

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Parish Hall 5 to 7 PM

Hot Chili. Cold Beer. Warm people. Bowls & Brews is back for its fifth year!

Like our other outreach events, this annual chili cook-off is a perfect opportunity for folks beyond our parish to experience the warmth, laughter, and fun of an Advent celebration. Help us fill the parish hall on January 25 by getting Bowls & Brews on the calendars of your neighbors, teammates, co-workers, friends, and extended family now. The more the merrier, and our admission fee helps to support Advent and its ministries.

Kids under 11 eat free! \$15 admission for the rest of us includes all the hot, fresh cornbread, dessert, and homemade chili samples you'd like, while they last. A great selection of British ale, lager, lite, and other favorite beers will also be available for purchase (ID required). Kids can enjoy a family movie, crafts and other fun, and we'll have live music by the acoustic duo Hot Tamale.

Want your chili to go? Plan to stop by during the event to purchase a pint or two of homemade chili, available either chilled or hot and ready to serve.

Help us make Bowls & Brews happen! There are lots of easy ways to help. We'll find a role that fits your schedule and your talents, even if you only have an hour or two to give. For more info or to volunteer, contact Pat Akins at 850.386.5109.

Advent Bakers! A big way to contribute and a Bowls & Brews tradition is homemade desserts. To bring something special from your kitchen, sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094AADAA28A0F8C61-54199194-2025>

Breakfast at Advent is an Adventure. First Sunday of the month. Join us from 9-10 on Sunday, February 2, 2025.



New Coffee Hour Host(ess) Sign-Up Procedure:

First off; we are thankful for all of our wonderful hosts/hostesses who contribute to our weekly coffee hours! In an effort to make the sign-up more efficient and to try to eliminate some duplications of effort, we are transitioning to the use of Sign-Up Genius starting in January of 2025. Please use the following link to access the schedule. We will keep the link available in the weekly bulletin inserts too. Thank you all again! Here is the link for the coffee hour sign up:

[Advent Coffee Hour Sign Up -February](#)

In the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. Visit with friends and meet new folks while enjoying some light refreshments.

Please contact contact Pat Akins at 850.386.5109.

for any questions about Coffee Hour Hosting and/or the new sign-up section.

January hosts

January 5 Jane Bullen

January 12 Nancy Fischer and Sophia Tucker

January 19 Bergstresser Family

January 26 TBA **Contact Kim if you can help!**

A big Thank You to all.

Our Visiting Clergy

January 5- Rev. Joe Boyles

January 12 Rev. Jim May

January 19 Bishop (ret.) Bill Trexler (Fr. Bill)

January 26 Bishop Scott Benhase- Assisting Bishop, DOF 1 service only: 10:30am

February 2 Rev. Jim May

February 9 Rev. Jim May

February 16 Rev. Joe Boyles

February 23 Rev. Jim May

Advent will continue to have two services: 8:30 in St. Clement's Chapel and 10:30 in Advent Church.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Pat Wright, Carol Mooma, Gooding, LaVerne Lambert, Charles Fox, Sherry Dahl, Milt Dahl, Bill Godfrey, Fr. Randall Sartin, Bonnie Bunt, Victor Pagan and our companion parish, La Trinidad, in Los Arabos, Cuba.

Please send prayer requests directly to Nancy Fischer at adventure@advent-church.org.

Notice of Death

Frederick Michael Deeb, age 83, passed away Saturday December 28, 2024. He was a native of Tallahassee. Mr. Deeb is survived by his wife of 55 years, Linda Deeb; and sons, Frederick Michael Deeb, Jr., and Matthew Elias Deeb.

A funeral service to honor the life and memory of Mr. Deeb will be held Saturday January 18, 2025 at 11:00 AM at Culley's MeadowWood Funeral Home, 700 Timberlane Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32312. A private graveside service will be held by the family separately.

Grace Mission is seeking a passionate and skilled Donor Relations Manager! This vital team player will cultivate and steward relationships with donors, ensuring their generosity supports our work with those struggling with poverty and homelessness. To learn more and apply, visit gracemission.net/who-we-are/donor-relations-manager.



Godly Play will now run from 10:00 - 11:05, in the Evelyn and Bill May Godly Play Room. Families with children participating in Godly Play should arrive at the Godly Play room via the Parish Hall between 10:00 -10:10 AM. They will be met and greeted by their Godly Play instructor. Once their kids are dropped off, parents are invited to have a cup of coffee in the Parish Hall with some of our other parishioners, before heading over for church at 10:30AM. At 11:00 - 11:05, the participating children will be walked down to the church by the instructors to join their parents for communion and the rest of church. Please spread the word!



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. Pat Akins at 850.386.5109.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

January Birthdays: Rick Effinger on January 1, Olivia Serles and Anne Rogers on January 2, Jack Richardson on January 4, Patty Bets on January 5, Tari Van Winkle on January 6, James Richardson and Michael Richardson on January 10, Sharon Ray on January 12, Suzanne Harrell on January 13, John Hubbs on January 17, 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.



February Birthdays: Frances Blount and Cyndy Stewart on February 1, Debbie Payne on February 5, Larry Livengood on February 6, Andrew Huntsberger on February 8, Joseph Scheff II and Tory Brown on February 9, Kathy Newlin on February 10, Diana Askew on February 13, Johnnie Cook on February 15, Mark Huntsberger on February 17, Ginny Smoler on February 20, Ruth Askew, Kathy Wilson and Kent Rosenbaum on February 22, Jordan Peeples on February 25, Norma Kaiser on February 27 and Mark Baird on February 28.

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

February Anniversaries: Jane Berry and Roger Shields on February 15.

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.



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!

Adult Formation Study Class

Barbara Brown Taylor's "[Learning to Walk in the Dark](#)" will be our discussion guide for 10 weeks. 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.



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Officers: Senior Warden: Mark Dent; Junior Warden: Steve Bullen; Secretary: Barbara Sullivan..

Mark Baird, Jay Breeze, Judy Graham, Sharon Ray, Amy Serles, Cyndy Stewart and Barbara Sullivan.

Co-Treasurers: David Van Winkle and Ken Mills

Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/AdventChurchTallahassee

Church Office

Phone: 850.386.5109

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

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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.

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 February 6, 2025.

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**You never listen properly.
You're gonna be in so much trouble!**