



# ADVENT

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



ADVENTURES

February 6, 2025

## **"Spires in the Sun" Author Talk and Book Signing**

Jonathan Rich, the author of this incredible book, will be at Advent on Sunday February 9 after the 10:30 service. He will be in the Parish Hall to sell/sign this book during Coffee Hour. Then, he will give a brief talk about the Carpenter Gothic style of Episcopal churches in our St. Clement's Chapel. Please plan to come and enjoy the history. Our diocese and The Tallahassee Historical Society have all been invited too.

About the book: *Spires in the Sun: The Carpenter Gothic Episcopal Churches of Florida*

Writer: Jonathan Rich and Photographer: Phil Eschbach

*Spires in the Sun* features over 500 pages of stories of the oldest surviving wood-frame Episcopal churches in Florida. Built in the 1800s, When Florida was still the nation's raw southeastern frontier, these churches breathed the romantic sensibilities of England's stone parish churches into a new medium: wood. Together with their Carpenter Gothic counterparts elsewhere on the nation's frontiers, they elevated the American wooden church to new heights of historicity, imagination, and beauty.

## **Nora Enjoyed our Snow Days**



## **Stewardship Pledge Update**

The Finance Committee & Vestry thanks all who have submitted their pledge. We would like to have them all collected so we can put the income with the expenses and present a budget to the Vestry on February 18 for approval. So, if you still have not turned in your pledge card, used the Website pledge option or called the office, please prayerfully consider your pledge and get it to us using one of these options. Thank you!

## **Episcopal Relief and Development**

Do you know E.R.D.?

Do you know the accomplishments of this great organization?

Do you want to be a part of beautiful things fulfilled around the world in the name of Christ?

Learn more by going to [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org)

Church of the Advent will "kick off" our awareness and support for E.R.D. on March 9 with "Hot Dog Sunday."

## **Food for LaTrinidad, in Los Arabos, Cuba**

Dear Advent Family: Saying thank you is not enough for your love and commitment to our brothers and sisters in Christ at our companion parish, LaTrinidad, in Los Arabos, Cuba. Due to your generosity, I have successfully sent two orders of requested food and over the counter medication to Fr. Juan Carlos' home. I've sent chicken, chicken sausages, rice, pasta, lentils, powdered milk, tuna salad with corn, sunflower oil and other items for community breakfasts and lunches held at the church, La Trinidad. My contact is Inaima Mena Cristia, Fr. Juan Carlos' wife and she promptly communicates with me via What's App with photos and Google Translate when orders arrive, along with "thousands of thanks" to you. When St. Johns Episcopal Church made a recent trip, Fr. Juan Carlos was able to report of the successful delivery and gratitude. I plan to continue ordering mid-month through Supermarket23, an international food delivery service and will keep you updated. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please let me know. Again, thank you.

### **Bowls and Brews Was a Hit!**

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped to make our fifth Bowls & Brews our best one yet. Our little parish hall was rockin' with 15 chili entries, over 200 guests, Hot Tamale performing live on stage, cold beer, hot cornbread, delicious homemade desserts, and wonderful activities downstairs for the little ones.

The Bowls & Brews team is also grateful to the generous sponsors whose donations help to make Bowls & Brews so special: Brown's Kitchen, Civil Air Patrol, Grady Ranch, The Greg Tish Show, Hot Tamale, Al and Susan Kaempfer, Lamar Outdoor Advertising, The Prepared Table, Publix, Register's Sausage, Riccardo's Restaurant, and Simply Entertaining.

Congratulations to all our winners! First place and the Episcopepper award (best church entry) went to James Wright from St. Paul's Quincy and his "Chillion Dollar Beans." Our second place winner for the second year in a row was "Meg's White Chicken Chili" by Megan Phillips. Another favorite returning entry, Ken Mills's "It's a Devil's Dip," was our third place winner. Simply Entertaining's chef Erik Fisher took home the prize for Best Table Decor.

We're already thinking about next year! To join our 2026 crew or to learn more, contact Pat Akins, 850.386.5109 [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org)



The Contestants



James Wright from St. Paul's Quincy



Megan Phillips, an Adventer



Ken Mills, an Adventer



Entertaining's chef Erik Fisher, Best Table

### **Breakfast at Advent**

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



### **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)**

**02/25/25 - February ECW Meeting**

**03/16/25- Wine Tasting Event (More info to come!)**



**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**

**03/04/25 - 'Shrove Tuesday' Pancake Supper - Not an ECW event, but we wanted to let you know!**

## **Coffee Hour**

### **New Coffee Hour Host Sign-Up Procedure:**

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 using Sign-Up Genius. 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](#)**

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

Please contact Pat Akins, 850.386.5109 [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org) for any questions about Coffee Hour Hosting and/or the new sign-up section.



### **February hosts**

February 2 Sarah Rogers

February 9 Ken Mills

February 16 Barbara Sullivan and Debbie Payne

February 23 Kathy Newlin

### **March hosts**

March 2 The Bergstresser Family

March 9 TBA **Maybe YOU?**

March 16 Judy Carroll

March 23 TBA **Or maybe this one??**

March 30 Sophia Tucker and Nancy Fischer

**A big Thank You to all.**

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

Our companion parish, La Trinidad, in Los Arabos, Cuba.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Judy Burgert.

Please send prayer requests directly to Nancy Fischer at [adventure@advent-church.org](mailto:adventure@advent-church.org).

### **Grace Mission**

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](http://gracemission.net/who-we-are/donor-relations-manager).



### **Camp Weed newsletter**

#### **Camp Weed Volunteer Flyer**

Time to help clean up our Diocesan camp. [Please click here to see flyer.](#)

**It is on February 22, 2025**

### **Godly Play**

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.



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

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**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, 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, Kathy Wilson and Kent Rosenbaum on February 22, Jordan Peoples on February 25, Norma Kaiser on February 27 and Mark Baird on February 28.



**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, Kimberly 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 Gullledge on March 31.

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

**March Anniversaries:** Kim and George Meros on March 28.

### **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

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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!

### **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.

### **Adult Formation Study Class**

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](#)" is 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.

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

Pat Akins, 850.386.5109

### **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](http://www.facebook.com/AdventChurchTallahassee)

### **Office Hours/Contact Information**

#### **Church Office**

Phone: 850.386.5109

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

### **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 March 6, 2025.

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