



ADVENTURES

April 3, 2025

Advent's Holy Week and Easter Schedule

The most sacred week in the Christian calendar begins with the final Lent Study with our brothers and sisters at St. Michael and All Angels Parish on Wednesday April 16th at 6:00pm.

We will then have our Maundy Thursday service at 6:00pm on April 17th in the Nave.

A solemn Good Friday service will be held on April 18th at 6:00pm, also in the Nave.

Then, "Welcome Happy Morning", we celebrate Easter with our 8:30 and 10:30 services on April 20. The children will "flower the cross" at 10:30 so please bring some flower clippings to make it pretty. After the late service, there will be a Coffee Hour hosted by the ECW and a children's Easter egg hunt.

Come one, come all, invite a friend or two; or more!!!



2025 Easter Flowers and Music Donations :The forms for these flowers are in the back of the Church/Chapel, Office and Parish Hall and available for download [here](#) through April 16, 2025 in the April 3 *Adventures*. The Memorials and Thanksgivings will be in the Easter Day bulletin on April 20, 2025. Form and checks are due no later than Wednesday, April 16, 2025. They can be brought to the office or put in the plate during a service.

Plant Sale 2025

Vivian Parmenter, with the aid of her husband Bob, will be running the plant sale this year.

This year's plant sale will be held on Sunday May 4th on the patio after both services. This will be a smaller sale with both indoor and outdoor plants.

We are looking for people to start growing herbs and vegetables as this is a very popular sale item.

All plants donated for the sale are appreciated. As in the past, there will be a tent set up behind the parish hall starting April 13th. If you need assistance transporting your plants, please contact Vivian and Bob.

There will be a planning meeting on Sunday April 13th after the 10:30 service for anyone interested in helping with sale.

Please feel free to contact either one of us with any questions that you may have.

Contact information: Pat Akins 850-386-5109, pakins@advent-church.org



2025 Lenten Study Series: We continue this series at St. Michaels and All Angels Episcopal Church.

A big Thank you to Cyndy Stewart who has coordinated the Lenten Series for Advent.

Now it is time to go to St. Michaels and All Angels, located at 1405 Melvin Street. We will enjoy a light meal, watch an episode of "The Chosen", a multi-season TV show about the life of Christ and then have discussion time. See below for further information. And the flyer is [here](#).

SO FAR-

March 12- Episode 1 (all Season 1)- I Have Called You By My Name- at Advent

March 19- Episode 2- Shabbot- at Advent

March 26- Episode 3- Jesus Loves The Little Children- at Advent

NOW-

April 09- Episode 5- The Wedding Gift- at Advent

April 16- Episode 6- Indescribable Compassion- at St. Michaels

Thank you to all who help feed the crowd and do those other helpful duties.

A Note from our Vestry Coordinator for The Lenten Series

I Thank you Church of the Advent! 🙏😊

It has been a refreshing and enlightening experience to share with a sister parish [St. Michaels & All Angels) - here in our Community! We only have a few sessions left - **one more** where we get the opportunity to host and show fellowship and love to another parish! It has really been warm and delightful! **A special "Thank You;"** to ALL participants and to those who have ensured we have had enough delicious dishes (entrees', desserts, salads, etc.) to share with our neighbors! I didn't know an "onion pie" was sooo delicious, and many other dishes you have delighted us with! ***Come Out to Enjoy a refreshing Lenten Wednesday evening 6-8pm and bring a friend! April 9 and 16 at St. Michaels and All Angels with their finished roof!***

Blessings to you! We are indeed our brothers keepers - this has given us an optimal opportunity to show that love in our midst (within and outside our parish)! There is a special group of people that have been "christened" or touched spiritually by our sessions! When we come together the "feedback" is powerful! Looking forward to our continued Lenten season and beyond!

It reminds me of that song.... " ***He is now to be among you - at the calling of our hearts. Rest assured this troubadour is acting on his part - The union of our spirits here has caused him to remain!***

Oh! when two or more of us are gathered in his name-

THERE IS LOVE - Oh that's Love! "

Lent reminds me that I need to actively engage in that sisterly and brotherly LOVE of Christ! And it's incredible that many other participants have expressed that "special feeling of Christian love" of others during our Wednesday Lenten sessions! Love that embraces those in the group that experienced unexpected loss or healing since the series began! We have reached, and will continue to keep them close to our prayers and hearts. Please join us in our efforts to celebrate the sacred season of Lent and by coming together as ONE Church-One People!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cyndy Reed Stewart

Vestry Coordinator for The Lenten Series



Advent has recently become active in a ministry called CarePortal that helps families in our

community. Through its technology platform, CarePortal connects churches to children and families who need help in our community. As a church partner, we receive information on the specific *vetted* needs of these families and can decide if we can help meet those needs with physical resources. These needs come in all sizes, and sometimes include furniture, children's clothing, diapers, baby gear, groceries, household items, and more. A small "responder" team of four people within our church has been trained by CarePortal to meet needs that come in through this platform. These people were trained by our CarePortal Network Leader to help physically deliver items to families in need. However, everyone in the church can actively participate by donating financial or physical resources. To view current community needs or to donate to our CarePortal fund, please visit our church CarePortal page at <https://system.careportal.org/church/102091>. New needs are posted regularly, so check back often!

If you would like to learn more about our church involvement with CarePortal, and ways you can help, please contact our Administrative Assistant-pakins@advent-church.org

The Let's Create art group will meet next month on first Wednesday. Hope you came yesterday. Please join us May 7, 2025. New folks encouraged to attend! Old folks too.

Episcopal Relief and Development

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We had a great Hot Dog coffee hour for ERD Sunday. Collected: \$471

Breakfast at Advent is an Adventure. First Sunday of the month. Join us from 9-10. Next one is April 6, then May 4, 2025.



Flower arrangements in Advent Church or St. Clements 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.

ECW Calendar

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!

April 2 - 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

Walk the Camino de Santiago with Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Gainesville, Florida

September 27th- October 7th 2025

[See the Flyer](#)

Coffee Hour Host Sign-Up Procedure: We are thankful for all of our wonderful hosts who contribute to our weekly coffee hours! We are now using Sign-Up Genius. See below and it is in *Adventures* under Coffee Hour and on the website under Join Us, Regular Schedule, Coffee Hour. Please contact pakins@advent-church.org for any questions about Coffee Hour Hosting and/or the sign-up section. **We would love to have some new volunteers for this activity.**

Thank you all again! Here is the link for the coffee hour sign up:

Please use this link to access the schedule: [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.



April hosts

April 6 Lauren and Mike Ormsbee

April 13 Bergstresser Family

April 20 ECW

April 27 June Vickers and Beverly Davis

A big Thank You to all.

Please Remember in your Prayers

Pat Wright, Peg McPherson, Heath Hillary McRae and our companion parish, La Trinidad, in Los Arabos, Cuba.

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

Camp Weed newsletter

Godly Play will now run from 10:15 - 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 pakins@advent-church.org, 850-386-5109.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays: Audbrey Del Monaco on April 1, Loree Evans on April 9, Angela Lupo-Anderson and Ryan Dozier on April 12, Nancy Sampson on April 16, Lee Lee Davidson on April 18, Juan Trujillo on April 19, Beverly Cresse on April 20, Teresa Dozier and Grace Bergstresser on April 21, Cindy Livengood on April 25, Carl Blackwell on April 28, Zoey Nicole Wynne on April 29 and Joe Glenn on April 30.



April Anniversaries: Denise Mercier and Marty Bishop on April 4, Sherry and Milt Dahl on April 5, Robin and Tom Findley on April 6, Angela Lupo-Anderson and James Anderson on April 7, Kathy and Homer Newlin on April 8, Kelly Craft and Anthony Maccarone on April 10 and Julanne and Kenneth Rutten on April 15.

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

Needs: Razors, men's shoes (all sizes) and blankets.

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.

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

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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

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