



## May 2026 ADVENTURES



### Take the 2026 Parish Survey!

Advent's Rector Search Committee has launched a survey to help provide a clear picture of who we are as a church and what directions might be important for our future as we search for a new rector. Seven committed individuals are leading the search for the next Rector of The Church of the Advent. They are: Judy Carroll, Beth Curci, Nancy Hough, Susan Kaempfer, Mike Ormsbee, Julanne Rutten and June Wright. **Your response is very important to us.**

We ask all parishioners **aged 12 and older** to complete this survey. If there is more than one parishioner in your household, we ask that you fill out separate surveys. You

can complete the survey online, or pick up a paper copy after each service this Sunday.

The deadline to provide your feedback is **Sunday, May 10**.

Survey link: [https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dnC2DAqZCe90I8C](https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dnC2DAqZCe90I8C)

## Happy Mother's Day

Happy day to all in this category. Be it a human or pet who makes you that loving special person.

**Fellowship Lunch-** Our annual fried chicken Fellowship Lunch is scheduled for Thursday May 28th at noon. Bring your appetite, \$7.00 and good cheer to enjoy great food and friends.



## Camp Weed

Dear Friends of Camp Weed,

Camp Weed Summer Camp 2026 is fast approaching, and I'm reaching out today to let you know of a few ways you can help support this ministry!

1. Donate items directly from our Amazon Wishlist! We've created this list of supplies we use regularly throughout the summer and created a way for you to help by donating them directly to us. Simply select the items you'd like to purchase, checkout, and Amazon will do the rest by shipping it right here to camp! There are items of all types and price ranges, and any and all gifts are appreciated just the same! [Click here](#) to view the list.

2. Register a camper for Summer 2026! There's still lots of time to get your camper registered to be a part of all the fun! You can find more info at [campweed.org](http://campweed.org) or register directly at <http://campweed.campbrainregistration.com>
3. Pray! We currently have over 630 campers registered for this summer, a number that grows everyday! Please pray for all of those campers, our staff, CIT's, volunteers, and all others that will have a hand in making Summer 2026 the best it can be!

Thank you for supporting this important ministry and we hope to see you back at Camp Weed soon! 😊

Peace & Blessings,

Sam Marxsen

Camp Weed Summer Camp

Director of Summer Camp & Youth Programs

(386) 364-5250

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

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** We have a new volunteer procedure. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Sarah Rogers ([sayresmiles@yahoo.com](mailto:sayresmiles@yahoo.com)). If you volunteered, keep an eye on the schedule.

### **A Few Notes of Importance**

**The Church office will be closed** on May 15 and 18-20 to allow our hardworking Bookkeeper/Administrator to take some time off.

**FSU Film School project-** We have assisted the students in past years by allowing them to use some of our facilities to film for their short film projects. It worked out that they will be utilizing the Church Nave on Friday May 22 for the "shoot". They will be there pretty much all day. They have always been and will be respectful of the building.

**Memorial Day-** Monday May 25 is Memorial Day Holiday and the Church office will be closed.

**Morning Prayer-** We will have Morning Prayer on May 31 at both services.

## **ECHO Canned Fruit Project**

Kelly Craft and her sister have been volunteering in the ECHO Pantry for a few months and have noticed a need that we can assist with. They report that canned fruit lags behind many of the many items collected/donated to the food pantry. Why don't we take a few months to build up their inventory of canned fruit (but don't forget our chili!) so that they can better meet the USDA recommended guidelines for food distribution? Thank you!

**Eucharistic Visitor Ministry** Your Vestry is very pleased to announce the return of this very important ministry. It has been a few years since we had a licensed Eucharistic Visitor, but recently Dr. Michael Haney completed the short class and is licensed. He has actually visited a parishioner already and brought her communion, fellowship and most importantly a connection to all of us at Advent.

We will figure out a rotation to visit our homebound parishioners. We want to reach out to those who might be home for a shorter time for illness and/or surgery and unable to come to church too. Please let a Vestry member or the office know of any need. Remember that we only have one person now. Hopefully, a class will be held in early '26 and we have two volunteers waiting to go!

## **ECW**

**UTO Boxes** - We'll start promoting after Easter and collect around Thanksgiving.

**ECW Game Night**- It is scheduled for Sunday, May 31. More information to come!

**Gretchen Everhart Reinforcers** - Jane Bullen brought to our attention that the students at Gretchen Everhart School rely on edible reinforcers (snacks) to help motivate them to complete tasks. Traditional school funds don't allow for them to buy these easily and teachers end up purchasing them on their own. It would be a HUGE help if we could assist in donating these much-needed edible reinforcers for the students. All donations can be brought to church on Sundays and given to Jane Bullen. We will continue this ask until there's a sufficient response. If you have any questions, please ask Jane. The gathering box is in the elevator foyer in the Parish Hall. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

**Rector Search Committee** At the February 24th Vestry Meeting a slate of names was presented to the Vestry to become members of the Rector Search Committee. Seven

committed individuals were approved to lead the search for the next Rector of The Church of the Advent. They are:

Judy Carroll, Beth Curci, Nancy Hough, Susan Kaempfer, Mike Ormsbee, Julanne Rutten and June Wright.

We thank them for their time and talent. They have met with Keith Daw, Diocesan COO, this Sunday. He will provide them with the search guidelines and they will be off and running. This is very exciting in the life of our parish as we move forward!

**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. All are welcome to join us at 10:30-noon in the Vestry meeting room in the Church office on Thursday mornings. We study the upcoming Sunday's lectionary readings.

**Advent Formation 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. Contact [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org)

### **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](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.



**Please Remember in your Prayers:** Heath Hilary McRae, Jesse Stewart, Jeremy Tharpe, Steve Sullivan, Phyllis Gray, Linda Guidotti, Sherry Dahl, Kerollos Nakhla, Sandra Lasiello, Tawni Glover, Chris Stewart, Jim Stewart and our companion parish, La Trinidad, in Los Arabos, Cuba.

**A Call for Prayer from the Bishop Search Committee:** *O God, you led your holy apostles to ordain ministers in every place: Grant that your Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may choose suitable persons for the ministry of Word and Sacrament, and may uphold them in their work for the extension of your kingdom; through him who is the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. BCP p. 256*

Please include this prayer in your prayer time.

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

**Godly Play Schedule:** The May Godly Play meetings will be a bit different due to Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekends. We will then move into our Summer Schedule, as we did last year, where we meet the second Sunday of the three summer months. Here is the schedule:



**May 3, 17 and 31; June 14; July 12 and August 9.** The time will remain the same, 10:15 a.m., and the location will be The Evelyn and Bill May Godly Play Room. For information about Godly Play, please contact [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org)

## March 2026 Finance Reports

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### Birthdays and Anniversaries

**May Birthdays:** Nikki McNeese on May 1, Felton Wright on May 15, Ken Mills, Al Kaempfer, Allen Heitz, George Meros Jr. and Dede Meros on May 16, Mark Dent on May 18, Fulton Holmes on May 20, Randy Serles on May 22, Sara Rutten on May 23, Terese Combs on May 26 and Wilson Richardson on May 31.



**May Anniversaries:** June Wright and Jack Richardson on May 1, Angela Bellavance and Andrew Askew on May 5, Susan and Mark Baird on May 11, Terese and Tom Combs on May 12, Nancy Hough and John DiMino on May 14, Mary and Michel Haney on May 26 and Tricia Collins and Burton Cox on May 30.

## Vestry

[Senior Warden: Mark Dent; Junior Warden: Steve Bullen;](#)

Mark Baird, Judy Graham, Michael Haney, Linda Powell, Sharon Ray, Amy Serles and Cyndy Stewart.

Co-Treasurers: David Van Winkle and Ken Mills

## Office Hours/Contact Information

### Church Office

Phone: 850.386.5109

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

### Text Notifications

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## The Episcopal Church of the Advent

*A Community of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun*

[www.advent-church.org](http://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.

The Advent newsletter is a monthly event. Please get your announcements in by 11:00 a.m. the day of publication. Appropriate interval Eblasts will be sent as needed. Next *Adventures* will be June 4, 2026.

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