



Advent Advisor

July 2019



School supplies needed for foster children

It's that time of the summer to begin thinking about going back to school. Stores are already displaying school supplies.

Once again, this year we will help our foster children under the care of the local Department of Social Services with their school supplies.

Christine Chesson of Social Service and Kit Reddick have prepared a list of requests from 27 children.

The requests are posted in the narthex. Please leave your offerings anytime during July in the outreach wagon.

- boxes of tissue for the classroom
- bottles of hand sanitizer for the classroom
 - pencils
 - pens
- loose-leaf notebook paper, both wide-ruled and college-ruled
 - 3-subject notebooks
- 3-hole punched folders with pockets for handouts
 - primary scissors
 - glue sticks
- backpacks for all ages

Christine reports that the little ones are so happy and proud of their supplies especially when they receive them in a backpack.

Our deadline is Sunday, August 11th so the children will be ready when school resumes in August.

If you need assistance with shopping and delivery, see Kit Reddick.

Coming this month

Parish Family Weekend at Trinity Center is July 19-21.

Rev. Ellen will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Sunday, July 21 at Trinity Center in the morning and at Church of the Advent at 4 pm.



Rev. Ellen will celebrate Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, July 10 at 6 pm. A covered-dish supper will follow with a Greek theme.

Rev. Ellen is on vacation from July 22 to August 4. Call Senior Warden Doug Chesson if you need any assistance.

From the office mail

Thank you for hosting a diaper box and sharing in our efforts to help Martin County Moms and babies in need! It was greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Calrk, BSW, QP
Pregnancy Care Manager
MTW District Health Department



Dear Church of the Advent Family,

Thank you for all of your kindness, thoughtfulness and support while I was attending UNC Asheville. The Mark Reddick Scholarship funds were very much appreciated.



Also, thank you for the inspirational book.
Garron Chesson

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Dear COA Friends,

There really are no words to adequately express my thankfulness for each of you and the support given to our family during this most difficult time. The calls, food, wine for the reception and the many prayers are much appreciated. We want to especially thank you for allowing us to use the altar cloth and banner that had the kids' names and handprints. It was very special to see those and to bring back wonderful memories. Thank you for attending the service and Eric's Irish wake. It may have been a little unusual and nothing Williamston or Martin Co. has ever seen before, but it was perfect as far as the kids and I are concerned. It was just what Eric would have wanted.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we learn how to live without Eric.

God Bless!

Regina, Eric Jr., and Cayce



Weighed down

Many people dream of having the "right stuff" to fly to space. Recently, 18,300 people applied for just 12 astronaut spots at NASA! Fanfare over the moon landing's 50th anniversary is sure to spark even more interest.

Leaving behind earthly troubles and floating in zero gravity must be amazing, right? Not, it turns out, for one's body. Weightlessness takes a heavy physical toll in space. Without resistance, muscles waste away and bones weaken. Bodily systems we take for granted are disrupted, causing disorientation. To counteract these effects, astronauts wear resistance suits while exercising. Ironically, after escaping Earth's gravity, they must replace it.

Similarly, we long for trouble-free days and pray for an end to earthly burdens, not recognizing that exertion, whether physical or spiritual, builds strength. "He who knows no hardships will know no hardihood," said Harry Emerson Fosdick. "He who faces no calamity will need no courage. ... The characteristics in human nature which we love best grow in a soil with a strong mixture of troubles."

Every weighty challenge is a reason to "rejoice ... knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Romans 5:3-4, ESV).

—Stephanie Martin

Communion on the Moon

One of the smaller details lost amidst the tremendous historic and scientific achievements of the Apollo 11 mission that landed the first two human beings on the moon in July 1969 was that it also marked the first occasion on which a Christian took the sacrament of Communion on an astronomical body other than Earth. This event took place in the interval between the lunar module's landing on the moon on 20 July 1969 and Neil Armstrong's taking his first steps on the lunar surface several hours later; during that period, astronaut Buzz Aldrin privately observed Communion using elements he had brought with him to the moon:



The background to the story is that Aldrin was an elder at his Presbyterian Church in Texas during this period in his life, and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt he should mark the occasion somehow, and he asked his pastor to help him. And so the pastor consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. And Buzz Aldrin took them with him out of the Earth's orbit and on to the surface of the moon.

He and Armstrong had only been on the lunar surface for a few minutes when Aldrin made the following public statement: "This is the LM pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he read a verse from the Gospel of John, and he took communion. Here is his own account of what happened:

"In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. Then I read the Scripture, 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing.' I ate the tiny Host and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think: the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the very first food eaten there, were the communion elements."

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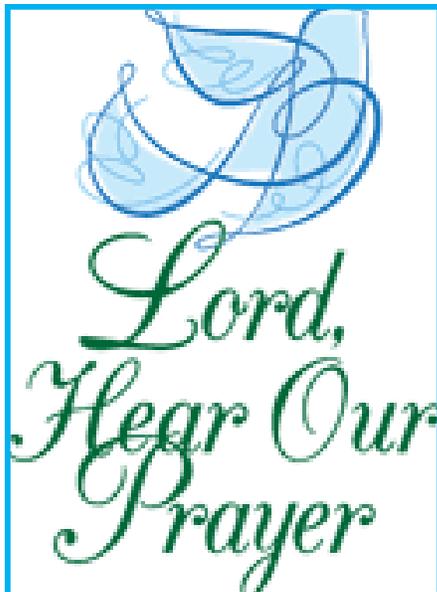
The Prayer List is found in the notebook marked "Prayer Lists" on the usher's table in the narthex of the church. Names may be added at any time by writing them in the notebook or calling the church office after requesting permission of those for whom prayer is requested. The Prayer List is read aloud weekly at Sunday services. Contact the church office if you wish to have a name added, re-listed, or taken off the list.

Prayer List

Mary Charles Coppage
David Martin
James & Janice Ford
Bridgette Fleming & Family
Warren Gordon
John Curley
Ryan Kovac
Mary Wood
Lindbergh Mitchell

Birthdays

3 Rachel Chesson
4 Johnny Miller
12 Audrey Stanton
12 Doug Chesson
13 Jean Miller
14 Khalil Jefferson
14 Khira Jefferson
15 Caleb Stanton
15 Jon Courtney
27 Ethan Godard



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The Church of the Advent is a nurturing, vibrant, and inclusive community inviting spiritual growth through liturgical worship, outreach, and fellowship.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>6:30 pm, Game Night</i>	3 <i>Rachel Chesson</i>	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Church office closed</i> <i>Johnny Miller</i>	5	6
7 4 Pentecost <i>10:00 am, HE II</i>	8	9	10 <i>6:00 pm, HE & Dinner</i>	11	12 <i>Audrey Stanton</i>	13
14 5 Pentecost <i>10:00 am, HE II</i> <i>Khalil Jefferson Khira Jefferson</i>	15 <i>Caleb Stanton Jon Courtney</i>	16	17	18	19 <i>PFW @ Pine Knoll Shores</i>	20 <i>PFW @ Pine Knoll Shores</i>
21 6 Pentecost <i>PFW @ Pine Knoll Shores</i> <i>4:00 pm, HE II @ COA</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Ethan Godard</i>
28 7 Pentecost <i>10:00 am, MP II</i>	29	30	31			

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Lay Schedule

	7 4 Pentecost HE II 11:00 A.M.	14 5 Pentecost HE II 11:00 A.M.	21 6 Pentecost HE II 9:00 A.M. @ Pine Knoll Shores	28 7 Pentecost MP II 11:00 A.M. Bill Webb
Acolytes	Khira Jefferson	Khira Jefferson	N/A	N/A
Lessons	Valerie Coke	Jane Jernigan	Collins Crowe	Michael Biondi
Intercessor	Lucia Peel	Bill Webb	Catherine Cohen	N/A
Eucharistic Minister	Doug Chesson	Bill Webb	John Price	N/A
Altar Guild	Lucia Peel	Lucia Peel	Lucia Peel	Lucia Peel
Ushers	Lucia Peel	Lucia Peel	Lucia Peel	Lucia Peel
	Mary Anne Crowe	Mary Anne Crowe	Mary Anne Crowe	Mary Anne Crowe