



Church of the Advent

# Advent Advisor

July 2020

As this issue of the *Advent Advisor* goes to press, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper has paused Phase 2 Safer at Home until July 17th and is also expecting us to wear masks when outside our homes.



As we have come to know during this time of Covid-19 pandemic, that we are living in a fluid time where there are constant changes and shifts.

So, please stay tune to your email as much as possible for updates. Or ask a church buddy to keep you updated.

*God of the present moment, God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes the frantic heart; bring hope and courage to all as they wait in uncertainty. Bring hope that you will make them the equal of whatever lies ahead. Bring them courage to endure what cannot be avoided, for your will is health and wholeness; you are God, and we need you. Amen*

*—from A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Thank you to Lucia Peel, who also posts the changes on Comings and Goings.

Again, reminders for outdoor worship:

*Bring your own chair.*

*Sit six feet apart, Families may sit together.*

*Masks, hand sanitizer available on table with offering plate and bulletins.*

*You will remain in your seat during the service except when directed to stand.*

*Leave Hassell Street open for those who wish to remain in their cars during the service.*

Although much of the service is printed in the bulletin, you are encouraged to bring your personal prayer books and hymnals for supplementing the bulletin,

At this time, no Eucharistic Ministers or acolytes are needed until further notice,



## Return to Worship with Outdoor Service

Thanks to Senior Warden Johnny Miller, Parish Administrator Joe Jernigan, Keyboardist Brandon Woody, and Lay Leader Jane Jernigan, the Church of the Advent resumed worship after an almost three-month hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic with a sanctioned outdoor service of Morning Prayer on Sunday, June 14.



In accordance with a direction from Bishop Skirving, the vestry, with the clerical and research help of Joe has drawn up a plan for return to worship, both outdoor and indoor. The complete plan can be found on the church website.

## A Reminder about Your Pledges

During this period of suspension of public worship as a part of Safer at Home, you may mail your pledges in or drop them off with Parish Administrator Joe Jernigan at the Church Office during the morning office hours.



According to a recent financial report from Treasurer Lowell Taylor, we are very down in our pledges at this time.



### Restock the SHELVES

The cupboard is bare at the Department of Social Services and it needs our help. Please consider donating *several* cans of the following:

- canned vegetables
- canned fruit
- canned meats
- canned soups
- canned pasta meals

You can drop off your offerings during church office hours and Sunday mornings. You can leave your donations in the Love on Wheels wagon which will be out in the covered walkway.

Thank you.

## Update on Trinity Center

June 5, 2020

Dear Friends of Trinity Center:

The Board of Managers of Trinity Center of the Diocese of East Carolina has made the extremely difficult decision to close Trinity Center to all guests and campers through September 7, 2020. This decision was not an easy one to make. Our goal in this beautiful setting on Bogue Banks is to bring people closer to God, principally through Spirit-filled interaction with other people. Under the present circumstances, protecting our guests overrides all other considerations. The whole nature of our existence conflicts with the guidelines we need to follow to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Our sleeping, dining, swimming, and meeting facilities do not allow us to social distance and sanitize as recommended. Our staff brainstormed all sorts of scenarios to continue our programs in some fashion. The bottom line was that we just could not carry on in any fashion that assured safety.

With the closure of Trinity Center, the Church of the Advent will not gather for Parish family Weekend in July.

This year would have marked the 29th consecutive year the church has traveled to Trinity in July.

The vestry voted to accept Trinity's offer of holding our deposit for next year's gathering.



## Does Anyone Have ...?

The church basement is in need of a box style fan to run to combat the moisture to replace the one that has died..



If you have a new or used one you would like to donate, please drop off during church office hours.



Dear COA Family,  
 Thank you for the BIG card and thoughts of me at Easter, signed by many of you. I put it up by my entryway so others could enjoy my honor and greeting. It was great to be remembered in such a BIG way.

With gratitude,  
 Mary Charles Coppage  
 May 30, 2020

*Editor's Note: Apologies for the lateness in publishing this note. It arrived after the last deadline.*

## How to Support Hispanic Ministries in East Carolina

No one has gone unaffected by this pandemic, yet different communities rely on various capacities to weather the storm. Hispanic communities tend to be more cash-based, and this time without in-person worship impacts Hispanic Churches disproportionately.

However, our Churches have come together to support the community with different projects to benefit the congregations and their neighbors by keeping them fed and safe — projects to remind us that while economies are significant, the values at the heart of each economy are the people made in the image of God.

If you would like to support Hispanic Ministry in our diocese and these projects, you may donate online or by check. If you write a check, mail it to Diocese of East



Carolina, PO Box 1336 Kinston, NC 28503, and reference the Hispanic fund in the memo line. For every \$20.00 donated, we would like to send you a non-medical mask made of cotton as a thank you gift.



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

*James & Janice Ford  
Robert Bonner  
Anthony McNeile  
Frankie Biggs  
Bill & Nita Smith  
Mary Charles Coppage  
Lucia Peel Powe  
Ginny Webb*

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*



**Church of the Advent**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 5 Morning Prayer / Kit Reddick 11:00 am

July 8 Evening Prayer 6:00 pm

July 12 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Donna Kraus 11:00 am

July 13 Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm

July 19 Morning Prayer / John Price 11:00 am

July 26 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Polk Culpepper 11:00 am

August 2 Morning Prayer / Jane Jernigan 11:00 am

August 9 Morning Prayer / Bill Webb 11:00 am

August 10 Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm

August 12 Evening Prayer 6:00 pm

August 16 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Donna Kraus 11:00 am

August 23 Morning Prayer / Kit Reddick 11:00 am

August 30 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Polk Culpepper 11:00 am

*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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## July 2020

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### Lay Schedule

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	<b>5</b> <i>5 Pentecost</i> <i>MP II</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i>	<b>12</b> <i>6 Pentecost</i> <i>HE II</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i>	<b>19</b> <i>7 Pentecost</i> <i>MP II</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i>	<b>26</b> <i>8 Pentecost</i> <i>HE II</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Kit Reddick	Rev. Kraus	John Price	Rev. Culpepper
<b>Lector</b>	Michael Biondi	John Price	Kit Reddick	Jane Jernigan
<b>Intercessor</b>	N/A	Lucia Peel	N/A	Al Chesson
<b>Chalice Bearer</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Acolytes</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lucia Peel Brandon Woody			
<b>Ushers</b>	Mary Anne Crowe Lucia Peel			

**No Acolytes and Chalice Bearers until further notice**