



Church of the Advent

Advent Advisor

March 2019

It's Lent Again

Our last Sunday after Epiphany will be March 3 when we celebrate the Transfigurations of Moses and of Jesus on a mountain with God, marking the seasonal and liturgical transition from green to purple, from celebration to reflection, and at least in the South, from winter to spring. Lent begins officially on **Ash Wednesday**, this year on March 6, with **Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes** at 6 pm. A detailed description of the services of Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter will be featured in the April *Advent Advisor*.

During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be hung in the church. Mediation booklets for private devotions will be available in the narthex. The Service of the Stations of the Cross will be on Good Friday.

Our Wednesday evening Lenten series will begin Wednesday, March 13. We will meet each Wednesday at 6 pm for Holy Eucharist followed by a simple meal of soup and sandwiches and a program for learning and discussion on the transitions we encounter at the end of life. Using Rev. Ellen's book, *Holy Dying: Stories and Struggles*, we will address several topics that most of us avoid talking

about until we are forced to, but as Christians we are taught not to fear: the inevitability of illness and suffering, the challenges of caregiving, the loss of control that comes with decline, a scriptural and spiritual context for facing our mortality, the complex medical decisions most of will face either for ourselves or our loved ones as our time in this world grows short, the burdens of grief and loss, and the deep power of healing.

These are not happy topics but they are im-

portant ones. There is value in addressing them in the context of Christian community before we take each take our turn being overwhelmed by their eventual inevitability in our individual lives. Sharing our stories of our experiences is healing in itself. It is not necessary to read the book before attending the programs, but it will probably be helpful to you if you do. There is a copy in the church library for sharing or it is available on amazon at [Holy Dying on amazon](#) or from Church Publishing at [Holy Dying from Church Publishing](#).

If you have any questions, give me a call.

Ellen+

Special music during Lent



During Lent, we will be incorporating Taizé chants into our Eucharist services. In the Taizé community, singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words, these songs express a basic reality of faith. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God and allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together.

But what IS Taizé? Taizé is a large ecumenical community based in France which offers its individual spirituality to a worldwide audience - particularly young adults aged 17-30. Founded by Brother Roger in France in 1940, the community was involved in sheltering refugees trying to escape persecution during World War II. Today, the Taizé Community is made up of over a hundred Brothers from various Anglican, Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant traditions from over thirty different countries. The Taizé Fraternity states that, by their very existence, the Brothers are a 'parable of community' that want their lives to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples.

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The Taizé community has encouraged thousands of people of all ages to come together to worship at Taizé services worldwide - thereby enhancing their relationship with God and with their community.

For more information about Taizé, you can also visit the Taizé website at <http://www.taize.fr>

Friends of Music at Church of the Advent

During its January meeting, the vestry approved the formation of a Friends of Music Fund at Church of the Advent (COA). The purpose of this fund is to allow COA to undertake special services and concerts to enhance and improve the music program. It will provide funding for guest musicians, choir supplies, and organ maintenance and refurbishment outside of the budgeted line item. Funding will be strictly from member donations, either through memorial or honorary gifts, and through voluntary donations at concert/special service events. The Friends of Music Fund will be under the governance of a committee of three to five parishioners, including John Price as the vestry's appointed representative.



We are in the initial planning stages for the concert series, the St. Cecelia Concert Series. The series will feature a variety of soloists and instrumentalists providing venue-appropriate music. These concerts will be free to the public, with a voluntary offering to go to Friends of Music. Musicians will be compensated from the Friends of Music fund. A more detailed description of the inaugural St. Cecelia Series will be published in a future *Advisor*.

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday School continues with our faithful Sunday morning group. We meet from 10-10:45 am and will take on a study and discussion of **The Ten Commandments** on the following Sundays: March 10, 17, April 7, and May 5 and 12. All are welcome!



Work Day Being Planned for March 9

Weather permitting, there will be a yard work day at the church to tidy up the grounds and establish some new landscaping on the West Church Street side of the yard on Saturday March 9 beginning at 9 am until the work is done (or the workers are done in). Bring shovels, rakes, carts, clippers, gloves, and/or your favorite yard tools to help bring new life to our grounds. In case of rain, it will be postponed to the following Saturday March 16.



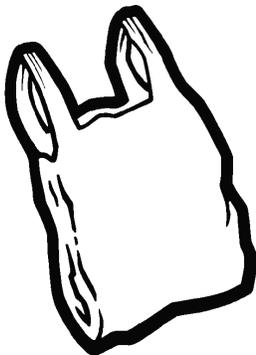
Game Night



Come to the Parish Hall for Game Night on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month at 6:30 pm. Board games are available but if you wish, bring your favorite game, bring snacks, bring a friend. Play-

ing usually lasts not more an hour and an half.

Bags Needed for Blessings in a Backpack



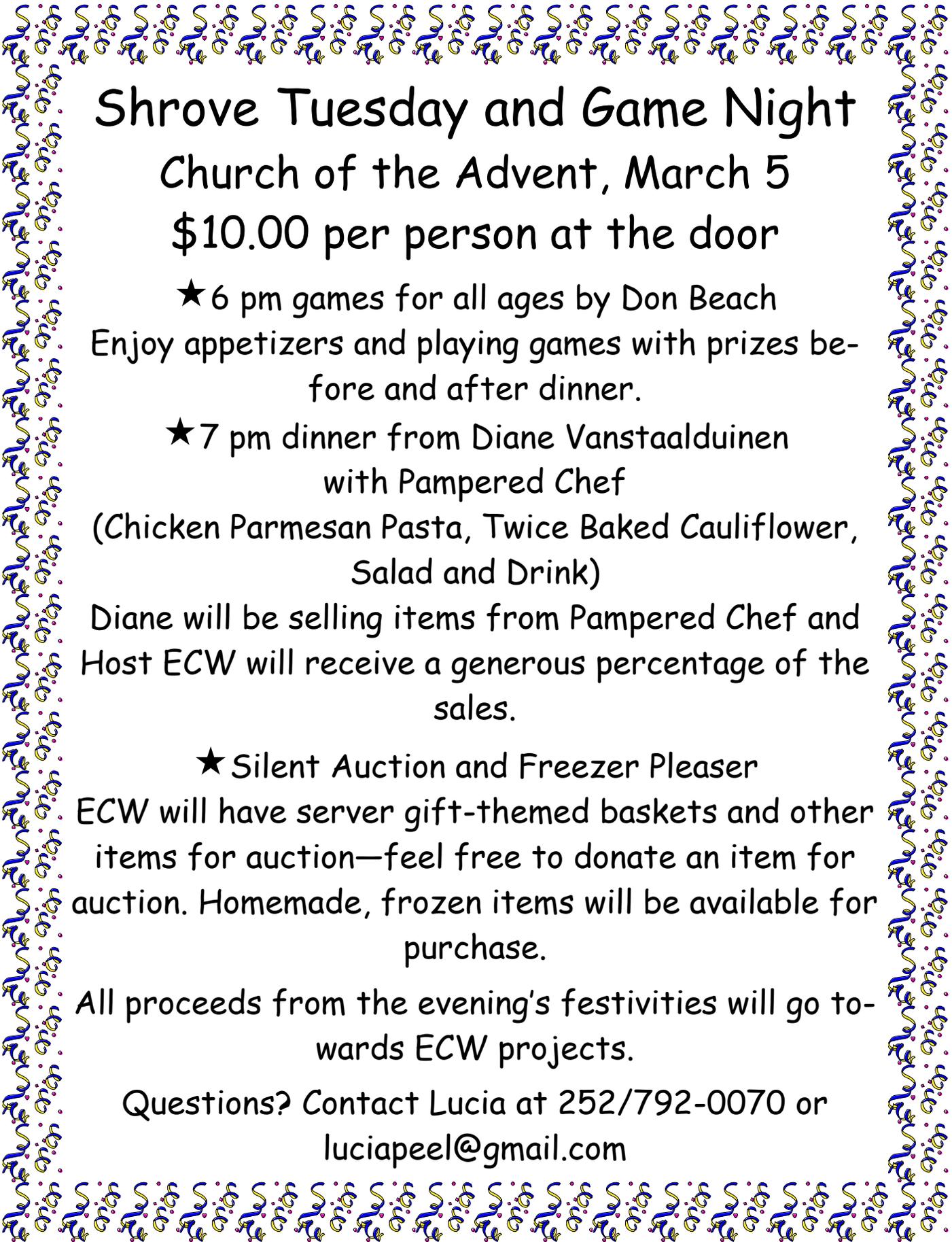
Please bring your used plastic grocery store bags to church and place them in a specially marked hamper in the church vestibule and in the hallway of the Parish House.

These bags are used as individual food packs for students to take with them to use during the weekend.

Bags are needed all year long.

Also needed are very large cloth or canvas or heavy duty plastic bags to be used as carrier bags to deliver individual bags to the schools. These bags can have logos. These can be left in the Love on Wheels wagon.

Our volunteer month is April.



Shrove Tuesday and Game Night

Church of the Advent, March 5

\$10.00 per person at the door

★ 6 pm games for all ages by Don Beach

Enjoy appetizers and playing games with prizes before and after dinner.

★ 7 pm dinner from Diane Vanstaalduinen
with Pampered Chef

(Chicken Parmesan Pasta, Twice Baked Cauliflower,
Salad and Drink)

Diane will be selling items from Pampered Chef and
Host ECW will receive a generous percentage of the
sales.

★ Silent Auction and Freezer Pleaser

ECW will have server gift-themed baskets and other
items for auction—feel free to donate an item for
auction. Homemade, frozen items will be available for
purchase.

All proceeds from the evening's festivities will go to-
wards ECW projects.

Questions? Contact Lucia at 252/792-0070 or
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Diocesan Convention Report

The 136th Convention of the Diocese of East Carolina held February 7-9, 2018, in Wilmington, NC, was attended by Church of the Advent Lay Delegates Doug Chesson, Christine Chesson, and Joe Jernigan. Rev. Ellen Richardson also attended as a Clergy Delegate.

Rev. Ellen attended a workshop on the work of Thistle Farms, where representatives of their community in Nashville, TN told their life stories of recovery from lives of homelessness and abuse by the invitation into meaningful community. Thistle Farms ministries began 19 years ago with one house offered to four women; it now has affiliated projects all over the world and sponsors many cottage industries that support their work, including their *Love Heals* products which can be purchased [here](#).

Ellen also attended a workshop led by Mr. Kenny House of Coastal Horizons on combatting the Opioid Crisis in our communities. He presented important data on the topic and presented the strong case of the importance of treating addiction as a disease of whole persons in need of compassion, support and healing with attention to proven strategies that help.

The regular business of the convention was conducted with opportunities for moving worship and music and grounded in *The Way of Love* as we have been taught by our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry.

Bishop Rob Skirving’s address to the convention can be seen [here](#).

Rev. Becca Steven's address to the convention can be seen [here](#)

Doug, Christine and Joe encourage anyone who would like to experience an inspiring and meaningful couple of days with our Episcopal brothers and sisters in the wider Church to come forward and offer to serve as delegates for Diocesan Convention in February 2020.



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
 Mac & Sandra Allen
 Jane Perry Doward Jones
 Della Leggett Lucia Peel Powe
 Faye & Mann Lilly
 Bridgette Fleming & Family
 Annie Jones Christopher Scott
 Joanie & Francis Ganis
 Julia Biggs Joanne McNall
 Geraldine Bateman Lennox Palmer
 Lindburgh Mitchell Ethel Smith
 Ramona Metts*

Birthdays

*2 ~ Stephen Batten
 7 ~ Kemp Allen
 11 ~ Deborah Brown
 13 ~ Henry Peel
 14 ~ Sarah Smith
 17 ~ Garron Chesson
 19 ~ Anthony McNeile
 19 ~ Will Raiford
 29 ~ Margaret Chesson
 29 ~ Emily Douglas
 30 ~ Lori Taylor*



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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
<i>Birthdays in italics</i>					1	2 <i>Stephen Batten</i>
3 Last Epiphany 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am,	4	5 6:00 pm, ECW Fundraising Dinner & Game Night	6 6:00 pm, Ash Wednesday Service	7 <i>Kemp Allen</i>	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins 1 Lent 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am,	11	12	13 6:00 pm, Lenten Evening HE & program	14	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day 2 Lent 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, HE II 12:00 noon, Vestry Meeting	18	19 <i>Anthony McNeile</i>	20 First Day of Spring 6:00 pm, Lenten Evening HE & program	21	22	23
24 3 Lent 10:15 am, Parish Family Birthday Party 11:00 am,	25	26	27 6:00 pm, Lenten Evening HE & program	28	29 <i>Margaret Chesson Emily Douglas</i>	30 <i>Lori Taylor</i>
31 4 Lent 11:00 am, MP II						

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Lay Schedule

	3 <i>Last Epiphany HE II 11:00 A.M.</i>	6 <i>Ash Wednesday HE I 6:00 P.M.</i>	10 <i>1 Lent HE II 11:00 A.M.</i>	17 <i>2 Lent HE II 11:00 A.M.</i>	24 <i>3 Lent HE II 11:00 A.M.</i>	31 <i>4 Lent MP II 11:00 A.M. John Price</i>
Acolyte	Will Michel	Jean Miller	Will Michel	Jean Miller	Dawson Taylor	N/A
Acolyte	Standrick Jefferson	Dawson Taylor	Standrick Jefferson	Adison Bosso	Will Michel	N/A
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Lessons	John Price	Mark Richardson	Valerie Cooke	Kit Reddick	Chuck Cohen	Jane Jernigan
Intercessor	Lucia Peel	N/A	Bill Webb	Lucia Peel	Al Chesson	N/A
Eucharistic Minister	Chloe Tuttle	Don Beach	Bill Webb	Doug Chesson	Chloe Tuttle	N/A
Altar Guild	Mary Anne Crowe	Mary Anne Crowe	Mary Anne Crowe	Mary Anne Crowe	Mary Anne Crowe	Mary Anne Crowe
Ushers	Chuck Cohen	Chuck Cohen	Chuck Cohen	Chuck Cohen	Chuck Cohen	Chuck Cohen
	Catherine Cohen	Catherine Cohen	Catherine Cohen	Catherine Cohen	Catherine Cohen	Catherine Cohen
Nursery	Mark Richardson	N/A	Sue House	Jim Allen	John Price	Kit Reddick