



Church of the Advent

# Advent Advisor

May 2022

## Returning (slowly) to the Common Cup

What to do? What is the most faithful, responsible thing we can do in the distribution of communion wine during this time of COVID, even as the pandemic seems to be waning. That is the question that is being pondered throughout the Church. Our bishop and others have lifted restrictions and seem to be encouraging returning to the common cup but have left it up to parish priests and wardens to decide. I respect the thoughtful and prayerful consideration of the bishops that has brought us to this point and appreciate the latitude they are giving to parishes who want to return to the age-old, beloved liturgical standard that is use of a common cup. I and other parish priests whose opinions I know of have been hesitant to put communicants at risk of being infected with a new highly contagious variant of the virus. We would choose to wait until there is indication that it has subsided enough not to be a significant threat. The wardens and I discussed the matter, and, in typical Anglican fashion, arrived at a middle way that seems to give our parishioners options similar to the latitude that the diocese extended to parishes. We have decided to offer both the common cup and the individual cups we have provided throughout much of the pandemic. That option was available to persons attending the Easter service, and it seemed that most chose to drink from the common cup.

The common cup is not only an important symbol. It is the traditional means by which the faithful partake of one of the elements of communion, connecting us with Jesus' offering of wine from a single cup at his last meal with his disciples. Our Lord Jesus Christ took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." In his shar-



ing of the bread and wine with them, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Holy Communion that we commemorate in our eucharistic rites. We believe that the Eucharist is more than a memorial celebration. In church-speak it is *anamnesis*, bringing that last meal into the present by the mystery of real presence, a fundamental principle of Anglican theology, that Christ is present in the consecrated elements available in part to us in the cup we share.

We need to provide options for persons who want to properly receive the sacrament but are wary of sharing a common cup. When the spread of HIV/AIDS was a concern, a study suggested that precious metals were resistant to viruses and so did not transmit them. That met with a lot of controversy. Many persons thought that such conclusions were ridiculous while others believed that the results of the report made sense. I tend to concur with those who consider the results inconclusive.

Bishops have recommended intincting, dipping a wafer into the wine, as a solution, but anyone who has managed a communion chalice probably has observed that fingers of those who instinct sometimes inadvertently touch the wine. Providing a shallow bowl is not something we favor. We have an intinction cup that is a vessel especially shaped to prevent fingers from touching the wine, and we may use it. Bishops also have suggested that a server spoon a little bit of wine over a wafer as an option. We do not plan to do that.

For the time being all are welcomed to receive

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at the altar rail where communicants will have the option of receiving from the common cup or small individual cups. Eucharistic Ministers serving wine are reminded to rotate the cup and wipe the rim after each person drinks from it. As always, persons may receive at the bottom of the chancel steps or may receive in their pews. If you want communion brought to your pew, notify an usher who will make sure that the clergy are aware of that. Ushers are being asked to manage the movement of persons forward down the center aisle and return to pews down the side aisles. They also will urge people not to congregate in the narthex after services. They are mindful of our intent to continue to practice social distancing. We need more ushers. They are critical to our “doing church” as best we can, particularly as we try to keep folks safe and observe best practices.

Easter is a time of spiritual awakening and welcoming new life. We are open to new possibilities. We want our eucharistic rites to joyfully commemorate the Lord’s gift of himself and by which we faithfully receive the gifts of bread and wine that are sanctified to be the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. We are making progress towards more fully embracing traditional practices. In the meanwhile, no matter how we receive the holy Sacrament, even if only spiritually, be assured that by Christ’s gift we are nourished and made faithful so that we live in him and he in us.

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## Annual Service at Green Acres

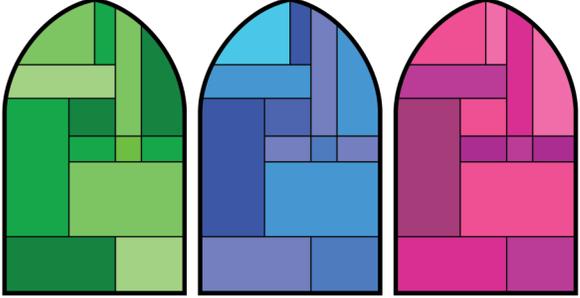
The Sunday morning service on May 22 will move to the Green Acres Campground as part of the worship schedule for the campers.

The service begins at 11:00 a.m. at the Outdoor Amphitheater. In case of rain, the service will move indoors to the Clubhouse.

After church, we will gather in the Clubhouse for a covered dish picnic luncheon.

Green Acres is located six miles south of Williamston at 1679 Green Acres Road. Take Highway 17 South and turn right onto Rodgers School Road and right at Green Acres.





## 6 P. M. Evening Prayer

### Wednesday, May 11

## Parish Family Weekend XXX Coming in July

A signup sheet will be posted in early May in the church narthex for Parish Family Weekend at Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores from July 15-17. This will be the 30th gathering for the Church of the Advent.



Sunday service for July 17 will be held at Trinity Center with no service at Church of the Advent.

Prices are as follows:

- (adults) \$87.00 per person, per night (double occupancy)
  - (adults) \$107.00 per person, per night (single occupancy)
  - (5 to 17 years old) \$32.00 per person, per night
  - (1 to 4 years old) \$12.00 per person, per night.
- The dining room has resumed full meal service.



Thank you to the following who helped pack for Blessings in a Backpack during the month of April.

- ★ Jim A.
- ★ Maria A.
- ★ Jane A.
- ★ Joe J.
- ★ Kit R.
- ★ Bobby G.
- ★ Janice G.
- ★ Jeanie S.
- ★ Lori T.
- ★ Sandy C.
- ★ Lucia P.
- ★ Rev. Connie
- ★ Chuck C.
- ★ Laura V.



## Annual Cancer Project

Providing hope that those lost to cancer will never be forgotten, that those who face cancer will be supported, and that one day cancer will be eliminated.

Candles were lit on Sunday, April 24th to remember and to honor those who are lost due to cancer and those who are surviving cancer. A donation was made to the Hope House in Greenville, that serves Pitt and Martin County cancer survivors.

### Remembering

- ◆ *Ava Haines by Ann & Tom Slade*
- ◆ *Mary Jernigan by Joe Jernigan*
- ◆ *Beverly Mills by Mary Anne and Collins Crowe*
- ◆ *Mark Reddick by Mary Anne and Collins Crowe*
- ◆ *Bill Courtney by Mary Anne and Collins Crowe*
- ◆ *Monk Gurkin by Mary Anne and Collins Crowe*
- ◆ *Jean Sykes Taylor by Lorie, Lowell, Dawson and Exum Taylor*
- ◆ *James Carlton Ford by Lori, Lowell, Dawson and Exum Taylor*
- ◆ *Avis Wilson by Ginny and Bill Webb*
- ◆ *Mary Smith McDaniel by Ginny and Bill Webb*
- ◆ *Bessie Malone by Janice and Bob Greene*
- ◆ *Aris L. Greene by Janice and Bob Greene*
- ◆ *Al Allard by Janice and Bob Greene*
- ◆ *Joe Leggett by Janice and Bob Greene*
- ◆ *Grant Boone by Janice and Bob Greene*
- ◆ *Abby Cameron by Lucia Peel*
- ◆ *Junie Peel by Lucia Peel*
- ◆ *Fanny Myrt Peel by Lucia Peel*
- ◆ *Frances and Bill Bob Peel by Lucia Peel*
- ◆ *Mark Reddick by Lucia Peel*
- ◆ *Jennifer Harris by Lucia Peel*

### Honoring

- ◆ *Col. Gene Rector by Ann & Tom Slade*
- ◆ *Ibbie Alexander by Connie Connelly*
- ◆ *Chloe Tuttle by Mary Anne and Collins Crowe*
- ◆ *Don Saunders by Mary Anne and Collins Crowe*
- ◆ *John L. Taylor by Lori, Lowell, Dawson and Exum Taylor*
- ◆ *Johnny Taylor by Lori, Lowell, Dawson and Exum Taylor*
- ◆ *Betty Peel by Ginny and Bill Webb*
- ◆ *Ed Braswell by Ginny and Bill Webb*
- ◆ *Alice Hattem by Janice and Bob Greene*
- ◆ *Betty Peel by Lucia Peel*
- ◆ *Anna Taylor by Lucia Peel*
- ◆ *Elizabeth Peel by Lucia Peel*
- ◆ *Chloe Tuttle by Lucia Peel*

## Webb Serves on Standing Committee of Diocese

Elected for a three-year term on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of East Carolina, Bill Webb is in his second year of service.

Bill explains the Standing Committee this way. "Beginning with her foundation in 1785, Standing Committees have played an important role in the operation of the Episcopal Church. In effect, the Standing Committee serves as a link between the people of the diocese and the diocesan bishop and as a link between this diocese and the other dioceses in the Episcopal Church."

Bill goes on to explain, "In East Carolina, the Standing Committee consists of four clergy and three laypersons. The general duties include providing consents for a parish, mission, or diocesan entity to acquire, dispose of or encumber the real property of the diocese. The sale of Trinity Center property had to come before the Standing Committee."

Another duty is the approval of the ordination of the individuals to diaconate or priesthoods.

The Standing Committee also approves the elections and proposed consecrations of bishops in the Episcopal Church.

The Committee meets monthly but has only been meeting quarterly during the Covid pandemic. Normally the Committee meets in Kinston at the Diocesan House, but the pandemic has forced the Committee to conduct its business virtually or by email.

Serving on the Committee, Bill has been very impressed with the knowledge brought to the Committee by the clergy.

Bill was born into the Episcopal Church and grew up in Christ Church in Raleigh. His great grandfather was the Rev. Robert Drane, who served as rector at St. Paul's, Edenton for 50 years. Rev. Drane was instrumental in seeing the building of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea at Nags Head. He and his family would pole themselves on rafts with their belongings and food over the sound to reach Nags Head.

Bill has very fond memories of his life at Church of the Advent, particularly when it comes to being present for the weddings of his daughters and the baptisms of his grandchildren.

Thank you, Bill, for your service to the Diocese of East Carolina and to the Church of the Advent as our assistant treasurer as well as a past vestry member, a junior warden, and a senior warden.



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**

- Janice Ford
- Chris Carrol
- Betty Jones
- Jessie Critcher
- Lucia Powe
- Nita Smith
- Suzanne Miller
- John Glover
- Ibbie Alexander
- Ray Roskopf
- Lucy Horton

**Birthdays**

- 2 ~ Shannon Stanton
- 9 ~ Jim Horton
- 12 ~ Rick Voorhis
- 12 ~ Connie Connelly
- 14 ~ Chris Stanton
- 14 ~ Mary Bonner
- 15 ~ Exum Taylor
- 19 ~ Michael Biondi
- 20 ~ Jeanne Batten
- 25 ~ Henry Mills



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*Founded 1850*

**The Rev. Connie Connelly, Priest in Charge**  
**Lucia Peel, Senior Warden**  
**Doug Chesson, Junior Warden**  
**Joe Jernigan, Parish Administrator**  
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**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION**

**\*\*\*For fire, police, injury or other emergencies, call 911 for assistance. Then please contact in this order: Connie, Joe, Lucia, Doug.**

**\*\*\*For pastoral emergencies, contact in this order Connie, Lucia, Joe.**

**\*\*\*For all problems or issues dealing with the church and rectory buildings and grounds, please contact Joe and then he and Doug will determine how to proceed.**

**Connie 704-651-0244**  
**Joe 252-809-3405**  
**Lucia 919-523-3382**  
**Doug 252-809-2476**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- May 1 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am
- May 8 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am
- May 11 Evening Prayer 6:00 pm
- May 15 Morning Prayer 11:00 am
- May 22 Green Acres 11:00 am
- Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
- May 29 Morning Prayer 11:00 am
- June 5 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am
- June 12 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am
- Parish Cookout @ Don
- Beach's 5:30 pm
- June 19 Morning Prayer 11:00 am
- June 26 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am
- Vestry Meeting 12:00 noon

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### Lay Schedule

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	<b>1</b> <b>3 Easter</b> <b>HE II</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>8</b> <b>4 Easter</b> <b>HE II</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>15</b> <b>5 Easter</b> <b>MP II</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>22</b> <b>6 Easter</b> <b>HE II</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b> <b>@ Green</b> <b>Acres</b>	<b>29</b> <b>7 Easter</b> <b>MP II</b> <b>11:00 A.M.</b>
<b>MP Leader</b>			Bill Webb		Kit Reddick
<b>Lector</b>	Chuck Cohen	Kit Reddick	Ginny Webb	Jane Jernigan	Valerie Cooke
<b>Intercessor</b>	Cathy Cohen	Kit Reddick		Lucia Peel	
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Don Beach	Doug Chesson		John Price	
<b>Acolyte</b>					
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kit Reddick Lucia Peel				
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Mills Lucia Peel				