



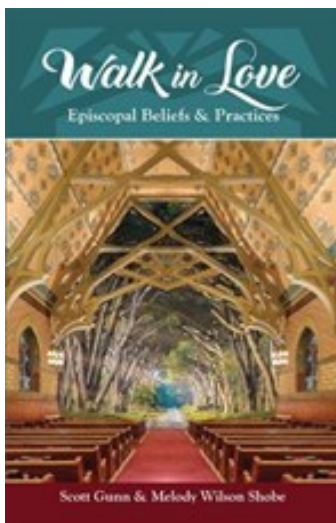
Church of the Advent

Advent Advisor

September 2018

We Begin Again

In this season of new beginnings, I invite you to try something new to grow your relationship with God at Church of the Advent. First, our monthly Wednesday evening program continues **September 5** with Evening Prayer at **6pm**, followed by Mexican potluck and continuation of a program series on practices of Contemplative Prayer. In August, a small group learned about and practiced Centering Prayer. In September we will try on *Lectio Divina*, a practice of reading and silent listening to scripture. In October we will learn about praying with labyrinths.



In addition to our Wednesday evening program, beginning **September 16**, I will offer Adult Christian Formation from **10 to 10:45** in the "Rector's Study." The first class will be based on *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*, offering an opportunity to ask questions and share our experiences about how we rely on our Scripture, Tradition and Reason to practice our Christian Faith in the Anglican tradition.

We will also be offering Sunday School for Children and Youth *every week*, affirming our commitment to their Christian formation as one of the most important things we do as Christian community. Lori Taylor and Jim Allen are directing classes from K through high school and would welcome your support by offering to assist or spot them some Sundays, and by bringing your children to Sunday School.

All blessings to you as you navigate this busy season and I hope you will find Church of the Advent as a place of renewal and support, always.

Ellen+

Welcome Back

It is a time of both Welcome and Return, excitement and anticipation as we enter the new season. This includes adding Church of the Advent to our active schedules.

Members of our Vestry and several Parish Committees have been busy during the summer. Outreach, led faithfully by Kit Reddick and Sue House, has coordinated the collection of backpacks and school supplies for foster children. Brandon Woody has kept the music flowing during services and also assisted the Altar Guild members in their careful preparation for services. The Welcome and Hospitality Committee has been meeting and making plans to welcome new and returning visitors to our parish. Our Wardens, Doug Chesson and Don Beach, have successfully managed Summer repairs throughout the Sanctuary and Parish Hall.

We return to an 11:00 am worship time on September 9th with the Service of Baptism, followed by a potluck luncheon. Our Outreach Committee needs assistance in the donation of long sleeve shirts for farm workers and ready to eat foods for the Social Services pantry. Our Music Director will soon begin practice with members of the choir to prepare special music that includes new anthems and Evensong; new members are encouraged to join them. Lori Taylor and Jim Allen are preparing to offer Sunday School for youth and children every Sunday, while Adult Formation will be offered every Sunday by Rev. Ellen.

Throughout the summer and into the fall planning, our Priest in Charge has brought us together and guided our efforts, working alongside with all of us to make the Church of the Advent a vibrant, spiritual home for ourselves, and to support the presence of Church of the Advent in our community and in the Diocese of East Carolina. I am looking forward to seeing everyone soon and welcome back!

Jim Allen



WELCOME

Outreach Opportunities Offer Help to Others

We need your help!

Episcopal Farmworker Ministry in Newton Grove is currently collecting men's long sleeved button down shirts, new or gently used. These shirts are given to farmworkers so that they have adequate clothing to protect them from the sun, pesticides, and chemicals.

Please leave your donations in the outreach wagon in the church narthex. We will be collecting until September 9th.



We have learned that the food pantry at the local Department of Social Services is bare.

Summertime put an extra demand on the pantry due to children being out of school and not able to participate in school feeding programs.

Also, the pantry is used to help individuals and families until they can line up some sustainable assistance.

Requests have been posted in the narthex calling for the following items:

- ◆ several individual pop top cans of meat
- ◆ several individual pop top cans of pasta meals like mac/cheese, ravioli, beef-a-roni
 - ◆ several pop top cans of fruit
 - ◆ several individual fruit cups
- ◆ several individual applesauce cups
- ◆ several individual servings of cereals
 - ◆ 2 jars of peanut butter
 - ◆ 2 jars of jam
- ◆ several boxes of pop tarts
- ◆ several packages of peanut butter and crackers (Nabs)
 - ◆ several cans of pasta meals like mac/cheese, ravioli, beef-a-roni
 - ◆ several cans of corned beef hash
 - ◆ 2 boxes of crackers

Donations may be left in the Love on Wheels wagon anytime until October 7.

Some of the collection will remain with Rev. Ellen to help those who call on her seeking assistance.



Thank you to your generous outpouring of school supplies for our foster children. In addition to supplies, you also gave over a dozen backpacks in a variety of designs, colors, and sizes.

Every year the Church of the Advent helps the foster children prepare themselves for the new school year.

And thank you to Sue House for naming our new outreach wagon Love on Wheels.

ECW Luncheon Meeting

Sunday, September 16
After church at the Roanoke Golf and Country Club
Dutch Lunch Buffet



Save These Dates!

October 4
Blessing of the Animals

October 7
Fall Fellowship at the Rectory

Change is Hard

Change is hard, especially when it has anything to do with church. We like things to be constant and reliable and familiar, so we do not feel unmoored in the world. We need our church to be a place of stability that will be recognizable when we visit, giving us a place of refuge from a rapidly changing world. We are comforted by memorials with plaques, reminding us of those who are no longer with us in this life. All of these things are well and good, and serve as reminders of the constant love of God.

That being said, God's constant love is also dynamic and alive, and like all living things needs room to grow. God's love needs to be nurtured, fed and watered with our attention, our learning, our stretching, and our sharing with others. As Christians we are committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ, and we cannot do this without some change now and again. As the world changes, and as people are changed by it, we the Church do need to be a reliable constant community of love and support, and we also need to be willing to grow and change, exploring new ways to meet a world that is no longer walking in our doors.



One change I am trying on is that I have moved my office upstairs in the Parish Hall so the downstairs Rector's Study can be available for classes and meetings in order to accommodate many of us

who are challenged to hear conversation clearly in the larger Parish Hall. The new downstairs adult meeting room will also serve as our Christian Library, faithfully stocked by Don Beach and now being trimmed to the most useful and readable volumes, including some additions from my seminary days, and organized by category for browsing and borrowing by church members and their friends and family. For anyone who wishes to meet with me and who cannot manage the stairs, I will arrange private space to meet downstairs.

Change is hard, and this may not be the best change in everyone's mind, but it is made with good intentions, and we can measure the impact over the coming year. It is my hope that offering this space will encourage some adventurous Christians to check out one or more classes in Adult Formation or to explore a deeper understanding of Christian faith through the many books available to the congregation.

Ellen+



Sunday, September 2

10:00 am Worship

Monday, September 3

Church Office Closed for Labor Day

Sunday, September 9

11:00 am Worship



Welcome Sunday September 9

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist

Holy Baptism of Joseph Arthur Medford

Son of Virginia and Joel Medford

Grandson of Ginny and Bill Webb

12:00 noon

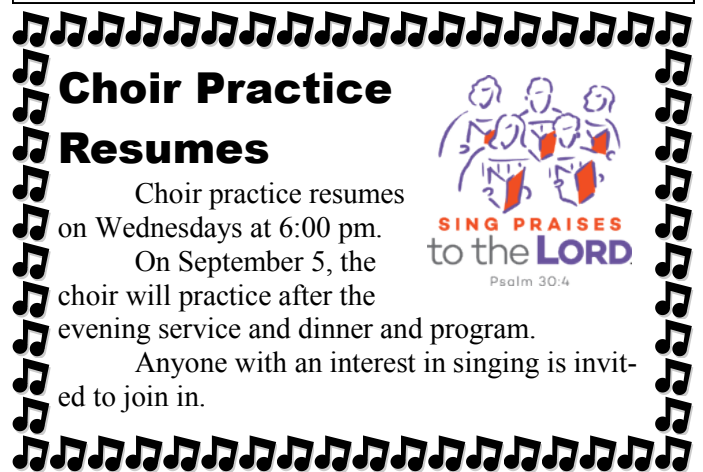
Potluck Luncheon

Bring Entrees and Sides

Baptism Cake Provided


Look for Food Sign-up in Comings and Goings

Acolyte Honor and Recognition from ECW



Choir Practice Resumes

Choir practice resumes on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. On September 5, the choir will practice after the evening service and dinner and program. Anyone with an interest in singing is invited to join in.



Deanery Q and A



On Wednesday, September 12, the Church of the Advent will host the Albe-marle Deanery for a Question and Answer session with delegates to the General Convention. The session is from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

Policy for the Use of Alcohol at the Church of the Advent

At its meeting on August 12, 2018, the vestry adopted the following policy for the use of alcohol at the Church of the Advent.

The policy is a blend of a policy already in place and the Diocese of East Carolina Policy adopted in February 2018 at the most recent Diocesan Convention.

The Episcopal Church has never taken a stance endorsing the prohibition of the use of beverages containing alcohol among her members, and in accordance with its tradition of moderation and balance, recognizes that alcohol can be used wisely. In the light of this position, alcohol consumption should not be the focus of any ministry nor considered to be an exclusively normative activity. The following guidelines are to be followed for the serving and use of alcoholic beverages at church functions or on church property of Church of the Advent in Williamston, North Carolina:

- (1) Alcohol is not appropriate to serve at every church-sponsored function, but if it is to be served in any form, non-alcoholic alternatives must be offered, clearly labeled, and served with the same attractiveness and accessibility as those beverages containing alcohol (also clearly labeled), so that people who choose not to drink alcoholic beverages need not feel any embarrassment, discomfort, or inconvenience in exercising their preference, and people in recovery are provided a safe and welcoming environment.
- (2) All applicable Federal, State and Local laws and ordinances, including those governing the prohibition of serving alcoholic beverages to minors, must be observed. Serving alcoholic beverages at congregational events where minors are present is strongly discouraged. If minors are present, alcohol must be served at a separate station that is monitored at all times by a responsible adult, approved by the clergy or Vestry, to prevent underage drinking.
- (3) Promotion of parish events at which alcoholic beverages will be served should not include in the event's title specific reference to the alcoholic beverage (e.g., "Crab Feast" rather than Beer and Crab Supper"). BYOB should not be used on invitations to parish events; if guests to an event are invited to bring their own alcoholic beverages, there should be clear communication that non-alcoholic beverages will be provided at the event.
- (4) Food must be served when alcohol is present; the offering should be more substantial than nuts or crackers. Any food or beverage that contains alcohol must be clearly labeled as such, including any food where the alcohol has been cooked out.

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(5) Alcoholic beverages shall not be served when the business of Church of the Advent is being conducted (Vestry Meetings, Annual Meetings, Committee Meetings).

(6) Groups or organizations sponsoring the activity or event identified as a parish event, or gatherings at which alcoholic beverages are served on church property must have permission from the clergy or the vestry. Such groups or organizations must also assume responsibility for those persons who might become intoxicated and must provide alternative transportation for anyone whose capacity to drive may be impaired. Any group holding an event, including family wedding receptions or funeral receptions, who intends to serve alcohol during an event on church property must have the permission of the clergy or vestry and must carry a liability rider policy to cover the event. A copy of said policy should be received by the church office prior to the event.

(7) Clergy must communicate the acceptability of receiving the sacrament in one kind (bread only) and the acceptability of providing an alternative non-alcoholic wine if requested. Clergy shall be responsible for consecrating an appropriate quantity of wine during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and perform ablutions in a way that does not foster or model excessive consumption of consecrated wine following the service.

(8) It is the duty of the priest in charge of the congregation, the Senior Warden, and the Vestry to assume responsibility for the dissemination and observance of these guidelines, and to appoint and monitor those assigned to serve alcohol.

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

Betty and Charles Crowe
 Florence Baker
 Lennox Palmer
 Sandra Allen
 Mac Allen
 Nan Chesson
 Rachel Raiford
 Ronnie Wynne
 Mary Charles Coppage
 Frances Whittington
 Joe Jernigan
 Annie Jones
 Tink Jenkins
 James and Janice Ford

Birthdays

4, Katie Mann
 6, Sue House
 Harrison Peel
 8, Nita Smith
 9, Will Chesson
 12, Cayce French
 23, Billie Roney
 27, Caroline Galler



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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 15 Pentecost 10:00 am, MP II	3	4 <i>Katie Mann</i>	5 6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer Supper	6 <i>Sue House Harrison Peel</i>	7	8 <i>Nita Smith</i>
9 16 Pentecost 9:00 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, HE II, Baptism 12:00 noon, Welcome Luncheon <i>Will Chesson</i>	10	11	12 6:00 p. m. Choir Practice <i>Cayce French</i>	13	14	15
16 17 Pentecost 9:00 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, HE II	17	18	19 6:00 p. m. Choir Practice	20	21	22
23 18 Pentecost 9:00 am, Choir Practice 10:00 am, Sunday School 11:00 am, HE II <i>Billie Roney</i>	24	25	26 6:00 p. m. Choir Practice	27 <i>Caroline Galler</i>	28	29
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	2 <i>15 Pentecost</i> <i>10:00 A.M.</i> <i>MP II</i>	9 <i>16 Pentecost</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i> <i>HE II</i>	16 <i>17 Pentecost</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i> <i>HE II</i>	23 <i>18 Pentecost</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i> <i>HE II</i>	30 <i>19 Pentecost</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i> <i>HE II</i>
<i>Acolyte</i>		Dawson Taylor	Will Michel	Jean Miller	Dawson Taylor
<i>Acolyte</i>		Jean Miller	Adison Bosso	Standrick Jefferson	Will Michel
<i>Acolyte</i>					
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<i>Lessons</i>	Michael Biondi	Jane Jernigan	John Price	Ginny Webb	Valerie Cooke
<i>Intercessor</i>		Al Chesson	Lucia Peel	Bill Webb	Al Chesson
Eucharistic Minister		John Price	Doug Chesson	Bill Webb	Chloe Tuttle
Altar Guild	Ginny Webb	Ginny Webb	Ginny Webb	Ginny Webb	Ginny Webb
	Margaret Chesson	Margaret Chesson	Margaret Chesson	Margaret Chesson	Margaret Chesson
<i>Ushers</i>	Lowell Taylor	Lowell Taylor	Lowell Taylor	Lowell Taylor	Lowell Taylor
	Don Mills	Don Mills	Don Mills	Don Mills	Don Mills