

THE ADVENT CHRONICLE

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Weekly Events

Tuesday: 2nd Tues. Vestry Meet at
5:30pm

Wednesday: 1st Wed. of the month is
Advents Food Pantry 9 to Noon

Every Wednesday - Choir Practice at
3:15pm.

2nd Wed. (ECW) Episcopal Church Women
Meeting at 10:00am

Thursday: 9:30am EFM Class

Saturday:

1st Saturday of the Month **DOK Meet** at
10:30am.

2nd Saturday at 8:00am IHOP Breakfast
Fellowship – All are welcome.

3rd Saturday at 8:00am is Clean-up Day

**Do not forget that Fr. Bill will be in
the office on Tuesday & Wednesday
from Noon to 4pm.**

A MESSAGE FROM FR. BARRETT

The Lord be with you

In November we celebrate the secular holiday of Thanksgiving. This celebration is a strictly secular holiday, and it is a fairly recent national holiday. It was established by President Abraham Lincoln in the middle of the American Civil War. However, November is usually the month when church stewardship campaigns start. There is certainly a close connection between the theme of thanksgiving and Christian stewardship. The roots lie in the Old Testament and the law of the tithe. When Israel was in the wilderness, God fed them with manna from the sky. They were told to collect the manna daily except for the Sabbath. If they tried to collect two days of manna, it would spoil. In this way they were reminded daily of their dependence on God for everything. When they reached the Promised Land, the manna ended. Then they took over "fields they had not planted and homes they had not built." When God gave them this gift, he stipulated that the first tenth of their crops should be given to the Lord in acknowledgment that their

crops and flocks were a gift from the Lord. Now the financial gift of the tithe varies in amount today among God's people. Some have been blessed abundantly financially and should respond accordingly. The tithe of others not so blessed might resemble the widow's mite. All gifts are of the same spirit of gratitude proportion to our blessings.

Stewardship is not just about money. It also includes time and talents. The income and assets of members may vary, but all are equal in one thing. All have been given the same amount of time. There are 24 hours in a day, seven days in a week, and 12 months in a year for the rich man and the poor man. God has given us the free choice on how we use our time. No one has more time than another. It is a matter of choosing how we spend our time. In other words it is a matter of priorities. When we ask for volunteers, I often hear "but we are an old congregation." This reminds of a story from my days as a visitation pastor here in Florida. I would call the shut ins to schedule a Eucharistic visit. For some of our "home-bound" I had to schedule around trips to the grocery store and doctors. These "home-bound" members were perfectly able to drive to those destinations but unable to drive to church.

We are blessed with many active members. We have added new members this year already involved in several ministries. To all of you I say thank you in the name of the Lord. We still have many needs. We are calling for ushers, worship assistants, at least one more early Mass altar guild member, and four Vestry members. As you consider your stewardship this year, consider time and talents. Being a member of the Vestry takes at the most three hours a month. The other needs take one or two hours a month. That is a gift of .4% to 1.4% of your waking hours in a month. Is that too much to ask in return for what we have received from God, including our very lives now and for eternity? Everybody has the same amount of time. How will you use your time?

I close with a paraphrase of a DOK prayer. "I am only one and I can't do everything, but I can do something."

Father Bill

ADVENT AND NATIVITY WORSHIP FOR 2021

Our Advent theme this year is "Flames for the Faithful, Worship Around the Advent Wreath"

All midweek worship starts at 6pm. At this time no soup suppers are planned in accordance with diocese guidelines regarding Covid.

Wednesday November 28 The Prophecy Candle

Wednesday December 5 The Bethlehem Candle

Wednesday December 12	The Shepherds' Candle
Wednesday December 19	The Angel's Candle
Friday December 24	Christmas Eve-Candlelight 7pm
Saturday December 25	Christmas Day 9am
Sunday December 26	Sunday-normal schedule 8 and 10am



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Operation Christmas Child, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, has been our outreach project for many years. Children across the world receive shoeboxes with small gifts and learn about the Gospel of Jesus. Last year because of the pandemic we did not ask people to shop but to make a donation or build a box online. We are asking again for your support for the children. Hopefully next year we will be able to provide boxes and enjoy shopping for the children.

You can donate at: SAMARITANSPURSE.ORG

God Bless and thank you

Leah Foshay



EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN NEWS



Come join us for a fun day making this Christmas tree. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan on attending. Meeting date is November 10 at 10 am.

Our October guest speaker, Pat Gabriel, was wonderful. Her knowledge of what is happening in our area is amazing. All those who attended were very happy with all her information.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

November 1, 2021

We wish to THANK everyone that has contributed to the Thanksgiving Food Ministry. Without your time, energy and financial support this ministry could not survive. Funding for this ministry is thru congregational contributions.

Commitments are made four weeks ahead of the holiday to each guidance counselors at Sunrise, Hammett Bowen, Romeo, Saddlewood, Dunnellon and Marion Oaks Elementary schools, that we will support twenty families at each school.

Today, we have been called upon by Horizon Academy School. They, too, are requesting holiday food baskets. It is our desire and intent to supply as many baskets as possible. Yes, this will make the seventh school that we will be catering. We pray that GOD will show us the way to make this happen!

Question and Answers:

How do I make a contribution? You may make a check payable to Advent and put Holiday Food Baskets on the MEMO line, then place it in the collection plate.

CASH contribution, you would place the money in an envelope and write your name and Holiday food basket on the envelope and place it in the collection plate.

Delivery date for Thanksgiving will be Wednesday, November 17th. We can use all the hands that we can get. Just come out at 8 AM to the church and you will find us filling boxes.

If you know of someone that could use our services, please give their name and address to the office, Father Bill or to me and we will see that they get a food basket.

Christmas is right behind Thanksgiving and that allows only four weeks for us to do this all again.

Thanking you in advance for all you do,

Yours in Christ

Al Sickle

FOOD PANTRY NOVEMBER 3RD, 2021

Procurement will not be needed at this time.

Registration Clerks: Not needed at this time

Floater: Gordon Herrick

Pickers: Gerry Baker/Pat Birmes

Data Entry: Shirley Peloquin/Lesley Ciullo-Runner

THOUGHTS ON STEWARDSHIP BY A VESTRY MEMBER

On Tuesday night, October 19th, we had a Vestry meeting. We covered a variety of issues not least of which was the budget. It appears we are falling short of expected income. That's not too surprising given all the changes wrought by Covid-19 and it's variant. However, we'd like you to prayerfully consider your tithe to your church. It's important for us all to step up so we can keep the lights on, so to speak.

Many years ago I attended church with a man who had lost the job he'd held for many years. He had a family to support and was actively job-hunting. Rather than be discouraged by his situation, he made the decision to continue tithing to his church in the amount commensurate with the pay he *hoped* to get in his next job. To his delight, God provided even more than he'd hoped. His next job paid better than his old one and was even more satisfying. I still get a chill remembering when he stood up in the congregation and witnessed to us all his story. The joy just radiated off of him. I've been tithing ever since. Sometimes it hasn't been much because I wasn't making much but, you know, I never went hungry and I always had a roof over my head. Tithing, for me, is giving back to God a portion of what God has given me.

Now, the second concern is the Vestry itself. I realize we are a small congregation made up of mostly retired people BUT we have a lot of leadership talent here and the Vestry needs you NOW. We need four new members for the Vestry! We need so many because some have moved out of town and some have reached their three-year limit. Please search your hearts in prayer to see if you may feel called to serve God by helping to lead this congregation. Feel free to contact any member of the Vestry if you have any questions about what's involved, how much time, and the responsibilities of each member.

With love and gratitude for all God's gifts,
Linda Byrd

BACKPACK 4 KIDS SCHEDULE

2021 BACKPACKS 4 KIDS

Date	Volunteer	
10/7/2021		
14-Oct	Simpson, Skip & Ann	
21-Oct	Pratt, Charlie & Maria	
28-Oct	Larry & Eve	Gillespie
11/4/2021	Perez, Jose & Eneida	
11-Nov	Simpson, Skip & Ann	
18-Nov	Pratt, Charlie & Maria	
12/2/2021	Larry & Eve	Gillespie
9-Dec	Perez, Jose & Eneida	
16-Dec	Simpson, Skip & Ann	

2022

1/6/2022	Sickle, Al	
13-Jan	Pratt, Charlie & Maria	
20-Jan	Larry & Eve	Gillespie
27-Jan	Perez, Jose & Eneida	
2/3/2022	Simpson, Skip & Ann	
10-Feb	Sickle, Al	
17-Feb	Pratt, Charlie & Maria	
24-Feb	Larry & Eve	Gillespie
3/3/2022	Perez, Jose & Eneida	
10-Mar	Simpson, Skip & Ann	
24-Mar	Sickle, Al	
21-Mar	Pratt, Charlie & Maria	
4/7/2022	Larry & Eve	Gillespie
14-Apr	Perez, Jose & Eneida	
21-Apr	Simpson, Skip & Ann	
28-Apr	Sickle, Al	
5/5/2022	Pratt, Charlie & Maria	
12-May	Larry & Eve	Gillespie
19-May	Perez, Jose & Eneida	

Backpacks 4 Kids Ministry

ARE you the Volunteer we are looking for?

Three additional drivers are need to effectively support this ministry, without over loading anyone's time

What's involved.

Simply driving your vehicle downtown to Interfaith head quarters where your vehicle will be loaded with (up to 20) backpacks, actually they are your typical grocery bag. Once loaded you will drive to Sunrise Elementary School where they will be unloaded onto a cart and then your job is completed. Estimated time and mileage required to complete is about 2 to 2.5 hours and a distance of 20- 25 miles.

AS you can see by the attached schedule, with the proper amount of volunteers you would only be required to do this 2 to three times per school year

Please speak with one of the volunteers personally or just contact me.

Please give consideration to aiding this ministry.

Al Sickle jsickle391@gmail.com or 352 208 5664

MILESTONES

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect please contact the office and let us know– we want to include you with our blessings and best wishes on your special day.

BIRTHDAYS

Diane Hutchinson	11/01
Avis Nettles	11/02
Wayne Baker	11/05
Joe Brandt	11/05
Irma McNeal	11/05
Bob Petkanics	11/05
Debra Lord	11/12
Jules Poirier	11/13
Mary Lou Matteo	11/14
Daniel Wilson	11/18
Charles Strauss	11/22
Bruce Monforte	11/27

ANNIVERSARIES

Wayne & Geraldine Baker	11/06
Charles & Shirley Strauss	11/07
Paul & Marion Glanden	11/15
Bill & Linda Kenefick	11/18
Fr. Bill & Gaye Barrett	11/21

If anyone is interested in the Psalm 121 Ministry (Pray Warrior's) please speak to or call Alice DePerna at 352-489-1335

The Church is in need of Acolytes, Altar Guild helpers and Ushers. If anyone would like to volunteer or be a substitute please give Liz Herrick a call for Acolyte at (352) 291-4878 or e-mail her at tinlizziehr@yahoo.com, For Altar Guild, please call Lynn Johns at (305) 240-0163 or e-mail her at lajohns1@comcast.net, Dick & Bonnie Purnell for Ushers. Call Bonnie at (386) 559-2491 or email: Purnell.bonnie@gmail.com. Dick at (727) 992-2397 or email: Purnell.rt@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

November 3th, Food Pantry at the Advent 9:00am to Noon

November 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Choir Practice at 3:15pm

November 4th, 11th, 18th, EfM Class at 9:30am to Noon

DO NOT FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK ON Saturday, November 6th

November 6rd, Daughter of the King Meeting at 10:30am

November 9th, Vestry Meet at 5:30pm all are welcome

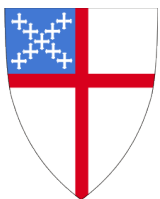
November 13th, IHOP Breakfast Fellowship at 8:00am

Altar Guild Meeting at 10:30am

November 20th, Clean-up Day at 8:00am – All are welcome to help out

Corrections

If you see that an error was made, please let me know, so that I have the right info.
Thank you, Lesley Ciullo



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