

THE ADVENT CHRONICLE

Our Purpose: Love God, Love One Another, Make Disciples

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Weekly Events

Sunday: 9am Services
1st Sunday is Healing Segment

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

Wednesday: Choir Practice at 3:45pm
1st Wednesday of the month is the **Food Pantry** at 9am to Noon
3rd **ECW** Meet at 10:30am

Thursday: 9:30am **EOF** – Exploring Our Faith

Friday: 12pm **Stations of the Cross** **Only in Lent**

Saturday: 1st Saturday of the Month **DOK Meet** at 10:30am
2nd Saturday of the month –Bob Evans Breakfast Fellowship - All are welcome
3rd **Clean-up-Day:** 8:00am All are welcome to help

A MESSAGE FROM FR. BARRETT

The Lord be with you!
The witnesses to the resurrection of our Lord vary in the gospels. In Mt. it is Mary Magdalene and “the other Mary.” In Mk. it is Mary Magdalene, Salome, and the other Mary now identified as the mother of James, one of the disciples. In Lk. it is Mary Magdalen, Joanna, Mary the mother of James and “the other women.” In Jn. it is only Mary Magdalen.

We find three identical themes in all the resurrection accounts. All of the first witnesses were women. This lends historical accuracy to the account as someone writing a forgery in the first century would never name women as witnesses to the truth. They were considered too emotional and unreliable. Second, all of the gospel writers say that the women went to the tomb to finish preparing the body for burial. Jesus was taken down from the cross on the Sabbath when work was prohibited by the Law of Moses. Finally all of the women were shocked. They either had never heard or dismissed Jesus’ prophecy that he must be betrayed, killed, and rises on the third day.

Consider in this Easter season that we are participants in the resurrection of C Christ. I am not speaking exclusively of the promise to be with him eternally when we leave this life. How do we participate in the resurrection of Christ in THIS life?

First of all, consider Mary Magdalene. She is the only witness named by all four gospel writers. Mary had been freed of a number of demons by Jesus. She then followed him throughout his ministry to the very end. We may never have been possessed, but haven't we all been freed of something by our faith in Jesus and become his followers? Also, we may never experience anything as shocking as the empty tomb, but I dare say we have all been surprised by the Lord in some way. As the prophet Isa. testified about God, "thoughts are not your thoughts and my ways are not your ways."

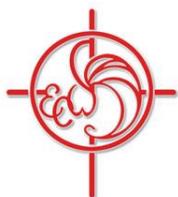
In this Easter season let us take time each day to ponder our old life and how it died in the new life when we truly embraced Christ as our Lord and Savior. Let us be open to his love and mercy and allow it to surprise all over again as we walk through this life with him.

Peace Father Barrett

Food Pantry Schedule April 3, 2024

Pickers: Pat Birmes/Gordon Herrick

Floater/Runner: Lesley Ciullo



Episcopal Church Women

Several events are in the works from your Advent ECW, so please note the following items:

Spaghetti Dinner, Friday April 26, 5:00-7:00 pm. Tickets \$10 pp. and are on sale now. Menu will be spaghetti and meat sauce, salad buffet, Texas toast, fruit cocktail and cookies, coffee, lemonade, water. We are asking for donations of cookies for the dessert to offset costs.

Basket Raffle Fundraiser Timeline:

Month of **April**: create your basket and bring to church. It's helpful to include a list of contents. Themes are unlimited, but some suggestions: Italian Night, Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate, Car Wash supplies in a bucket, Spring Cleaning supplies in a bucket, Tea Time, Pet supplies, Movie Night, Spa Day, or any theme you can dream up! If you like, you can bring items to church during April, and ECW members will assemble a basket for you.

Month of **May**: baskets displayed and raffle tickets sold before and after Sunday service.
Sunday, June 2, 2024: Raffle held during coffee hour.

Linda K



Easter Food Baskets

What a joyful feeling I have sitting here writing this report.

I can see the joy and cheerfulness on each individual's face as they go about filling each box.

We have asked a great deal from this congregation in accepting the challenge to sponsor 137 needy families. When extended out, this represents 720 individuals that you are feeding this holiday.

We realize that this comes at a time when all are feeling the crunch of inflation, from many directions. As of last Sunday March 24th, we were still short (\$1700.00) for covering the cost of this ministry. The vestry was consulted and has agreed to front this money until we repay it.

Monday evening's program was very eventful. We unloaded the truck, set up the assembly line and packed half of the boxes. The balance of the boxes will be packed in the morning, and will be delivered to the schools today.

What, a wonderful show of volunteers that came out to assist us with this endeavor.
Thank you to everyone that donated financially and physically to support this ministry.
You are the GREATEST.

Thank you
Al Sickle

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

Skip Simpson	04/03
Debra Wilson	04/04
Del Miller	04/13
Abraham Rodriguez	04/13
Cindy Spinning	04/17
Marilyn French	04/18
Bob Comeriato	04/21
Joe Perez	04/25
Mary Daniels	04/26
Ethan Ying	04/26
Nancy McGuckin	04/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Chuck & Pat Birmes	04/25
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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 Kathy Consiglio

at (352) 465-7272 or e-mail her at ktgijjd6@gmail.com, Dick & Bonnie Purnell for Ushers. Call the (386) 559-2491 or e-mail her at Purnell.bonnie@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

April 3, 2024 Food Pantry at 9:00am to Noon

April 3,10,17,24, 2024 Choir Practice at 3:45pm

April 4, 11, 18 & 25 2024 Exploring Our Faith (EOF) at 9:30am

April 6, 2024 Daughters of the King Meet at 10:30am

April 9, 2024 Vestry Meeting at 5:30pm

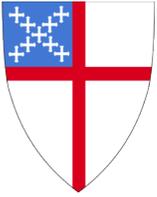
April 13, 2024 Bob Evans Breakfast Fellowship at 8:00am

April 17, 2024 Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Meet at 10:00am

April 20, 2024 Clean-up Day – All are Welcome

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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