

# 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 5:00pm

**Wednesday:** Choir Practice at 3:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month is the **Food Pantry** at 9am to Noon  
3<sup>rd</sup> **ECW** Meet at 10:00am

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

**Saturday:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month **DOK Meet** at 10:30am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month –IHOP Breakfast Fellowship at 9:00am - All are welcome  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Clean-up-Day:** 8:00am All are welcome to help

## **A MESSAGE FROM FR. BARRETT**

The Lord be with you!

He is risen, alleluia! We have four different accounts of the resurrection of Jesus in the gospels. This is understandable. Remember the apostolic witness started as verbal testimony by the witnesses to Jesus' resurrection. The first gospel (Mark) was written at least thirty years after Easter Sunday. The other three were written 40-60 years after the event. Did you ever play that party game called telephone? The more stories are passed along, the more the details change. What is beyond dispute is that the disciples boldly proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus within days of the event. The apostle Paul noted that many of the eye witnesses were still alive and could verify the story. Also, remember the Jewish authorities and the Romans were eager to disprove the resurrection story and knew where the body of Jesus had been laid. If they could have, they most certainly would have produced his corpse. They knew the location of the tomb, but they knew it was empty.

So in Matthew we have Mary Magdalen and "the other Mary. This could be Jesus' mother or the mother of James and John or the mother of John Mark. The fact that she is so loosely described leads me to believe the early Christians knew this Mary was the mother of our Lord although this gospel could be in agreement with Matthew and

Luke that this Mary is the mother of James. In Mark we have Mary Magdalen, Mary the mother of James and Salome. In Luke we Mary Magdalen, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. In John we have only Mary Magdalen. Notice a pattern here? All four gospels agree that Mary Magdalen was the first or among the first witnesses to Jesus' resurrection!

Mary Magdalen was from the village of Magdala. Mary was one of the most common names in the first century. It derives from Miriam, the sister of Moses. So the gospels add Magdalen to distinguish her from other Mary's, including the mother of Jesus and the mother of the prominent disciples James and John. Mary Magdalen may have been a successful merchant and one of the women who supported Jesus' ministry financially. She was at the crucifixion of Jesus even though his male disciples fled. She also was at his burial. She was a first witness to his resurrection. According to the gospel of John, she was the ONLY initial witness and ran to tell Jesus' disciples who were hiding behind locked doors. For this reason the Roman Catholic Church calls her "the apostle to the apostles." In the Eastern Church she is called "first among the apostles."

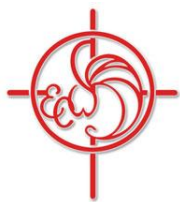
Perhaps no other character in the Bible has suffered as much misinformation as Mary Magdalen. Up until the late 20<sup>th</sup> century she was identified as a reformed prostitute by the Roman Catholic Church. She was the sinful woman described in Luke and John. This derived from an Easter sermon by Pope Gregory I in 591 AD. It has no basis in scripture. The only thing the gospels say about her former life is that Jesus healed her from possession by seven demons. In an apocryphal gospel from the third century she has special knowledge given to her by Jesus, and the twelve disciples are jealous of her special relationship with the Master. She even has a romantic relationship with Jesus! This myth was popularized in the movie "The Last Temptation of Christ."

What we can say with certainty from the gospels is that Mary Magdalen's life was changed at some point by Jesus. She became a devoted follower. Her faith and courage are an example to all followers of Jesus throughout history.

Peace Father Barrett

## **Food Pantry Schedule April 1, 2026**

Pickers: Shirley Brinker  
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Floater/Runner: Lesley Ciullo



## Episcopal Church Women

All come out for the ECW Spaghetti dinner, on Friday, April 17 at 4:30pm to 6:30pm, the cost is \$10 per person.

Kathy Consiglio

### **Musings from your Senior Warden Bigelow Robinson**

If you enjoy attending our service, ask a friend to join you.

Thank you, Bigelow



We extend our whole hearted THANKS to you for all of your financial support, well as your physical support in promoting this ministry. Without you there could not be a Holiday Food Basket Program.

We will be doing things a bit differently for this holiday.

March 30, Monday, we will be picking up the food, returning to the church at 1 PM. We will be setting up the assembly line, unloading the truck, stack the tables, pack all of the boxes, and load the necessary vehicles, making them ready for delivery on March 31st<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday morning.

THANKS again for all that you have done and are doing in supporting this Ministry.

Trudy Knecht

### **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](mailto:tinlizziehr@yahoo.com), For Altar Guild, please call Kathy Consiglio at (352) 465-7272 or e-mail her at [ktgjjd6@gmail.com](mailto:ktgjjd6@gmail.com) Lola Roseberry for Ushers. Call the (830) 889-2088 or e-mail her at [texpepper@lcloud.com](mailto:texpepper@lcloud.com)

## **Upcoming Events**

**April 1, 2026** Food Pantry at 9:00am to Noon

**April 2, 2026** Choir practice will be at 5:00pm, then on Wednesday, **8, 15, 22 & 29<sup>th</sup>**, Choir Practice at 3:30pmpm

**April 2, 2026** Maundy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm – Stripping of the Altar

**April 3, 2026** Good Friday Worship at 7pm No HC, no music

**April 4, 2026** Daughters of the King Meet at 10:30am

**April 4, 2026** Easter Vigil Worship at 7pm Start of the Easter Celebration

**April 5, 2026** Easter Breakfast at 7:30am then Easter Sunday Worship at 9:00am

**April 11, 2026** HOP Breakfast Fellowship at 9:00am

**April 14, 2026** Vestry Meeting at 5:00pm

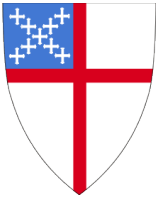
**April 15, 2026** Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Meet at 10:00am

**April 17, 2026** ECW Spaghetti Dinner 4:30pm to 6:30pm \$10.00 per person, sign-up sheet in Narthex

**April 18, 2026** 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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