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Dear Friends,

On Juneteenth, ten members from Church of the Advent, along with friends from the wider community, participated in the Diocese of New Jersey's "Slavery History Pilgrimage," a journey thoughtfully developed by the diocesan Reparations Commission. This pilgrimage took us to four significant sites in North Jersey, each tied to New Jersey's often-overlooked history of slavery. It was an emotional, eye-opening experience that I'm still processing—one that stirred deep grief, anger, and a renewed sense of purpose.

The stop that impacted me the most was the mass burial site at the former Tinton Plantation. There, an untold number of enslaved people are buried in a mass grave. Standing on that ground, I felt angry that their lives were stripped of dignity not only in their living but even in their death. There were no headstones to honor their memory, no recorded names, only a solemn silence and a sacred presence that demanded reverence. I found myself grieving not just for them, but for the generations who never knew their ancestors, for the stories that have been lost forever.

A shocking part of the pilgrimage was learning about Judge Jacob Van Wickle, a county judge and prominent layman in the Episcopal Church. In the early 1800s, he orchestrated the kidnapping and illegal sale of at least 136 Black people from New Jersey to plantations in the Deep South. These individuals, many of them free or born in freedom, were trafficked into slavery under the guise of the law. What struck me hardest was not only the evil of his actions but the Episcopal Church's silence at the time. Despite widespread public protest, Van Wickle was never held accountable—neither by the courts nor by the Church.

This truth was sobering. It reminded me that the stain of slavery was not confined to the South, nor to just a few individuals. It was woven into the very fabric of our nation, including our religious institutions. As Episcopalians, we must confront this legacy head-on. Our Church was not merely complicit in slavery, but often enabled and benefited from it. Acknowledging this history is not about assigning modern guilt, but about seeking repentance, repair, and justice.

The pilgrimage made clear to me that remembering the past is not enough. We must allow it to shape our actions today. As followers of Christ, we are called to truth, to justice, and to love. We are called to build a future where every person is valued, seen, and free. The road to that future begins with honest remembrance.

I am deeply grateful to Alice Barnes-Vasser for organizing this trip and ensuring we could bear witness together. It was more than a road trip. It was a journey into our shared history, into lament, and hopefully, into transformation. It is possible for you to make this journey on your own and I hope you will consider doing so. Information is available at <https://dionj-racialjusticereview.blogspot.com>

Faithfully,

Alan+

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

This has been a season of transitions! We have moved from the starkness of winter to the new birth of Spring. The Sunday school year is over and we can look forward to Vacation Bible School in August. We have the wonderful summer season to rest, relax and enjoy all the Gifts God has provided for us. It is a different pace and I hope each of you find the change a time of renewal.

This is also a time for evaluation, planning, and preparation. The committees are still working to be sure that we are preparing ourselves for what lies ahead. It is our time to dream big dreams and believe all is possible if we work with God!

So, if you are on a "staycation" or a "vacation" I hope you will plan an hour a week to join in the Community for Christ here at Advent or wherever you are. Find the joy you all so richly deserve in this transition time of rest and renewal!

God bless and be safe!

Rejoice!!

Deacon Charlene

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Church of the Advent Education Committee, together with the Sunday School Program, is excited to welcome back our summer Vacation Bible School!

Join us each evening from **August 11th to August 15th**, from **6:00 PM to 7:30 PM** at **Cape May Point State Park** for a week full of faith, fun, and fellowship.

Kids will enjoy engaging activities like **Bible storytelling, arts and crafts, recreation, and science**, all led by our wonderful volunteers.

Have questions? Feel free to contact **Trisha Andrzejczak** at trisha.andrzejczak@gmail.com. Registration information is available with this issue of *The Anchor*.

We can't wait to see everyone and spend the week **learning to follow God's call, no matter where the river flows.**

— Trisha Andrzejczak

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11, 2025. That is the day for our fabulous Yard Sale. So begin gathering your treasures now so you will be ready to donate them in October.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

The Cape May summer vacation time has arrived and Church of the Advent is seeing more visitors on Sundays. We are pleased to have them visit and hope that their experience will be fulfilling and positive. So if our regular parishioners spot new people, please approach them with a warm and friendly welcome.

The news as usual is filled with wars, disasters, humanitarian crises, and behaviors that have strayed from the teachings of Jesus. Our church should be an oasis in the midst of the storms we see daily - a place to contemplate, to center oneself in Jesus, to pray, to renew spiritually, to give to others, and to refresh our humanity, compassion, and forgiveness.

We are a community of God's people, although we all have a different story to tell. Each of us has a history of ambitions, talents, and successes, as well as failures, regrets, and struggles. We come together in our church community to seek God and to help our neighbors no matter what our stories have been. But our unique stories and perspectives are a spiritual resource for our personal ministry reflecting our gratitude, faith, and love. As we enter the warmth of summer, please prayerfully consider what you can contribute to and share with our community of faith. Join a committee, help at a church function, become an usher or reader, serve as an acolyte, donate to the many causes the church supports, ask a friend to come to church with you, join Bible study. Become involved in your own way, faithfully and with love.

We hope for God's Grace.

Joel Rutenberg
Stewardship Committee

HANDBELL CHOIR

Our handbell choir is a joint ministry of Advent and Cape May Lutheran Church. Members of the group play in groups of two, four, six, and more. We're taking a summer hiatus, but you're welcome to join us when we return to rehearsals on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm beginning again in September.

Please contact me at 803-466-5267 or brieleonard@icloud.com if you're interested in playing. I'd be happy to get you started over the summer so you feel more secure in the fall playing with the group. There is no membership requirement for either church — feel free to invite a friend to join with you!

-Brenda Leonard

JOIN OUR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Are you passionate about faith formation and helping others grow spiritually? The Church of the Advent Education Committee is looking for new members who are eager to bring fresh ideas and energy to our ministry!

In the past, our committee has supported and organized a wide range of opportunities, including **Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, weekly Bible**

studies, a new Women's Bible study, and seasonal programs during Advent and Lent—including a Lenten book study and reflection series.

We are excited to continue building on this strong foundation, and we welcome individuals who have a heart for ministry and a desire to create even more opportunities for spiritual growth within our congregation.

If you're interested in getting involved, we invite you to **attend our next meeting on August 10th at 9:00 AM**, or feel free to reach out to **Trisha Andrzejczak** at trisha.andrzejczak@gmail.com with any questions.

Let's work together to inspire, teach, and grow in faith as a community!

ECW NOTES

Thanks to all who have made this year fun and successful. There is more to come and below is a listing of things we will be involved in starting in September.

We don't meet during the summer, so our first meeting for the fall is September 18 at 10:30 in the Parish Hall. Topics of discussion will be upcoming receptions and our very important Christmas Bazaar.

We will have crafts meetings in the fall to make Christmas decorations and ornaments. Check your mail or Sunday bulletin for dates and times. No experience needed!

This summer we will still be active as we help the ECM with their Pancake Breakfasts as we did last year. Two are planned – one on July 26 and the other on August 16 both from 8:30 to 11. If you can help, please let us know and we will pass the word along. You can also help by coming and eating their delicious pancakes! The ECM are also planning a Yard Sale in the fall and will need help with that. We have been blessed with their help at our sales and are anxious to return the favor.

We hope everyone has a great summer!

-Carol Obligado

UPDATING OUR PARISHIONER INFORMATION

We have a Directory of Church of the Advent Family and Friends in which we try to keep accurate information. This is often a challenge since folks often come and go. It is important for us to maintain correct information on our parishioners so that we can serve you and your family's needs and desires appropriately.

Included in this issue of The Anchor is a Parishioner Information Form that we would greatly appreciate you completing and returning to us. All the information you provide us will remain with church. None will be given to outsiders.

Attached to this email is a second attachment that contains a fillable version of the Parishioner Information Form that you can download, fill out, and then return to adventsecretary@comcast.net. You will need a pdf reader such as **Adobe Acrobat Reader** on your phone/computer.

You can also complete the form in this issue of The Anchor and return it to Church of the Advent, PO Box 261, Cape May, NJ 08204, or drop it off at church.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and help with this request.

July Birthday Celebrations**July Anniversary Celebrations**

2	Sally Snyder		
3	David Craig		
3	Mimi Wood		
9	Bobby Andrzejczak		
12	Ivy Vasser		
14	Lynda Cogswell		
17	Georgeanna Sexton		
19	Scott Griffith		
19	Dale Morrison		
23	Jack Shaw		
25	Mary Ann Coyle		
30	Lorraine Shaw		

August Birthday Celebrations**August Anniversary Celebrations**

2	Gary Reed	4	Pam Kelly & Robert Bullington
9	Richard Thompson	14	Jean & Robert Horn
14	Judy McCusker	25	Glenda & Werner Unzelmann
19	Sam Wilson	31	Diane & Vincent DePietro
23	Lorraine Brooks		
23	Karla Kiefer		
24	Heather Turner		
24	Christopher Wood		

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: The Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

The 10:30 service is also livestreamed on YouTube

Wednesday: Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday: The Holy Eucharist at 12:00 Noon

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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JULY 2025

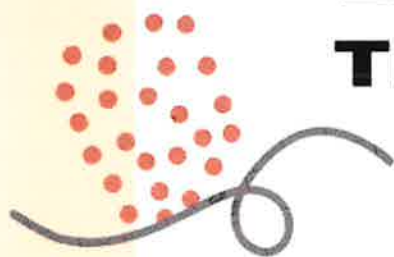
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AUGUST 2025



PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR THE COMMUNITY



**Episcopal Church of
the Advent**

**WASHINGTON AND
FRANKLIN ST, CAPE
MAY**

**Sat., July 26 &
Sat., Aug. 16
8:30 to 11:00 AM**

**Adults \$15
12 & Under \$10**

**All You Can Eat
Incl. Bacon, Sausage,
Fruit, Coffee & Juice**



CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

PRESENTS



NIGHTLY,

AUGUST 11TH-15TH

6-7:30PM

CAPE MAY POINT

STATE PARK



TO REGISTER



CHURCH OF THE ADVENT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

AUGUST 11-15 @ 6-7:30

CAPE MAY POINT STATE PARK

PARTICIPANT(S)
FIRST NAME

PARTICIPANT(S)
LAST NAME

PARENT/GUARDIAN EMAIL

PARENT/GUARDIAN CELL PHONE

ANY FOOD SENSITIVITIES OR ALLERGIES?

ARE YOU A CURRENT MEMBER OF CHURCH OF THE ADVENT? (NOT
NECESSARY TO REGISTER OR PARTICIPATE, FOR DATA PURPOSES)

☐ YES

☐ NO

THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT ROUTINELY PROMOTES ACTIVITIES
THROUGH VARIOUS MEDIA. THIS INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO
NEWSLETTERS, NEWSPAPERS, BROCHURES, AND DISPLAYS. IN DOING SO,
THE NAMES AND PHOTOS OF MEMBERS MAY BE INCLUDED TO HELP
PROMOTE THE CHURCH OF THE ADVENT AND ITS EDUCATION OUTREACH.

☐ YES, PERMISSION IS GIVEN FOR USE OF MY (MY CHILD'S) PICTURE AND NAME FOR
PROMOTION OF THIS EVENT

☐ NO, DO NOT USE MY (MY CHILD'S) INDIVIDUAL PICTURE FOR ANY PURPOSE. I WILL
MAKE AN EFFORT TO AVOID OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN GROUP PHOTOS.

☐ NO, DO NOT USE MY (MY CHILD'S) NAME FOR ANY PURPOSE



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Parishioner Information Form

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Primary Contact

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Int: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Baptism(Date): _____ Confirmation(Date): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP Code: _____

E-mail: _____ Home Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Marital Status:

- ☐ Married
Date: _____
- ☐ Divorced
Date: _____
- ☐ Single
- ☐ Other

Gender

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ NB
- ☐ Prefer Not to Say

Race/Ethnicity:

- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White

Relationship to Church of the Advent

- ☐ Member
- ☐ Summer Member
- ☐ Friend
- ☐ Other: _____

Service attended:

- ☐ 8am ☐ 10:30am

Spouse/Partner

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Int: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Baptism(Date): _____ Confirmation(Date): _____

E-mail: _____ Home Phone: _____

Occupation: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Marital Status:

- ☐ Married
Date: _____
- ☐ Divorced
Date: _____
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- ☐ Other

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- ☐ Friend
- ☐ Other: _____

Service attended:

- ☐ 8am ☐ 10:30am

Children Living at Home

NAME	BIRTHDATE	BAPTISM DATE	CONFIRMATION DATE	GRADE
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____