

THE ANCHOR

Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

Throughout Scripture, God continually calls people to take the next faithful step, even when the future is uncertain. Abraham left his homeland without knowing where God would lead him. Moses led the Israelites into the wilderness. The disciples left their nets to follow Jesus. Again and again, God's people were asked not to cling to what was familiar, but to trust that God would guide them into the future.

Faith does not mean doing nothing and expecting God to solve every problem. It means doing all that we can while trusting God with what lies beyond our control. When Jesus sent the disciples out two by two to proclaim the Kingdom of God, they did not know exactly how their needs would be met. Yet they went. Most of the places they visited welcomed them. Their needs were met, and they witnessed God's power through acts of healing and compassion. Not everyone listened, but they continued the mission Christ had given them.

As a church, we are called to keep our eyes on the mission Christ has given us. Every congregation has moments of disappointment and seasons of uncertainty. We learn from them, and we respond to them with wisdom. But we cannot allow ourselves to become so focused on what has happened that we lose sight of what God is calling us to do next.

The Church has never been called simply to preserve itself. It has been called to proclaim the Good News, to care for those in need, and to invite others into the life of Christ. That work always points us forward. We give thanks for the past, but our ministry is always in the present and our hope is always in the future.

That also means being wise stewards of the resources God has entrusted to us. Careful planning is important, but stewardship is ultimately an act of faith. We make prudent decisions while remembering that our purpose is not merely to avoid every possible risk, but to carry out the ministry God has given us. Throughout the history of the Church, God has provided the people and resources needed whenever his people have remained faithful to their calling.

Faith rarely gives us a complete picture of what lies ahead. More often, it simply gives us enough light to take the next step. As individuals and as a parish, that is all God asks of us—not that we know everything the future holds, but that we trust him enough to keep moving forward.

So let us continue asking: *What is God calling the Church of the Advent to do today?* How can we best serve our neighbors? How can we share the love of Christ with those who are searching for hope? If we continue taking the next faithful step, trusting God to guide us along the way, I believe he will continue to do great things through the people of the Church of the Advent.

Faithfully,
Alan+

FROM THE DEACON'S DESK

We have entered the heart of the summer! We have begun the longest season of the Church's calendar, Pentecost! These two seasons have many things in common.

Summer is the time of year that is much more laid back, a kind of easy living, where we can enjoy the Sun, visit with friends and family, and generally work in our gardens with joy and pride. We can hear the birds and the "noise" of children playing or riding bikes. Living in Ocean City, I can walk my dog at dusk and hear people on front porches talking and telling stories, remembering other times and past experiences that they have shared. Often, the children are listening and find out new things or just hear things they don't remember about their story. The light and warmth surround all.

I think the season of Pentecost is very much the same. We gather as family or friends each Sunday. We walk together in the morning sunlight and hear all different sounds of the world around us. Old friends are being acknowledged, new friends being greeted warmly, visitors welcomed.

Pentecost invites us to hear the stories of our past, the stories of our ancestors. It invites us to hear again the mighty acts of Jesus as we listen to the stories of his teaching the disciples about God, as only a Son can do. The Scripture tells us of God's love for us.

We are all God's family and as one family we eat a sacred meal together.

Finally, we are sent out into the world we live in today, to rejoice. In knowing who we are, knowing our family story, and knowing we are loved, we too will be sharing our family story where ever we go!

Blessings for a fun and restful summer and share the joy of your story!
Deacon Charlene

PAINT THE CHURCH CAMPAIGN

Last month we sent out a letter requesting funds urgently needed to paint our Historic Church. So far, we have received generous commitments from 5 Parishioners and friends of Advent. This initial response has given us the confidence to proceed with the signing of a contract to begin the painting in the Fall. However, we are hoping to have wider participation from the Congregation and look forward to your check or pledge for this project in the coming weeks so that we can not only cover the painting, but also restore our REPLACEMENT FUND for future needs. Please make checks out to: CHURCH OF THE ADVENT and note on the Memo section PAINT THE CHURCH CAMPAIGN. You can also donate through our website: **capemayadvent.org**. Any amount is welcome.

- *Fred Obligado,*
Paint the Church Campaign Chair

COME CELEBRATE WITH US AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

To celebrate our country's 250th birthday we encourage folks to come and ring our bell on July 4th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The bell is located on Washington Street in front of the church. You will get a commemorative sticker to mark the day. Our historic church will open for tours and there will be homemade baked goods and water for sale.

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

Sunday, June 7th at the 10:30 a.m. service, Fr. Alan blessed the first group of prayer shawls made by members of the new Prayer Shawl Ministry - Pam Kelly Bullington, Carolyn LaMountain, Carol Obligado, Georgeanna Sexton and Sally Snyder.

A ministry of the heart and based on prayer, the shawls will be taken by Fr. Alan and Deacon Charlene to people who are facing difficult times and decisions. Recipients are not limited to members of Church of the Advent. If you know someone who needs that extra special reminder that God is always with us, please let Fr. Alan or Deacon Charlene know. As shawls become available and are blessed, they will be given to those in need.

-Carolyn LaMountain

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Outreach Committee has been busy. Over the last couple of months, we have been able to support several local and national / international projects thanks to the generous pledges of our parishioners.

- We donated \$200 to the special needs class at Hamilton Township Schools in Mays Landing to help fund community-based experience field trips for the students.
- A \$500 donation was made to the St. Barnabas Food Pantry to help local families.
- We supported Volunteers in Medicine with a contribution.
- We donated \$100 to the nursing preparation program of Americans for Native Americans as we have done in the past.
- Through the Mustard Seed Jar collections, we will once again donate \$750 to The Collateral Repair Project that helps displaced families in Jordan. (We will also apply to the diocese for a matching grant, which we have been awarded in the past, so they may receive \$1500 in total.)
- A contribution of \$500 was made to the American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem for their work during these challenging times in the Middle East.

Note: We will continue to support local youth enrichment opportunities, so if you know of a child who would benefit from our church assisting their family for activity class fees, sports registrations, etc. please let Fr. Alan or one of our Outreach Committee members know about them.

Our committee meets monthly on the second Monday of the month at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. A Zoom option is also available for those who'd like to join remotely. All are welcome!

-Pam Kelly, Chairperson

PARISH PICNIC



July 19, 2026

Cape May County Park (Z00)

PAVILION #05

11:00 a.m. after the 9:00 a.m.
service at the church.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Beverages provided

Please bring a side dish or dessert.

Put your name and number of people coming on the sign-up list in the vestibule of the church or call the church office at 609-884-3065 so that we have an idea of how much supplies to buy.

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**

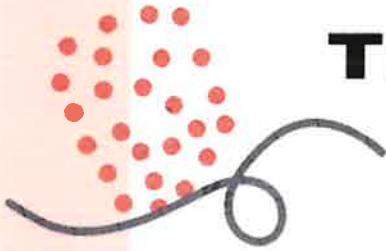
2	Gary Reed	4	Pam Kelly & Robert Bullington
9	Richard Thompson	14	Jean & Robert Horn
14	Judy McCusker	27	Grete & Martyn Greenacre
19	Sam Wilson	31	Diane & Vincent DePietro
23	Lorraine Brooks		
23	Karla Kiefer		
24	Heather Turner		
24	Christopher Wood		

WEEKLY WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday: The Holy Eucharist at 9:00 a.m.
The 9:00 service is also livestreamed on YouTube
Wednesday: Morning Prayer at 9:30 a.m.
Thursday: The Holy Eucharist at 12:00 Noon



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**



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5 Pentecost 6 Holy Eucharist -9:00 AM Youtube.com livestream	6 No Bible Study	7	8 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	9 Holy Eucharist- Noon	10	11
12 Pentecost 7 Holy Eucharist --- 9:00 AM Youtube.com Livestream	13 Outreach Comm. Meeting-3:00 PM- Parish Hall No Bible Study -	14 Men's Breakfast- 8:00 AM	15 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	16 Holy Eucharist- Noon	17	18
19 Pentecost 8 Holy Eucharist – 9:00 AM Youtube.com livestream Picnic-Zoo, Pavillion #5-11:00 AM	20 Bible Study -7:30- 9:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800	21	22 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	23 Holy Eucharist- Noon	24	25 Community Breakfast-8:30 to 11:00 AM-Parish Hall
26 Pentecost 9 Holy Eucharist – 9:00 AM Youtube.com livestream	27 Bible Study -7:30- 9:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800	28	29 Office Closed Advent Walkers-8 AM-Promenade Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	30 Holy Eucharist- Noon	31	

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