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Dear Friends,

In recent weeks, Advent has lost the support of two clergy people. Fr. Dan Hall was our associate in ministry for many years. He developed the Advent Cares program and coordinated pastoral care for our church. We bid him goodbye at his recent funeral and he will be much missed by me and by many others. Deacon Jane Carol Wilson served Advent for several months following her ordination, particularly in the area of pastoral care. I very much enjoyed working with her and she was a great help in many areas. Bishop Sally has now assigned Deacon Jane Carol to serve at St. Mary's, Stone Harbor and St. Barnabas in the Villas. She, too, will be missed here, but we wish her Godspeed and ask God's blessings on her new ministry.

As a result of these losses, we need new people to become workers in the ministry of Church of the Advent. The laity are the first order of ministry in the Episcopal Church. You are called in baptism to represent Christ and bear witness to him wherever you may be. Strong lay ministry, in accordance with the gifts received from God, strengthens the Church and will strengthen our ministry in the world.

Some of you have been given gifts in pastoral care. Jo Ann Armstrong has been serving for many years as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, bringing communion to our shut-ins. But we need more than one person in this role! Our livestream makes it possible for our shut-ins to watch Sunday worship on-line; however, they should also be able to receive communion on a regular basis. Lay Eucharistic Visitors receive training in the ministry of bringing communion to parishioners.

We also need more Lay Worship Leaders. Currently, Sharon Werth leads our Wednesday Morning Prayer service and Sam Wilson has done so in the past. But we also have the noon service on Thursdays. With the loss of Fr. Dan, it isn't always possible to find a clergyperson to cover that service when I am not here. Lay Worship Leaders would help with our weekday services and be available if a layperson is needed to lead Morning Prayer on a Sunday morning.

There is training available for Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lay Worship Leaders and people in either role must have received Safe Church Training within the last five years. Please prayerfully consider if you have the gifts for this type of ministry. I would be thrilled to meet with you and ensure that you receive the necessary training.

More trained lay ministers would be a welcome addition to our ministry here at Advent. Please let me know if you feel called to this work.

Faithfully,

Alan+

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

But the End of all things is at hand; be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

---1 Peter 4:7 Prayer is LOVE!..... The Daughters areLOVE!

In September the Daughters of the King are forming, and all interested women are welcome to join. The Daughters are a Spiritual Order for women in the communion of the Episcopal Church and other churches that are in communion with the Episcopal Church. Interested women in prayer should contact Nancy Loper at 609-703-6839 or crissypatch@yahoo.com or call the church at 609-884-3065.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT YARD SALE

Preparations for our yard sale scheduled for Saturday, October 7, Victorian Weekend, are ongoing. It will be in our parking lot from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Our next planning meeting will be Monday, September 11 with another meeting on Monday, September 25. Both meetings are at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. We will need lots of help, so please try to attend one of these meetings and offer you help.

We will need folks to sort donations, categorize them, price them and get them ready for display. Donations will be accepted in the Parish Hall October 2-5 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. If you have donations but are not able to bring them to the Parish Hall, please contact Richard Hudson at 856-304-7129.

On Saturday, October 7, we need folks to staff tables and help make the sale go smoothly.

This is a list of items we would like to have:

- Vintage items and collectibles
- Tools
- Books
- Old lace tablecloths
- Curtains
- Pots and Pans
- Home Goods
- Memorabilia
- Toys
- Antiques

This is a list of items we will not accept:

- Clothing
- Sheets and towels
- Computers and electronic devices
- Anything broken

ART AUCTION AND SALE

A small committee is hard at work planning a silent art auction in the main Sanctuary and a Second Chance Art Sale in the Parish Hall on November 4, 2023, from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. We have several top-notch, local artists already offering to donate their original works for the auction. You can be of great service by:

- **Helping to Identify Potential Artists** -- If you know an artist either in the Advent family or otherwise who would be willing to display and donate an original painting to the silent auction, please contact one of us on the committee below.
- **Donating Second Chance Paintings** – If you have a favorite fine original painting or print that you are getting tired of looking at after 30 years, please consider donating this piece to the sale.
- **Helping with Planning, Setting Up or Running the Event** – The Committee would welcome your help!

We expect this event to be a major fund-raiser to help our parish family address our 2023 deficit budget. Thanks for any help you can provide.

Art Auction/Sale Committee:

Brenda Leonard, Chair; Dave Hammond, Lew Price, Sharon Werth

ADVENT BOOK CLUB

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and read lots of good books. Bring titles of your favorites to our meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 7:00 PM at the Cogswell's home. We will choose books for discussions at future meetings. Looking forward to seeing you all. For additional information please contact Lynda Cogswell.

- *Lynda Cogswell*

OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS

The Outreach Committee of Church of the Advent voted to respond to the terrible fire destruction in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii. We sent a check for \$1000.00 to Episcopal Relief and Development to help in their work with those devastated by the fire.

Our next Outreach meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 3:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Please join us if you are interested in helping those in need as we minister in Christ's name.

- *Marrie Cassidy*

ADVENT EDUCATION MATTERS . . .

The parish education committee met Sunday, August 27, 2023, and commends the following information to the parish:

- The VBS was successfully concluded—with important and broad support from parishioners. As a result, it is likely that two new children will begin attending Sunday School this fall.
- Children’s Sunday School resumes Sunday September 17, 2023. Contact Trisha Andrzejcack for more information.
- Adult Bible Study resumes via Zoom on September 11, 2023. It will begin with the Gospel of John, Chapter 9. Contact Father Alan for more information.
- Work continues on parish security and safety training. Contact Father Alan or Frank Garcia for more information.
- Several Parishioners are enrolled in the EfM program that continues to be offered online by the Rev. Maggie Otterburn at St. Mark’s and All Saints Church, Galloway, NJ.
- A new religious/theological book club is being organized online, beginning September 13, 2023. It is open to all interested adults. Contact Sam Wilson for the link to the meeting.
- A four-week 2023 Advent Season program of study is being planned for all interested persons. More information will follow.

The committee asks for the parish’s prayers in support of these programs and initiatives.

— *Sam Wilson*

HOLY BOOKWORMS to Set Plans in the Fall

The *Holy Bookworms*, a proposed ecumenical, online, reading club, which is open to all adults, will hold an online organizational meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 7:00 PM. General planning, developing a list of suggested titles, adopting protocols, and setting up a book buying co-op will be discussed at that time. The program’s first official meeting will be in October. This program is suited for anyone who wants to read, reflect on, and discuss 21st-century issues and challenges to Christian faith and life from a practical theological perspective. To allow a head start for the program, the selected title for the October session is *The Fractured Kingdom* (2023) by Jean-Pierre Isbouts. It may be purchased online at both [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com). Contact Sam Wilson at samwilsonjr46@gmail.com for more information and to receive the Zoom link.

DAYBREAK

Birds were chirping.
I saw a rabbit in the grass hopping by.
My aloneness was usurping God's glory in my soul.
Love is my goal.
No neighbors were awake to say, "Hi".

Karla Keifer

September Birthday Celebrations

September Anniversary Celebrations

7	Jason Brown	5	Ed & Barbara Cattaneo
9	Jane Kotz	15	William & Susan DeHart
12	Lana Thompson	21	Dwight Coleman & Karann Murphy
13	Ashley Brownstein	22	William & Collette Keltie, Jr.
14	Mia Wood	25	Anthony & Lynn Canesso
15	Brenda Leonard	29	Charles & Gail Markley
19	Donna Brownstein		
21	Rhonda Jackson		
21	William Keltie, Jr.		
23	Jean Horn		
28	Kelly DePietro		

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

Outreach Committee Puts the Fun in Funds

Outreach put the fun in funds by sponsoring several great experiences for local young people over the summer. Nevaeh Carr and Olivia Bennett had an exciting week while experiencing several colleges and universities with 40 other students, staff and chaperones. Leaving 30th Street Station in the heart of

Philadelphia the CECAAL College Tours pulled off on an adventure that would take them to Florida and back. *(The group in front of Old Dominion Amusement Park, July 28, 2023, photo right)*

They walked across the Emmett Pedis Bridge, a civil rights landmark, where Rev. Nelson Copeland was their guide and is the CEO of CECAAL College Tour.

(photo left)



Speaking briefly with Nevaeh during the tour she was excited about North Carolina A & T located in Greensboro, NC. We have planted a mighty mustard seed, excited to see how it may grow.

(Olivia & Neveah on the right)

The two students will never forget this experience. Now they have to pay it forward by donating 150 hours volunteering as part of their sweat equity agreement. Their gratitude shows on their faces.





Mariah has never really taken basketball seriously. The opportunity you offered allowed her to try something to expand her horizons. Starting Cape May County Technical School, this freshman is excited about trying new things and your support is a great start.

Not only is she starting in their honors program, but joined the American Sign Language (ASL) club to learn and share with others. I am sure the experience you have helped her get set for other new adventures she is looking forward to. Surrounded by her coaches Pat Holden is on the right. Mariah not only had a week with just girls, she was able to participate in mixed groups building a zest for the game.



The fun continues with Gavin getting sponsorship to attend Rainbow Day Camp in Whitesboro. Gavin has attended this camp since he was 5 years old and now that Covid restrictions are relaxed this the first year they are back in full effect. Some of the things they did was to attend the Franklin Institute, Cape May County Zoo and the Camden Aquarium. Having a new baby brother he loves being a big brother and going to camp gave him time to be with new friends while experiencing new people, places and things.



Now that the summer is winding down, we will reflect on our summer memories when it starts to get nippy in the air. We contribute our time, effort and support because Sid Hicks believed investing in children is investing in our future.

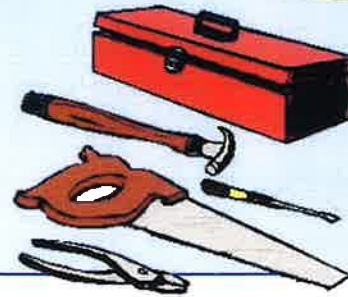


Thanks for helping these students learn life lessons with all of these great adventures they may have not had if it were not for the F-U-N-D-S you provided.

Respectfully submitted,

ABV

8/24/2023



YARD SALE

Church of the Advent
Washington and Franklin Sts.
Saturday, Oct. 7
9am till 2pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	AA Meetings: Sun-4:00 PM Tues-7:30 PM Wed-7:30 AM Thur-7:30 PM				1	2
3 Pentecost 14 Holy Eucharist - 8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	4 ECW Crafts-4:00 PM	5	6 Office Closed Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	7 Holy Eucharist- Noon	8	9
10 Pentecost 15 Holy Eucharist - 8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	11 ECW Crafts-4:00 Bible Study -6:30- 8:00 PM Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003 Mtg ID: 531 252 800 Yard Sale Mtg-7:00 PM-Parish Hall	12 Men's Breakfast- 8:00 AM-Parish Hall Book Club-7:00- Cogswell's	13 Office Closed Morning Prayer- 9:30 AM	14 Holy Eucharist- Noon	15	16
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