



# A Gathering of Friends for Advent's 30th Anniversary Luncheon

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Fruit and cheese platters by JeanMarie and her girls, green chili frittatas, baked ham, "Mun's famous Chinese salad," and cheesecakes by Chris were on the menu.

Old photographs and faded flyers from Advent's founding were tucked into the floral arrangements that decorated the Fellowship Hall for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon this past Sunday. "Look how young little so-and-so is!" "I had no idea you used to have such long hair!" "Check out that mustache..." Such comments and laughter could be heard as members of the congregation and former pastors gathered for the special meal hosted by the Outreach Committee.

As some of the old-timers reminded us during the meal, Advent went through several periods during those three decades when the congregation thought the doors were going to close. Each time God said, I'm not finished – and neither are you! In that spirit of faith and enthusiasm, we look forward to the future.



As a thank you to the longer-term members, only those who belong to Advent for five or fewer years were allowed to help with the meal. Everyone else got to relax and be served for a change!



With the Pfeifles moving to North Carolina, JeanMarie and Carmen had better learn how to operate that fancy commercial dishwasher.



Pastor Bob chats with Pastor Johanna Kiefner after the service.



Deb and Susanne check out the vintage on the sparkling cider.



*Ken with fellow charter members Ben and Linda Bensinger*