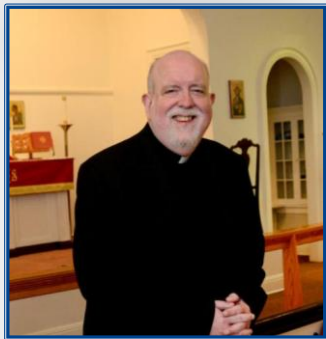
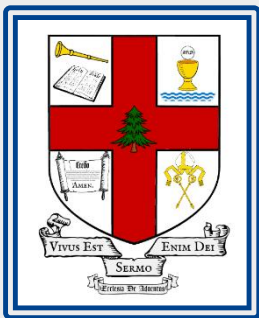


The Church of the Advent

An Anglican Church
in the heart of the
Sandhills!



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 March 2025

ADVENTures

Your upcoming events at TCOTA



EAT TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Pancakes, anyone?

What is it? The day before Ash Wednesday, it's traditional to get rid of excess- butter and sugar **-and-** sins and transgressions! It's seen as the last big celebration day (think Mardi Gras!) before the season of Lent begins the next day, on Ash Wednesday!

When is it? Tuesday, March 4th 5:00 – 7:00pm at TCOTA

Pop-in for Pancakes, fellowship & fun pages for the kiddos!

Hosted by the Friar Tuck's Men's Group

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 5th

12:30pm Holy Eucharist

6:00pm Solemn High Mass



March 17th is the Feast Day of St. Patrick of Ireland!

Sunday Mornings:

JOIN US

8:30am Morning Prayer
(abbreviated)

9:00am Solemn High Mass *(with Traditional Language & incense)*

11:00am Holy Eucharist

Children's Chapel is offered at both services for ages 4-10 (following the Gospel Proclamation and returning during the Offertory)

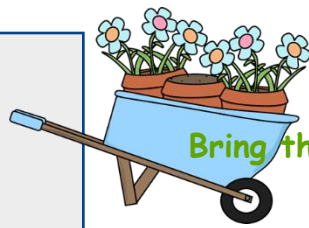
Nursery care is available during both services for children ages 0-3



Wednesday Evenings:

6:00 p.m. The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

6:30 p.m. Bible Study
All are welcome!



Got Dirt? Or a pair of gloves?

Bring them to our annual Bible Garden/Churchyard Workday!

Saturday, March 22, 2025 @ 9:00am

After a year of planning, the bed that borders COTA's "front porch" will be transformed into a lovely **Bible Garden** by planting assorted flora that is mentioned in the Bible!

Here's how you can help:



Adopt-a-plant: There is a list of plants and miscellaneous supplies in the Narthex you can "adopt" by making the suggested contribution!

Participate! We will also be raking, clipping, and beautifying other areas of the church grounds as well! **"Spring"** into action! Grab your rake and any other lawn care items you have and join in~

Many hands make for light work!



Laura Pérez is our new "head chef" a.k.a. **Supper Club Coordinator!** Thank you, Laura!



Sign up NOW for Spring Supper Clubs

(Apr/May/June) - It's easy! Just write your name on the sign-up page in the Narthex!



Not sure what it's all about? **Grab a flyer in the Narthex for more info!**



Some of our children asked, **"can we still give our change to help others?"** **YES! You can!**

We've added a big jar in the Narthex for spare change so we can continue to help others!

FRIAR TUCK'S THEOLOGY ON TAP~ *Attention COTA gents:*

Join Fr. Michael once a month for a beverage and enjoy Christian fellowship while discussing matters of faith. Email Fr. Michael to have your name added to the "when & where" email!





This month's spotlight is on **The Tidying Ministry**. As John Wesley once said, "cleanliness is next to Godliness," and COTA needs someone to help with this growing need for our growing church: emptying the trash cans, restocking toilet tissue and hand soap, et cetera. It's not a hard job but it is a **HUGE** help!

See Father Michael for more details!

Church of the Advent Women's Ministry

"Growing Biblically-rooted Anglican women, equipped to love and serve."

There will have two opportunities for gathering as women during the Lenten season: **March 15 & April 12:**

Saturday, March 15th, 10:00am @ TCOTW: Prayer practices and building an Interecessory Prayer Journal:

This will be a fun time of crafting, fellowship and sharing about intercessory prayer practices. Don't worry, as long as you can cut and glue, you'll be fine!



****Please bring a composition notebook to use as your journal.****

Questions about Women's Ministry? Please contact Belinda Furby at 910.995.2798 or bfurby@nc.rr.com.



Our **Prayer Team**, led by Father Bill and Linda, will pray daily for you or someone you care about- **all you need to do is ask**, whether in person or by writing your request on one of the little cards and placing it in the heart-shaped bowl in the Narthex.



Why don't we say "Alleluia" or sing "The Gloria" during Lent?

Lent is the 40-day period between **Ash Wednesday** and **Easter**. It is a solemn season in the Anglican Church, and not one of celebration. Through fasting and prayer, it is a time to focus on repentance as we anticipate the Risen Lord. On Easter Sunday, our voices will once again echo "Alleluia, Alleluia" and return to songs of celebration!

NEXT MONTH

✓ **Easter Egg Hunts, Outreach Saturday, ...and MORE!**



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