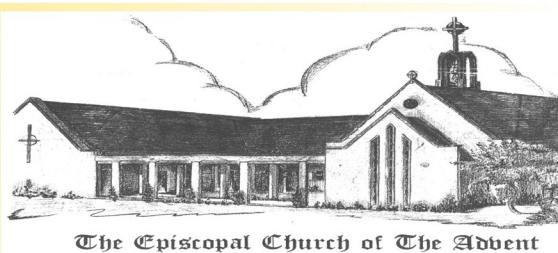


"But if anyone does sin, we have  
an advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ the righteous; " 1 John 2:1



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FROM THE HEART, REV. TOM TURNER

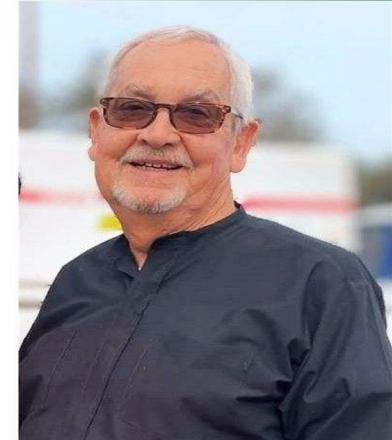
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Reviewing November, on the 2nd we reverted to standard time, setting our clocks back one hour. November 11th was Veterans Day and Thanksgiving was on the 27th.

On Saturday, November 22nd , we celebrated the earthly life and the eternal life of Andy Housley. It was, of course, both a solemn and joyful occasion knowing Andy is at peace in God's Heavenly Kingdom. We will always treasure our memories and the life we shared with him. May his Soul rest in Peace.

The First Sunday in Advent was November 30th. Advent continues through December 24th.

As we move into December, our hearts are filled with anticipation and reflection. The Advent season invites us to prepare for the joyful celebration of Christmas, reminding us of hope and renewal. As we continue our journey through Advent, let us try to put aside all of the glitter of Christmas and center our lives on the true meaning of Christ coming into the world. Even as we try to accomplish this, we do not have to avoid the joy that we may feel as we hear those Christmas Carols and watch the excitement of children, remembering when we were children.



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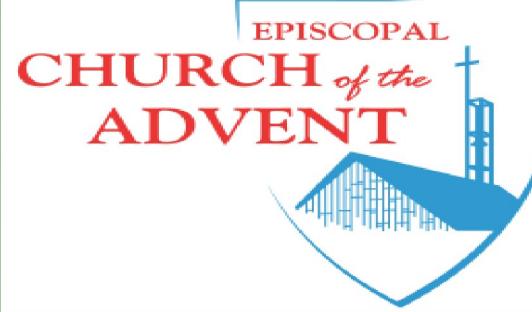
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We will have our usual Christmas Eve service beginning at 5:30. There may be other plans in store for us, but we just have to wait and see.

The Christmas season begins on Christmas day and the season continues through December to January 6th.

I hope we all have time for reflection as we approach Christmas and enjoy the season of Christmas, remembering to carry the spirit of love and gratitude into the new year.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**TOM**



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after Sunday  
Services**



## December 7

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Jacqi Nix & Clif Hammock

Usher: Steve Keim

## December 14

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Jacqi Nix

Usher: Steve Keim

## December 21

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Lay Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim

## December 24 Christmas

### Eve

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Kristen Turner & Clif

Hammock

Usher:

## December 28

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Juliette Wood

Usher: Steve Keim

## January 4

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Lay Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Bruce Hoffman & Clif Hammock

Usher: Steve Findley

## January 11

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Clif Hammock & Juliette Wood

Usher: Bruce Hoffman

## January 18

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Eucharistic Minister: Gail Hoffman

Lectors: Jacqi Nix & Juliette Wood

Usher: Steve Keim

## January 25

Celebrant: Rev. Tom Turner

Music Director:

Lay Minister: Steve Findley

Lectors: Roge & Liz Hoffman

Usher: Steve Keim



# DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>HE Rite I</b> <b>9:00 am</b>						
14	Vestry Meeting 5:15 pm	15	16	17	18	19
<b>HE Rite II</b> <b>9:00 am</b>						20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>HE Rite II</b> <b>9:00 am</b>			<b>Christmas Eve Service 5:15 pm</b>	<b>Christmas</b>		
28	29	30	31			
<b>HE Rite II</b> <b>9:00 am</b>						





***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever.***

# Please Pray For:

## **Pray for our Military Family**

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces, at home and abroad; Especially **Correy, Drew, Joseph and Noah**. Defend them day-by-day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils, which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~Amen~

*Bill Acker, Blaine Ainsworth, Keith and Linda Arnold, Rachal Ash, Alex Aquino, Sandra Barnum, Mike Bishop, Clayton & Susie Black, Brad Blankerbecker, Buzzy Botard, Lilly Braun, Nicole Bunch, Cindy Case, Bill Christian, Shannon Davis, Greg Edelen, Bob Eifling, Eva Elkins, Garron Farrar, Rhonda Farrar, Tammy Findley, Delfi Flores, Melba Gafford, Michaela Gannon, Cindy Gonzales, Ellie Gonzales, D. W. Herrmann, Bosco Hillman, Erica Hoelscher, Liz Hoffman, Aaronette Housley, Kelly Hunter, Hank Jackson, Mickey Johnson, Carol Jordan, Cindy Kinney, Jill Kirby, David Light, Alex Lopez, Nellie Ann Martin, Tessa Matthews, Katherine Milligan, Gary Morgan, Pat Myane, Susan McCarn, Jim & Jamie McLarty, Megan McLaughlin, Andrew Nix, Sanka Odell, Sarah Perkins, Nena Pitts, Patricia Ramirez, Jim Siverd, Paulette Southard, Annette Starr, David Sullivan, Michelle Texiera, Lainey Topacio, Tom Turner, George Vaughn, Carl Walker, Holden Weaver, David Webster, Dale Wilson, Cinco Woods*

## **Linda's Book Club List 2026**

**January** Theo of Golden by Allen Levi, Clare Wonders

**February** The Mystic Jesus by Marianne Williamson, MJ Rives

**March** The Correspondent by Virginia Evans, Bonnie Whitley

**April** The Second Life of Marielle West by Amanda Skenandore, Aaronette Housley

**May** The 7 ½ Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle by Stuart Turton, Jacqi Nix

**June** The Hound of the Baskervilles by Conan Doyle, Juliette Wood

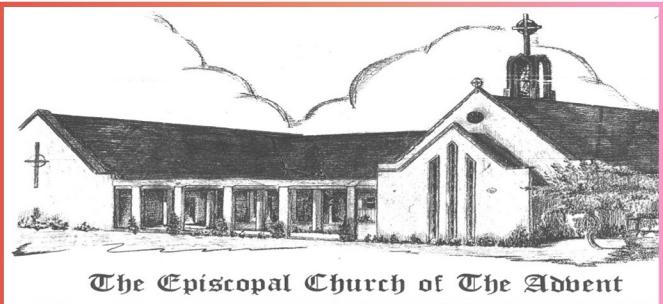
**July** At the Coffee Shop of Curiosities by Heather Webber, Glenda Dove

**August** Culpability by Bruce Holsinger, Heather Bilbrey

**September** People I Met at the Gates of Heaven by Don Piper, Judy Mumme

**October** The Heaven & earth Grocery Store by James McBride, Katrina Morris

**November** A Marriage at Sea by Sophie Elmhirst, Megan Lemaster



## December Birthdays

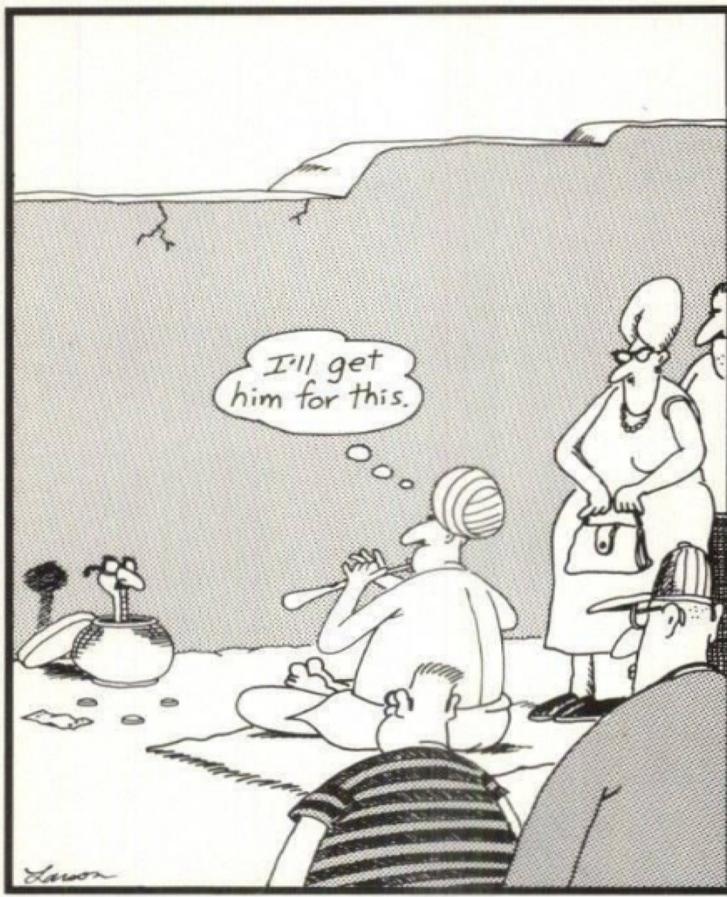
10 Noel Bolle

25 Zelly Claire Wood (formerly Claire McDonald)

Happy  
Birthday

## January Birthdays

- 2 Daniel Broesche
- 4 Haylee Hammock
- 10 Ashton Broesche
- 11 Tayson Findley
- 11 Bob Powell
- 12 Dalia Maldonado
- 14 Stratton Hoffman
- 14 Christine Keliehor Visosky
- 20 Rachel Teale Turner
- 21 Jean Paul
- 26 Brent Hoffman
- 29 Martha Walker
- 31 Debbie Brown



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