



# The Announcer

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March 1, Ash Wednesday, we will have three services of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m.



## A LENTEN STUDY PROGRAM: RELATIONSHIPS 101

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A Lenten Program in Learning how to Live, Love, and Thrive in our Most Valuable Relationships

The two greatest commandments, Jesus said, are to love God and to love our neighbor (Matthew 22:26-40). Yet so many times in our lives we confuse manipulation for love, passive-aggressive behavior for respect, and the absence of conflict for true peace.

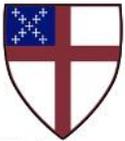
In today's day and age, we hold the tools to understand not only physical and mental development but social and emotional health. These tools allow us to develop and mature in our understanding of love, of friendship, of how to live with those who are different than us, and of Christian community.

Join us for five weeks during Lent as we explore these topics together, deepening not only our understanding but also our practice of being in community with each other. Each evening will begin with Stations of the Cross at **6:00 p.m.** followed by a simple soup and salad supper. We will join together for a program from **7:00-8:00 p.m.** that will include a look at the theology of relationships, the relational concept for the evening and some interactive activities.

- ⇒ March 8: Expanding our Emotional Vocabulary
- ⇒ March 15: Empathy
- ⇒ March 22: Boundaries
- ⇒ March 29: Toxic Qualities and Relationships and What to do about Them
- ⇒ April 5: Roles and Relationships

For more information, contact Holly+.





# CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

**To Know,  
To Show,  
To Grow  
in Christ**

• **Outreach Sunday, March 12**  
Join us for a presentation by Emily Nourse with Family & Children's Service. She is the Director of Community-Based Programs, which includes the Relative Caregiver Program, Family Resource Centers, and Wendy's Wonderful Kids (an adoption support program) among other programs.

• **Adult Bible Study**

The Bible study group is studying the Book of James and gather in the library.

• **Faith and Film**

View and discuss movies in the Chapter Room. Seventh grade through adult welcome!

• **Godly Play for children 5 – 105**

Godly Play gathers in the Student Ministry Center (lower level of the Parish Hall). Godly Play is a creative, imaginative approach to Christian formation and spiritual guidance. Godly Play values process, openness, discovery, community and relationships. It models the worship life, stories, symbols and rituals of Christian congregations.

• **Lectio Divina Contemplative Prayer**

Lectio Divina is a contemplative method for studying

Scripture using silence, meditation, and prayer. They gather in the Bride's Room. No experience is necessary and newcomers are always welcome.

• **Midweek Prayer**

The Wednesday Lectio Divina group will **not** gather during Lent, so we may attend the Lenten study.

• **Midweek Eucharists**

Three midweek Eucharists are available at Church of the Advent and generally last 20-25 minutes: **Mondays, 10:00 a.m.** and **Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.** are held in the parish hall, Chapter Room, and **noon Wednesdays** in the Sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

• **Midweek Bible Studies**

**Monday mornings at 10:30 a.m.**, we spend an hour or so looking in depth at the book of Psalms. **Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** we spend an hour or so studying Genesis. Brian† generally prepares leading questions and distributes to those in attendance. Extras are left on the stand in the Chapter Room for those who miss class or prefer home study. Those questions that require some consideration of the Bible have the verse where the answer is to be found. Everyone is invited to attend the classes, even if you have not attended one previously or can't come regularly.

- We will worship with the residents of The Fountains, a retirement complex in Franklin, **Sunday, March 5 at 1:30 p.m.** All are welcome to join us! If you have questions about this ministry, contact the church office or Ron Taylor.
- The Men's Club will meet for breakfast and a short meeting on **Saturday, March 4, 7:30 a.m.** All men are encouraged to attend and welcome to invite a guest.
- The Chapter of the Holy Spirit will meet **Thursday, March 16, 7:00 p.m.** They are reading *The Thirteen Apostles* (available for \$12 each from Lynn Conroy). Please read chapter 2 for the meeting.
- The Sunday Lunch Bunch will meet **Sunday, March 19 after the 10:30 a.m.** service at Newk's

Come  
**THRIVE**  
with us!



Eatery, 7020 Executive Center Dr, Brentwood for a meal and fellowship. This is a great way to get to

know some of your Advent family members! No RSVP required. All are welcome!

- The **Parenting Adult Children Forum** will gather **Tuesday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. All are welcome! Conversations are confidential.
- The Wrestling With Faith group will gather **Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 p.m.** in the library. "Wrestling with Faith" offers a confidential discussion of your faith and your doubts with others who have similar concerns. All discussions in the group remain confidential within the group.

# SPRING FELLOWSHIP RETREAT

Church of the Advent's Fellowship Retreat is upon us!

Anyone who has participated in the past will attest to the fun and good fellowship that are the hallmarks of this weekend. This year we will be meeting **April 21-23** at the DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, TN. There will be a Saturday morning gathering and time for worship as well as opportunities for walks and hiking, shopping, and meals together both at DuBose and a local restaurant. This is a time for conversation and community and a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your Advent family. Motel-style rooms are available at DuBose for Friday and Saturday night.

Please see the registration form on page 8 for information about room and meal rates. If you are bringing a child under 8, please contact Leslie DiNella for special pricing. If you have any other questions, please contact Leslie.



**The final day to sign up is Monday, April 10.** Here is a tentative schedule that includes plenty of time for socializing and relaxing!

## Friday

- Dinner on your own
- 8:30 p.m. Compline

## Saturday

- 8:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:30-11 a.m. Group time
- 11:30 a.m. lunch at DuBose
- Free afternoon: Join a hike, shop some local stores, tour the Sewanee campus, relax!
- Late afternoon: Gathering time
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner out at local restaurant followed by a s'mores bonfire, games, or just conversation at DuBose
- Compline

## Sunday

- Breakfast at Sewanee
- Communion Service at The Cross in Sewanee

*Photo above: Adventers heading out for a hike at the 2016 Fellowship Retreat!*



## EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

Advent's EYC welcomes young people currently in grades fifth through twelfth and their friends and even adults from the parish. EYC *usually* gathers for dinner, fellowship, and an activity from **5-7:00 p.m.** starting in the kitchen of the parish hall. Below are our March plans:

- March 5: Lent, Sment! What does it mean to craft a meaningful Lenten discipline
- March 12: Game Night! Bring your friends to join us in some fun!
- March 19: Lenten Stations and Eucharist
- March 25-27. We will either be skiing if the

weather is decent or hitting up Six Flags over GA! Be on the lookout for more information!

- March 26: No EYC due to Ski/Fun weekend

### Save the date!

Advent's EYC will participate in the Diocesan Youth Service Day, **April 22, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at St. Bartholomew's, 4800 Belmont Park Terrace, Nashville. This year we are partnering with Stop Hunger Now to pack 1000s of meals for the world's hungry. The morning will end with Eucharist and lunch.

For more information on EYC happenings, contact Brian+ .



On Saturday night, February 4, 28 Advent parishioners hosted eleven homeless men selected by Nashville's Room in the Inn. The evening meal included a superlative rice medley, pork tenderloin, green beans, homemade yeast bread and



signature lemon-pineapple-mandarin orange cake. We are grateful to Hannah, David, and Josh McVey for decorating the Moss Room with a Valentine motif. We sincerely appreciate Rusty Bowden for pitching in with such enthusiasm, good will, and competence. We thank John and Virginia Stokes for their thoughtful gifts of Valentine candy and pocket flashlights for the

men, and especially for their ability to put our guests at ease in conversation. Communication and fellowship are what this ministry is all about.

So far this winter season, a total of 45 Advent parishioners have volunteered a total of 104 times to host a total of 42 homeless men. If you would like to participate in this ministry, please join us for our last Room in the Inn of this winter season scheduled for **Saturday night, March 4**. Just contact Dale Watney, Betty or Larry Douglass, or the Church Office. We would love to have you with us.



## NURSERY UPDATE

Renee Shipley will begin working in Advent's nursery beginning March 5. She enjoys working with children part-time and has over a decade of experience in early childhood development. For her day

job, Renee Shipley is a Regional Account Manager for Architectural Granite & Marble, a distributor for Natural Stone and MetroQuartz. She is originally from Kentucky and has lived in Nashville over six years. She en-

joys volunteering through the Nashville Junior League with a focus on creating awareness of Human Trafficking affecting our city. She will be helping mainly in the Nursery, but can also assist with Godly Play during the Sunday school hour. Renee will serve from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We still need one volunteer from Advent to assist Renee each Sunday. Please help Renee feel welcome at Advent by volunteering. You may sign up to serve in the nursery online at

<http://signup.com/go/vnhMhy>.

## DID YOU KNOW???

MATCH THE ADVENTER WITH THE CORRECT ACTIVITY! ANSWERS ON PAGE 6.

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| Judy Dudley        | 1. Beer and yodeling champion  |
| Carola Von Wrangel | 2. Treated patient by dropping medicine from a DC4 plane 150 miles from the North Pole |
| Hunter McCarty     | 3. Has ridden both camels and elephants  |
| Barbara Jones      | 4. Skydived  |
| Oliver McIntyre    | 5. Led decertification efforts of a union and succeeded                                |
| Dick Light         | 6. Paraglided in Switzerland   |
| Mark Markham       | 7. Rode a packhorse bareback up a mountain   |

Our Spring United Thank Offering Ingathering will be held **Sunday, March 19**. UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provides grants to fund programs that meet compelling human needs both domestically and internationally, within the Anglican community. "Little blue coin boxes." are available in the Narthex.



## AN UPDATE FROM KENYA

It is our sincere hope and trust that this you and yours are doing great in the Lord. We are also doing fine and all the ministry programs are progressing fairly well by God's grace.

All the children in the Orphanage home and their caregivers are doing pretty well. Our elementary/primary school (Restoration Educational Center) has also realized an increase in the number of students enrolled this year. We currently have 290 students in the block, but more children from the Kibera slums are expected to join during this early part of the school calendar. FYI, in Kenya the first term of the school calendar runs up until end of March.

This year we've got 14 teachers and 7 support (non-teaching) staff working in the school.

Out of the total number of children enrolled in our rehab program this year, 25 are in high school while the rest, 55 kids, are in Primary school. We are glad to note that as a school we began this year on a sound footing with quite a minimum balance on the teachers' salary arrears as compared to the previous years. Thanks be to God !!!

We attribute this positive turn of events to the generous gifts/additional support received from various friends and well wishers over Christmas and New Year's holiday season. However, as we thank God for the good start of the year, we are saddened to inform you about a serious hunger situation affecting our country at the moment. A severe drought has stricken a large part of Kenya, especially the Eastern, North Eastern, and Coastal regions. As a result of this situation much prayer and intercession is requested on behalf of our country.

Owing to the short rains or the lack of it for the better part of last year, water has become so scarce especially in the pastoral regions of our country. Both humans as well as livestock are currently faced with a severe threat of devastation owing to a serious shortage of food and water. As a result of these most unfavorable circumstances, our own President (Uhuru Kenyatta) has unequivocally declared the severe drought in Kenya a NATIONAL DISASTER thereby paving the way for both local and foreign donors to reach the affected areas with the much needed support. We shall keep you well informed about the progress of this situation as it unfolds.

In the meantime, kindly keep us close in your prayers for God to bless and provide for His people. Our already ailing economy as a country has been upset quite seriously by these issues, to the effect that the price of household commodities, foodstuffs, and fuel gas has shortages as a result. Having a large family such as ours to cater for is certainly something to cause panic and/or worries at times, but we are praying that everything will be alright after all.

Otherwise thank you so much for your prayers and continued financial support. We really do appreciate! May God bless you and your family so bountifully. Thank you & let's keep in touch !!

Very best regards,  
The Rev. Paul & Grace  
<http://www.nlrministries.com>



**NEW LIFE RESTORATION MINISTRIES INT'L**  
*Reaching Out to the Nations*  
Luke 19:10



All are invited, men and women, to a **Quiet Day on Saturday, March 18** with Bishop John Bauerschmidt at the Diocesan House, 3700 Woodmont Boulevard, Nashville, 37215. Registration is **9-9.30 a.m.** with a Eucharist at **9:00 a.m.** followed by the Bishop's Meditations and lunch. Please bring a sack lunch, coffee, tea, and water will be provided.

# ANSWERS FOR “DID YOU KNOW???” ON PAGE 4



- 1. Carola Von Wrangel
- 2. Dick Light
- 3. Judy Dudley
- 4. Mark Markham
- 5. Barbara Jones
- 6. Hunter McCarty
- 7. Oliver McIntyre

## “EAGLE PATROL” BY CORNELIA HOLLISTER

RELATED SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: EXODUS 19:4 & DEUTERONOMY 32:11-12, 33:27.  
CAN BE SUNG TO TUNE OF “O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL?”

Look down as you're falling:  
The Eagle's flying nearer.  
His wings are spread out,  
And they'll support you below.  
He knows what you're feeling;  
He knows the cliff you're falling from  
He's coming to your rescue.  
He cares for your survival.



You'll not be lost in outer space; He rescues His own.  
Someday you, in turn, may be flying like an eagle.  
And see someone falling from a cliff way too high.  
Then rise to the need and go flying to his rescue  
And spread your wings beneath him  
and slow his frightened falling;  
And reassure him: God is love  
and rescues His own.

## AND THE WINNERS ARE . . .



On Sunday, February 5 Church of the Advent once again had its Super Chili Bowl competition. Winning the prize for the hottest was Stephanie Lee (far left); Jane Simmons won most unique (middle); and Leslie DiNella won best all around (right). We thank the Men's Club for also providing their fabulous House Chili!

## THE 2017 FLOWER CHART IS UP!

The 2017 Flower Chart is now up in the Narthex. Write your name next to the Sunday you want to dedicate flowers and the reason for the dedication (in memory of...in thanksgiving for..., etc.). Each week members of Advent may dedicate the altar flowers in thanksgiving or in memory of someone, something, or some special event. More than one person may dedicate the flowers each week. When this happens it provides the



funds to cover Sundays with no dedications. The donation to dedicate altar flowers is \$35.00 (checks made out to Advent with “Altar Flowers” in the memo line). These funds offset the cost each week. A small group provides their time and talent to create the beautiful arrangements each Sunday. Your help with this ministry is invited and appreciated!

**NO experience is necessary!**



# Church of the Advent 2017 Fellowship Retreat April 21-23, 2017 at DuBose Conference Center, Monteagle TN

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Those Attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If you have children under 12, please contact Leslie DiNella for special pricing)

Room options (hotel-style with private bath):

**Room for one**

\$75 per night X # \_\_\_\_\_ of nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Room for two**

\$53 per night, per person X # \_\_\_\_\_ of people X # \_\_\_\_\_ of nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Room for three**

\$37 per night, per person X # \_\_\_\_\_ of people X # \_\_\_\_\_ of nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Room for four**

\$31 per night, per person X # \_\_\_\_\_ of people X # \_\_\_\_\_ of nights = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Meals:**

Saturday breakfast \$11.50 X # \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday lunch \$13.50 X # \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Total for room and meals** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline to sign up is Monday, April 10.**

Please make your check payable to Church of the Advent with Parish Retreat in the memo line.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b></p> <p>8:00 a.m. – Rite I Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. – Christian Formation 10:30 a.m. – Rite II Holy Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>10:00 a.m.—Holy Communion 10:30 a.m.—Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m.—Holy Communion 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>12:00 p.m.—Holy Communion 6:00 p.m.—Lectio Divina Prayer</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>OFFICE HOURS</b></p> <p>Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CONTACT</b></p> <p>5501 Franklin Road, Nashville, TN 37220 Phone: 615-373-5630 Fax: 615-377-3600 adventoffice@comcast.net www.adventnashville.org</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rector</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Reverend Brian McVey</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Assistant to the Rector</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Reverend Holly Rankin Zaher</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Please note:</i> <i>Friday is a day of rest for our clergy.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Officers</b></p> <p>Senior Warden—Billy Ballard Junior Warden—Mark Markham Treasurer—Gregg Conroy Clerk—Pat Grace</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vestry</b></p> <p>Candida Bannister, Donna Barr, Leslie DiNella, Christian Niemeyer, Jane Simmons, Ron Taylor, Emily Van Brocklin, Anne Williams</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Men’s Club Leadership Team</b></p> <p>Leadership Team—Andy Milliken, Larry Douglas, Landy Norris Treasurer—Gregg Conroy Secretary—Dale Watney</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bishop’s Guild</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Frank Field</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ECW Leadership Council</b></p> <p>Lynn Conroy Betty Douglass Barbara Jones Vicki Markham</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Staff</b></p> <p>Bookkeeper—Lisa Gaines Music Director— Waldemar Wensell Office Administrator—Tina Cozby</p>
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