

THE ADVENTURE

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THE HOLY TRINITY **Recognition of Graduates**

Sunday, June 7

- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Holy Communion
- Last Day of Sunday School
- Adult Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Holy Communion

PASTOR ON VACATION

Tuesday, June 9 – Wednesday, June 17

PRE-SCHOOL CLOSING CEREMONY

Thursday, June 11 - 9:30 a.m.

PENTECOST II

BEGIN SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 14

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. "Faith Alive" Contemporary Service
- Guest Preacher: Doug Oines
- 10:30 a.m. Summer Chat
- 11:00 a.m. Church Council

PHILLIE'S BASEBALL GAME

Tuesday, June 16

7:05 p.m. Citizens Park, Philadelphia

PENTECOST III

FATHER'S DAY

Recognition of Fathers

Sunday, June 21

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional (WOV) Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Summer Chat

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, June 23

2:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Give the gift of life!

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, June 24

10:30 a.m. First day of study

PENTECOST IV

Sunday, June 28

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. "Faith Alive" Contemporary Service
- 10:30 a.m. Summer Chat
- 1:00 p.m. Pastor at Memorial Service in Shohola, PA

PASTOR AT DEANS RETREAT

Monday, June 29 – Tuesday, June 30

Havertown, PA

PENTECOST V

INDEPENDENCE DAY

COMMEMORATION

Sunday, July 5

- 8:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Traditional (LBW) Holy Communion
- 10:30 Summer Chat

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 17

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" Mark 6:31

Summer is quickly approaching and many are looking to a slower pace of life and the opportunity for a vacation. Our Lord Himself reminded His disciples that amidst the busy-ness of their lives and ministry, they too needed some time off for rest and refreshment.

Indeed, rest should be a part of our weekly routine. God appointed the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship and we as Christians observe every Sunday as our Sabbath. Coming to church and spending time with God in community provides a rest, refreshment, and renewal like no other. On the second Sunday of June (June 14) we begin our summer schedule with a single service of worship at **9:30 a.m.** The time is one-half hour later than when we have worshipped in previous summers. We received a number of requests from some of our older members who are taking medications that the previous time was too early for them to get going and make it to church. This year our service will be at the 9:30 a.m. time to accommodate those special needs.

As we have in past years, we will alternate services from Contemporary to Traditional formats. This way we can experience the variety of styles in which God's people worship. Those who are interested in Adult Bible Study are invited to attend the summer Bible class which will be held each summer Sunday at 8:30 a.m. We also look forward to having a Summer Chat, an opportunity for food, fellowship and conversation, following each summer service.

While many programs go on hold during the summer months to be resumed in the fall, we also have several special programs in which we invite you to participate. Our Wednesday Bible Study will be finishing on June 3. We will take a brief break and then on Wednesday June 24 at 10:30 a.m. we will have a summer book club. The group has decided to read a popular best seller The Shack and to discuss it from a Christian standpoint.

For those who are able to give blood or serve as volunteers, do not forget about our Advent Blood Drive to be held Tuesday June 23 from 2:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can help bring renewal of health to others.

We are also looking forward to a time of refreshment and renewal for children with our Vacation Bible School program to be held Monday through Friday July 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The theme is "Gadgets Garage: God Makes All Things New". We need lots of teen and adult volunteers to make the program a great success. To help or for more information about registering children to attend, please see VBS director Jen Zipf.

If interested in a Christian camp, a number of our members will be attending Leisure Week II from July 25 through August 1 at Tuscarora Inn on the Delaware River in the foothills of the Poconos. This a family camp. Please see Doug Oines to view a video about the camp and for further information.

Even as we are looking forward to slowing down a bit, the use of our facilities and expenses remain constant during the summer months. Because cash flow often becomes a problem during the summer, you can help by dropping off your tithes, pledges and offerings before you go away or by mailing them to the church office.

You will also be hearing in this issue of the Adventure about a special capital appeal that we will be making for parking lot repairs and improvements. The lower lot is almost 45 years old and shown great wear and is in need of full resurfacing. The upper lot is almost 25 years old and is also starting to show signs of wear. We realize that we are in difficult economic times, but we can no longer afford to defer needed maintenance. Special presentations will be made to the congregation at all three services on Sunday May 31 and Sunday June 7. Please consider prayerfully how you can help with this special appeal.

Lastly, I again want to remind you of the importance of Sabbath rest and God's design for us for weekly renewal at worship. When traveling or away we encourage you to worship at a nearby Lutheran or other Christian church. As we spend quality time with God we find our lives to be more restful and renewed.

Have a blessed summer and deserved opportunity of rest!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Sorcek



SPRING PERSONAL CARE DRIVE

The Social Ministry Committee is collecting personal care items for the children and youth of Bethanna Home in Southampton. Their needs are toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, liquid soap, wash cloths, and towels (both bath size and beach size for their summer camp program. Please place the items the box in the Narthex marked Social Ministry Collections. We will be collecting the items starting today until June 14th. This year's project will bring much needed items to the youngest and neediest of the citizens in our community. Thanks for your support!

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL/ SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 7th will be our last day of Sunday School. On June 14th we will go to our summer schedule of a single worship service at 9:30 a.m. with no children's Sunday School.

RECENT/UPCOMING GRADUATIONS

We will recognize any graduates present at all three services on June 7th and will list them in the July newsletter. Forms may be found on the table in the narthex or you may e-mail or phone the church office with the information. Please place them in the offering plate or return them to the church office.



SUMMER WORSHIP

During the summer months beginning on June 14 we go from 3 services with 2 different formats to a single summer service at 9:30 a.m. In order to be fair to the different worship styles, we will be alternating a more contemporary style of worship with a more traditional style. This will be the basic pattern though it may occasionally change because of vacation schedules of our worship leaders.

FATHER'S DAY

On Father's Day, June 21st we will recognize fathers at our 9:30 am service. We give thanks also to our Heavenly Father.



ADVENT BLOOD DRIVE

The need for blood is growing. Every 2 seconds someone needs blood: babies

born weeks early, fighting for life; an adult undergoing a series of heart operations that will save his life; organ transplants; cancer; burn care; sickle cell disease. These are a few reasons why people need blood. To help make the world a better place, donate blood. Donating blood helps to save lives. Mark your calendars and sign up for our bi-annual blood drive on **Tuesday, June 23rd from 2:30-8:00 pm.** Stop by the blood drive table in the narthex to sign up for an appointment time or receive more information. Along with donors, we will need volunteers for registration and to help at the canteen. Thanks for making a difference!!!!

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

This year we will offer for the first time a summer book club which will meet Wednesdays beginning June 24th at 10:30 a.m. in the parlor. We will be looking at last summer's best seller The Shack by William Paul Young which has sold over 6 million copies. We will work our way through the book focusing on what Christian elements might be in it. It should be an engaging study and we invite you to participate.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

God's Always Doing Great, Exciting Things at Gadget's Garage. Join us from July 13-17 from 9 am - noon. Kids ages 3-12 meet friends, explore Bible stories, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, and eat snacks. We expect a great response, so enroll your child today. **We need you!** Through the dedication of our members and friends who volunteer at VBS, we minister to 60+ children each year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you aren't part of VBS yet, why not consider it? If you can help some days, just one day, every day, or in advance, we have many levels of involvement to suit your schedule and interests. Registration forms are on the entryway table as well as a sign-up sheet for volunteers, or you may call the church office. Please pray for this meaningful outreach program.



SHOE DRIVE

As in past years, we will be collecting gently used shoes for the St. Vincent De Paul Society from July 12th – 19th.

ADVENT PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration has begun at Advent Pre-School. There is still space available in both the 3 Year Old and Pre-Kindergarten classes. Classes are held on Tuesday - Thursday from 9 – 11:30. Each class has a limit of 20 students, with one teacher and one assistant teacher. Registration forms and information are located online at adventpreschool.org or in the church office (215-355-2529). Tours are available. Registration continues until classes are full.



LUTHERAN CHARITIES APPEAL

During the months of May and June we remember the work done on our behalf by our Lutheran Social Services agencies and institutions. Envelopes are found in your offering box. Please give generously.

NUEVA CREACIÓN

A signup sheet has been posted to help support the work of Nueva Creación in Philadelphia, our urban partner congregation. One week of missionary support is \$25. Your gifts are greatly appreciated.

SAFETY AND SECURITY TEAM

“You may have noticed one of our team members posted in our church narthex during our Sunday services. These are members of our Safety and Security Team. I was asked if we had formed this team due to expected threats. I responded that our team had been formed as a ministry to help our church improve in the areas of safety and security to better protect our church membership. These areas include physical security, records protection, safety issues such as fires, protection of assets and just simply being proactive in overall risk assessment planning. We currently have 8 active members but we need at least 6 more to provide relief during vacations and to ensure that the same people are not posted in the narthex each week. Please contact Jim McGuffey at 215-460-7370 or jimmcguffey@verizon.net if you would like to serve on our team which meets every month at our church for an hour right after men’s breakfast. Thank you. Jim McGuffey, Safety and Security Chairman”

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?

There are many who have been worshipping with us who have yet to be formally received as members of the church. A new membership application has been prepared and is available in the narthex. Please complete the application and return it to Pastor or the church office. He will contact you about a date to receive you as a member.

BUCKS BEAUTIFUL

(They write:) “***Congratulations!*** Your garden project has been selected to receive a 2009 Bucks Beautiful Garden Grant in the amount of \$250. The Grant Committee had a difficult task this year. Our goal is to honor each request, even if we were unable to give the full amount. We encourage you to continue with this project and apply again next year for additional funding. The mission of Bucks Beautiful is to beautify Bucks County with distinctive gardens. Your efforts are certainly extending this goal.”

The Church Council would like to thank those who made contributions (total \$300) to the memorial garden project and those who offered to establish and care for it. Shortly we will begin our task. If you have not volunteered to help with this project but would like to assist, please contact Joe Calla, Janice Hoffmann, or any member of the church council. Teens are especially welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS ON WEDDING

Advent expresses its congratulations to Advent member Ralph Manco and Tara Kline on their wedding here at Advent on Friday, April 24th. May God’s blessings be with Tara and Ralph in their wedded life together.



CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISM

Advent expresses its congratulations to Phillip and Robyn Frank on the baptism of their daughter Hayden Taylor on April 26th. Hayden was born on December 31, 2008 at Abington Memorial Hospital. Sponsors are Richard and Maryann Gegeckas. May God’s blessings be with Hayden and her family on this joyous occasion.



CONGRATULATIONS ON 1ST COMMUNIONS

Advent expresses its congratulations to Carla Fumei Henry and Sydney Morgan Jones on the occasion of their First Communion. May God's blessings be upon these young people.



CONGRATULATIONS TO VICAR JO WRIGHT

Advent expresses its congratulations to member Josephine Morley Wright on her graduation from the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Jo has been serving the past two years as Vicar at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jamison. She has been assigned to the Southeast PA Synod and is currently awaiting a call.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers the following Advent member and friends who are ill, hurting or homebound.

Jim Caldwell at home

Marge Caldwell recovering at home after fall

Jennie Davis at home

Jerry Diefenbach at home

Paul Dimmler recovering after surgery

Shirley Haaf recovering at home

Frank Lattal recovering after arm surgery

Hanna McCollum recovering at home

Benicia Meyers undergoing treatments

Dennis Moore with sleep disorder

Eddie Noll recovering at home

Please remember in your prayers all the men and women in our armed forces who are serving to protect us and our nation. We pray God's protection for them.

REMEMBER
THOSE
IN THE
MILITARY



WITH SYMPATHY

Advent expresses its sympathy to Lance and Paula Muscara on the death of Lance's father Domie Muscara. May God's comfort be with the Muscara family in their time of loss.

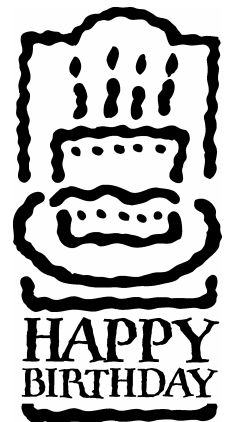
MEMORIALS

Advent gives thanks to Donald and Janice Hoffmann who gave a gift to the Memorial Fund in memory of Jeanne Stirzel.

<u>INCOME – 3/09</u>	Received	Budgeted
General Fund	\$19,948	\$19,249
Mortgage Fund	4,891	5,338
Benevolence	190	
Memorial Fund	150	

ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER
JUNE

- 1 Tamara Ritchie Wong
- 3 Adam Hall
Kim Masciotro
- 5 Luke Duffy
- 7 Erich Rayher
- 9 Angela Wagner Bauer
Lauren Duffy
Shirley Haaf
- 15 Jack Weaver
- 17 Kimberly Starke
- 19 Ray Heiss
- 20 Monika Kovacs
- 21 Katie Gordon
Janet Manco
Lisa Frey
- 22 Geoff Duffy
- 23 Ruth Brehm
Christel Hoffmann
- 24 Dot Aldorasi
- 25 Ashley Hall
- 28 Danny Gordon
- 30 Mark Dorsey
Eric Buttil
Amy Rilling



Please contact the church office at 215-355-2529 if you or someone you know was inadvertently omitted from the birthday list. Thank you!

JUNE, 2009 SCHEDULES- 2009

ACOLYTES

1st	10:30 am	Brooke Creighton
2nd	10:30 am	Jerry Gugger
3rd	10:30 am	Karalyn Henry
4th	10:30 am	Shannon McQuiggan

LAY READERS

6/07	8:00 am	Mike Hall
	10:30 am	Kathy Sitler
6/14	9:30 am	Paul Henke
6/21	9:30 am	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
6/28	9:30 am	Jennifer McQuiggan

NURSERY

A new nursery schedule will be coming soon. We thank Sarah Lattal for taking on this responsibility. If you would like to help, please let her know.

ALTAR GUILD

6/07	8:00 am	Julie Anderson, Liz Gracey Hanna McCollum
	10:30 am	Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Kathy Sitler

COMMUNION BREAD

6/07	Don Hoffmann
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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

6/07	8:00 am	Carolyn Morrison, Bill Pearson
	10:30 am	Tony Gryszka, Rose Herbert

USHERS

1 st	8:00 am	Ron Brown, Dave Shearer
	10:30 am	Bob Matlack, Ted Siek
2 nd	9:30 am	Andy Frey, Bob Holford, Lance Muscara, Bill Pearson
3 rd	9:30 am	Ray Heiss, George Henry, Tom Herbert, Mike Sitler
4 th	9:30 am	Steve Anderson, Joe Calla, Dave Frost, Tony Gryszka, Kris Henke

MONEY COUNTERS

1 st	Dave Breig, Earl Gilbert, Paul Henke
2 nd	Andy & Cindy Frey, Bob Holford
3 rd	Joyce Heiss, Bill Pearson
4 th	Tony Gryszka, Tom Herbert

ALTAR FLOWER DISTRIBUTION

6/07	Kathy Sitler
6/14	Sue Jafar
6/21	Marian Siek
6/28	Dot Aldorasi

THANK YOU

Advent expresses its thanks to all of you who so generously give of your time to volunteer to make our services run so smoothly. It is greatly appreciated. If you have an hour a month (sometimes a little more, sometimes a little less) to spare, consider volunteering for one (or two) of the above jobs. We are in great need in several areas. Thank you for your consideration.

JUNE 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 DAY OF PENTECOST 8:00 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Sunday School 3-adult 10:30 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 10:30 AM Rite of Confirmation with reception following	1 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	2 9:00 AM Pre-School	3 9:00 AM Pre-School 10:15 AM Women's Bible Study 4:30 PM Children's Choir 6:15 PM Praise Team Rehearsal 7:15 PM Vocal Choir 8:15 PM Bell Choir	4 9:00 AM Pre-School 9:30 AM LBLP @ Immanuel, Somerton 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	5 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	6
7 THE HOLY TRINITY 8:00 AM Holy Communion (Traditional) 9:15 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:15 AM Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM Sunday School (Last Day) 10:30 AM Holy Communion (Traditional)	8 1:00 PM Sola Gratia Circle 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	9 Pastor on Vacation 9:00 AM Pre-School	10 Pastor on Vacation 9:00 AM Pre-School	11 Pastor on Vacation 9:00 AM Pre-School 9:30 AM Pre-School Closing 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	12 Pastor on Vacation 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	13 Pastor on Vacation 8:30 AM Men's Breakfast 9:30 AM Security & Safety Meeting
14 PENTECOST II Summer Schedule Begins Pastor on Vacation 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study 8:45 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:30 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 9:30 AM Guest Preacher Doug Oines 10:30 AM Summer Chat 10:45 AM Church Council	15 Pastor on Vacation 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	16 Pastor on Vacation 7:00 PM Advent Night at the Phillies	17 Pastor on Vacation	18 9:30 AM Dean's Meeting @ Philadelphia 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	19 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	20 1:00 PM Diakonia Graduation @ Good Shepherd
21 PENTECOST III Father's Day 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM Traditional Summer Service (WOV) 10:30 AM Summer Chat	22 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	23 2:30 PM - 8:00 PM Summer Blood Drive	24 10:30 AM Summer Book Club	25 Presentation of Augsburg Confession 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	26 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	27
28 PENTECOST IV 8:30 AM Adult Bible Study 8:45 AM Praise Team Rehearsal 9:30 AM "Faith Alive" Holy Communion 10:30 AM Summer Chat 1:00 PM Pastor @ Memorial Service, Shohola, PA	29 Dean's Retreat 8:00 PM A.A. Open Meeting	30 Dean's Retreat	1 10:30 AM Summer Book Club	2 8:00 PM A.A. Topic Group	3 8:00 PM A.A. Step Meeting	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY