

THE ADVENTURE

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ADVENT PRESCHOOL MEET & GREET

Wednesday, September 2
9:00 – 10:30 am

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Labor Day Commemoration

Sunday, September 6
8:30 am Adult Bible Study
9:30 am Traditional (LBW) Holy Communion
10:30 am Summer Chat- Congregational Life

ADVENT PRESCHOOL

Tuesday – Thursday
9:00 am – 11:30 am
beginning September 8

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.
beginning September 9

CHOIRS START REHEARSALS

Wednesdays, beginning September 9
4:30 pm Children's Choir
6:15 pm Praise Team
7:15 pm Senior Choir
8:15 pm Bell Choir

15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RALLY DAY

Return to Fall Schedule

Sunday, September 13
8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am "Faith Alive" Casual Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 3 - adult
10:30 am Traditional Worship
7:00 pm Church Council

NORTHAMPTON DAYS

Sunday, September 13
10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Evangelism Committee and Advent PreSchool
host a display table at Richboro Middle School.

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 20
8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am "Faith Alive" Casual Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 3 - adult
10:30 am Traditional Worship

CONFIRMATION I & II CLASS

Mondays @ 6:30 pm beginning on September 21

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Worship Leader – Jo Wright

Sunday, September 27
8:00 am Traditional Worship
9:15 am "Faith Alive" Casual Holy Communion
Sunday School ages 3 - adult
10:30 am Traditional Worship
6:15 p.m. Evening Prayer and Guest Speaker @
St. James, Philadelphia

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

“ . . . I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:18-19

Just as St. Paul thanked the church at Philippi for their generous support of him at a time of need, so too our church Council, Finance Committee, and I thank you for your generous support of Advent over these summer months. Despite the economic problems of our nation, our members and friends have responded generously to the special campaign to do the necessary repaving of our parking lot. We are hopeful to see that project soon underway. So too you have been faithful in your regular giving during the difficult summer months when so many are away or traveling. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and I am confident that God will continue to meet our needs here at Advent even as he will meet each of your needs personally.

As we move into our fall schedule we are again reminded of the God who meets our needs in Christ Jesus. On Sunday, September 13th we will celebrate Rally Sunday and resume our 3 service schedule with Sunday School for ages 3 to adult concurrent with the 9:15 contemporary service. We encourage you to worship regularly at either the 8:00 or 10:30 am traditional services or the 9:15 am “Faith Alive” service. We also encourage you to participate in Sunday School and/or other Christian Education classes. We also have any number of fellowship groups and Social Ministry opportunities, as well as many other ways to serve.

Again, thank you for your support and involvement in our congregational life and mission. May God bless us at Advent and you personally in Christ Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Sorcek



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PRESCHOOL MEET AND GREET

Advent's PreSchool will kick off the 2009-2010 school year with a meet and greet on Wednesday, September 2nd from 9:00 – 10:30. If you have a child not yet registered, there are still a few spaces available. Please contact the church office or Jeanne Gryska, or visit the preschool website: www.adventpreschool.org for more information.



LABOR DAY WORSHIP

On Sunday, September 6th we will commemorate Labor Day with a service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m. This will be our last Sunday on the summer schedule.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Any women who are available on Wednesday mornings are invited to come at 10:30 a.m. starting on Wednesday, September 9th and join us for a study of God's Word. This fall we will continue the study of Acts that was started last year.



RALLY DAY & RETURN TO FALL SCHEDULE

Rally Sunday will be held on Sunday, September 13th. We return to our fall schedule which is as follows:



- 8:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
- 9:15 a.m. "Faith Alive" Casual Service of Holy Communion
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School, ages 3 to adult
- 10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Join us in worship and study of God's Word.



NORTHAMPTON DAYS

Advent's Evangelism Committee and Advent PreSchool will be staffing a table at Richboro Middle School from 10 am to 5 pm on September 13th. If you would like to help staff our Evangelism table, please contact our Evangelism Chairman Doug Oines.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Any women of the congregation are invited to become involved in either of our two Circles. Sola Gratia Circle meets the second Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. here at church. For more information contact Sola Gratia Coordinator



Carolyn Morrison. We also have an evening Circle of Joy which meets every third Thursday of the month. Please e-mail Karen Matlack at kmatl22349@verizon.net. You may also call the church office @ 215-355-2529 for information on either circle.

CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

Advent's confirmation ministry for youth in the 7th and 8th grades (or older if not yet made their confirmations) will begin on Monday, Sept. 21 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Pastor Sorcek will be teaching both classes Christian Doctrine based on Martin Luther's Small Catechism. Classes will meet every Monday night during the school year. Youth participating in confirmation ministry are also expected to regularly attend worship and Sunday School. Youth are strongly encouraged to participate in Youth Group.

KOINONIA

Koinonia (Greek for fellowship) is more than a Bible Study group. We also through food, fellowship, laughter, and tears, grow in our faith and community with one another. Our next gathering is on September 26th at the home of Tom and Rose Herbert. If interested in learning more about this small group opportunity, please speak with George Henry, the Herberts, the Oines' or the Weavers.

JAMES NESTINGEN TO SPEAK AT ST. JAMES, PHILADELPHIA

Professor James Nestingen, formally of Luther-Northwestern Seminary and a leader in the movement to reform the ELCA will be guest speaker at a service of Evening Prayer on Sunday, September 27 at 6:15 pm at St. James Lutheran Church, 5185 Castor Avenue in Northeast Phila. All are invited to come hear this challenging speaker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

For the 2009-2010 year, we will be in need of a teacher for age 3 through Kindergarten. The materials are prepared professionally and there are teacher reference books to help prepare the entire lesson. Please consider this opportunity to support the Sunday School Program and questions may be directed to Kathleen Pearson at 267.304.6916.



PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS

As one notices, our parking lot is falling into a state of disrepair. The low bid for reconstructing the parking lot is \$27,000. Our Finance Committee and Church Council have challenged us to consider contributing towards one or more spaces at a cost of about \$325 per space. We would like to have the lot resurfaced in late summer. Your gifts will make this possible. As of August 16th, \$26,300 (97% of the goal) has been given (81 of 84 spaces). Thank you for your generous support!

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Advent's Youth Group again thanks the congregation for its prayers and generous support of the mission trip to Watertown, NY. We thank Dave Hopping and the youth for sharing their stories of their trip with us.

THANK YOU FOR VBS

We thank our director Jen Zipf and teachers and staff for our successful VBS on the Theme "Gadget's Garage" from July 13 – 17. There were 43 children enrolled as well as a large staff.

TREE CUTTING AND PROPERTY

Thanks to Don Hoffmann and Dan Gracey who coordinated work crews of Advent members to take down several dead trees and to do other trimming and sprucing up of the church property. Thanks to all who helped. Also, thanks to all who have helped Janice Hoffmann with the new garden facing 2nd Street Pike.

FLOWER GARDEN

The Church Council would like to acknowledge all those who made the new flower garden adjacent to the memorial trees possible. Many thanks to:

1. Dot Aldorasi, Ray & Joyce Heiss, Don & Jan Hoffmann, Bob & Karen Matlack, Carolyn Morrison, and Fred & Jeanne Wagner for contributing three hundred dollars for the purchase of plants and mulch.
2. Bucks Beautiful for awarding Advent a two-hundred fifty dollar grant toward the purchase of plants and mulch.
3. Lynn Roccograndi for rototilling.
4. Joe Calla for purchasing some of the plants.
5. Mike and Vicki Vassello for donating plants.
6. Don, Jan, & Christel Hoffmann, Karen Matlack, Nancy Sclight, Mike Vassello, and

Jeanne Wagner for planting, watering, and/or weeding through the summer.

Anyone willing to help care for the garden in the Fall, please contact J. Calla or J. Hoffmann

CONGRATULATIONS ON WEDDINGS

Advent expresses its congratulations to the following Advent members on their weddings:

Benjamin Meyers of our congregation and Michelle Gannon in Bridgewater, NJ on Saturday, June 20.

Joshua Hanlon of our congregation and Laura Kibler on their wedding here at Advent on Saturday August 1.

Diana Gryszka of our congregation and Korey Jones at Abington Art Center at Alverthorpe Manor, Jenkintown on Saturday, August 15.

Jayne Manco of our congregation and Michael Burchill at Washington Crossing Inn on Friday, August 21.

May God's Blessings be with each of these married couples in their wedded life together.

PRAAYER REQUESTS

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

Jim Caldwell at Crestview Nursing Home following hospitalization

Jennie Davis at home

Jerry Diefenbach at home

Shirley Haaf recovering after wrist surgery

Liz LeGierse Holford to recovering at home after knee surgery

Janet Manco recovering after surgery

Alyssa Matlack recovering at home after surgery and fall

Benicia Meyers undergoing treatments

Edie Noll recovering at home

Jessica Sorcek recovering after fall at work

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.

WITH SYMPATHY

Advent expresses its sympathy to Tony and Jeanne Gryska and family on the death of Tony's father Anthony Gryska Senior on August 17. May God's comfort and peace be with the Gryska family in their time of loss.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED

On July 19 we bade Farewell and Godspeed to Will and Jen Zipf and children Zach and Hannah who are moving to Rockville, MD. We give thanks for their involvement in our congregational life and we pray God's blessings on them in their new home.

| <u>INCOME – 6/09</u> | <u>Received</u> | <u>Budgeted</u> |
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| General Fund | \$33,064 | \$19, 249 |
| Mortgage Fund | 4,364 | 5,338 |
| Benevolence | 792 | |
| Lutheran Charities Appeal YTD* | | \$792 |
| Parking Lot Improvements* | \$16,675 | |
| <i>(* inc. above)</i> | | |

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| General Fund | \$22,489 | \$19, 249 |
| Mortgage Fund | 5,650 | 5,338 |
| Benevolence | 1,331 | |
| Parking Lot Improvements* | \$6,850 | |
| <i>(* inc. above)</i> | | |

ON THE LIGHT SIDE – CHURCH MUSIC

An old farmer went to the city one weekend and attended a large church. He came home and his wife asked him how it was. "Well," said the farmer, "It was good. They did something different, however. They sang praise choruses instead of hymns." "Praise choruses," said his wife, "What are those?" "Oh, they're okay. They're sort of like hymns, only different," said the farmer." "Well, what's the difference?" asked his wife. The farmer said, "Well it's like this - If I were to say to you: 'Martha, the cows are in the corn,' well that would be a hymn. If, on the other hand, I were to say to you: 'Martha Martha, Martha, Oh, Martha, MARTHA, MARTHA, the cows, the big cows, the brown cows, the black cows, the white cows, the black and white cows, the COWS, COWS, COWS are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the corn, the CORN, CORN, CORN, then, if I were to repeat the whole thing two or three times, well that would be a praise chorus."

Coincidentally, the same week, a young businessman from the city who normally attended a church with contemporary-style worship, was in the old farmer's town on business and visited the farmer's small town church. He came home and his wife asked him how it was. "Well," said the young man, "It was good. They did something different, however. They sang hymns instead of regular songs." "Hymns," said his wife, "What are those?" "Oh, they're okay. They're sort of like regular songs, only different," said the young man. "Well, what's the difference?" asked his wife. The young man said, "Well it's like this - If I were to say to you, 'Martha, the cows are in the corn,' well that would be a regular song. If, on the other hand, I were to say to you: Oh Martha, dear Martha, hear thou my cry. Incline thine ear to the words of my mouth. Turn thou thy whole wondrous ear by and by to the righteous, inimitable, glorious truth. For the way of the animals who can explain, There in their heads is no shadow of sense. Harkenest they in God's sun or his rain Unless from the mild, tempting corn they are fenced. Yea those cows in glad bovine, rebellious delight, have broke free their shackles, their warm pens eschewed. Then goaded by minions of darkness and night, they all my mild sweet Chilliwack corn have chewed. So look to that bright shining day by and by, where all foul corruptions of earth are reborn. Where no vicious animal makes my soul cry. And I no longer see those foul cows in the corn. Then, if I were to do only verses one, three and four and do a key change on the last verse, well that would be a hymn."

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES

ACOLYTES

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| 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

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| 9/06 | 8:00 am | Julie Anderson |
| | 10:30 am | Jennifer McQuiggan |
| 9/13 | 8:00 am | Dave Frost |
| | 10:30 am | Marian Siek |
| 9/20 | 8:00 am | Mike Hall |
| | 10:30 am | Jeanne Gryszka |
| 9/27 | 8:00 am | Julie Anderson |
| | 10:30 am | Jack Weaver |

ALTAR GUILD

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| 9/06 | 9:30 am | Julia Anderson, Karen Breig, Donna Duffy, Liz Gracey, Hanna McCollum, Kathy Sitler |
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COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

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| 9/06 | 9:30 am | Mike Hall, Carolyn Morrison |
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COMMUNION BREAD

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| 9/06 | | Linda Morley |
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USHERS

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

MONEY COUNTERS

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| 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

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| 9/06 | Marian Siek |
| 9/13 | Dot Aldorasi |
| 9/20 | Sue Jafar |
| 9/27 | Kathy Sitler |

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.

ADVENT'S BIRTHDAY CORNER - SEPTEMBER

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| 1 Warren Spahn | 15 Nicholas Masciotro | 22 Teena Hanlon |
| 2 Zachary Zipf | 16 Sandra Davis | 25 Rose Herbert |
| 3 Cindy Frey | Kenna Duffy | 26 Christopher Frey |
| Chris Hall | Lauren Hollingsworth | 27 Pauline Roecker |
| 5 Paul Shearer | Stephen Urbaniak | Kelly Sitler |
| Kailey Jones | 17 John Kelly | 28 Debbie Kelly |
| 7 Nolan Hopping | Gertrude Mueller | Tyler Walsh |
| 11 Mark Frey | 19 Jeanne Gryszka | Cathy Wills |
| 12 Kristen Heiss Stewart | 20 Rick DeJames | 30 Peggy Spahn |
| Hannah Zipf | Luke Urbaniak | |
| 13 Courtney Kirschner | 21 Jonathan Beer | |
| Louis Manco | Phillip Frank | |
| 14 Peggy Brennan | Amber Glover | |
| Cheryl Hollingsworth | Tammy Glover | |

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know has been omitted from the list.
Thanks.

