



# ADVENTures a weekly newsletter

Advent Episcopal Church ◇ 3760 Dover Center Road ◇ Westlake ◇ OH ◇ 44145

February 10, 2019 ◇ The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## Preaching this Morning at Advent

Advent welcomes Pastor Paul Laursen to our 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. services today. Pastor Laursen will be with us through February and beyond.

## GIFT...GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER...

At Advent

On February 17 our GIFT DVD series "Goliath Must Fall" returns. February's topic examines the giant of rejection. Rejection is painful and can take different forms. Whether we are rejected for a prospective job or promotion; entrance into the college of our choice or any other number of reasons--rejection is painful! It is the rejection though of someone we are close to that dwarfs all the other forms. Just a few words, or the lack thereof, from a key person in our world such as a parent or spouse can shape how we view ourselves for our entire lives. The giant of rejection brings its cousins— insecurity, inferiority, being driven by perfectionism or compulsiveness along with it. We need to break free from the clutches of rejection. Fortunately for us God can defeat rejection. God accepts us and it is through this realization that the giant of rejection *will* fall.

Pastor Louie Giglio will guide us through this month's session "Rejection *Must* Fall". We will see how David resisted the pull of rejection and learn how God extends the invitation to us to embrace the acceptance that he offers us!

Please join us on February 17 as we learn together that whatever giant may be in our lives, the key to living free from our giant is by keeping our eyes on the one and only giant—slayer: Jesus. Put your hope in him, and watch Goliath fall. We will meet for one hour following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please feel free to bring your own packed lunch with you if you so choose to eat as we watch the

## Men's Night Out

Men of Advent, please join us tomorrow, Monday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m., at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse in Great Northern Shopping Mall, 25779 Brookpark Road, 440-471-9140. Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending, at: 440-657-5286 or [nosonut5830@att.net](mailto:nosonut5830@att.net).

## Save the Date

Please plan on joining us as Advent hosts a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday February 23 at 6:00 p.m. Cost is FREE and open to the public, so all are invited. Free will donation will be accepted. Please let Peter Meckes know if you will be attending at: 440-657-5286 or [nosonut5830@att.net](mailto:nosonut5830@att.net) or if you would be willing to help.



## The Church in Babylon – Conflicts of Conscience: Keeping the Faith in a Hostile Work Environment

This is the title of today's session. How far can we engage our culture without compromising our convictions? Where do we draw the line? How do we respond to conflicts of conscience when confronted by state & federal influences? Pressures from leaders and bosses? Peer pressures existing in our clubs, social activities – even our churches? There are seldom black & white answers, so what are some principles we can follow? Let's explore together what God, Dr. Lutzer, and the Holy Spirit speaking through each of us has to say. Come and see!

## Good Turnout for Session 1 of The Church in Babylon

Thanks to the 13 people who participated in the first session of this Bible study series on February 3. We were blessed to have 3 non-Advent people who came because they saw our ads and article in WestLife and Westlake/Bay Village Observer; knew and respect Dr. Erwin Lutzer who authored the book & DVD series; and were curious. All were provoked, challenged and encouraged by the content and the discussion. Good start!

## This Week at Advent

### Today, February 10

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Birthdays and Anniversaries  
**11:30 a.m. "The Church in Babylon" Bible Study**

### Monday, February 11

6:30 p.m. Men's Night Out

### Tuesday, February 12

### Wednesday, February 13

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent  
9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group  
7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting

### Thursday, February 14

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

### Sunday, February 17

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour  
**11:30 a.m. GIFT**

## Prayer Request

### *Health and Recovery*

Lillian Kwasny	Irv Frank	Joan Joye
Mary Lou Dixon	Marilyn Decker	Velta Sanborn
Bob Allen	Karen Zolar	Rose Walker
Barb Frank	Lois Zolar	Arthur Beel
Julie Cratcha	Michael Uhrich	
George Belinsky	Bill & Judy Arkley	

### *Friends of Advent*

Toni Kulma, wife of Pastor Kulma  
Eliza Jennings residents  
Sylvia Little, Bishop Little's wife  
Kaylene Say Niece of Max and Barbara Gage  
Jack Morgan

*Please contact the church office if you would like your name added or removed from our list.*

## Devotionals

The devotionals, Forward Day by Day, for February—April, are now available on the table in the narthex.

## Server Schedule

### Today, February 10

#### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Kathleen Huffman

#### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer** Dick McCormick & Bunny Meriam

**Lector** Dick McCormick

**Prayer of the People** Dick McCormick (Form 4)

**Acolytes** Anna Evans

**Ushers** Peter Meckes

**Intercessory Prayer** Sharon Rice

**Altar Guild** Anne Crothall & Pat Perris

#### Coffee Hour

**Close Advent** Peter Meckes

**Counter / Date** Anne Crothall (2/11)

### Next Sunday, February 17

#### 8:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer/Lector** Dick McCormick  
**Acolyte** Alex Dzurec

#### 10:00 a.m.

**Chalice Bearer** Scott Duennes & Sharon Rice

**Lector** Lewis Meriam

**Prayer of the People** Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 5)

**Acolytes** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Ushers** Teddi Augustine

**Intercessory Prayer** Ray Busony

**Altar Guild** Bunny Meriam & Jennifer Meckes

**Coffee Hour** GIFT

**Close Advent** Denise Geyer-Keller

**Counter / Date** Marcia Duennes (2/19)

Note: It is your responsibility to contact another volunteer directly to