



# ADVENTures *a weekly newsletter*

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**September 1, 2024 The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

Welcome to Advent Episcopal Church and may God bless your worship today!

## **Bible Study:**

Adult Sunday morning Bible Study will begin the Book of John on August 25. We meet between Advent's two Sunday morning services from 9:00 until 9:50am. John is referred to as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" and was very prominent in helping to form the early Christian church. There are many portions of The Gospel of John that contain eyewitness accounts of Jesus' ministry. To quote John, his main purpose in writing his accounts: "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."(20:31).

We begin by reading aloud the chapter for that Sunday and then have a discussion on what the chapter entails and how we are to integrate these lessons into our daily walk outside of Advent. We are all learners on this journey together and have lively discussions on what each of us hears or takes from that week's lesson. If you desire to deepen your faith walk, you are encouraged to attend whenever you are able.

## **Ladies Night Out: will be**

**TUESDAY**, Sept. 3rd @ 5:30 p.m.

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857 Columbia Rd

Westlake, OH 44145

Please contact Marilyn Decker if you plan on attending.

## **Advent Prayer List:**

If you or a loved one is on the Advent Prayer Request List appearing weekly in ADVENTures and wish to be removed, please notify Khoa in the office of this intention. Her hours are M-Th from 8-2:30 and Wednesday's hours are 8-Noon.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Judy Arkley
- 5 Alex Huffman
- 6 Linda McCormick
- 7 David Huffman
- 30 David Luptak



## This Week at Advent

### Sunday, September 1

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Monday, September 2 Labor Day

Church office is closed

### Tuesday, September 3

### Wednesday, September 4

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at Advent

9:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

### Thursday, September 5

### Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### Prayer Request

#### *Health and Recovery*

Jennifer & Peter Meckes

Mary Lou Dixon Marilyn Decker Stacey Smith  
Shirley Moore Barb Frank Sue & Steve Boyce  
Michael Uhrich Sharon Rice Bill & Judy Arkley  
Dave Luptak Anne Crothall Bev Cummings  
Nita Ritchie Pat Perris Richard Guzowski  
Cynthea Sabolich Nancy & Ed Medley John Vasicek  
Barbara & Max Gage Bill & Joyce Carangio

#### *Friends of Advent*

Bill Liptak Ray Coy  
Eliza Jennings residents  
Residents of Pinzone Tower  
Andrew Bodi & Bodi Family,  
Gabe, grandson of Jan & Jerry Nagy  
Dar Khoury's Mom  
Jan, Peggy and Pat, friends of Beverly Cummings  
Pastor Julia Wertz, Pole and Easton Methodist Church  
Jeff Campbell, nephew of Mary Lou Dixon  
Baby Ruby, Pat, Joyce, Sandy, Kurt, Rita, Derek, Josh, and Janet, friends of Sue Boyce  
Little Vinny, friend of the Boyce Family  
Ann, sister of Mary Lou  
Cade and the Maurer Family, friends of Denise Geyer-Keller  
Ernie, friend of Katherine Jensen  
Stephen Masih + Church in India  
Elizabeth Haas

#### *Safety Protection*

First Responder Capt. Jason Evans IPFCA Chaplin  
David Arkley, son of Bill & Judy Arkley  
Rachel Moffitt, ER Nurse daughter of Bill & Judy Arkley  
All Workers at Cleveland Crisis Pregnancy Center  
*Please contact the church office if you would like your name added or removed from our list.*

## Server Schedule Today, September 1

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Dick McCormick

Lector Dick McCormick

Prayers of the People Dick McCormick (Form 5)

Usher Max Gage

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Susan Boyce (September 2)

Close Advent Ray Busony

## Server Schedule Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m.

Assistant Kathleen Huffman

10:00 a.m.

Assistant Denise Geyer-Keller

Lector Denise Geyer-Keller

Prayers of the People Denise Geyer-Keller (Form 6)

Usher Peter Meckes

Intercessory Prayer Ray Busony

Counter Susan Boyce (September 9)

Close Advent Peter Meckes

Note: It is your responsibility to contact another volunteer directly to take your place. Please call the office with all changes. Thank you.

### Zoom Invitation

This is a recurring invitation for worship services at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. You can use the same link, Meeting ID, and Passcode Sunday after Sunday. This way, the link won't change week by week. You can launch the link from this transmittal link.

Peace be with you!

There are no changes, just the same info in an abbreviated format. **These are not new, just shortened.**

Join Advent Service via Zoom from PC or tablet

<https://zoom.us/j/93790207331?pwd=NWFhZVhVdEY1Z5dzRCSjNVOzZlZOT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

From your smartphone, dial 312 626 6799

Meeting ID: 937 9020 7331

Passcode: 988930

## **Episcopal Church Has a New Presiding Bishop**

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe was elected Presiding Bishop at the General Convention in late June. He serves as Bishop of Northwestern Penn. and Western New York, was ordained a priest at 24 and the youngest bishop ordained and consecrated at age 32. He is 49 starting a 9-year term. He was elected on the first ballot, garnering 89 of 158 votes cast. His wife is a Christian educator and they have one daughter. He has an undergraduate degree in history from Grove City College (small conservative Christian college in western PA), Master of Divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a PhD in organizational learning and leadership from Gannon University (Catholic school in Erie, PA).

This link records an interview a few hours after his election. <https://livingchurch.org/news/news-episcopal-church/sean-rowe-i-see-significant-changes-2/>

Some highlighted quotes:

- “yes, the church is in decline, in terms of our numbers. Given the hand we’re dealt, given the situation as it is, given the state of Christianity, given the demographics of our various regions — how do we most effectively participate in this mission that we’ve called ourselves to?”
- “All trends point to a smaller church, at least in the next decade. There’s no question about that. The question for me more is, can we get to a level, to a greater level of effectiveness, and can we lay the groundwork in which to grow? But that doesn’t happen overnight. We’re talking about a multi-decade process here of rethinking, to use an old term, how we prosecute the mission of the church.”
- “I do want to make clear: I talk a lot about organizational structure. I talk a lot about budgets, strategy — but it’s all in the service of the gospel. If we don’t get the vehicle working, you can have all the values and all the high aspirations you want, but if the vehicle can’t get us there, what good is it?”

## **Wednesday Morning Prayer Group:**

Prayers at 9 am every Wednesday. The same zoom link is used every Wednesday.

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77746867800?pwd=RorCYkb0uF6u11pYTIg48iPb7I8Jpg.1>

Meeting ID: 777 4686 7800 Passcode: 615DAA

## **Men’s Night Out: will be**

**TUESDAY**, September 10 @6:30 p.m.

Houlihan’s Westlake

25651 Detroit Rd

Westlake, OH 44145

Please contact Peter Meckes for you plan on attending

## ***Word & Deed Mission Trip to Nepal & India 2024***

Thank you for praying for us. Intercession is a vital part of any mission trip. We are not exaggerating when we say we cannot do this without your prayer support.

Please pray for the LORD to be glorified in everything we do and say while on the mission field. Pray for souls to be saved, bodies to be healed, lives to be transformed. Pray for our preparations for our four weeks of teaching & preaching and for the Lord to prepare our hearts and the hearts of those to whom we'll be ministering.

Agenda to cover in prayer:

- Aug 16<sup>th</sup> Starting our long journey to Nepal.
- Aug 17<sup>th</sup> Arriving and going through a process to get our Nepali visas.
- Aug 19<sup>th</sup> Teaching at *Youth with a Mission* base in Kathmandu for two weeks.
- Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Teaching and ministering at an all-day leader's conference.
- Aug 26<sup>th</sup> Teaching at *YWAM* base again.
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Teaching at *YWAM* in the morning.
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Flying to India and arriving at Delhi Airport where we will finish the visa process for India. (Pray for visas to be approved for India as it is not as easy as it was to get cleared to enter India because of the political climate.)
- Aug 30<sup>th</sup> Flying from Delhi after a six-hour layover to Vijayawada followed by a long drive to our next location.
- Aug 31<sup>st</sup> Ministering for a week with Pastor Sreenu, his congregations, outreaches, and pastors' meetings. (While there we will be dedicating a children's home and Bible school we have been raising funds for the last 4 years. Sreenu has invited pastors, local officials, and many others for this celebration.)
- Sept 9<sup>th</sup> Ministering with Pastor Sevak, his congregations, pastors and leaders for a week. (This last week will be in a place where Christian ministers have been murdered. Please pray for our safety and the safety of those with us.)
- Sept 15<sup>th</sup> Ministering in the morning, then flying back to USA via Delhi to Chicago.
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> Arriving home in Cleveland to our own mattress!

## Umala Mission impacts the now and the future:

Making a huge difference every day

Fr. Abraham is deeply vested in helping the people of the village of Umala. Remember how we all felt when the power was out? The villagers in Umala, generally live without many of the things we take for granted every day. What if every dollar of your charity mattered and you could see the effects?

We are charged as Christians specifically to care for the orphans and widows, and this mission does that by **helping them help themselves** by giving them seed money to buy vegetables to resell to pay for their housing, food, There are no free public schools so they pay for students (\$11), teach a trade to the young (sewing), help young women attend nursing school, buy cows for milk for the infants and families and for reselling, chickens for eggs. They use the money donated to invest in their futures by selling milk, eggs, vegetables, getting the youth educated and taught marketable skills.

American Christians are the kindest and most loving people on earth but sometimes we wonder where our charity goes. **Don't wonder.** Every penny goes into supporting the people of Umala in positive ways. Consider making a donation by check to Advent with the words Umala Mission in the Notes line. Their needs are both large (a vehicle to transport ill patients to medical care facilities, and an additional school building) and small - a chicken to grow and provide eggs. Fr. Abraham is returning to the village after he fills the needs of Advent while Pastor Paul and Kathryn are away. Let's send him home with what our Lord moves us to help with the mission.

New Library for the Children



Daily Water collection from the new water source.

