

The Episcopal Church of the Advent

Nurtured by Worship

Fed by Fellowship

Strengthened for Service

A Call to Advent?

Those in our community living in chronic poverty face a life of constant stress. Many people who work low wage jobs, have little money to spare, or whose family and friends also live with a slim margin, dread the unexpected crisis that puts them further behind.

An unexpected medical bill, or a car that constantly needs repair is sometimes all that lies between security and the loss of housing. *Is Advent called to help?*

This summer the vestry and leadership of Advent began exploring the invitation from the Diocese of Pennsylvania to open a Wellness Center in our building. This would be a space that would provide various social and health services to those in our community who are at risk for falling deeper into poverty.

We are excited about the possibility and we also have many questions to answer before we move forward. But, this is what we know so far:

If we engage in this program, a wellness center would operate here one day per week.

The wellness center would be operated as a practicum site for students in nursing or social work.

The students would be supervised by staff from their institution of learning.

Advent would commit to providing hospitality for visitors and would work with other area churches to assist us in doing this.

A community study would be done by a representative of the Diocese to learn what the need for such a program is in the Hatboro area.

Detailed plans would be developed to assure the safety of our guests, our building, and our staff.

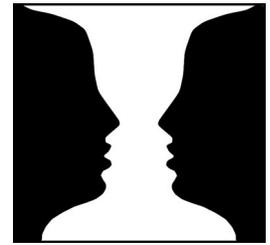
What questions do you have? What more would you like to know before we would commit to such a project? Knowing your questions will help the vestry further explore this opportunity. Please direct them to Lynn Hade or a vestry member. We may not have the answer that day, but we will put your question on our list.

Faithfully,

Lynn +

Come, Join the Conversation!

- practice your faith by brushing up on the skills of listening and dialoguing about important topics.
- build our parish into a stronger community by getting to know someone better, and letting them know get to know you, too.



On the 2nd Tuesday, 5:30-7:30

Holy Conversations on Hot Topics Fall 2019

Tuesday, September 10th: Social Identity

- To what social groups do we belong to by choice, and to which are we assigned by others?

Tuesday, October 8th: Money and Values

- What are the things you like about how you spend/invest your money?

To learn more about the conversation guides we use, visit this website:

Livingroomconversations.org.

If you see a topic you'd like to suggest, email Bruce Nicholson at brucenich@hotmail.com

*Now as we behold the setting of the sun,
we sing your praises, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

Evensong, or sung Evening Prayer, is a beautiful custom of our Anglican heritage and we will have an opportunity to worship using this service when the Montgomery Deanery gathers for its annual convocation on Tuesday, September 17th at 7 pm. All are welcome.

Frank Van Atta, music director of Trinity, Ambler will lead a 'pick-up' choir for those who would like to sing the anthem with other choir members in the deanery. Contact Barbara Johnson for details.

Chaplain Chris Antal of the Veteran's Administration will speak on the spiritual needs of those returning from combat.

Betty Cummings and helpers are providing refreshments after the service.

Life Together at Advent

Here is a list of events this fall that are for fun and fellowship

Sunday, September 8:

Welcome back choir!

A new Celtic liturgy to celebrate the gift of creation.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC FOLLOWING THE 10 AM SERVICE-
bring a side dish to share. Main dish provided.

Tuesday September 10th:

Holy Conversations, 5:30-7:30

Sunday September 15th

HAT Packs Pack-in, 9—9:45 in the Parish Hall

Barbara Johnson, her friends and some 'old timey music'
at our 10 am service.

Tuesday, September 17th:

Choral Evensong at 7 pm

Sunday, October 6th:

Worship with Celtic music, 10 am

St. Francis Day Intergenerational Celebration, 11:15

SAVE THE DATE! The 3rd annual tree lighting reception will be held on Friday, December 6th. Soon this fall, a work group will form to discuss ornaments to offer this year and to begin planning for the event. Direct questions and suggestions to Jeanne Bernosky.



Our next HAT Packs Pack-In will be September 15th

9 AM in the Parish Hall

Please check out the display the Narthex or your Sunday bulletin to see what we still need to collect.

HAT Packs currently serves 162 children per week.

What about.....?

Updates on news from before

Church School: Remember when Sunday morning church was the only show in town? No traveling teams for hockey. No gymnastic meets or soccer games. That day is long gone as civic and school organizations routinely schedule events that compete with church programming.

In response, our job is to create a program of spiritual nurture for our kids that is actually possible for them to attend in light of their busy schedules. Pizza Church has been our response for the past couple of years. In many ways, Pizza Church was successful—we had good, reliable attendance. Parents made it a priority for their kids to be here once a month. This year we are going to build on that success by creating a once a month program that includes people *young and older*. With the support of our teachers and families, we are moving our programming to the first Sunday of the month, immediately after the 10 am service. This year the whole parish is invited to participate in the spiritual nurture of our kids at an intergenerational gathering after the 10 am service.

We'll call it 'Bagel Church,' well, just because that's fun. We'll have snacks for everybody and a range of activities for the kids and adults to do together. Our teens will be upstairs with Karl New and Marilyn Zembower exploring the Christian tradition. Everybody else will be in the Parish Hall, chatting, noshing on munchies and helping kids with crafts and other activities. We'll be done by 12:15 so you can head out the door for the rest of your day.

Sharing our Building: At our May annual meeting the vestry shared that we hoped to rent a portion of our basement for revenue. Near the end of the process we were told that changing the occupancy permit from church to commercial would require us to update the space to current ADA standards. Way too expensive!

Since we can still use the basement for ministry, however, that opened the door to considering a Welcome Center ministry in partnership with the diocese. You can read more about that on the front page of the Herald.

We are preparing to market the Parish Hall as an event space and hope to use the fall and winter to assess usage. If there is high demand, we may consider air-conditioning the Parish Hall so it can be used year round.

Stay tuned as we continue to determine how our property can be used to generate some revenue.

September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8 AM Morning Prayer 10 AM Morning Prayer	2 Labor Day	3	4 9 AM WTS Computer class 10 AM Eucharist & Bible Study 3:00 HATpacks 7:00 NA Mtg in Parish Hall	5 10 AM WTS Language Class	6	7
8 8 AM Eucharist 10 AM Eucharist  <i>Church Picnic</i>	9 7:30 PM 3rd Legacy AA in Parish Hall	10  5:30-7:30 p.m. Holy Conversation on Hot Topics	11 9 AM WTS Computer class 10 AM Eucharist & Bible Study 3:00 HATpacks 7:00 NA Mtg in Parish Hall	12 10 AM WTS Language Class	13	14
15 8 AM Eucharist 9 AM HATPacks pack-in 10 AM Eucharist - Old-time music with Barbara Johnson & Friends	16 7:30 PM 3rd Legacy AA in Parish Hall	17 7:00 p.m. Deanery Convocation & Evensong—all are welcome!	18 9 AM WTS Computer class 10 AM Eucharist & Bible Study 3:00 HATpacks 7:00 NA Mtg in Parish Hall	19 10 AM WTS Language Class	20	21
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This fall, the Offices of the Diocese will move from West Philadelphia to St. John's Episcopal Church in Norristown. The church campus offers the entire diocese a location that has ample space for collaborative meetings and is easily accessible by public transportation and car. There is also plenty of free parking near the church for visitors. The Bishop's staff spends more than 50% of their time at churches, making this location centric to their time in the diocese. The Bishop and staff will continue to hold weekly office hours around the diocese as they have done for the past two years. Norristown is a very diverse community that is growing, and this move puts the Offices of the Diocese in a location where active ministry is needed and where we can contribute to the growth of the community. From this new location, we will continue to address poverty and pain, support our churches, and proclaim the Good News.

October



Event to be held at the following time, date, and location:

Saturday, October 5, 2019 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM (EDT)

Bishop McDevitt Highschool
125 Royal Ave
Wyncote, pa 19095

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Blood Drive 2—7 p.m. In the Narthex	2 9 AM WTS Com- puter class 10 AM Eucharist & Bible Study 3:00 HATpacks 7:00 NA Mtg in Parish Hall	3 10 AM WTS Language Class	4	5 ↑ Poverty Simu- lation—see information above
 American Red Cross	→					
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SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

September

9/5 Bill Kemp
9/5 Carolyn Smith
9/13 Robert Bernosky
9/14 Brian Disley
9/18 James Iacullo
9/19 Jesse Marass
9/19 Teresa Kline
9/21 Connor Rose Klotzbach
9/28 Bill Millar
9/30 Gerry Lattuca

October

10/2 Marilyn Zembower
10/3 Christopher Leo
10/5 George Madden
10/7 Madison White
10/11 Steven Marass
10/11 Andrew Gilman
10/15 Richard Gleich

10/17 Barbara Pitt
10/18 Diane Bernosky
10/20 Barbara Irvine
10/21 James Drinkwater, Sr.
10/23 Caitlyn Gilman
10/29 Elizabeth Walton
10/29 Ellen Welsh
10/31 Beverly Harvey



Give blood. Help save lives.



Blood Drive **Episcopal Church of the Advent**

Narthex
12 Byberry Road
Hatboro, PA 19040

Tuesday, October 1, 2019
2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please contact Alan Kiel at: A.ankiel@comcast.net

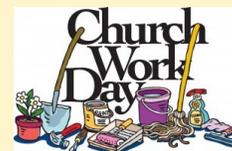
Coming in November:

Nov. 3rd - Pledge Ingathering Sunday
and our all-parish quarterly meeting @ 9



Thursday, November 14th
Annual Soup Luncheon

Sunday, November 17th
Fall Clean-up Day



Church of the Advent
12 Byberry Road,
Hatboro, PA 19040

Sundays

8 o'clock Spoken Eucharist
10 o'clock Eucharist with music

Wednesday

Spoken Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
followed by Bible Study

Children are welcome at worship

Quiet activities to keep them entertained can be found on the cart
in the narthex near the glider rocking chair.
Or grab a picture book from the rack at the doors to the sanctuary.

Visitors are welcome at Church of the Advent

for all worship services. Communion is open to all who seek
God's presence in the bread and wine.

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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2019