



Church of the Advent Birthday Party

Sunday, December 4th

11:30 am—1:30 pm

in the Parish Hall



Food, fun and fellowship is in store for **Sunday, December 4**. We have chosen to celebrate our birthday on December 4 because it is the date closest to our actual beginning. On December 7, 1889, a group of twenty people gathered together to officially name the “Church of the Advent”. The first service was held one week later on the third Sunday in Advent in the old Odd Fellow’s

Hall which no longer exists. An executive committee was established: Jonathan Rorer, Webster Melcher, Wilhemina Yerkes, Susan Fulmor, and Esther Erdman. The combination of holding the first service in the season of Advent and Webster Melcher’s long-time association with the other Church of the Advent in Philadelphia at Fifth & York Streets is said to have influenced the choosing of our name.

We are grateful to Betty Cummings who has taken on the organizing of our special day. It is our hope that you will come to church on Sunday and plan to stay for lunch.

Christmas Food Baskets

The Outreach Committee will again be sponsoring Christmas food baskets for St. John's Lutheran Church's Food Pantry in Hatboro. This year we will be sponsoring 30 families and we are so close to completion! The food collection runs **through December 4th**, and collection boxes are on the stage in the parish hall. Cash donations (there will be a money jar) to be used toward fresh pies and dinner rolls and for gift cards to a local supermarket for families to purchase perishable items. We will pack the food baskets (9 AM) and deliver them to St. John's (12 noon) on **December 11th**. If you have questions, please contact Donna McConomy, Janet Gilman, or Ellen Kavash. Thank you for your support!

The following list shows the quantity of items **STILL NEEDED** as of Nov. 28 to complete the baskets.

- ◆ Juice (7)
- ◆ Hot chocolate (9)
- ◆ Sugar (9)
- ◆ Christmas candy (12)
- ◆ Cranberry Sauce (6)
- ◆ Roasting pans (7)
- ◆ Napkins (4)



Episcopal Community Services Christmas Initiative

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES (ECS) invites you to make the holiday season brighter for the shut-in elderly! Thanks so much to those who have already signed up to participate in this program. There are a few spots left for the Dolphin Program. Please see the sign up in the narthex.

Give a fleece blanket for an elderly client in ECS's Communicare Program (all slots are full)

Give a stuffed animal (≤ 12" tall) for a shut-in in ECS's Dolphin Program (12 slots remaining)

All items must be new. Leave your unwrapped gift in the box in the narthex with a tag with the client's name on it. Please indicate for whom you have purchased a gift on the chart posted in the narthex. All donations needed by **Sunday, December 11**.

Life Together

Advent wreaths in creation



Christmas Cookies

The church school will once again hold a holiday cookie sale. If you have not signed up for your \$8.00 tin(s), please do so really soon. The cookies will be distributed on **Sunday, December 18th**. The proceeds from the cookie sale will buy a new bench to replace the broken one in the memorial garden.



SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE:

7 PM

**A FAMILY FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS SERVICE
WITH EUCHARIST.**

SPECIAL MUSIC BEGINS AT 6:30 PM.

10 PM

PANDLELIGHT SERVICE WITH EUCHARIST

SPECIAL MUSIC BEGINS AT 9:30 PM.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25:

CHRISTMAS MORNING:

8 AM & 10 AM

SPDKEN LITURGY WITH EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1:

EUCHARIST AT 8 AND 10 AM

THE REV. SUSHIL PAKYANADHAN, GUEST CLERGY

2017 Stewardship Campaign

Thanks to everyone who made a pledge to our 2017 Stewardship Campaign. Your generous financial commitment is greatly appreciated. If you have not already handed in your pledge card, please do so ASAP. ~The Stewardship Committee

Alan Kiel, Fred Abbonizio, Crystal Finn & Aylis Wolf



SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE

"Give clothes to those who need them" - Isaiah 58.7

Have you looked into your closets to see what clean, warm clothes you have, that you might donate to the Seamen's Church Institute, to help clothe the poor seamen that arrive in port from warmer climes with inadequate clothing for our winter?

*Come on people of Advent
Time to share that Christmas
love,
With those who are more needy
It's the will of God above.*

*Seamen coming into port
Bringing the things we desire,
From all those far off places
Where they wear summer attire.*

*But they are here in winter
Without the clothes to stay
warm,
Unable to come ashore
In the cold winter snowstorm.*

*We can help these poor seamen
By donating clean warm clothes,
We can provide all they need
To dress them from head to toes.*

*We also want calendars
To help them keep track of days,
For they are at sea for months
And need their journey appraise.*

*We will collect from Christmas
Through the month January,
Then deliver your gifting
To the brave men of the sea.*

—Brian Disley

December 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>There are still some liturgical calendars in the narthex that are ordered and made available to the congregation. A small contribution of \$2.50 is requested to help defray the cost. Please consider taking one of these calendars.</p>				1	2	3
<p>4 8 AM Eucharist 9 AM Church School 10 AM Eucharist 11:30—Birthday Party for our Church</p>	<p>5 7:30 PM 3rd Legacy AA in Parish Hall</p>	6	<p>7 10 AM Eucharist & Bible Study 7:00 Mtg in Parish Hall 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>8 10 AM Eucharist</p>	9	10
<p>11 8 AM Eucharist 9 AM Church School 10 AM Eucharist 12</p>	<p>12 7:30 PM 3rd Legacy AA in Parish Hall</p>	13	<p>14 10 AM Eucharist & Bible Study 7:00 Mtg in Parish Hall 7:00 Choir</p>	15	16	17
<p>18 8 AM Eucharist 10 AM Eucharist with Pageant 11:15 Birthday Party</p>	<p>19 7:30 PM 3rd Legacy AA in Parish Hall</p>	20	<p>21 SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE 10 AM Eucharist & Bible Study 7:00 Mtg in Parish Hall 7:00 Choir</p>	22	<p>23 6:30 PM—<i>Greening of the Church</i></p>	<p>24 6:30 PM Carols 7:00 PM Eucharist 9:30 PM Choral prelude 10:00 PM Eucharist</p>
<p>25 CHRISTMAS DAY 8 AM Eucharist 10 AM Eucharist</p>	<p>26 SAINT STEPHEN 7:30 PM 3rd Legacy AA in Parish Hall</p>	27	<p>28 HOLY INNOCENTS NO Eucharist 7:00 Mtg in Parish Hall NO Choir</p>	29	30	31



Many thanks to all who helped to make the November Soup Luncheon such a marvelous success: to everyone who cut up the beef, made a dessert, to those who helped to set-up and clean-up, and to all who spread the word and patronized the luncheon. It is a lot of work but, it is also a lot of fun. The total to date is \$????.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Don't forget to sign up for your name to be included on the cake. Birthdays are celebrated on the third Sunday of each month. Is your birthday missing from this list? Please let us know so that you can be added and your special day celebrated! Let Karen know either by calling the office 215-675-5737 or emailing advent.hatboro@gmail.com.

12/1	William Meehl
12/7	Steven Farr
12/8	Lynn Laurelli
12/9	Julie Farley
12/9	Peggy Madden
12/11	Lynn Marie Marass
12/11	Wayne Sinclair
12/11	Edward Finn
12/11	Ted Gerhardt
12/12	David Cooper
12/17	Louise Zimmerman
12/18	Linda McGuigan-Miller
12/19	Patricia Myers
12/21	Kathleen Lawson
12/23	Kathleen Rose Gilman
12/24	Cindy Cooper
12/24	Anthony Lawson
12/25	Carol Nicolais
12/25	Doris Scherf
12/28	Gail Johnson
12/29	Margie Smith
12/31	Ray Magill
12/31	Donna Bennett

Jim McDevitt - Trish Troilo's request

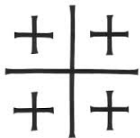
Please hold these persons in your prayers:

Gail Ballerstedt - Lynn Sinclair's request
 Julie Boyd - Catherine Wehmeyer's request
 Pat Buziak - Janet Gerhardt's request
 Lexi Cable - Beverly Rowen's request
 Adrienne Disley - Brian Disley's request
 Carla Donato - Jeanne Bernosky's request
 Heather Janzen - Trish Troilo's request
 Bob Juskelis - Maureen Roberts' request
 Janette Kauffman - Crystal Finn's request
 Matthew Knoebel - Carolyn Smith's request
 Jim Lamb - Steve & Janet Gilman's request
 Norma Lane - parishioner
 Natalie Leckerman - Lynn Sinclair's request
 Amanda Leigh - Caitlyn Gilman's request
 John Loomis - Trish Troilo's request
 Grayce McBride - parishioner
 Tom McDevitt - Trish Troilo's request
 Nancy & Bill Meehl - parishioners
 Bruno Mercuri - Bruce Nicholson's request
 Nancy Muncer - Jeanne Bernosky's sister
 Carol Nicolais - parish member
 Sergio Ortiz-Cataldi - Barbara Pitt's request
 Sabrina - Maureen Roberts' request
 Ken Sanders - Barb Pitt's son-in-law
 Christin Sawhney - parishioner
 Barbara Ann Schulte - Ruth Lazor's request
 Karen Shallcross - Jeanne Bernosky's request
 Vera Shembel - Donna Bennett's request
 Deborah Stacey - parishioner
 Noah Thome - Barbara Pitt's request
 Isabel Zimmerman - Louise Zimmerman's request



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FIRST CLASS POSTAGE



CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, HATBORO

Sundays

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

Wednesday

Rite II spoken Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.
followed by Bible Study

Christian Education

Godly Play

For children ages 3 through 2nd grade.
Conducted on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month
Meets downstairs in the Godly Play worship space.

Children are welcome at worship

Age-appropriate materials are supplied in the narthex.

Visitors are welcome at Church of the Advent

for all worship services. God's Table is open to all baptized
Christians who believe in the presence of Christ
in the bread and wine.

Coffee and conversation

are available Sundays after both services
for those able to stay and enjoy this fellowship.

Our building is handicapped accessible

with a ramp at Rorer Avenue entrance and a
handicapped accessible rest room.

Mission Statement of the Congregation

*We celebrate God's love in Christ.
We live faithfully in the Episcopalian tradition
of shared worship, fellowship, and service.
We proclaim God's reconciling love
in our community and the world.*

The *Advent Herald* is the monthly newsletter of the
Church of the Advent, communicating information
about the ministries, activities and concerns
of this congregation.

The deadline for article submission
is the **15th of the month** preceding the month of publication.