

The Episcopal Church of the Advent

Nurtured by Worship

Fed by Fellowship

Strengthened for Service

Welcome Back Celebration: Just for the fun of it!

On Sunday, September 17th we'll gather in the Parish Hall for an informal worship service, music led by Barbara Johnson and friends. It will be lively, guaranteed. 10 a.m.

And then we'll share lunch featuring hotdogs and pulled pork and all the treats we can cook up. It will be tasty, guaranteed.

Bring a lawn chair. We'll need help setting up, cleaning up and contributions of food. There is a sign-up sheet outside Lynn's office. Let us know if you will be there!



Pizza Church

begins on October 1st at 4:30.

This fall we will meet on the first Sunday of each month for our new model of spiritual nurture for our families, youth and young ones. We'll gather for food, fun, story and song to explore our life with God. Mark your calendars for October 1, November 5, and December 3.



AID FOR FRIENDS

FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE HOMEBOUND



AID FOR FRIENDS BREAKFAST BAGS

We are collecting the following items for the breakfast bags now through **September 17th**: single serving size cereal boxes, juice packs, oatmeal packets, and instant coffee as well as Jell-O and pudding cups, small boxes of dried fruit, cereal/granola bars, and tea bags. Please place your donations in the designated box in the narthex.

Help our parish prepare breakfast bags for Aid for Friends on **Sunday, September 24th** at 9 AM in the parish hall. All ages are welcome to help fill bags with nutritious meals for the homebound!



EPISCOPAL 101



Thinking of being confirmed next spring when the bishop comes next March? Wondering what it was that you signed on to when you were confirmed so long ago you barely remember the ceremony?

In preparation for the Bishop's visit, Lynn will lead this class exploring some of the key features of the Anglican Tradition and the unique way in which Episcopalians approach their faith.

The time for this class will be set according to the schedules of those wishing to be confirmed. An organizing meeting will be held following the 10 am service on Sunday, **September 10th**.

Annual Stewardship Dinner: Sunday, October 22nd, beginning at 5 pm.

Watch for the potluck sign-up sheet, and let us know if you need:

- Care for your child, so you can attend
- A ride so you can attend

Alan Kiel and the Stewardship Committee



This year at our annual Stewardship Dinner, we will welcome actor Linda Kenyon, with her memorable interpretation of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Says Mrs. Roosevelt's own granddaughter:

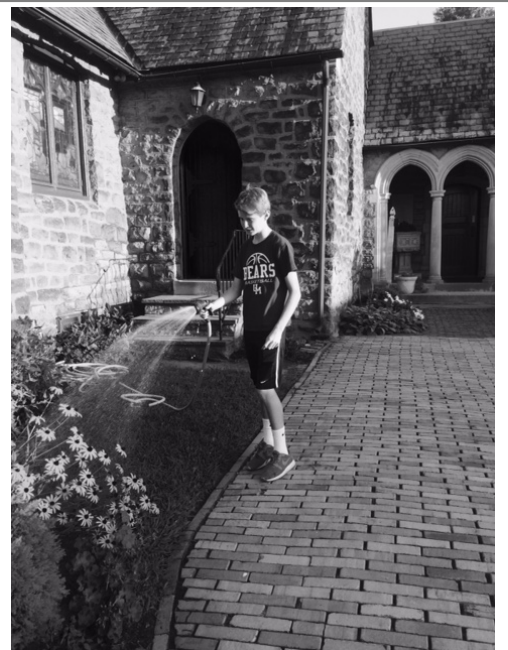
"She became an inspiration to people of good will all around the world.

Her life and work has made our country and our world a better place to live. This play illuminates some steps along her journey.

Linda has the ER voice, gestures, warmth and engaging personal touches of ER. What Linda does with this role is the best I've seen or heard any place."

Life Together

Pictured here is Evan Dippre, one of the team of dedicated youth who have been watering, weeding, trimming, and just generally taking care of our gardens on a weekly basis this summer. What a difference their efforts have made! Thank you, Evan & Drew Dippre, Liam Stoddart, and Rowan Klotzbach. Also, many thanks to those parishioners who have sponsored these efforts.





Advent Welcomes Welcoming the Stranger

“Welcoming the Stranger is a non-profit educational ministry that provides free educational opportunities to immigrants and refugees in the United States. We do this in response to Jesus’ instruction to his disciples that they should always welcome the strangers in their midst (Matt. 25:35). We provide free classes in English, computer skills, and citizenship preparation to adult immigrants and refugees in Lower Bucks County and Northeast Philadelphia. Classes are offered to all students regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, or national origin.”

From the Welcoming the Stranger website

Have you noticed that there are some extra folks around Advent on Wednesday and Thursday mornings? This fall, we will again host 2 classes sponsored by the local non-profit ministry Welcoming the Stranger. Wednesday morning a computer skills class meets and on Thursdays our own Sherry Eichert teaches English, aided by several parishioners.

Want to help out? Sherry can connect you with one of the classes meeting here at Advent, or to another class meeting elsewhere in the area.



This fall (September through November 18th), Sherry Eichert will be collecting clothing, shoes, handbags, textiles such as sheets and towels and stuffed animals to benefit Welcoming the Stranger. Just bring these items with you in a bag to church on Sundays and Sherry will take them off of the premises. If Sherry is not here, please leave these bags in the hallway near the chapel entrance so that they are “out of sight”.

The items will be re-distributed if they are in decent shape to those who are in need. Any items that are not re-distributed for use will be recycled. Welcoming the Stranger will reap the benefit as the company with which they are working will pay the organization a small amount per pound.

What's Up with Outreach?

You may remember that our outreach committee is exploring new opportunities for ministry. In past years our hands-on work has been both satisfying to do and valuable to others in our community. As the parish has become older and smaller, some of the projects we've done in the past (a Habitat build, participation in the Interfaith Housing Network, helping out at a day camp for low income children) are harder to pull off. But we know many in the parish still want to reach out to the community with their time and energy.

So, in the coming year, we are going to try out some new ministries to see if we can find a good fit between our gifts and the needs of the community. Here is a list of what is on our calendar for the coming year:

On December 1st, we will coordinate with the **Hatboro Library** to host a social time with hot chocolate, cookies, holiday music and crafts in our Parish Hall. Please put this date on your calendar so you don't miss this important opportunity to support our Hatboro community and the Rorer Avenue neighborhood.

The **St. Gabriel's Saturday Lunch**. We hope to provide lunch for 3 Saturdays in the 2018 schedule.

We will continue to welcome several groups into our space and we will continue to provide financial support and collect items for several ministries we have traditionally supported in the past. Some of the timing of those collections may change.

What's Up with In-reach?

In-reach is what the vestry is calling their new focus on caring for the Advent community. Their work ranges from providing us a chance to get together for the fun of it, to over-seeing the lay-led pastoral care ministries.

Their first offering of the year will be hosting the **Welcome Back Celebration** on September 17th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR A NEW OUTREACH INITIATIVE:

Friday, December 1st after the Hatboro Christmas Tree Lighting

This year our Outreach Committee will partner with the Hatboro Library Library to offer a community reception after the annual tree-lighting ceremony.

You can support this project by your attendance and assistance with pre-party preparation and post-party clean up. Please watch the announcements for details.



SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**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.**

9/1	Martin Bowman	10/2	Marilyn Zembower
9/5	Bill Kemp	10/3	Christopher Leo
9/5	Carolyn Smith	10/4	Joanne Mills
9/13	Robert Bernosky	10/5	George Madden
9/13	Reid Johnston	10/5	Linda Rose
9/14	Brian Disley	10/7	Madison White
9/17	Jonathan Wood	10/11	Steven Marass
9/17	Rocco Pastore	10/11	Andrew Gilman
9/18	James Iacullo	10/14	Ellis Knight
9/19	Jesse Marass	10/15	Richard Gleich
9/19	Teresa Kline	10/17	Barbara Pitt
9/21	Connor Rose Klotzbach	10/18	Diane Bernosky
9/22	Mary Jane Thomas	10/20	Barbara Irvine
9/24	Jonathan Knight	10/21	James Drinkwater, Sr.
9/28	William Millar	10/23	Caitlyn Gilman
9/30	Gerry Lattuca	10/29	Elizabeth Walton
		10/31	Beverly Harvey

Our Long Term Prayer List

As with our member directory, the long term prayer list is now accessible from our website (www.adventhatboro.org). You must be registered as one of our approved users in order to see this. Additionally, our long term prayer list will soon be available and updated seasonally in a printed publication that you can take home in order to incorporate praying for those on this list into your regular prayer life.



If your garden is producing a lot of these or any other vegetables, consider bringing your extra produce to the church for others to “buy”. The proceeds benefit a hunger ministry, usually Saint John’s Food Pantry. Many thanks to all of our growers and purchasers!

READING WITH THE RECTOR

At these gatherings the rector will bring a brief reading to share with the group. After reading it aloud, we'll discuss it. The theme of the readings will be spiritual in nature—something to help us dig in and explore our spiritual life. Come with an open heart and spirit and let's see what God has in store for us to discover together.

Due to the differing schedules of our parishioners, this group will meet twice each month and use the same reading for both meetings.

2nd Sunday and 2nd Tuesday, beginning in October



The choir returns! On Sunday, September 10th, the choir will be back and singing for joy. Carl Gedeik will be with us that morning also to serenade on our organ.

Membership is open to anyone who can carry a tune and read a few notes. If you have an interest in joining this group, please talk to Barbara Johnson.

Choir rehearsals will also begin on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.



American Red Cross

Blood Drive at Church of the Advent

Tuesday, October 3 from 2:00pm-7:00pm

**To make an appointment online,
go to www.redcrossblood.org and use our sponsor code: EcotA
A Sign-up sheet will be placed in the narthex as the date
approaches. Alan and Henrietta Kiel, organizers**

LONG TERM PRAYER LIST

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your servant N.,
and give your power of healing to those who minister to *his/her* needs,
that *he/she* may be strengthened in *his/her* weakness
and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gail Ballerstedt
Julie Boyd
Pat Buziak
Lexi Cable
Debbie Collins-Rice
Carla Donato
Jim Ertel
Cindy Harrison
Bob Juskelis
Janette Kauffman
Matthew Knoebel
Jim Lamb
Norma Lane
Lynn Laurelli
Natalie Leckerman
Grayce McBride
Barbara McElhiney
Dolores McGuigan
Nancy & Bill Meehl
Bruno Mercuri

Babe Miller
Ed Morrison
Nancy Muncer
Carol Nicolais
Sergio Ortiz-Cataldi
Sabrina
Ken Sanders
Christin Sawhney
Barbara Ann Schulte
Karen Shallcross
Debora Stacey
Noah Thome
Catherine Wehmeyer
John Vorlicek
Isabel Zimmerman

ACTIVE MILITARY SERVICE

Stephen Stillman
Kyle van der Meulen

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sunday morning: 8 a.m. spoken Eucharist


Sunday morning: 10 a.m. Eucharist with music

Wednesday morning: 10 a.m. spoken Eucharist
followed by Bible study

September 2017

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Christmas comes early to Advent: During this week, Alan & Henrietta will be setting up a donation table in the parish hall with some of their things that they did not move into their new digs. Any donation toward this merchandise will go directly to the Church. Any unsold merchandise will be contributed to another charity.