

# The Episcopal Church of the Advent

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## Get to know our Anglican Tradition

In preparation for our annual Bishop's visitation on March 11, I will conduct an *Episcopal Church 101* class this winter consisting of two mini-retreats at the beginning and end.

On Saturday, February 10th, participants will gather from 9—noon to discuss Faith as Journey. We will get to know each other, get to know the roots of the Episcopal Church and, in several structured exercises, explore our understanding of God and God's role in our lives.

On each subsequent Sunday, the sermon will focus on how Episcopalians understand the following topics: *Scripture, Tradition, Reason*. On Saturday, March 10th, participants will gather for a closing mini-retreat to explore last questions, and think about how we want to live out our faith, and for those being confirmed or received, do a walk-through of the service.

This isn't just for confirmation candidates, but anyone who would like to know more about how Anglicans think about God and practice their life together. I hope you can join us.

*Lynn +*

# Outreach Ventures

**We are pleased to announce** that at our December meeting the vestry voted to house storage for a new community ministry, *Hat Packs*. A venture initiated by Hatboro Baptist Church and joined by the Lehman United Methodist Church, the Hatboro Residents Association, and now, Church of the Advent, Hat Packs will provide week-end food packs for food insecure families whose children attend elementary school in Hatboro.

Pest-secure storage units will be installed in one our unused church school rooms in the basement and team members will visit us weekly to assemble packets containing non-perishable foods for children to take home with them on Friday. What a wonderful opportunity for Advent to be a part of this important support to the teachers and families of Pennypack and Crooked Billet Elementary Schools.



**Congratulations on a job well done** to all who assisted with our 2017 *Holiday Food Basket* outreach. On Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 70 boxes of food were delivered to the Food Pantry at St. John's in a caravan of 14 vehicles. Wayne Sinclair, John Caughie, Ken and Mary Longman and Tony Lawson were on hand to help hand out the boxes on Monday and they report that the recipients were grateful to receive them. A special thanks goes to our Advent organizers, Donna McConomy and Ellen Kavash.

**We began a new outreach venture** with our well-received Tree Lighting reception on December 1st. This seemed to meet a need in the community and we hope that it will become an Advent and Hatboro tradition in the coming years.

**Last, but certainly not least:** In May we were approached yet again by a beginning chef looking for a commercial kitchen to rent. It seemed time to think further about the need in the community for such a space.

After considerable research this summer and fall, the vestry has voted to proceed with a proposal to remodel our kitchen to bring it up to commercial kitchen standards, which will begin later this winter.

A community member who has been involved in helping us to plan this project will continue in a role to manage use of the kitchen in exchange for several free hours of use per month. Other tenants will be charged a nominal rent that will cover our costs of increased utility and insurance expenses.

While we expect that this will generate a small income for the church, our primary motivator is to support the community by supporting those beginning small and/or part time businesses. Our hope is that it will also provide new opportunities for us to contribute meaningfully to the building up of the Hatboro community.



To the musicians, wreath hangers, altar guild, ushers, flower placers, gumdrop poker, bell ringers, readers, crucifers, torch bearers, light dimmers, twinkle light hangers, and all others who contributed to our beautiful Christmas worship this year.



**Welcoming the Stranger** and parishioner Sherry Eichert profusely thank you, the people of Advent, for your participation in the fall clothing and shoe collection. The organization linked with four other faith communities and by the end of the drive, had collected 2,000 bags representing 12,381 pounds of clothing which raised more than \$3,000 to support the work of WTS!



Founded in 1999, Welcoming the Stranger has taught more than 3,500 students from 100 countries. Here are just a few examples of people who have been helped:

- A family who escaped the 2016 Turkish coup was connected through WTS with Nationalities Service Center and they are in the process of asylum as they learn English, job skills, and how to communicate with their 7-year-old daughter's teacher.
- A Liberian grandmother is learning to read and write for the first time in her life.
- A victim of human trafficking has earned her GED, found a job and is now learning to drive.
- Two Iraqi widows attend computer and English classes for survival English and resources like jobs, training programs, and free clinics, and as a result, were able to move into and sustain their own apartment. Thanks again for helping this effort!



## Wondering why race has become such a source of tension lately?

Having some new information might help.

The Diocese of Pennsylvania invites you to attend a series of 4 workshops to be delivered in the coming year that will help get you up to speed on racial issues in the US.

**February 17th:** What is the historical background of American racism?

8 am-2pm St. Asaph's, Bala Cynwyd

**May 19th:** How did our communities, churches and families and schools of our early lives shape our understanding of race?

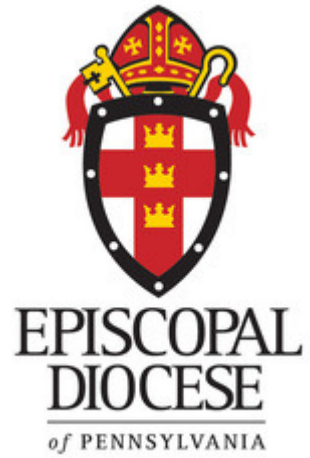
8 am-2pm, St. Luke's, Germantown

**July 21:** How did racism get so stubbornly embedded in our society?

8 am-2pm, St. Asaph's, Bala Cynwyd

**October 6th:** What can I do to help reduce racial tensions?

8 am—2 pm, location to be determined.



Register online at: <https://www.diopa.org/> after January 15th

## THANK YOU

to all who made a pledge to the Church of the Advent  
for the new year 2018.

Envelopes for the new year are now available in the hallway near Lynn's office. If you would like envelopes, please let the church office ([advent.hatboro@gmail.com](mailto:advent.hatboro@gmail.com)) know and we will arrange for you to get a number and a box.

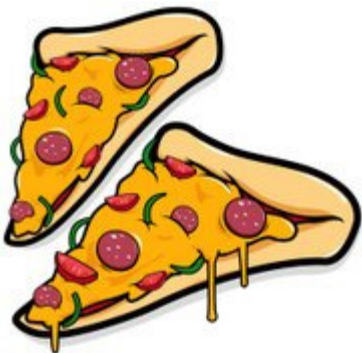


Thank you for bringing and buying all of the produce this past summer. A check in the amount of \$150.85 will be sent to the Food Pantry at St. John's, representing the proceeds of this year's produce sales.



# Life Together at Advent

On December 1st, we welcomed our neighbors to our Church following the annual Hatboro tree-lighting ceremony. Thanks to all who came to offer hospitality and a special thanks to those who baked cookies, set-up tables, cleaned up afterwards, made hot chocolate, and provided some very popular craft projects.



## *Pizza Church continues in January*

We will continue to meet on the first Sunday of each month (*January 7th*) for pizza-making and baking, singing, story-telling and just having a good time together.

Families, youth and young ones,  
mark your calendars to start at 4:30 p.m.

## Some Property Updates

- This fall two of our trees were treated by Willow Tree services. The ash was given a second inoculation against Emerald Ash Borer Disease and our lovely maple at our Rorer entrance was diagnosed as being root bound. It has been treated and we hope that next summer, the left side will remain green through the season, though it may take 2 seasons for it to fully recover.
- The source of leaks in the roof of the parish house were found and repaired. While up there, roofer and friend Dave McCullough discovered and fixed a few possible squirrel entrances.
- Because the fluorescent fixtures in the narthex have begun to wear out, they will be replaced with new LED fixtures.
- After making the rounds of electricians, lighting stores and even a metal worker, the lamp on the chapel porch has been deemed unrepairable and we are shopping for a new set to replace it and its partner.
- Shshshshshs: Try to keep this on the QT. but we haven't heard the pitter patter of little feet in over 7 weeks now!



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That's it! It may not sound like much but if it were to take all your online shopping and multiply it by everyone in our Church, it can really add up. Please make sure to spread the word and ask your friends and family to select Church of the Advent as their own AmazonSmile charity as well. Please remember, only purchases made through AmazonSmile will be eligible.

## JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 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.  
Look for your birthday invitation in the mail!

1/2 Dorothy Dryburgh

1/2 George Wolf

1/3 Jan Lattuca

1/4 James Palmer

1/12 Mac Freeman

1/14 Brandon Bartley

1/14 Christin Sawhney

1/15 Bernadette Marass

1/16 Jacqueline Freeman

1/21 Janet Gilman

1/22 Patrick White

1/26 Adalynn Sinclair

1/28 Nicholas Miller

1/29 Nathan Bowman

2/3 Alexis Rose McConomy

2/5 Chris Walton

2/8 Rob Brigham

2/12 Fred Luff

2/14 Thomas Leahy, Jr.

2/14 Ken Longman

2/14 John Caughie

2/15 Lauren New

2/16 Teri O'Shea

2/17 Madeline Miller

2/18 Linda Nicholson

2/22 John Dippre

2/23 Kevin Irvine

2/24 Paul Werner

2/27 Alex Berman



### Birthday Prayer

*Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

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### **Sundays**

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

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Christian Education**

*Pizza Church*

continues on January 7

### **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**

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. 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 Episcopal tradition  
of shared worship, fellowship, and service.  
We proclaim God's reconciling love  
in our community and the world.*

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**JANUARY 2018**




EPIPHANY—is a season of four to nine weeks, depending on when Easter falls, from the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6th through the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Dec 31 8 AM Eucharist 10 AM Eucharist	1  7:30 PM 3rd Legacy AA in Parish Hall	2	3 9 AM WTS - computer 10 AM Eucharist & Bible Study 7 PM NA Mtg, Parish Hall 7 PM Choir	4	5	6
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Jan 28 8 AM Eucharist 10 AM Eucharist	<i>January</i> ← Annual Soup sale	<i>continued</i>	<i>next page →</i>			

**ASH WEDNESDAY**—The first of the forty days of Lent, named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers at Ash Wednesday services. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality, and may be imposed with the sign of the cross.

# February 2018

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11 8 AM Eucharist 10 AM Eucharist	12 7:30 PM 3rd Legacy AA in Parish Hall	13	14 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 9 AM WTS - computer 12 noon Service 7 PM NA Mtg, Parish Hall 7:30 PM Service with music	15 10 AM WTS - language	16	17
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