

The **Prayer List** is found on a notebook marked "Prayer Lists" found on the table in the narthex of the church. Names may be added at any time by writing them in the notebook or calling the church office. The Prayer List is read weekly at Sunday services. Contact the church office if you wish to have a name added, re-listed, or taken off the list.

Prayer List

- Jackie Boykin
- Milton James
- Keathley Malone
- Joyce Ward
- Donald and Beverly Mills
- Ed Harrington
- Carroll Etheridge
- Richard Griggs
- Gary Rayle
- Ben Courtney
- James Ford
- Rosa Jones
- Evelyn Clark
- Tony Whitley
- Robert Weston
- Vernor Godwin
- Abby Cameron
- Betty Peel
- Kathleen Johnson
- Helen

Birthdays in July

- 4, Laura Bucher
- 4, Johnny Miller
- 4, Alison Swift
- 12, Doug Chesson
- 14, Jean Miller
- 15, Jonathan Courtney
- 27, Ethan Godard
- 27, Grant Michel
- 27, Matthew Swift



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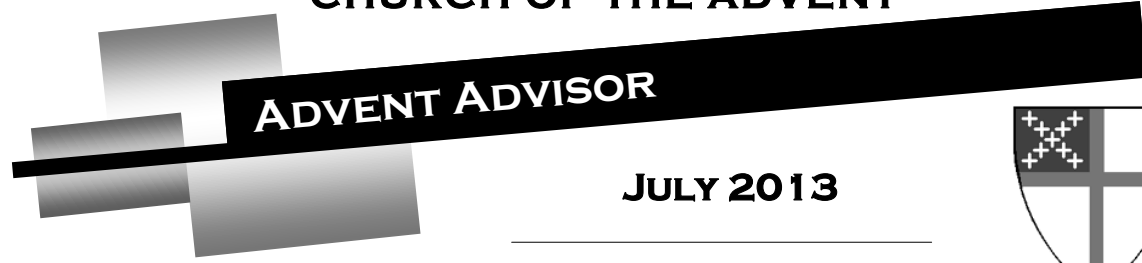
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CHURCH OF THE ADVENT



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THIS NEWSLETTER IS PRINTED ON 35% RECYCLED PAPER.

**July heats up here at
Church of the Advent!**

Summer is traditionally a slower time here at The Church of the Advent. Families are go on vacation. Cottages at the beach and on the rivers are filled with family and guests. In deference to the summer heat, everything seems to move at an even more gentle pace than what goes on throughout other seasons here in Martin County.

July of 2013, however, is looking anything but slow here in our parish.

Our outreach programs continue to move forward, helping the needy and the hungry in our local community and throughout the world.

The Vestry and the Transition Committee are moving forward to insure that we will transition as soon as possible from supply clergy to a more permanent clergy presence our life as a church family..

Parish Family Weekend, our annual retreat at Trinity Center in Pine Knoll Shores,

is just days away.

Parishioners continue to mark milestones in their lives: birthdays, awards, and travels (near and far).

Vacation Bible School is held in July and we continue to join First Christian Church for the VBS programs.

And while it is hot here in July, it is a season of abundance from the early corn to the first ripe backyard tomatoes. *(Can anyone else hear the voice of Tom Skinner in Julys past updating us on the progress of his Silver Queen crop and his advice on how to grow the best tomatoes possible?)*

And don't forget the flowers: gardenias in bloom throughout the county, hydrangeas drinking in the water from our gutters and downspouts, and if you haven't seen them, **Bobby Greene's** field of sunflowers is in riotous bloom (a quarter of an acre out at Green Acres).

So sit back, find a breeze, grab something cold to drink, and enjoy July's Advent Advisor as we catch up on the life of our parish.

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Vacation Bible School is almost here!



We will once again join with our friends at First Christian Church for Vacation Bible School. VBS begins on July 14 and ends on July 18. All sessions are in the evening and will begin at 6:45 and end at 8:30.

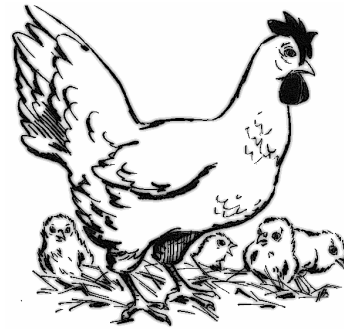
ALL AGES are welcome to attend from

preschoolers to adults!

This year's theme is taken from the traditional American spiritual, "Go Tell it On the Mountain."



The origins of Vacation Bible School can be traced back to Hopedale, Illinois in 1894. Sunday school teacher D. T. Miles, who also was a public school teacher, felt she was limited by time constraints in teaching the Bible to children. So, she started a daily Bible school to teach children during the summer. The first Bible school enrolled forty students and lasted four (4) weeks.



Gifts of animals alleviate world hunger

Three (3) pigs and three (3) flocks of chickens are on their way to help some impoverished families thanks to the generosity of our parishioners through our Lenten/Easter offering and participation in Episcopal Relief and Development's (ERD), "Gifts for Life."

When the animals are delivered, their new owners are provided education in animal husbandry and marketing to insure that these animals are continuing resources.

The total collected from our parish was \$740. After purchasing the pigs and chickens (at a total cost of \$705) our Outreach Commission used the remaining \$35 to purchase a share of fruit trees.

The fruit trees include lemon, mango, avocado and banana trees and provide a long-term, sustainable source of nutrition and income. These trees can be planted on deforested hills to help control erosion and preserve precious topsoil.

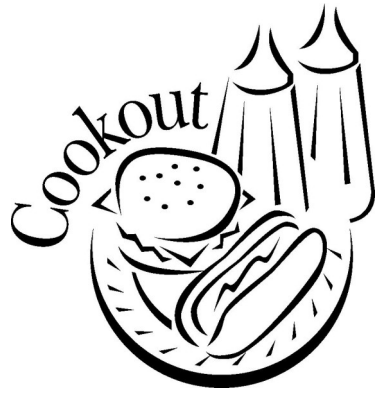


Forty years ago at The Church of the Advent . . .

In 1973, the Episcopal Youth Club (EYC) and youth from other churches in our community celebrated the folk mass, "Rejoice." Our retired rector, the Rev'd. James R. Horton had been here for about a year at the time this picture was taken.



Pictured from left to right: Frankie Biggs, Terry Griffin, Ray Robertson, (unidentified), Jeannie Rogers Sessoms, Janie Runion, Adele Dees, and James Morton Critcher. (If you can correct any of identifications or help name the young man standing behind Jeannie, call Stephen at the church office at 792.2244. **SPECIAL THANKS** to Janice Greene for calling in to let us know that the man identified in last month's historical photo was Mr. ELLIS MALONE, Tim's father, Janice's grandfather.



Cookout & farewell party for Paul and Sue

Join us for a cookout and farewell party honoring Paul and Sue Westervelt as they leave us to begin a new chapter in their lives in the mountains of North Carolina near Asheville.

The festivities are to be held at the home of Lucy and Jim Horton (1060 Dixie Trail) from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. on **Sunday, July 14**. Attire is summer casual.

Please plan to bring a salad, side item, or dessert to share and BYOB (mixers will be provided).

Respondez s'il-vous plait to Miss Lucia Peel at 792.0070.

Together in Prayer

The United Women's Prayer Corps (UWPC) will hold a Women's Retreat at Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro, NC, featuring international speaker and author, Angela Thomas, on July 27, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please see the poster in the narthex for more information.

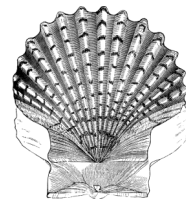
Feasts observed in July

The Episcopal Church recognizes three (3) principal feast days on the calendar of the church year during the month of July.

Independence Day on July 4 commemorates the American holiday dedicated to the signing of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia on that date in 1776.

Saint Mary Magdalene is honored on July 22. Mary Magdalene is mentioned in the Gospels as being among the women of Galilee who followed Jesus and His disciples, and who was present at His Crucifixion and Burial, and who went to the tomb on Easter Sunday to anoint His body. She was the first to see the Risen Lord, and to announce His Resurrection to the apostles. Accordingly, she is referred to in early Christian writings as "the apostle to the apostles."

Saint James the Apostle is remembered on July 25. James the son of Zebedee and his brother John were among the twelve disciples of Our Lord. They, together with Peter, were privileged to behold the Transfiguration, to witness the healing of Peter's mother-in-law and the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and to be called aside to watch and pray with Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane on the night before His death. Saint James is sometimes referred to as "James Major" (i.e., greater or elder) to distinguish him from other men named James in the New Testament.



Food fills pantry

During the month of July, the Church of the Advent will collect canned goods and non-perishable food items for the pantry of the Martin Country Department of Social Services.



Two deliveries of canned goods, boxed cereals, pastas and other foodstuffs have been made since March and both deliveries were met with grateful thanks from the staff who reported that the pantry was on the verge of depletion,

Requests are posted in the church narthex.

Donations may be made anytime during the month of July.

Remember that the church is now open during the week when Parish Administrator Stephen Batten is in the office.

If you should need a personal shopper, Kit Reddick will gladly accept your monetary donations and purchase items for you. Contact Kit at 792.1158.

Calling all shutterbugs!



We are in need of digital photographs of our church and activities for publication in Adviser, The Enterprise, posting on our website, and to continue building a pictorial archive of our parish and

its history. Photos needed include the exterior of our church, parish hall, the stained-glass windows in both buildings, children, adults, social activities, really everything and everyone in the parish. Please e-mail your photographs to the church office at coa@coastalnet.com or directly to Stephen Batten at stephenjbat-ten@gmail.com. If you have pictures printed from film, Stephen will scan them into the computer and return them to you.

Contact Stephen at the church office with any questions. 792.2244

A thank you letter to our parish

June 16, 2013

Dear friends,

To be honest I can't really believe that we are leaving. I know this in my head but my heart is still taking time to adjust. As I reflect, I am amazed at the journey Luis and I have been on together these last five years. I still remember the days when we were no more than strangers in this church—and now look at us! We are part of this wonderful Episcopalian family.

These last few weeks have been really hard. Every day I wake up and ask God for strength. There are no words for how much this church and her people have given us, or how much this church means to us.

Luis and I say thank you to you all for your love, your faith, and for sharing both with us over the last three years. We will miss you!

Many blessings,

- Luisa and Luis.

Clergy Transition News

The Clergy Transition at the Church of the Advent continues to move forward.



Our Vestry and the Search Committee met together June 19 with The Reverend Canon Matthew Stockard, Diocesan Transition Officer, to discuss how we move forward in securing clergy for our parish.

At this meeting, the Search Committee was renamed the Transition Committee to better reflect its principal role in advising the Vestry on how we proceed in our transition away from supply clergy towards a more permanent clergy presence in our parish life.

The Transition Committee met on June 26 to complete a brief parish profile for the diocese so that we can begin to talk to priests who have expressed an interest in serving at Church of the Advent.

We continue to give thanks for the service of the members of this committee and ask that you remember them in your prayers (Frankie Biggs, Regina French, Johnny Miller, Alison Swift, and Bill Webb).

Outreach plans for months ahead



Outreach

The Outreach Commission (Sue House, Jane Jernigan and Kit Reddick) met in early June to plan outreach projects for the remaining months of 2013.

During July, our parish

will collect non-perishable food items to fill the pantry at the Martin County Department of Social Services.

For more details on our July project, see page 3 of this edition of *Advent Advisor*.

The **August** collection of school supplies benefits the foster children under the supervision of our county's Department of Social Services.

In **September** we will again work to provide Gifts for Life from Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD). For this month's outreach, we will concentrate on "green" gifts such as energy efficient cook stoves, community gardens and reforestation projects.

The **October** collection of canned meats goes to the Martin Country Council on Aging for inclusion in their Christmas food boxes.

In **November** we will provide a Thanksgiving meal for a local family and in **December** provide Christmas presents for a local family (possibly the same one).

Each month's edition of *Advent Advisor* will provide details for that month's outreach project.

Help for our local jail



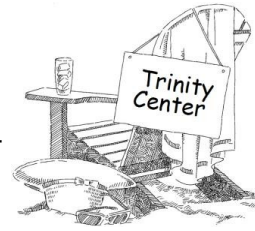
Personal Products Collection

Lori Taylor has started a collection of personal sized soap bars for the use of those incarcerated at the Bertie-Martin Jail. The jail does not provide personal hygiene products to the inmates.

If you can contribute either soap or funds for this project, contact Lori at 799.1951.

Parish Family Weekend XXII

The Church of the Advent closes its doors and moves to Trinity Center from July 19 to July 21 for its annual Parish Family Weekend.



The Sunday morning service of Holy Eucharist is beachside at 9 a. m. Our celebrant will be the Rev'd. Connie Connelly.

Day visitors are welcome. If planning to eat Sunday lunch in the dining hall, call Trinity Center to make reservations or call the church office as soon as possible.

Children's Art Camp



The Martin County Arts Council will hold two (2) children's one week art camp sessions for children ages five (5) through twelve.

Week One (July 15-19) - "Trash to Treas-

ure" with Rae-Ann Daughtry (Martin Co. Art Teacher) encourages the kids to get creative with papier-mâché masks, popsickle stick bracelets, painted t-shirts, unique wind chimes and more.

Week Two (July 22-26) - "Clay Adventure" with Church of the Advent's own Corey Baker (professional potter) will guide the kids through making finger puppets, animals, beads and more out of clay and will end with a short play starring the children's' finger pup-

pets.

The cost is \$55.00 a week or \$100 for both weeks. Class times will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. daily with a mid-morning snack break.

Please pre-register either in person at MCAC (The Flatiron Building, 124 Washington St., Williamston) or by mail to MCAC, P.O. Box 1134, Williamston, NC, 27892. Space is limited so reserve your kids' spots today.

Questions? Call Corey Baker at 252.508.4920

NEWS & Notes

Mr. Michael Biondi was recently recognized by The N.C. Dept. of Public Instruction English as a Second Language (ESL) Program Section. Michael was recognized for achieving all three of the state's measurable achievements for the ESL program in the 2011-2012 school year throughout eleven (11) local schools.

Mrs. Lucia Peel Powe was awarded the Alumnae Association of Wesleyan College (Macon, GA) Distinguished Service to the Community Award. The award was presented at the Association's Alumnae Weekend this past April. Mrs. Powe was accompanied to Georgia by her daughter **Miss Lucia Peel**.

Miss Sara Chesson has returned to North Carolina after an internship in Krakow, Poland.

Mr. Dawson Taylor completed a week of technology camp at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.