



Church of the Advent

Advent Advisor

July 2023

“For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” (Romans 12:4-5)

*This story was adapted from a German folktale collected by Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm and included in *Stories for Telling, A Treasury for Christian Storytellers* by William R. White.*

God Blesses the Children of Eve

When Adam and Eve were expelled from paradise, they had to build a house for themselves on barren soil and earn their bread by the sweat of their brows. Adam hoed the fields and Eve spun wool. Every year they had a child.

As the years passed the children grew and numbered 14. One day there was a knocking at the door. Adam opened the latch and the heavenly Father stepped in. Eve quickly invited the Lord to sit down. “Thank you,” he said as he was offered something to drink. “Are your children here?”

Quickly Adam called the children and seven of them marched into the room and stood politely in front of the Lord. He arose, smiled, and said, “I would like to give each of you a blessing.” They knelt before him as he placed his hands on their heads. To the first he said, “You will become a mighty king.” Turning to the second, he said, “You will be a princess.” The third child heard the Lord say, “You will be a count.” Each of the remaining also received his blessing to become scholars and merchants.

When Adam and Eve saw how marvelously God blessed their children, they ran out and found all the others. In trooped the last seven, out of breath. Again the Lord smiled and said, “I would also like to

give my blessing to these children.” Adam and Eve smiled in anticipation.

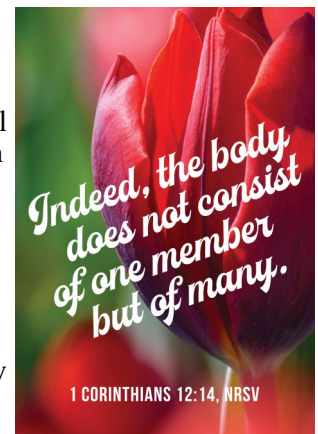
Reaching the first, the Lord said, “You will be a domestic servant.” To the second, “You shall become a farmer.” The third received the blessing to be a shoemaker. Others were blessed to become blacksmiths, tanners, and seamstresses.

When Eve heard the blessings for the last group, she cried, “Lord, this is not fair. You distribute blessings so unequally. All of these are my children, and yet you have made some to be kings and some to be servants!”

God listened to Eve and replied, “Eve, you do not understand. It is necessary for me to provide for all of the tasks on earth through your children. If all were kings and princesses there would be no one to farm or provide food. If all were counts, who would provide clothing? Everyone serves a different function, and in my eyes they are all important and necessary. Like the parts of the body, all blend together and nourish each other.”

Then Eve answered, “O Lord, forgive me. I was too hasty in arguing with you. I want your divine will to be done for all my children.”

Connie



Around the Church

John Price has agreed to serve the remaining year of Lucia Peel's term on the vestry. He will also chair the Parish Life Commission in Lucia's stead.

The vestry meets on Sunday, July 16th instead of July 2nd due to conflict with July 4th holiday.

Comings and Goings will now be coming from the church. If you know someone who is no longer getting *Comings and Goings*, let Joe Jernigan know. Also if you have something you need to get into *Comings and Goings*, it is best to email the church at advent1850@gmail.com. You may also call the church office at 252-792-2244. Joe will try to send *Comings and Goings* out on Mondays or Tuesdays.

Later in the summer will be the time to make some changes to the altar guild and usher schedules. If you would like to serve on either (or serve as lector, Eucharistic minister, or intercessor) please speak to Joe Jernigan, Lori Taylor or Brandon Woody. If you are already serving, let them know if you would like to add another month, change your month or, just as importantly, do not want to change your month.

The choir is taking a summer break from practice and from the choir loft during June and July. Choir practice resumes in August.

The supply of dish towels and dish cloths is running low. If you have any used ones in good shape or any new ones to donate, please leave them in the church kitchen.

Twenty-three parishioners and friends and extended family members enjoyed Parish Family Weekend in June at Trinity Center. The rainy Friday weather cleared up for Saturday and Sunday so that a good time was had by all.



design to facilitate more engaging, accessible worship.

Thanks to this course, I hope to continue supplementing music using the resources available from Church Publishing to craft liturgy that glorifies God and embraces the rich heritage and culture that is the Episcopal Church.

The Foundation of the Diocese of East Carolina sent a plaque acknowledging the generous grant it provided for the first phase of the organ restoration. The plaque is currently stored in a cabinet in the music library awaiting a final decision regarding permanent placement.

Brandon Woody
Organist and Choirmaster



Even though the annual service at Green Acres in May had to come indoors due to uncertain weather, the altar flowers from Laura Stone of The Rebellious Garden and Flower Farm brought the outdoors inside to worshippers.

Photo by Chloe Tuttle

Creating Worship That Works

Thanks to the kind financial and moral support of the vestry, I participated in a class entitled "Creating Worship that Works" through the Dean T. Stevenson School for Ministry, where I studied the importance of and the utilization of creative liturgical planning.

With the guidance of instructor Ellen Johnston, I examined each liturgy of the Church and learned best practices and was given resources to plan engaging, accessible, and meaningful worship. We focused on hymn and service music selection and methods of psalm singing and service leaflet



The florists at Ivy Garden Florist design altar flowers for Pentecost in May to represent the flames of the Holy Spirit.

Photo by Staff of Ivy Garden

The Prayer List is found in the notebook marked "Prayer Lists" on the usher's 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 after requesting permission of those for whom prayer is requested. The Prayer List is read aloud 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

- Janice Ford
- Nita Smith
- Betty Jones
- The Taylor Family
- Jeannie Sessoms & Family
- Jessie Critcher
- Carlis & Faye Lee
- Ann Wallace
- Robert, Mary & Hugh Bonner
- Bill Karas

Birthdays

- 4 ~ Johnny Miller
- 12 ~ Audrey Stanton
- 12 ~ Doug Chesson
- 13 ~ Jean Miller
- 14 ~ Khira Jefferson
- 15 ~ Jon Courtney
- 15 ~ Caleb Stanton
- 24 ~ Frank Fay
- 27 ~ Ethan Godard



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EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

*****For pastoral emergencies, contact in this order Connie, Doug, Joe, Michael.**

*****For all problems or issues dealing with the church and rectory buildings and grounds, please contact Joe and then he and Doug will determine how to proceed.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 2 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am

July 9 Morning Prayer 11:00 am

July 16 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am

Vestry Meeting 12:00 noon

July 23 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am

June 30 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am

August 6 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am

August 13 Morning Prayer 11:00 am

August 20 Morning Prayer 11:00 am

August 27 Holy Eucharist 11:00 am

The Church of the Advent is a nurturing, vibrant, and inclusive community inviting spiritual growth through liturgical worship, outreach, and fellowship.

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Lay Schedule

	2 <i>5 Pentecost</i> <i>HE II</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i>	9 <i>6 Pentecost</i> <i>MP II</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i>	16 <i>7 Pentecost</i> <i>HE II</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i>	23 <i>8 Pentecost</i> <i>HE II</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i>	30 <i>9 Pentecost</i> <i>HE II</i> <i>11:00 A.M.</i>
MP Leader		Jane Jernigan			
Lector	Kit Reddick	Valerie Cooke	Chuck Cohen	John Price	Cathy Skinner
Intercessor	Kit Reddick		Cathy Cohen	John Price	Bill Webb
Eucharistic Minister	Don Beach		Chloe Tuttle	John Price	Bill Webb
Acolyte					
Altar Guild	John Price Lori Taylor				
Ushers	Joe Jernigan Jim Allen				