



Church of the Advent

Advent Advisor

June 2018



Ordinary Time

Summer is here and it is time to take a deep breath. Since my arrival as your new priest on the First Sunday of Advent, we have traveled together through the action-focused part of the Church liturgical calendar, from the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany, through Lent, Holy Week, and finally Easter. The Great Fifty Days of Easter included a visit from Bishop Rob for a Blessing of New Ministry and Confirmation of three of our young members and the beautiful service of ordination of one of our own, before the Holy Spirit flew in on Pentecost—coinciding this year with our annual service at Green Acres with the honoring of our graduates.

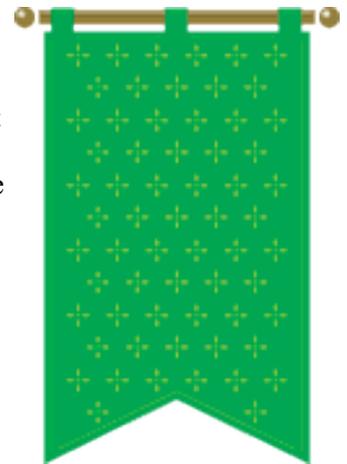
We have finally arrived in a long season of *Ordinary Time*, when the altar is dressed in green, bringing us time to reflect on the ministry and message of Jesus—through his relationships, parables, teaching and healings—as he walked the roads between Galilee and Jerusalem.

Ever wonder why the Church would set up its calendar like this, with most all of the action crammed into six months, leaving the other half of the year just plain green? Many who practice their faith in the Episcopal Church have traditionally taken this as a sign that Ordinary Time is well, *ordinary*, unimportant, and therefore the perfect time to take a long break from church. I have already been warned I won't see many of you all summer—that traditional time for vacations,

when we look outside of our daily routines and obligations for interesting places to go and things to do. Vacations are important—for our physical, mental, and emotional well-being. They give us time with family and friends, away from our work (hopefully), to see and experience new things that open our eyes to the beauty and wonder of the God's world. But does the Church mean to send us on a long spiritual vacation from Pentecost to Advent?

Ordinary Time has its own spiritual gifts. It is a season to reflect on the person of Jesus through and his life and work between the manger and the cross. Free of the obligations and trappings of busier seasons—such as Christmas and Easter—Ordinary Time offers us a chance to go deeper in our life in Christ. It is a time for cleaning out our spiritual closets—bringing out what has been neglected and putting it to good use, reconsidering how those gifts from God we may have been hoarding might be life-giving when offered to others. It is a time to reconnect with Holy Scripture, and the Daily Office from the Book of Common Prayer, a time for prayer and listening to God and for what God might be up to in our lives.

So wherever you are—wherever you go in this summer season of Ordinary Time, breathe deeply, rest, enjoy, and watch for those signs of God's grace in Ordinary Time, when the altar and the world are green, reminding us to keep growing in our life in Christ. And when you are home on Sunday, join us at 10am for church. We'll be here.





Wednesday Evening Worship and Meal

The Wednesday evening worship group has elected to continue worship with Evening Prayer and a meal together on a monthly basis, every second Wednesday, for 2018. On **Wednesday June 13** and **Wednesday July 11**, we will meet for Evening Prayer at 6 pm and have dinner out afterwards that will include a discussion of *The Screwtape Letters*, by C.S. Lewis.



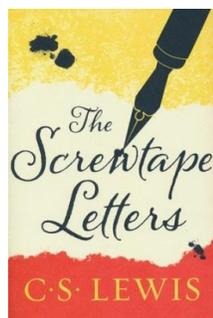
The Screwtape Letters

From Goodreads

“A masterpiece of satire, this classic has entertained and enlightened readers the world over with its sly and ironic portrayal of human life from the vantage point of Screwtape, a senior tempter in the service of “Our Father Below.” At once wildly comic, deadly serious, and strikingly original, C. S. Lewis gives us the correspondence of the worldly-wise old devil to his nephew Wormwood, a novice demon in charge of securing the damnation of an ordinary young man. *The Screwtape Letters* is the most engaging and humorous account of temptation—and triumph over it—ever written.”

From Wikipedia

The Screwtape Letters is a Christian apologetic novel. It is written in a satirical, epistolary style and while it is fictional in format, the plot and characters are used to address Christian theological issues, primarily



those to do with temptation and resistance to it.

First published in February 1942,[[]the story takes the form of a series of letters from a senior Demon Screwtape to his nephew Wormwood, a Junior Tempter. The uncle's mentorship pertains to the nephew's responsibility in securing the damnation of a British man known only as "the Patient".

Copies of the book may be purchased at Barnes and Noble and Amazon.

The following is a link to the text which can be downloaded or printed out.

http://www.samizdat.qc.ca/arts/lit/PDFs/ScrewtapeLetters_CSL.pdf



Day 1 Broadcast

On Sunday June 3, Rev. Dr. Ellen Richardson is the featured preacher on the Day 1 radio broadcast. You can sign up on the web site to listen for free at Day 1 website. The sermon can also be read on their website after the broadcast.

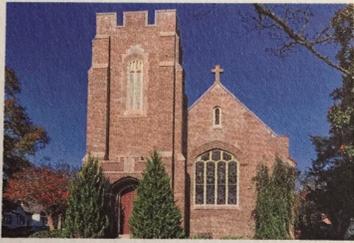
Day1 is the voice of the mainline Protestant churches, presenting outstanding preachers from the mainline Protestant denominations, including the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Episcopal Church, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), American Baptist Churches, and others.

Day1 began broadcasting in 1945 as "The Protestant Hour" and has been on the air every week since, currently on more than 200 stations. Day1 is a ministry of the Alliance for Christian Media, a nonprofit mainline media ministry based in Atlanta, GA.

You can read more about it at day1.org.

Note: In order to read Ellen's sermon, you will need to create a member login.





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Thank you all so much for the Food Lion card. It literally came a the perfect moment when several friends and family were staying with us for Grant's memorial concert, and was a huge blessing to us.

*Thank you,
Kim Michel*

Thank you to Bobby and Janice Greene for hosting the Church of the Advent for its annual outdoor service and church covered dish picnic at Green Acres Campground.

Moo Cards

As a trial, Rev. Ellen has purchased some small cards with the contact information for Church of the Advent with space for new members to offer their contact information to us for follow up. They are in a small box on the table in the narthex. They are meant to be a quick calling card to hand to anyone you might find yourself speaking with about our wonderful church. If this sounds like something you might use, take a few and keep them handy, or offer one to any visitors you might meet on Sunday morning.

Khira Jefferson is our new nursery attendant until August when she departs for college.

Church and diocesan policy requires that a second person be in attendant when children are present. On recent Sundays, Lori Taylor and Jim Allen have been among the volunteers. Kit Reddick has volunteered for the month of June.

Other volunteers are needed. Please sign up through the church office or through the sign-up posted in the church narthex.

Volunteers need to be in the nursery by 9:45 am. If no children arrive, then the volunteer may continue on to church service.



New Addition for Outreach

A new receptacle for outreach offerings is now available in the church narthex.

Thank you to Sue House, co-chair of Outreach, for her donation of our wagon that can be used for collecting and transporting outreach donations.

During the summer months we will be collecting school supplies for foster children. The requests will be posted in mid-June in time for school supplies sales in the local stores.



Please call Joe Jernigan at the Church Office to update any contact information, including addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses.

From the Parish Photo Album



Congratulations to our confirmands Exum Taylor, Kahlil Jefferson, and Khira Jefferson. The Church of the Advent presented them with copies of the *Book of Common Prayer* inscribed with their names. In addition to Confirmation, the Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving instituted a New Ministry with the Rev. Ellen Richardson and the Church of the Advent.



Newly ordained Stephen Batten on the right gathers with his fellow ordinands and the Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving. About fifteen friends, family, and Church of the Advent parishioners attended the ordination. Lori Taylor and Kit Reddick served as lay presenters and the Rev. Ellen Richardson and the Rev. Jim Horton served as clergy presenters. Stephen was received a Bible from the Diocese of East Carolina.



Congratulations to our high school graduates who were presented Bibles inscribed with their names from the Church of the Advent during the Pentecost service held at Green Acres Campground. All are graduates of Riverside High School. Chris Cooke plans to attend East Carolina University, majoring in Sports Physiology. Khalil plans to join the Air Force. Khira plans to attend Wingate University and major in Biology.

Congratulations to the Rev. Deacon Stephen Batten, who was also honored during the service with a gift certificate from the Church of the Advent as well as family and friends to J. Whippell and Co. for Clerical shirts. While waiting for his placement from Bishop Skirving, Stephen will serve as deacon at the Church of the Advent when he is available. The diaconal role includes reading the Gospel, setting the table, and

Meet the Members of Your Vestry in Their Own Words

So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

The vestry is the leadership group of the parish, made up of nine members of the congregation elected each year to serve 3 year rotating terms. Each year three members rotate off and three new members are elected. The vestry meets monthly with the Priest in Charge to renew the members spiritual commitment to their leadership role in the parish, to hear reports of various committees, to discuss and decide on expenditures, and to encourage and support new ministries and opportunities for fellowship.

Lori Taylor

I have been fortunate to call The Church of the Advent my home for 27 years. During this time, I have focused on the following ministries: Altar Guild, Episcopal Church Women serving as president and vice president, Youth Sunday School Teacher, Fellowship and Worship and Education Committee member, Vestry member, Nursery Volunteer, and member of the Parish Discernment Committee on Vocation for two postulants. While serving on vestry, I will strive to enrich our accepting environment and to shepherd others as we continue God's work.



Kit Reddick

I was born in Williamston in 1951 and have lived and worked here all my life. I retired in 2004 from a 30½ year career teaching English at Williamston High School. I was baptized and confirmed at the Church of the Advent. Presently, I serve the Church of the Advent as a vestry member, a choir member, a licensed lay reader, an Altar Guild member and a member of the Episcopal Church Women. As a member of the vestry, I chair the Outreach Committee.



Betty Jones

Formerly a long-time member of St. James Episcopal Church in Baltimore, MD, I decided to relocate to my "home roots" of Martin County, NC, and seeking fellowship in the Episcopal Church found Church of the Advent in Williamston. Since I joined this wonderful par-



ish, I have enjoyed the warmth and spiritual embrace of the Christian faith that I had become accustomed to over the years. I am excited to serve as a member of the Vestry in any capacity that I can and have accepted the role of Clerk of the Vestry. I look forward to being a part of continued growth in our parish and will serve on a committee to welcome new members.

Editor's Note: The remaining members of the vestry will be featured in coming issues of the The Advisor.



You are cordially invited

*Church of the Advent
Parish Cookout*

*at the home of
Corey Baker and Don Beach
115 North Haughton Street
Park in their side yard or
on Church Street*

*Sunday Evening, June 10th
6 pm until.....*

BYOB

*Fellowship Commission
is providing
Hot dogs, Hamburgers, Buns,
ICE and TEA*

*Look for the June 4th
Comings and Goings
to sign up to bring
side dishes, condiments, desserts!*

*Questions???? Email Lucia
at luciapeel@gmail.com*

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

*Ronnie Wynn
Russell & Gail Young
Ethan Godard
Mary Charles Coppage
Lennox Palmer
Mac Allen
Sandra Allen
Paul DeMastro
Mike Buchannon
Nan Chesson*

Birthdays

*1 ~ Jesse Critcher
2 ~ Katie Mills
6 ~ Lee-ann Courtney
8 ~ Russell Johnson
12 ~ Don Beach
18 ~ Al Chesson
20 ~ Regina French
20 ~ Kim Michel
22 ~ Maddie Michel
29 ~ Corey Baker
30 ~ Mary Charles Coppage*



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Don Beach, Junior Warden**

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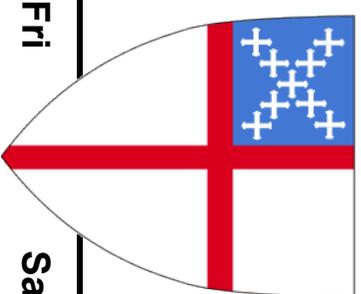
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The Church of the Advent is a nurturing, vibrant, and inclusive community inviting spiritual growth through liturgical worship, outreach, and fellowship.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Birthdays in Italics</i>						
					1 <i>Jesse Critcher</i>	2 <i>Katie Mills</i>
3 2 Pentecost 10:00 am, Morning Prayer II	4	5	6 6:00 pm Evening Prayer & Supper	7	8 <i>Russell Johnson</i>	9
10 3 Pentecost 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist II 6:00 pm, Cookout @ Corey & Don Beach's house	11	12 <i>Don Beach</i>	13 <i>Lee-ann Courtney</i>	14	15	16
17 4 Pentecost Father's Day 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist II 5:30 pm, Vestry Meeting	18 <i>Al Chesson</i>	19	20 <i>Kim Michel</i> <i>Regina French</i>	21 Summer Begins	22 <i>Maddie Michel</i>	23
24 5 Pentecost 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist II	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Corey Baker</i>	30 <i>Mary Charles</i> <i>Coppage</i>

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Lay Schedule

	3	10	17	24
	<i>2 Pentecost 10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer II</i>	<i>3 Pentecost 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist II</i>	<i>4 Pentecost 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist II</i>	<i>5 Pentecost 10:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist II</i>
Acolyte		Chris Cooke	Will Michel	Dawson Taylor
Acolyte		Khira Jefferson	Khalil Jefferson	Standrick Jefferson
Acolyte				
Acolyte				
Lessons	Valerie Cooke	Chuck Cohen	Michael Biondi	Gimmy Webb
Intercessor		Al Chesson	Lucia Peel	Bill Webb
Chalice Bearer		Doug Chesson	Chloe Tuttle	Bill Webb
Altar Guild	Margaret Chesson Lucia Peel	Margaret Chesson Lucia Peel	Margaret Chesson Lucia Peel	Margaret Chesson Lucia Peel
Ushers	Mary Anne Crowe Lucia Peel			