



Advent Advisor

June 2020

Vestry Meets to Plan for Return to Worship

The Senior Warden and the Vestry have received new guidelines from Bishop Skirving regarding the resumption of public worship during Phase 2, Safer at Home from North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper.

The Vestry meets on Monday, June 8 to reviewing these required practices for the safety and health of our congregation.

In addition to Sunday worship, the Vestry will also consider Wednesday night worship.

And the Vestry will also consider the status of Parish Family Weekend in July at Trinity Center.



part of the Prayers of the People, or at the conclusion of worship before the Blessing or Dismissal. Individuals may pray it anytime as part of their own personal prayer discipline.

This movement for ecumenical prayer is especially significant as we approach the 20-year anniversary of the Call to Common Mission, the Lutheran-Episcopal agreement to share full communion for the sake of God's greater purpose in the world. The concord was signed on January 6, 2001.

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.

Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A New Prayer

from Episcopal News Service

From Pentecost Sunday through the first Sunday in September, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his Lutheran counterpart Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton welcome congregations and individuals to regularly pray "A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God."

This prayer – crafted by a team of Lutheran and Episcopal prayer leaders in light of the COVID pandemic – is meant to unite us in common prayer and revive us for common mission, wherever and however we may be gathered.

Congregations might wish to incorporate the prayer into worship alongside the Collect of the Day, as



A Reminder about Your Pledges

During this period of suspension of public worship as a part of Safer at Home, you may mail your pledges in or drop them off with Parish Administrator Joe Jernigan at the Church Office during the morning office hours.

According to a recent financial report from Treasurer Lowell Taylor, we are very down in our pledges at this time.





The Rev. John Carswell of Parkview Baptist Church in Morehead City checks out boxes filled with fruits and vegetables that he received last week for needy families through the Farmers to Families Food Box program. (Cheryl Burke photo)

https://www.carolinacoastonline.com/news_times/article_1bab4274-9f88-11ea-999a-83e1bcf3cd10.html

Update on Blessings in a Backpack

Blessings in a Backpack now delivers a box of fresh food to 30 student households in the Williamston School District through a grant from the Baptist Association.

The Baptist Association is one group giving vegetables and fruits and meats to families struggling due to the coronavirus pandemic as part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farmers to Families Food Box program. The Coronavirus Food Assistance Program was developed to help farmers, ranchers and consumers in response to the national emergency.

Blessings in a Backpack applied to the Baptist Association and was designated a distribution center.

The weekly deliveries continue for six weeks beginning May 29.

Kit Reddick continues to participate in the deliveries.



I want to thank my Church of the Advent family for all that you done to help me through a difficult time with the loss of my mother. Your cards, prayers and advice have been a great help to me.

Joe Jernigan

National Cathedral Creates Covid-19 Memorial

The National Cathedral in Washington, DC is honoring the lives lost to the COVID-19 pandemic.

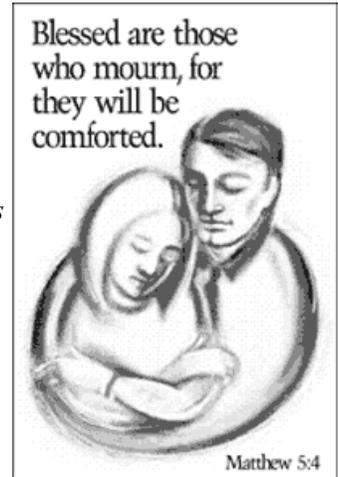
“This Cathedral joins you in grieving the lives lost to the coronavirus pandemic, and we share the pain of anxiety and loss in these uncertain times.

As a house of prayer for all people, this Cathedral aims to serve as a sacred space where the nation can come together at times of both joy and sorrow.

We welcome the names of the loved ones you have lost to the COVID-19 pandemic. Each name will be entrusted to God’s embrace as we include them during a virtual prayer services each week in the Chapel of St. Joseph of Arimathea.

We will notify you when the name of your loved one has been included in prayer in the certain hope of resurrection.”

You may submit your memorials through the cathedral’s website <https://cathedral.org/covidmemorial/>. The weekly service is on Saturday at 12 noon.



A Kindled Fire

I can worship outside among nature just as well as I can inside a church building.” That claim is especially common during the summer, when church attendance tends to decline.

Certainly it’s possible to worship and talk to God among his creation. In fact, George Washington Carver called nature “an unlimited broadcasting station, through which God speaks to us every hour, if we will only tune in.” And Martin Luther said, “God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.”

Yet corporate, or church, worship is still vital. Luther also noted: “At home, in my own house, there is no warmth or vigor in me, but in the church when the multitude is gathered together, a fire is kindled in my heart and it breaks its way through.” When we’re away from God’s house, we miss blessings and opportunities including communion, fellowship and support. So this summer, spend time in nature but don’t neglect “to meet together” (see Hebrews 10:25)!



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

James & Janice Ford
Lucia Peel Powe
Anthony McNeile
Robert Bonner
Mary Charles Coppage
Nita Smith
Joan Ganis
Frankie Biggs

Birthdays

1 ~ Jesse Critcher
2 ~ Katie Mills
6 ~ Lee-ann Courtney
12 ~ Diana Stanton
12 ~ Don Beach
18 ~ Al Chesson
20 ~ Kim Michel
22 ~ Maddie Michel
29 ~ Corey Baker
30 ~ Mary Charles Coppage



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

June 8 Vestry Meeting 5:30pm

June 10 Evening Prayer 6:00pm

June 14 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Polk Culpepper 11:00 am

June 21 Morning Prayer / Jane Jernigan 11:00 am

June 28 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Polk Culpepper 11:00 am

July 5 Morning Prayer / Kit Reddick 11:00 am

July 8 Evening Prayer 6:00 pm

July 12 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Donna Kraus 11:00 am

July 13 Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm

July 19 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Jim Horton 11:00 am

July 26 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Polk Culpepper 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

	14 2 Pentecost HE II 11:00 A.M.	21 3 Pentecost MP II 11:00 A.M.	28 4 Pentecost HE II 11:00 A.M.
Worship Leader	Rev. Culpepper	Jane Jernigan	Rev. Culpepper
Lector	Kit Reddick	Valerie Cooke	Chuck Cohen
Intercessor	Kit Reddick		Catherine Cohen
Chalice Bearer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Acolytes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Guild	Al and Margaret Chesson		
Ushers	Jim and Maria Allen		