



Church of the Advent

Advent Advisor

October 2018

A Season for Caring

October already. The pumpkins are going up, the Oyster Bar is open again, the days are getting shorter and the leaves are starting to yellow. Hardly seems possible when I am still waiting for that snap in the air and the change in the light that says you can turn off the air conditioning and open the windows. Thanks to Florence, I doubt if there is anyone in these parts who is not ready to say goodbye to September.

October will be a blessed and busy month at Church of the Advent:

- ◆ Our ECW group is hosting the Albemarle District Episcopal Church Women meeting in the Parish Hall on Wednesday October 3 from 10 am–1pm.
- ◆ Our annual Blessing of the Pets on October 4 at 6 pm in the churchyard.
- ◆ Fall Fellowship at the Rectory on Sunday afternoon October 7 from 5-7 pm.
- ◆ Wednesday Evening Prayer and program with Italian dinner October 10 at 6 pm
- ◆ Coffee and Juice Fellowship time before Morning Prayer on Sunday October 14.
- ◆ Annual Stewardship Sunday with dinner following church October 30.

All this on top of your generous efforts through multiple sources to make contributions to our wider community through the Walk for Hunger and our Love on Wheels wagon.

October is also the traditional season to reflect on our stewardship, a word that makes us groan, typically offered as “we need your money” soup—made of boring budgets and church structural needs, seasoned with guilt, anxiety and a smattering of spiritual arm twisting. “Stewardship season” is about as inviting as a flu shot; we either step up and get it over with—fearful of risking our long term survival—or we avoid it altogether, and take our chances.

But what if we could approach our stewardship—a word defined as “taking care of something,”—with a fresh attitude? What if we thought about it not so much

as taking care of our buildings and grounds, but taking care of each other, and through our life in Christ, taking care of others who God might be calling into our sights of love and concern? With that view, taking care of our church is merely a means of taking care of each other, sort of like taking care of your car gives you the means to go to the beach!



On Sunday morning October 14, you will hear from fellow church members who are willing to share what taking care of one another at Church of the Advent means to them. Then we

come together for Stewardship Sunday on October 30, when each of us will have an opportunity to carry our promise to care for one another—in words—to the altar to be offered in praise and thanksgiving and blessed. Then we will break bread together in the church and later in the parish hall in gratitude for this community and the gift of being made One in Christ through it.

I pray that each of you, and those you love, will be blessed by the turning of the season, and I hope that each and all of you as often as you are able, for worship and fellowship, and for taking care of one another in the weeks, months and years to come.

Ellen+



Outreach: What we have done

During September we collected ready to eat food for the Social Services pantry. Thank you, Doug and Christine Chesson, for making several delivery. And thank you parish family for your generous response.

We also collected 60 men's shirts for the Farmworkers Ministry in Newton Grove.

What we are doing

Each day the local Adult and Aging Services Department ensures that participants receive one meal a day, either by feeding at the Senior Center or by home delivery.

But some days the Center is closed due to holidays or bad weather and the feeding program is interrupted.

Therefore, the Center's staff prepares and delivers a box of food to each participant with enough foodstuffs to provide ten meals that meet the Recommended Daily Allowance for nutrition.

Although the Center receives food for the boxes through the Albemarle Food Bank, the Food Bank does not provide any meat.

Parishioners will find requests posted in the narthex. The collection will continue through October with delivery to the Center during the first week of November.

Any foodstuffs not used in the boxes will go into the Center's pantry or to the Social Services pantry.

Hurricane Relief

- ◆ We are collecting dry beans, rice, pasta, and cereal to go to the Farmworkers Ministry.
- ◆ Thanks to Ellen Richardson, Mark Richardson, Sue House, and Wanda Hopkins for walking as a Church of the Advent team in the Walk for Hunger sponsored by the Albemarle Food Bank. And thank you to donors who contributed \$450.00 to the team.
- ◆ We are donating to Episcopal Relief and Development. Your entire contribution goes to relief. This is a good option for those who cannot physically contribute to hurricane relief efforts. Forms are in the church narthex. You may also contact Ellen.
- ◆ Check the church web page and Facebook page for links for more opportunities.
- ◆ Thank you to Lucia Peel for spearheading the delivery of several collections.

"We'd like to thank each and every one of you who dropped off supplies or who helped load/unload and deliver. Phone calls were made to friends and families all over eastern NC to find out what was needed immediately to help or hold people over until insurance/

FEMA/Red Cross assistance is obtained. St. Thomas ECW collected an amazing amount of supplies – they know what is needed after having been Ground Zero for several hurricanes in the last few years.

Don Beach loaded and delivered a truckload of dog food, cat food, kitty litter and other supplies to the Craven/Pamlico Animal Services Center which is providing temporary housing for animals evacuated in those two counties plus distributing food to other downeast shelters and individuals. [Concord Pet Supplies out of Wilmington, Delaware sent down over \$2000 worth of product]

John Price loaded and delivered an SUV packed "to the gills" with water, food, cleaning supplies, bug spray, diapers, and other items to a group of women in Beaufort County. These women left early one morning to distribute the supplies to people in Harker's Island, Otway, Oriental, Bayboro, Belhaven, Pollocksville, Kenansville, and other places.

Special thanks to Sonoma Jefferson for contacting Martin Enterprises who added greatly to our collection!"



Remember all that stuff we collected and donated to the Summer Reading Program at Martin Memorial Library? Look carefully and see if you can identify what items were turned into drums as part of the theme "Libraries Rock."



We Recycle

While Parish Administrator Joe Jernigan was out due to surgery, he wrote —

Jane and I want to thank our COA family for all the visits, calls, texts, food (which was amazing!), cards, and prayers. It has meant so much to me while I'm going through such a long and tedious recovery.



Good news! As of the last of September, Joe is back in the office although not driving due to still having to wear his special collar. Welcome back! We missed you!



Thanks to donations given in memory of Jean Rhodes, the choir and the music director now have new choir robes — black long-sleeved cassocks and cathedral cottas.



Attends Workshop

Rev. Ellen, Doug Chesson, and Kit Reddick attended a Stewardship Workshop at the Diocesan House in Kinston in September.

Presented by a senior program director of strategic resources of the Episcopal Church Foundation, the session Called “Stewardship in a Changing Landscape: How to Successfully Fund-raise Through a Contextual Ministry” encouraged participants to look at some new perspectives on stewardship.

Stewardship comes from our Baptismal Covenant — reconciling us to God and others through giving. Stewardship is the giving of time, talent, and monies. Stewardship is a ministry carried out every day responding to the needs of the community and the church through gifts of volunteering and donations.

On Sunday, October 14 the vestry has invited several parishioners to speak during the service responding to stewardship at the Church of the Advent.



Sunday, October 7

5-7 pm

The Rectory

Bring a heavy hors oeuvre and your favorite beverage
Non-alcoholic beverage provided

October 14

The Hospitality and Welcome Committee invites you to come at 10 am for coffee, juice, and some social get to know you time during Sunday School hour.



Social Hour

Special Presentation

Why is the Church of the Advent important to me?

During the service you will hear several members share their thoughts on this question.

ECW Luncheon Meeting

Sunday, October 21

After church at the Roanoke Golf and Country Club
Dutch Lunch Buffet



Sunday, October 28

Pot Luck Luncheon following Stewardship Service



STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY



Update from Executive Director, Penn Perry

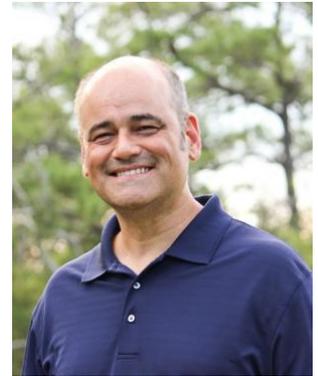
October 2 at 4:05 PM

Well, here we are. All my years out on this island, and as many storms as Trinity Center has survived, we have finally taken a big hit. Hurricane Florence brought plenty of devastation wherever it went, and eastern North Carolina bore the brunt of the storm. Honestly, I bristle every time I hear a newscaster talk about it coming ashore in Wilmington as a Category 1 storm. That storm slowed to a crawl and sat off our coastline for almost seventy-two hours, lashing this island with 100 mph winds off and on the whole time. Trinity Center was right in the northeast quadrant, where the storm was fiercest, and our property definitely looks the worse for wear.

My family and I evacuated inland, and it was several days before I was able to get back to Trinity Center, even with an Essential Personnel Disaster Pass. When I arrived, I crawled around property, took loads of pictures, saw plenty of visible damage, and thought that overall maybe it was not as bad as I had feared in my worst imaginings. Then we filed our claim with our commercial property insurer. The claims adjuster has now come and gone, spending over two days here documenting damage. He and his team brought drones, infrared detectors, and moisture indicators. They meticulously documented damage all over our sixty-two acres. What they found was that the damage was far worse than I initially thought. Water had seeped into many of our buildings, through roofs, windows, and gables. There was water damage everywhere. Damage was extensive enough that our property insurer called in the "Large Loss" team. Construction specialists from Large Loss have arrived and have been working steadily to complete our claim. They have made clear the scale and scope of our loss. We are currently waiting to find out how much we will receive from three separate claims: commercial property, wind/hail, and flood.

And then the trucks rolled in. Our commercial property insurer called in a catastrophe team to manage the drying out process. It was surreal. On the one hand, I was relieved to know that experienced and professional help had arrived. On the other hand, I still had trouble accepting that we needed such help. The catastrophe team has stayed, tarping holes in roofs, deploying industrial strength dehumidifiers, and water-mapping our property. They will be in charge of the demolition/mold mitigation necessary around property, and they are already hard at work.

This entire time my staff has been cleaning, raking, piling, sawing, stacking, uncovering, and piling some more. They have worked so very hard, without complaint, doing everything they could to get us back in shape. We have had two volunteer days already, with so many friends helping us both days. Now we wait. We need our Large Loss adjuster to give us the go-ahead to begin demolition and construction. Main Dining, Pelican House, the Centrum, our dorms, and our Beach House all need some serious TLC. Other parts of property need work too. We are hoping to start very soon. We are hoping it will all be covered by insurance; in fact, we are hoping to emerge on the



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other side of this storm in better shape than ever.

What we need, honestly, are prayers and donations. All prayers always appreciated. Donations are so important right now. They will help pay my staff until the insurance money trickles in, until groups can return to property. It will literally keep the lights on at Trinity Center.

It's so easy to donate now. Just go to our secure website (www.trinityctr.com) and head to the "Giving" page. Donate to the Annual Fund, and in the comments section note that it is for "Hurricane Florence Relief." You can make one-time or recurring donations. And hey, now that the mail is running again on the island, you can even mail us a check.

I know in my head that we were fortunate. I know in my head that so many have suffered worse losses from the hurricane, some of them my own staff. In my heart, however, I feel the losses that Florence inflicted keenly and deeply. My beloved Trinity Center, our beloved Trinity Center, needs help from all of us.



You are not looking at the ground. You are looking at the decks in the clusters covered by debris.

It is difficult and heart-breaking to look at these pictures and reflect upon all the happy and contented times spent at Trinity generated by 27 continuous years of enjoying Parish Family Weekend together.

Many of us have partaken in Trinity's renown hospitality for Parish Life Conferences, Music Conferences, Women's Retreats, ECW Events, and Clergy Conferences.

Please remember Trinity and its staff not only in your prayers but with your resources.

Kit

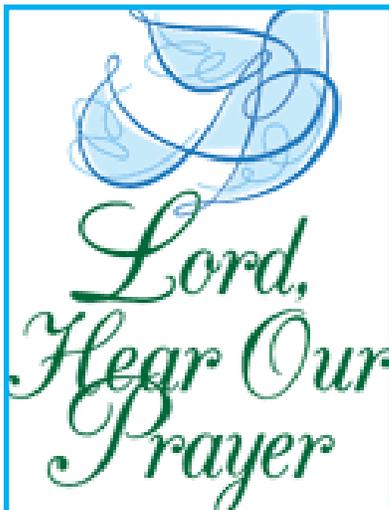
The Prayer List is found in the notebook marked "Prayer Lists" on the usher's table in the narthex of the church. Names may be added at any time by writing them in the notebook or calling the church office after requesting permission of those for whom prayer is requested. The Prayer List is read aloud 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

Betty Crowe Florence Baker
 Lennox Palmer Sandra Allen
 Nan Chesson Annie Jones
 James & Janice Ford
 Doward Jones Ronnie Wynne
 Mary Charles Coppage Mac Allen
 Frances Whittington Rachel Raiford
 Tink Jenkins Geraldine Bateman
 Greg Crumplin Frances Sumner
 Ricky Roberson

Birthdays

1 ~ Sarah Lewis Peel
 3 ~ Will Greene
 3 ~ Chloe Tuttle
 8 ~ Bill Webb
 14 ~ Howard Mann
 14 ~ Ellen Miller
 17 ~ Joe Jernigan
 18 ~ Jane Jernigan
 21 ~ Betty Peel
 22 ~ Ann Slade
 28 ~ Amanda Smith
 30 ~ Valerie Cooke



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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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Lay Schedule

	7 <i>20 Pentecost</i> 11:00 A.M. <i>HE II</i>	14 <i>21 Pentecost</i> 11:00 A.M. <i>MP II</i> <i>Jane Jernigan</i>	21 <i>22 Pentecost</i> 11:00 A.M. <i>HE II</i>	28 <i>23 Pentecost</i> 11:00 A.M. <i>HE II</i>
Acolyte	Khalil Jefferson		Will Michel	Jean Miller
Acolyte	Jean Miller		Standrick Jefferson	Dawson Taylor
Acolyte				
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Lessons	Chuck Cohen	Michael Biondi	Valerie Cooke	John Price
Intercessor	Lucia Peel		Al Chesson	Kit Reddick
Eucharistic Minister	John Price		Don Beach	Doug Chesson
Altar Guild	John Price	John Price	John Price	John Price
Ushers	Michael Biondi	Michael Biondi	Michael Biondi	Michael Biondi
	Robert Bonner	Robert Bonner	Robert Bonner	Robert Bonner
Nursery	Sue House	Kit Reddick	Mark Richardson	Jim Allen

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>Birthdays in italics</i>	1	2	3 6:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i>	4	5	6
7 20 Pentecost <i>10:00 am, Sunday School 10:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, HE II</i>	8 Columbus Day	9	10 6:00 pm <i>Evening Prayer, Supper & Program</i>	11	12	13
14 21 Pentecost <i>10:00 Coffee Hour 10:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, MP II Howard Mann</i>	15	16	17 6:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i>	18	19	20
21 22 Pentecost <i>10:00 am, Sunday School 10:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, HE II 5:30 pm, Vestry Meeting</i>	22	23	24 6:00 pm <i>Choir Practice</i>	25	26	27
28 23 Pentecost <i>10:00 am, Sunday School 10:30 am, Choir Practice 11:00 am, HE II</i>	29	30	31 Halloween <i>6:00 pm Choir Practice</i>			