



Church of the Advent

Advent Advisor

September 2020

Outreach to help neighbors in Bertie County

Lucia Peel has contacted Jacqueline Perry of St. Thomas in Windsor, who is collecting items for the victims of the EF-3 tornado that flattened an entire neighborhood.

Needed items include:

- gift cards*
- cleaning supplies*
- formula (Gerber Good Start Gentle)*
- diapers*
- toiletry items*
- water*
- bedroom linens*
- kitchen items*
- school supplies*

If you would like to donate, please leave your offerings in a specially marked are in the Parish Hall.

If the Parish House is not open, feel free to leave your items in Lucia's washer/dryer room at the end of the driveway.

The Church of the Advent will deliver to St. Thomas. St. Thomas plans to distribute what is needed now and store items for future distribution when victims are settled in permanent housing.

As always, thank you for your amazing generosity!



Speaking of the Parish House...

When you are in the Parish House dropping off your relief donations, take a moment to check out the almost renovated bathrooms. They are available for use but still need some finishing touches.



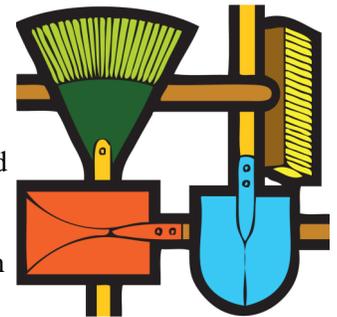
Also check out the tile floors in the foyer and outside the bathrooms. They are shiny clean thanks to the bathroom project.

Clean Up Needed at the Rectory

The yard of the rectory needs some attention after recent storms.

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, August 29th at 10:00 a. m.

A sub sandwich lunch and beverages will be provided.



September 9
6 p. m.
Led by
Brandon Woody
Inside the Church
May need to move outside if over 10 attending.



Worshipping Outdoors

Thanks to Senior Warden Johnny Miller, Parish Administrator Joe Jernigan, Keyboardist Brandon Woody, and our lay leaders, the Church of the Advent is gathering for worship on the lawn.



The services begin at 11:00 a.m. and last about 30 minutes.

Thank you to Lucia Peel, who provides us with cold beverages to be enjoyed before, during, and after worship.

Again, reminders for outdoor worship:

Bring your own chair.

Sit six feet apart, Families may sit together.

Masks, hand sanitizer available on table with offering plate and bulletins.

You will remain in your seat during the service except when directed to stand.

Leave Hassell Street open for those who wish to remain in their cars during the service.

Although much of the service is printed in the bulletin, you are encouraged to bring your personal prayer books and hymnals for supplementing the bulletin.

At this time, no Eucharistic Ministers or acolytes are needed until further notice.

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.



Update on Blessings in a Backpack

At this time, Martin County public school students are learning at home.

Blessings in a Backpack received an extension to be able to continue to deliver weekly boxes of fresh produce and processed meat at no cost to the program. Deliveries will continue until mid-October.



Dear COA Family,

I am very appreciative that I grew up in a supportive family, both at home and in this church. Understanding the meaning of a loving and nurturing ministry helped to form my passion in outreach for humanity, encouraged by my participation at COA, in school, the community and in my academic studies. Remembering me with the graduation book, Life of the Beloved, also illustrates the kindness and thoughtfulness from the vestry and leaders of this church. I miss my parish family very much.



THANKS
FROM OUR
GRAD

*Best and love,
Anna Chesson*

When God crosses our paths

Pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.” Last spring, the whole world had plans canceled, first by Covid-19 and then by God “sending us people with claims and petitions.” Some needed prayers for healing or for coping with grief. Medical staff, teachers, pastors and others serving long hours needed support: meals, check-in calls, “thinking of you” cards. Parents working remotely while helping kids with distance-learning needed encouragement. Crucial nonprofit work still required donations.

Pre-pandemic, you may not have realized that staying home or wearing a face mask could be a ministry. Or that sending a card expresses love in Jesus’ name. Or that buying takeout from a local restaurant can be a gift to the owners. When our calendars empty, God “crosses our paths” in new ways — both to be with us and to nudge us toward others (even if virtually, or 6 feet apart!).



All workers are essential

The concept of vocation, Latin for “to call,” previously referred only to a calling to church work. But then Martin Luther emphasized the importance — and even sanctity — of *all* types of labors. The reformer pointed out that “God doesn’t need our good works, but our neighbor does.”

RJ Grunewald, in a blog post titled “God Makes Pizza,” describes how this looks today: “God is busy about *his* work in the midst of *your* work whether you realize it or not. The laundry, the spreadsheets, the phone calls and the cups of coffee are all deeply spiritual because God is at work in the world. He is serving your family, your coworkers and your community through the work you do. God is at work providing ‘daily bread’ through the work that you do, no matter what that work is.”

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

Robert

Warren

Frankie

Nita and Bill

Mary Charles

Breona

Warren

Autumn

Suzanne

Betty

Birthdays

6 ~ Harrison

6 ~ Sue

8 ~ Nita

9 ~ Will

13 ~ Sonona

23 ~ Brandon

23 ~ Billie

27 ~ Caroline



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

September 6 Morning Prayer / Jane Jernigan 11:00 am

September 9 Evening Prayer 6:00 pm

September 13 Morning Prayer / John Price 11:00 am

September 14 Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm

September 20 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Donna Kraus 11:00 am

September 27 Morning Prayer / Bill Webb 11:00 am

October 4 Morning Prayer / Kit Reddick 11:00 am

October 11 Morning Prayer / Jane Jernigan 11:00 am

October 12 Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm

October 14 Evening Prayer 6:00 pm

October 18 Holy Eucharist / Rev. Donna Kraus 11:00 am

October 25 Morning Prayer / John Price 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

	6 <i>14 Pentecost</i> MP II 11:00 A.M.	13 <i>15 Pentecost</i> MP II 11:00 A.M.	20 <i>16 Pentecost</i> HE II 11:00 A.M.	27 <i>17 Pentecost</i> MP II 11:00 A.M.
<i>Worship Leader</i>	Jane Jernigan	John Price	Rev. Kraus	Bill Webb
<i>Lector</i>	Kit Reddick	Valerie Cooke	Chuck Cohen	Ginny Webb
<i>Intercessor</i>	N/A	N/A	Catherine Cohen	N/A
<i>Chalice Bearer</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Acolytes</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Ginny Webb Margaret Chesson			
<i>Ushers</i>	Don Mills Lowell Taylor			