

LUMINARY

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The Rev. Canon Timothy M. Dombek

A monthly publication featuring news and events at the Advent Episcopal Church



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! By the time you read this we will have celebrated the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, but may not have celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. The days of December 25 through January 5 make up the Twelve Days of Christmas made popular by the famous Christmas carol.

I like that the Twelve Days of Christmas carry us through the end of one year and into the start of the New Year. I like it when such beginnings and endings are surrounded by the graces of Holy Days in the calendar of the church year. Opportunities for new beginnings take place every liturgical year. They allow us to begin or continue our journey of spiritual growth, deepening our relationship with God, the Maker and Sustainer of All Things. That we can enter into this personal relationship at all almost defies the reason and sensibility.



An Invitation to a New Level of Relationship

Our relationship with God is most easily attained and sustained by prayer, scripture study and reflection, and service. If you would like to go deeper into your relationship with God and one another, then connect through one of the scripture study opportunities being offered starting in January. New on Sundays, beginning January 8, starting at approximately 9:05 (between the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services), Canon Timothy will lead a Scripture study in Paine Hall on the Sunday lectionary for the following week, entitled: "Next Sunday, This Week." So come after the 8:00 service or before attending the 10:00 service, grab a cup of coffee and gather around the table to listen to scripture and reflect on it, share ideas, and conclude in prayer. Come every week or as often as you can, or whenever you are available: That's Sundays, 9:05 AM, in Paine Hall for "Next Sunday, This Week" scripture study with Canon Timothy.

If your desire is to **really** go deeper and delve into the scriptures and learn about them from a more academic and theological reflection level, then you might enjoy signing up for *Education for Ministry* (also known as *EfM*), which starts its new class in January; see page 3 of this issue of *The Luminary* for an article by Senior Warden Dianne Diaz that will provide more details on the class, its content and structure, and how to get involved. You will find an *EfM* prospectus available in the church office.

Lastly, the biggest new beginning for me this year of 2017, and for all of us at Advent Episcopal Church will take place on Saturday, January 14, at 4:00 PM. On this date and time, Bishop Kirk Smith will be here once again to officiate at the service, "The Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector," wherein we all will renew our own ministry of the baptized, as well as induct me as your new rector. We will be having a potluck for the reception, so bring your favorite heavy hors d'oeuvres to share with our out-of-town guests. See page 2 of this issue of *The Luminary* for more details and particulars.

Beth, Jonathan and I wish all of you at Advent Episcopal Church a healthy, safe, and Happy New Year!

Timothy



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*A word from your Vestry****Installation of the Canon Reverend Timothy Dombek***

On Saturday, January 14, 2017, at 4:00 pm, the Canon Reverend Timothy Dombek will be installed by Bishop Kirk Smith as the Rector of Advent Episcopal Church. This is an exciting time in the history of our church and I encourage every one of you to come and join us. We will have visitors from throughout the diocese as well as out of state guests.

During the service various ministries will bring forth gifts depicting what their ministry does. If you would personally like to give Timothy a card or gift we will have a basket available in Paine Hall.

Immediately following the installation there will be a “**potluck**” reception in Paine Hall. You can bring your dish to Paine Hall beginning at 2:30. For warm dishes we will have extension cords available for use.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Love & Blessings
Dianne Diaz, Sr. Warden

Newcomers' News

We are welcoming 6 new members this month [for a total of 30 new members this year!] – Jerry and Joan Green, Danny Hayes, Cathy Kissel, and Dave and Gabriele Somerville. Please welcome them warmly to our church community. The holidays are upon us and there are several church services that are occurring at Advent. Please invite your friends and neighbors to experience our church community at this special time of the year.

The Newcomers' Ministry will be sponsoring a Welcome Newcomers Get-Together on January 15, 2017, in Paine Hall from 3-5 PM. All new Advent members from 2015-16 who have not attended a gathering previously will be invited to attend the January get-together. This will provide a chance for our new members to meet our clergy and vestry leaders and learn about the ministries available at Advent and the many ways they may get involved. We hope to see many of our new church community there.

Pat Carroll

CURSILLO WEEKEND SCHEDULED FOR JULY 13-16, 2017

A Cursillo Weekend is an excellent way to continue your spiritual growth. The weekend is filled with talks and group discussions on many aspects of our Christian faith, and there will also be times for meditation, prayer, and singing, as well as good food and fellowship. General info about Cursillo is available at this website: www.episcopalcurstilloministry.org

The July 13 through 16 Cursillo Weekend will be held at the beautiful Chapel Rock Retreat Center located in Prescott, AZ (website: www.chapelrock.net). It will be a coed weekend, and it will be open to both singles and couples. The cost will be approximately \$300.00 per person, double occupancy; and approximately \$375.00 per person, single occupancy, which includes the cost of each person's sleeping accommodations and all of his/her meals. (Partial scholarships are sometimes available for those in need.) If you are interested in attending, please contact Herb & Sue Norton as soon as possible (preferably via email and preferably by Feb. 5), so that the necessary application forms can be processed. Email hnorton@alum.mit.edu (or phone 623-975-6896). Please note that a \$50.00 non-refundable Application Fee is required of all applicants.

Education for Ministry

What is it all about?

A little over five years ago I read in our bulletin that EfM classes were going to begin in January. Hurry up and sign up because space is limited. I thought WOW it must be something special because it fills up so fast. It took me another year of wondering what EfM was about before I talked to Fr. Gabe and he encouraged me to take the class. In the beginning of the class a commitment to 4 years of study seemed like such a huge undertaking especially with my busy life. Today an amazing journey through the Bible, church history and theology has come to an end for me as I graduate from EfM. Although the classes are over, a new journey is just beginning for me. It is with great pleasure and great honor that I share with all of you a bit of my experience in EfM.

Each year the class begins with our own spiritual autobiography. These are a way that each member of the class gets to know who we are as people and as Christians. There are many ways you can write and present these, but in essence it is a look back over our lives and how we have connected with God and practiced our faith. In listening to the spiritual journeys of each person in the class there is an essential sameness at the heart of our different pathways – a drive for a more authentic and deeper relationship with God.

In Year One we look at the Old Testament and in Year Two we look at the New Testament. I would never have read the Bible without this class. To me it was a sacred book to only open if someone told me to look at a particular passage. If I needed to hear what the Bible said I could hear it on Sundays during the readings. My Bible now is written in and highlighted, and I reference it often as I do our prayer book.

Year Three is about the History of the Church. History has never been a favorite of mine and this year was no exception. It was my least favorite of the 4 years. It was a very long year for me, but with the help and encouragement of my classmates I got through it. As I read some of the chapters I did find myself saying “ah that is why that church does the things they do.”

Year Four has been my favorite and I’m sorry to see it coming to a close. The final book that I have read is titled “My Neighbor’s Faith.” It is a compilation of many short experiences written by many authors. In summation of these stories it doesn’t matter what your walk in faith is, we all believe in God no matter what we call God. We all want unity, love and world peace.

During the first half of our weekly class we present our studies and what we got out of them. The second half of the class is devoted to Theological Reflection. We would **Identify** a reflection focus, **Explore** the focus image or statement, **Connect** to other sources of meaning in our lives, then **Apply** our insight and learning. Theological reflection has taught me that God is everything: paper clips, kitchen whisks, family struggles, and community problems. All of these present opportunity to see and know God in a deeper way if you are willing to look on them with a theological eye. Looking at things

theologically brings me peace and grace because God is all things and brings calm to my life.

EfM doesn’t so much prepare you for a specific ministry as much as it prepares you to perform any ministry with more intention, from a different perspective, and with a greater awareness of the theological implication of any ministry offered in our church. A new class will be starting on January 11 here at Advent. If you are looking for a deeper relationship with God, want to delve deeper into the Bible, learn about the history of the church, and look at things theologically, this class is for you. If you are interested in taking this amazing course you can speak with Timothy or Russ Brumagin. “Remember, space is limited.”

Thank you,

Marketing News

Advent Episcopal Church December 4, 2016



What a great concert performed by the Phoenician Tenors, Johnny Huerta, Guillermo Ontiveros and Robert Erlichman. Classical selections, Christmas songs, and show tunes were appreciated with several standing ovations from the near sell-out crowd.



Sun City Chamber Music Orchestra

February 5, 2017 at 2:00 pm

Admission is one or more items of non-perishable food. A free will offering will be available for the Chamber Orchestra.

Bring a Friend!

This group of talented musicians perform selections selected by their conductor George Zoske.

The Advent Marketing Committee wishes all a very happy and healthy New Year!



Episcopal Church Women *E C W NEWS*

HELPING HANDS BAKE SALE at the Arts and Craft Fair was a great success! Thank you to all who contributed time and baked goods to this one fund raiser for the Helping Hands ministry. Your efforts raised approximately \$2,000 to purchase supplies.

As of December 1st, 420 pillows, 120 blankets, and 100 quilts have been delivered to Eve's Treasures, Hospice of the Valley, Salvation Army, Surprise PD, and U.M.O.M. This ministry continues in the New Year. Please join us the first three Monday mornings at 8:30 in Paine Hall at Helping Hands for blanket sewing or Happy Hat Hooker crocheting on the last Monday of each month. No talent is needed for these activities. If you are new to Advent it is a good way to make friends. We would love to meet you!

RUMMAGE SALE

It is that time of year when we "clutter clear". Remember that the annual Rummage Sale is fast approaching. This is an all out effort at Advent and this fund raiser supports the outreach by both the Men's Club and ECW. Please save your used items for collection in February. The sale takes place February 24th and 25th.



PROJECT RE-RUNWAY

The ECW Fashion Show returns again on February 17th. The runway format used last year was very popular and will be included again this year. The change will be seating at tables surrounding the runway.

Tickets will be on sale the end of January for \$15.00 each. This will include champagne and a light lunch. Seating will be limited to the tables available so you will want to purchase your ticket early. Rumor has it that Gwendolyn will make another appearance and she will be bringing friends. This will prove to be a fun event!

Advent Attic will again be featured for your shopping pleasure in the North hall following the show. Be sure to save your finest collectibles as you 'clutter clear' for sale at the Attic. More information about collection dates will be in the February Luminary.

AHPM - Advent History and Preservation Ministry

Our book, "The Story of Advent" is published!!! This book was Connie Forrest's dream and after selecting her committee she guided us with diligence and patience. We worked very hard for over two years. Records were scattered and in some cases conflicting. The Preservation part of our ministry will continue so those of us here now and all future members will have an unbroken record of how and why we are considered one of the most valued churches in the Diocese.

In true Advent fashion we celebrated with a great party hosted by Connie and Jim. We congratulated ourselves but gave special thanks and recognition to our editor, Susan Garard. Her experience and expertise were invaluable AND she is a Methodist—but a good friend of Dotty Eubank.

We each brought a "substantial" hors d'oeuvre and as Connie looked at the bountiful repast she observed, "Just the way we worked on the book. We each did our own thing and there is not one duplication."

Buy the book and savor "The Story of Advent!" Books can be purchased in the office for \$12.00 per copy.





Clare of Assisi Chapter

Daughters are called to a life of Prayer and Service. Programs are held each meeting to expand our understanding of our calling. At our January 15th meeting we will continue with our study of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Each meeting 2 Daughters focus on one of the Fruits such as Peace in a 15 minute presentation that increases our awareness of these powerful Fruits. Please feel free to stop in and join us to learn more about the Order. Our Chapter meets in the North Hall the third Sunday of the month after the 10 am service at approximately 11:30 am.

Instruction for membership is conducted by Judy Huffman and will begin in January. Check the weekly bulletins in January for more details. Feel free to contact Judy Huffman or Sharon Mather directly. It hardly seems possible that in 9 weeks we will begin Lent. The Daughters of the King conduct the Stations of the Cross the 6 Fridays in Lent (March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31 and April 7) beginning at 12 noon. Last year we used "Everyone's Way of the Cross" by Clarence Enzier. This format used is in the form of a conversation with Christ.

Following is the Introduction:

"I walk with you. Though you are you, and I am I, yet we are truly one – one Christ. And therefore my way of the cross two thousand years ago and your "way" now are also one. But note this difference. My life was incomplete until I crowned it by my death. Your fourteen steps will only be complete when you have crowned them by your life."

Please join us.

Tickets To Go On Sale for Joni Harms Country Western Show

Tickets will go on sale Sunday, January 8, for the special Country Western Show starring **JONI HARMS** to be presented by Advent on Sunday afternoon, March 5th at 3 PM. Tickets will be available to the general public at the church office beginning Monday Jan. 9 (from 8:30 to noon) continuing Monday to Thursday until they are sold out.

If you have been frustrated in obtaining tickets to the shows offered by the Rec Centers, this is your opportunity to hear a really outstanding Country Western Star. Joni Harms is the real deal. She has toured around the country, has sung at the Grand Ole Opry in Tennessee, and returned from a European tour last summer.

Joni brings to Advent her own brand of the real Country Western Genre, including songs of life on the ranch, where she was born and raised, that was homesteaded by her grand-parents in the 1880's. She will capture your heart just as she did ours when we heard her show in Idaho summer before last.

Tickets will be \$10 for and are limited in number. This promises to be a sold out performance. So don't delay and miss, out as there will only be one show, being presented by the Advent Concert Series ministry.



December Donations:

Food = 263 lbs.

Dollars = \$ 1085

Year to Date:

Food & Diapers = 1,171 lbs.

Dollars = \$ 2,700

\$1 = 7 meals x 2,700 = 18,900 MEALS in 2016

God bless you all for helping to feed the hungry

January

James Hamilton	3	Fleet Bell	24
Nannine Wheeler	3	John Long	26
Sandra Amidei	4	James Seme	26
Dolores Deloera	4	Robert Fritz	27
Arthur Rakestraw	4	Gary Goings	28
Adrienne Carpenter	6	Kathleen Quigley	28
Chris Meyer	7	Lowana Denniston	30
Kay Pridell	7	John Vincent	30
Richard Riley	7	Terry Wanke	30
Jenna Necaise	9	John Pipis	31
Eric Davies	14	Lisa Widowski	31
Pamela Ferron	14		
Marjorie Kleis	15		
Marilyn Van Wagenen	16		
Paula Bachman	18		
Jeanne Berridge	19		
Christine Payne	19		
Donna Smock	20		
Corinne Fry	22		
Carolyn Luft	22		



N Robert & Carolyn Carlson, January 19

Herb & Susan Norton, January 23

Chris & Elizabeth Meyer, January 28



Mckenzie Macon, Carrie's daughter, wrote and produced a play inspired about
Canon Geoffrey Dibbs.

The play will be performed Saturday, January 21st, 2017 at 1pm in Buckeye. If you'd like more information or would like a ride to the play please contact Carrie in the church office 623-584-0350

DIRECTORY – The updated directory will be printed in Jan. If you'd like to use a new picture please email it to Carrie by Jan. 5th

cmacon@adventepsicopalaz.org

If you like a new picture taken come into the office by Jan. 5th and Carrie will take a picture. We can use the current directory photo as well.



BALANCE STRETCH AND STRENGTHEN CLASS - every Wednesday in Paine hall from 10:30 to 11:30. Come for an easy but effective workout and have fun! Bring a friend.....

JANUARY 2017

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
1 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist-no music 8:30 AM Choir practice - North Hall 2:00 PM Al Anon - North Hall 0:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Music & Sermon 8:00 PM Monthly Concert Series	2 8:30 AM Helping Hands Kitchen & Paine Hall 2:00 PM Al Anon - North Hall	3 8:00 AM Men's Club Regular Mtg - Paine Hall 10:00 AM Fashion Show Committee - conf. room	4 Altar Guild 9:00 AM Parish Visitors - North hall 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Anointing	5 10:00 AM Al Anon - North hall 11:30 AM Outreach Lunch & Laughs - Paine Hall 8:00 PM AA Variety Group	6 Church Office Closed 9:00 AM Win & Lose - North hall 2:30 PM JaniKing Cleaning services	7 8:30 AM Altar Guild							
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15 LUMINARY DEADLINE - adventlummy@cox.net 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist-no music 8:30 AM Choir practice - North Hall 0:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Music & Sermon 8:00 PM Newcomer's gathering-Paine Hall	16 8:30 AM Helping Hands Kitchen & Paine Hall 2:00 PM Al Anon - North Hall	17	18 Altar Guild 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Anointing	19 10:00 AM Al Anon - North hall 8:00 PM AA Variety Group	20 Church Office Closed 9:00 AM Win & Lose - North hall 2:30 PM JaniKing Cleaning services	21 8:30 AM Altar Guild							
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