

LUMINARY

May 2018

The Rev. Canon Timothy M. Dombek



The Ministry of Offering Our Space

Many of you may not know that Advent Episcopal Church offers space to many outside groups. We provide a place for nonprofit groups to meet, or to provide services or other information. Advent also offers many events to the wider community. When we welcome others on to our campus, we build interest in our parish. People learn about our offerings for spiritual growth and worship. This is an example of stewardship in a most tangible way: Welcoming others and inviting them in to our community. It is a wonderful form of ministry.

Looking over the calendar, one sees a lot of activity each week. We host a regular Alcoholics Anonymous group on Thursday evenings at 8:00 PM. We host two Al-Anon Groups, as well. Al-Anon is a support group to help friends and family members whose lives have been affected by another person's drinking. One Al-anon group meets on Mondays at 2:00PM, but will soon take the summer off. The other Al-Anon meets year-round at 10:00 AM on Thursdays in North Hall. These 12-step programs offer health and new life to those who deal with the effects of alcoholism. Often they save a life.

Health initiatives save lives, too. Advent hosts two health oriented activities throughout the year. The Balance, Stretch, and Strengthen exercise class meets twice a week. On Wednesdays in Paine Hall at 10:30 AM and on Fridays at 10:45 AM, for a nominal donation of \$1 per person--what a bargain! On Fridays at 7:30 AM, Win and Lose meets to support one another in their weight loss goals. These programs are open to our neighbors from the community at large, as well as Advent members. What a delight to offer them!

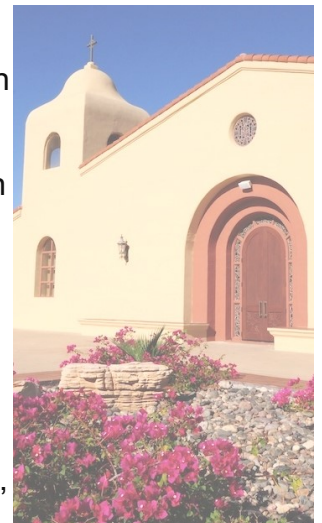
In May, Advent will host two new groups on a regular basis: The first group is called Bosom Buddies. The mission of Bosom Buddies of Arizona is to increase awareness of breast cancer by prevention, early detection and to provide support to men and women diagnosed with breast cancer, and their families. It will meet in North Hall from 1:00 to 3:00 PM every second Tuesday of the month, starting on May 8.

Then on the second Sunday afternoon of the month, we welcome the Northwest Valley Friends of IANDS. IANDS stands for the International Association for Near-Death Studies. Founded in 1981, IANDS is the primary international organization dedicated to encouraging scientific research and education on the physical, psychological, social, and spiritual nature and ramifications of near-death experiences (NDEs). The purpose of Friends of IANDS groups nationwide is to support persons who have had an NDE or other spiritually transformative experience. They welcome the friends and family members of one who has had such an experience. The initial meeting of the Northwest Valley Friends of IANDS will be on Sunday May 13, at 2:00 PM in Paine Hall. The guest speaker is Tricia Barker. Ms. Barker experienced a profound near-death experience during her senior year of college.

Some of the most important ways we offer our space in hospitality and welcoming come by two very popular—and successful!—regular events. The Advent concert series that we host from November through May on our campus, and through our annual Arts and Crafts Fair held in November. The next concert is Sunday, May 6, at 2:00 PM which features the Surprise Pops Band, and admission is FREE.



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The Arts and Crafts Fair will be November 16 & 17. Both the concert series and the Annual Arts and Crafts Fair draw hundreds and hundreds of people to our campus. In opening our doors, and showing a warm welcome and hospitality to our guests, we put our best foot forward, and make others feel the warmth that we all feel Sunday by Sunday.

Members with a heart for outreach provide free and open to the public luncheons twice a month. *Lunch and Laughs* meets at 11:30 AM on the first Thursday for a light lunch, a time of getting to know one another, always a funny story or two, and a humorous group activity. *Be Our Guest* is the monthly soup kitchen held on the last Tuesday of the month, at 11:30 AM, open to anyone who might need a lunch. Both of these lunch events happen in Paine Hall, which is becoming known to our neighbors as a place of community gatherings. Many, many thanks for the hard work of the people who sponsor events at Advent, and to those who make ready the space for use by others.

Last but not least, our men's and women's ministries sponsor events that draw visitors to campus, as well as our own members. The Men's Club annual events—Octoberfest, the St. Patrick's Day dinner, and the Annual Spaghetti dinner—raise thousands of dollars that fund outreach ministries supported by the Men's Club. The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) also gives away thousands of dollars raised for outreach ministry and mission support. The Annual Rummage Sale, the always entertaining Fashion Show, and other annual luncheons bring our own members, who in turn invite their friends and neighbors to attend.

These moments of gracious and grace-filled hospitality extend in a tangible way God's love for our neighbor. Sometimes, they lead to new members at Advent Episcopal Church. Hospitality—warmly welcoming others onto our campus and into our community—is doing God's work. Your warm welcome of someone to Advent might lead them back to a life-changing, deeper connection with God through our church.

Thank God for our families

[Jesus was dying on the cross.] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." -John 19:26-27

On the second Sunday of this month we celebrate the mothers and mother figures in our lives, and then in June we celebrate our fathers and father figures. What a wonderful opportunity to honor the strong bond between parents and children. How strong? The first use of the word "love" in the Bible, Genesis 22:2, describes the connection between Abraham and his son, Isaac.

Family is one of our most valuable gifts from God, and one that, as all holy gifts, we are entrusted to treasure, love and nourish. As parents, we are responsible for nourishing children to become healthy adults. And as children, we are responsible for caring for parents as they age.

Jesus indicates in the passage above that there need not be a blood connection for a parent-child relationship (as any family with adopted children can attest). In Matthew 12:46-50, Jesus actually redefines family, saying that all who love and follow him are mothers, brothers, sisters, fathers. So, all of us are parent, child and sibling to one another. Now THAT'S some family!

As we honor the mother and father figures this spring, we can also challenge ourselves to be better stewards of the family bonds God has given us.

- Explore through Scripture what it means to be a family, including a faith family.
- Work with your congregation to promote healthy family connections.
- Support and accompany families that are in crisis or paralyzed by dysfunction.
- Learn about foster-parent programs and support foster families.
- Explore and support Big Brother and Big Sister programs. Be a mentor to a child or youth.
- Befriend a senior citizen who may not have children (or children nearby).
- Remember that not all family relationships are positive. Avoid judgment and listen thoughtfully to those whose experiences may differ from yours.
- With your congregation, explore ways to live as brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers to one another.

God ordained families to be the fundamental unit of human life. We can be good stewards of family relationships by caring for one another and helping everyone to grow into the faith family God intends.

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2018 Food Bank Donations—Please bring your items the first Sunday of each month.

Please NO Glass or expired food items. - *Thank you!*

May	Your choice—Please no glass or expired food.
June	Tuna
July	Peanut Butter
Aug	Canned Vegetables
Sept	Soups & Stews
Oct	Rice
Nov	Pasta
Dec	Beans



April Donations:



Food	= 109 lbs.
YTD	= 693 lbs.
Dollars	= \$120
YTD	= \$627

Hospitality, Events, Publicity

A new ministry was formed at our church during the past year. It is the Hospitality, Events, and Publicity (HEP) Ministry. Sharon Paine is our ministry chair. Other members are Pat Carroll, Dotty Eubank, Alice Goss, Cathy Kissel, Jody Lawrence, Flavia Nomicos, and Earl Thomas. Our Rector, Reverend Canon Timothy Dombek is the ministry advisor.

Our new ministry incorporates the former Kitchen, Marketing, and Newcomers ministries. A primary goal of this combined ministry is to coordinate events which will introduce our church to the residents of our community. We welcome guests through a variety of community outreach activities. One of these has been our successful Sunday concert series. We will complete this season's series with our final concert on Sunday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m. The Surprise Pops Band will present a free concert. Those attending are invited to bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Valley View Community Food Bank.

Our HEP team meets at 9:30 a.m., on the first Thursday of each month in the Conference Room. We are looking for interested parishioners to join us. We need helpers to assist us in hosting concerts, and other parish and community events. Please contact Sharon Paine if you can help.



Episcopal Church Women

Women's Ministry

It was the grand finale....a five dollar Hawaiian Vacation complete with hula dancers and tropical fruits, ham & cheese sliders and a "sunshine cake". Actually, it was the final ECW General Meeting before summer recess with the installation ceremony of the new officers for 2018-19. The Luau program was just pure enjoyment.

Please do not get the idea that women's ministry is going on vacation for the summer. Our annual diaper drive is now in progress and we would like to have your donations by Mother's Day. Check with the chairman, Judy Purdy, if you have any questions. "Helping Hands" and the "Happy Hat Hookers" will continue to meet on Monday mornings from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. We will also host the Father's Day celebration.

We are delighted to announce that Patricia Wallin has volunteered to be the new director of "Helping Hands", replacing Jody Johnson. Thank you, Jody, for your many years of faithful service.

We continue to collect the travel size lotions and potions to be included in the Christmas gift packages for our "Outreach" programs. Also, remember to save for the Rummage Sale. We now have a storage facility that will be used to store large items. If you are moving or know of someone who is moving and want to donate quality useable items, please contact the church office. But please store your personal rummage collection until the intake dates in January.

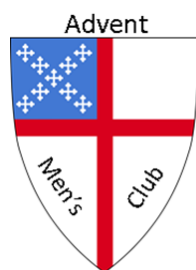
The ECW board meetings and the General Meetings will resume in the Fall with the newly elected Officers: President, Barbara Wolfe; Vice-President, Coleen Grimes; Secretary, Phyllis Yingling; and Treasurer, Karen Andrews.

Thank you all for your support this past year. A special thank you to Ann Fletcher, past ECW President, who was my mentor and answered all my questions. Another thank you to Sharon Gullickson, who with her special talents and great ideas, always reminded me that, "we'll get through this".

Finally, I would like to pay a special tribute to Glenn Gullickson. No, he was not a member of the ECW. He was God's gift to the ECW and Advent parish members. Glenn was a "behind the scenes guy" but his contributions are very visible. When Helping Hands was operating out of two shopping carts stored under the stairway in the "old" Paine Hall, our dream was to have our own storage room. That dream came true when Paine Hall was renovated, and a room was built. Glen painted, built shelves and made a perfect craft room for our ministry. When the choir members requested to each have their own closet with locks in North Hall, Glen painted every closet inside and out and installed the hardware. Remember when the south wall in Paine Hall was blank and bare. Thanks to Glenn and Sharon, we have a beautiful wall of crosses that have special meaning to all who donated one. And then there is the landscape, the hundreds of cacti and shrubs he planted that will be a forever memorial to Glenn. Yes, I could go on and on and I know you could add to this list. Glenn, you left some wonderful memories.

May is the month of memories and we remember all those who have given time and talent to make Advent a beautiful place to worship and serve God. Take time to visit the meditation garden, watch the sunset in the distance, enjoy all the beauty that surrounds us. This is our own bit of paradise. God bless our Advent family.

Respectfully submitted, Joyce Rozon



ADVENT MEN'S CLUB

The Advent Men's Club is open to all men in the Advent Parish and provides fellowship and outreach activities to the Church and local community. Our dollar donations to various outreach ministries support such activities as Habitat for Humanity, food collection for St. Mary's Food Bank, the Salvation Army, the Diocesan Chapel Rock summer camp for Parish children, Luke AFB Airmen's Emergency Fund,

Victim Advocate Unit, Surprise Police Department, Hospice of the Valley, Sun City West Community Fund, U.S. Veterans Homeless Initiative, West Valley Chorale Scholarship Fund and Soldiers Best Friend Companion Dog Program.

The Club raises funds for our Ministry donations through the two-day Rummage Sale, held this year on February 9-10, in a joint effort with the ECW. Various dinners and events put on throughout the year in the Parish also contribute toward our Outreach Programs. Our Outreach Program donated over \$9,000 in 2018 to various organizations.

Our Annual Officer and Board elections were held in early April 2018 at our Prayer Breakfast and General Membership meeting. The officers are: John Long, President, Bob Fletcher, Vice President and Secretary, and Norm Kelln, Treasurer. The Board members are Udo Mueller, Tom Doran, Jerry Green, Earl Thomas, Russell Brumagin and Harry Roumell.

From October through April of each year we meet the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary, followed by breakfast and a guest speaker in Paine Hall. We also meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am. for a social breakfast at Lou's Tivoli Gardens Restaurant on Bell Road in Surprise. From May through September we only meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:00 am. at Tivoli Gardens Restaurant.

Respectfully submitted,
John Long, President Advent Men's Club

Come On, Ring Those Bells!

Who doesn't love a bell choir? In the 1990's, Advent had a bell choir as evidenced by pictures in the book on Advent History. Right now we are gathering information on what kind of bells (aluminum, brass, chimes, resonator) are available and where to obtain them. However, in order to go forward, we need to know if there is enough interest to continue. If you would be willing to commit your time and talent to a bell choir, please sign the interest sheet in the church office. You do not need to read music to participate.

MEMORIAL BRICK PROGRAM TO BEAUTIFY OUR ENTRANCE

I want to again thank everyone who participated in our brick program bringing color and design to our front entrance. Our intent had merit but unfortunately, the installation process failed twice and as a result, a significant tripping hazard developed as the sand base was unstable. It certainly did not turn out as I would have liked. Many of you were disappointed as well. After serious thought, I have decided, with the approval of Timothy and our Jr. Warden, Harry Roumell, the best solution is to remove them, clean and polish all that were engraved and properly store them until a suitable alternative is identified. Please understand they will be used. Several of you have expressed disappointment over missing the opportunity to participate. We may reconsider reopening the program depending on the relocation. One of the ideas being considered is a display in the Meditation Garden. We are open to other ideas as well. I feel everyone will be much happier with the final results. The space will be filled with concrete to match the existing concrete. I will provide you with information as it is developed.

Sincerely,
Flavia Nomicos

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

George Cecrle May 03

Michael Menth May 05

Yvonne Cooper May 06

Carolyn Hodle May 06

Susan Syquia May 07

Carmen Diaz May 10

Doris Hopkins May 11

Betty Monas May 11

Jeanne Boyd May 12

Robin Friendshuh May 12

Malinda Case May 13

Ted Saunders May 16

Mary Ridgley May 18

Raymond Laffin May 20

Charles Haskell May 22

Claudia Stewart May 22

Shirley Hoag May 24

Helen Choi May 25

George Huffman May 25

Harry Roumell May 25

Grace Roumell May 28

Jennifer Bradley May 30

Jane Giddings May 30

Ann Fletcher May 31

Happy Anniversary

Michael & Janet Chicvara, May 02

Norm & Sue Kelln, May 06

Howard & Jan Mann, May 06

Bill & Sharon Navratil, May 08

Joe & Elizabeth Antoun, May 09

Hal & Marge Clemett, May 16

Don & Sigrid Cox, May 26

Bob & Marilyn Carson, May 28

George & Ellen Cecrle, May 28

Jerry & Joan Green, May 29

Robert & Dorothy Elmiger, May 30

*Our sincere condolences to
the family of*

Glenn Gullickson

Gloria Fordyce



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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
29	8:00 AM Holy Eucharist-no music 8:30 AM Choir Practice 9:00 AM Lectionary Bible Study - Conf. Room 9:00 AM Living a Baptized Life - Paine hall 9:00 AM Sunday School - East Hall 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Music & Sermon 12:00 PM Newcomers Meet and Greet - North Hall 2:30 PM Holden Evening Prayer-music rehearsal 4:00 PM Holden Evening Prayer	30	8:30 AM Happy Hat Hookers Kitchen & North Hall 10:00 AM Parish Council - Paine Hall 2:00 PM AI Anon - North Hall	1	8:00 AM Men's Club Regular Mtg - Paine Hall 9:30 AM WTMP workshop Conf. room & Bereavement room	2	Altar Guild 9:00 AM Parish Visitors - North Hall 10:00 AM Journey Mentor Meeting - Conf. Room 10:30 AM Balance & Strength exercise class 2:00 PM EfM - conference room 5:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Anointing	3	9:30 AM HEP meeting - conf room 10:00 AM AI Anon - North Hall 11:30 AM Laughs & Lunch - Paine Hall & Kitchen 8:00 PM AA Variety Group	4	7:30 AM Win & Lose - Paine Hall 10:45 AM Balance & Strength exercise class 2:30 PM JaniKing Cleaning services	5	8:30 AM Altar Guild 11:00 AM Barbara Johnson Services
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