



Advent
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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THIS LITTLE LIGHT...
the weekly LUMINARY
January 14, 2024

Thank you for being with us for worship today.
Welcome to Advent!

REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?

--1 Corinthians 6:19

God has given us physical bodies, not to be abused but to be cared for so that we may be healthy physically, as well as mentally and spiritually. How can you better care for your "temple of the Holy Spirit" in 2024?

GIVING AWAY THE PLATE

This year, the "plate offering" collected each Sunday will be donated to worthwhile not-for-profit organizations in our community. (Plate offering is cash unidentified by giver). Last week, \$418.00 was collected to support the SCW Posse. This week our recipient organization is [Benevilla](#). This long-standing organization provides numerous services for seniors, children and caregivers from throughout the Valley.

2023 YEAR-END REPORTS DUE

It's that time of year again! Time for the leaders/chairpersons of Advent ministries to submit their 2023 year-end reports for inclusion in the 2024 Annual Meeting documents. If you have not submitted your report please do so ASAP to Kim Stevens (kim@adventaz.org). Include a brief description of your ministry, highlights of 2023 and your hopes/dreams/needs for 2024.

BOOK OF ACTS CLASS CONTINUES

Each Wednesday through January 31 Raph Martin will lead a class exploring the Book of Acts. The class meets from 10:00 AM—Noon in Dibbs Hall. In addition to the Biblical text of Acts the recommended study guide is the *Acts of the Apostles* by Dennis Hamm. The book is available through Amazon or Abe Books.

ADVENT ANNUAL MEETING JANUARY 28

Advent's Annual Parish meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024, following the 10:00 AM worship service. All Advent members are encouraged to attend. The 2024 Annual Report materials will be emailed to each member the week prior to the meeting.

ADVENT'S INTERIM RECTOR TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 1

Canon Rev. Bruce Jackson will be our interim rector beginning February 1, 2024. He is currently the interim rector at Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church in Cave Creek, AZ. Canon Jackson will serve as Advent's interim until a new rector is chosen.

THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Monday, January 15

9:00 AM Helping Hands
Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 AM Advent Social Breakfast
10:30 AM Exercise Fitness Class
1:00 PM EfM

Wednesday, January 17

8:30 AM Altar Guild
8:30 AM Choose to Lose
9:00 AM Finance Committee Meeting
10:00 AM Book of Acts Class
10:30 AM Vestry Executive Committee Mtg
4:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service

Thursday, January 18

11:00 AM Exercise Class
2:00 PM Holistic Health Matters Class
3:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, January 20

8:30 AM Altar Guild
9:30 AM Flower Guild

Advent Prayer List

January 14, 2024

Please remember those for whom special prayers have been requested. Names will automatically remain on the prayer list for one month. If you wish an individual's name to return to the list after one month, please call the church office at 623.584.0350. *Names are listed alphabetically by last name.*

**Denotes Advent members. †Denotes deceased individual.*

Jake	Evelyn Meyer*	Katie Watts
Jason	Bill Navratil*	Jerry Wold
Clark	Richard Raszkievicz*	Mark Wold
Barb Abbott*	Karey Santastevens	The Ayan Family
Jim Clark	David Schaefer	James & Cynthia Haggard
Sam Conley*	Nash Simcoe	Kim & Maureen Haskell & Family
Garrett Cooper	Sue Ann Simon*	The Yingling Family*
Mary Ellen Fleeger	Jeanne Sulley*	
Donna May	Susan Syquia*	

All our servicemen and women, especially those who are deployed in war zones, and their families.

Please take the list home and include these individuals in your private prayers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 21	Vestry Meeting
January 28	Advent Annual Meeting
February 23-24	Annual Rummage Sale

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 15 Marjorie Kleis	<i>Happy Birthday !</i>
January 16 Marilyn Van Wagenen	January 19 Jeanne Berridge Barbara Fabre
January 17 Nancy Grier	Anthony Mount Christine Payne
January 18 Neal Haskell	January 20 Cynthia Nemet

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

January 15 Charles & Jayne Smith	January 20 James & Mary Mathews
January 19 Robert & Carolyn Carlson	

PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

Save us, O Lord, as your people, from being inward-looking and backward-looking in the work of the church. Help us to take our eyes off ourselves and turn them on the world around us: to be concerned less with what we have accomplished or where we have failed and more with what remains to be done: that with our vision enlarged and our love rekindled, we may go forward to attempt new and greater things to your glory; in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE FEBRUARY 23-24

This annual event is the largest fund raising effort for our Advent Church Women and the Men's Club. All of the profits benefit Advent Inreach and Outreach programs in the Northwest Valley. Intake begins the week of February 12, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. (Do not bring items earlier.) Please consider volunteering during the two weeks before the sale!



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