



Advent

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THIS LITTLE LIGHT...
the weekly LUMINARY
January 7, 2024

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

REFLECTIONS ON GENEROSITY

Paul said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' – **Acts 19:2** As we celebrate the baptism of Jesus and recall our own initiation into God's family, we can be confident that God works within us, giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit, and equipping us to be faithful disciples who are well in body, mind, and spirit.

MANY SOUNDS OF 9 CONCERT TODAY

Join us for an exciting Big Band concert at 1:00 PM today. In 1958 just 9 players created the sound of 5 saxes, 4 trumpets and 4 trombones. Our current group picked up all the arrangements in 2018 and continues the practice of 9 musicians playing multiple instruments for fantastic sounds! Free will donations are welcome.

GIVING AWAY THE PLATE

Last week, \$823.00 was collected to support Goldensun Peace Ministries in Glendale. This week, funds collected will support **Westbrook Posse**. The posse has been providing security services for Westbrook Village residents since 1999. The program is supported entirely through generous donations and 18,000+ volunteer hours. Several of our Advent parishioners live in Westbrook Village.

BOOK OF ACTS CLASS

Beginning this Wednesday, January 10, Raph Martin will lead a class exploring the Book of Acts. The class will meet every Wednesday from 10:00 AM—Noon in Dibbs Hall through January 31. 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.

2023 YEAR-END REPORTS DUE JANUARY 12

It's that time of year again! Time for the wonderful leaders/chairpersons of Advent ministries to submit their 2023 year-end reports for inclusion in the 2024 Annual Meeting documents. The 2024 Annual Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 28, 2024. Please submit your year-end report to Kim Stevens (kim@adventaz.org), no later than **Friday, January 12, 2024**. Please include a brief description of your ministry, highlights of 2023 and your hopes/dreams/needs for 2024.

POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 14

A-G
Salads/Fruit

H-M
Main Dish

N-S
Desserts

T-Z
Appetizers/ Egg Dish



THIS WEEK AT ADVENT

Monday, January 8

9:00 AM Helping Hands

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 AM Brotherhood of St. Andrew

10:30 AM Exercise Fitness Class

1:00 PM EfM

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 AM Altar Guild

8:30 AM Choose to Lose

10:00 AM Book of Acts Class

4:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing Service

Thursday, January 11

11:00 AM Exercise Class

2:00 PM Holistic Health Matters Class

3:00 PM Choir Practice

Saturday, January 13

8:30 AM Altar Guild

9:30 AM Flower Guild

Advent Prayer List

January 7, 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.*

Jason	Evelyn Meyer*	Katie Watts
Barb Abbott*	Bill Navratil*	Jerry Wold
Jim Clark	Richard Raszkievicz*	Mark Wold
Sam Conley*	Karey Santastevens	The Yingling Family*
Garrett Cooper	David Schaefer	Kim & Maureen Haskell & 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 16 Advent Social Breakfast

January 21 Vestry Meeting

January 28 Advent Annual Meeting

COVID & THE FLU ARE BACK

Please be advised that Covid is going around again, along with the flu and RSV [respiratory syncytial virus]. These viruses can lead to greater problems with people in Advent's age group, since many of our members already have existing respiratory conditions. You may want to wear a mask when you are with large groups of people, such as during our church services. Please stay home if you aren't feeling well.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 07

Peggy Cohen

Debra Greenleaf

Chris Meyer

Kay Pridell

January 10

Stanley Smith

January 13

Arras Anne Moffat

January 09

Jenna Necaise



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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Scan the QR code to go directly to Advent's giving page on the Faithstreet website.