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THE PARISH PAPER

THAT CHRIST'S LIGHT BE SEEN IN US.

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE RECTOR Play Ball!

Dearly Beloved,

By now most of you have heard one of my familiar refrains, "What time is it?" Well, along with it being "Green Time" (Ordinary Time/The Season After Pentecost), another sacred time is upon us - football season! Growing up in Tallahassee, I was introduced to the joy of college football at an early age, going to Florida State games when we were in our prime and under the leadership of the late, great Bobby Bowden.

Earlier this week, The Advent provided dinner for the Spartanburg High School football team, coaches, families, and assistants after their Monday football practice. Gail and Jessica cooked a delicious meal for 200+ hungry athletes, and Elisabeth Hayes and Dale Frazier delivered it and represented The Advent at the event.

I was asked to offer the blessing over the meal and then to deliver a talk to the team. I had so much fun getting to pretend that I was Bobby Bowden delivering a pre-game motivational speech before the big game!

What I shared that evening was based on 1 Corinthians 12:20-22. *"As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'"* I told those players that just as there are no individual

Christians (we are all part of one Body), there are no individual football players (they are all a part of one team). Paul tells us that when one member of the Body suffers, we all suffer. So it is with football - a team wins (and celebrates) together and loses (and commiserates) together. No one player wins or loses a game - each is part of a team. The skill players (quarterback, running back, receivers) need the offensive linemen to block. The offense needs the defense and special teams to win the field position battle.

And so it is with us here at The Advent. We are a complex matrix of individuals, families, committees, commissions, guilds, teachers, lay leaders, and staff. For every glorious Eucharist celebrated, every Wednesday Night Dinner & Program, and every Sunday morning Christian Formation hour, *dozens* of faithful servant leaders did their part to make it happen. I think this is perhaps my favorite thing about The Advent - the sheer number and diversity of people who come together to make us a great *team*, a healthy and vibrant community gathered as one Body of Christ in this time and in this place.

It is going to be a fantastic program year, and I am excited about "playing ball" with each of you!

With love, hope, and gratitude,

Fr. Richard+





We are kicking off our Wednesday Nights at The Advent! Come join in!

Schedule for September:

- **September 9**—ShelbyNext: What is it? How do I use it?
- **September 16**—Religious Life & Religious Orders
- **September 23**—VBS Recap & Unveiling of 2027 Date and Theme
- **September 30**—Sue Zoole presenting Angels & Icons

If you are unable to reserve online, please contact Gail Owens (gowens@churchofadvent.org or 864.583.2438). Gail is happy to accommodate any dietary restrictions (gluten-free and vegetarian) - just let her know when you make your reservation!



Reservations for Wednesday Night Dinners are due by the Monday at 12 PM prior, each week.

Meals are \$10, \$5 for children ages 4-12, and free for children ages 3 and under.



EpiscoPALS

All are welcome to join us at Hatcher Garden and Woodland Preserve for a guided tour led by Chris Lynn. Come enjoy the garden, fellowship with friends, and a boxed lunch.

Please RSVP to Elisabeth Hayes ehayes@churchofadvent.org by Monday, September 28. The lunch is \$10. Please bring a check, cash or you can Venmo @churchofadvent.



September 30 at 11 AM

832 John B. White Blvd

Meet at [The Jane and Dan Breeden Garden Entrance](#)





JOIN US ON CONSECRATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 4



Consecration Sunday is Coming October 4

Parishes like The Advent that approach financial stewardship from a biblical perspective, view financial giving as a way for each of us to grow spiritually in our relationship with God by supporting our parish's mission, ministries, and programming with a percentage of our incomes. This is much different than just a way to pay the bills.

Accordingly, for our stewardship journey this fall, the Vestry has adopted the **Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program** to reinforce and honor biblical and spiritual principles of giving. Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive. We are followers of Jesus Christ who mature as disciples in part by giving unselfishly in response to his example and call. Consecration Sunday encourages proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

The **Consecration Sunday** program is unlike any stewardship process we have used in recent years. Thousands of congregations across the country have used the program, and here is how it is structured: **during a single service at 10:15 AM on October 4**, we will ask each parish household to indicate its financial commitment to The Advent for 2027 by completing an **Estimate of Giving card**.

Following the service, everyone is invited to a **Celebration Luncheon** in the Parish & Community Life Center.

While completing a card is voluntary, we hope that everyone, whether they complete a card or not, will join in both the service and the luncheon. **The Reverend Rob Brown will be our guest preacher that Sunday**. He will also lead a brief period of instruction and inspiration, culminating in those present making their commitments as a confidential act of worship during the service.

Unlike Stewardship Campaigns of the past, we will make no follow-up visits or personal calls to those who choose not to complete an Estimate of Giving card. Rather, the work of the Consecration Sunday Committee, the Vestry, clergy, and staff will be to use the weeks preceding Consecration Sunday to inform, to inspire, and to encourage everyone to RSVP and be present for both worship and the luncheon.

My thanks to each of you for your enthusiastic participation in Consecration Sunday!

Lori Thomas
Senior Warden

BLOOD SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Ecumenical Blood Drive THE BLOOD CONNECTION

ONE BLOOD DONATION CAN
HELP SAVE THREE LIVES.

Sign up now!



Roll up your sleeve and make a difference! One blood donation can help save lives while also supporting our Youth Pilgrims. We invite both new and returning donors to **give from the heart.**

- Donors must be **16 or older.**
- Each donation provides **\$20 in support of our Youth Pilgrims.**

To register, email Cathy McCabe at cathy.mccabe78@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Commissioning Sunday

Also, on September 13, we will celebrate **Commissioning Sunday** during the 10:15 AM worship service. During this service, all of our servant leaders will be commissioned for the many ways they serve as we work together as the Body of Christ. We encourage you to join us for this special service and be commissioned for the ministry you will undertake in the year ahead.

JULY “BY THE NUMBERS”

July Average Attendance

Sunday	181 Total (52 at 8 AM, 129 at 10:15 AM)	8% increase over July 2025
Wednesday	13	106% increase over

July Giving Report

	July	YTD Total (as of 7/31/2026)
Pledge Payments & Offerings	\$108,705	\$1,337,466
Budgeted Monthly Amount	\$93,408	\$1,124,181

Our yearly budget is based on anticipated pledges and offerings, aiming for financial equilibrium with neither profit nor loss. Your generosity makes this possible.

2026 Pledge Update

- Thus far, 267 of 450 Advent households have pledged, totaling 59%.
- If you have not already done so, please consider pledging for 2026 by filling out a pledge card in the narthex, by visiting <https://churchofadvent.org/pledge-form/> or by scanning this QR code.
- Thank you to all who have pledged!



Early in my marriage, my wife turned to me and asked if I loved her. “Of course I do!” was my response.

“Then how come you never tell me?”

“But I do, don’t I? Every time I get up early to go to work. Every time I fix something around the house or hang a picture. Every time I wake the children, feed them and bathe them. Every time I fill up the car or get the oil changed or drop what I’m doing to help you find your phone, keys or purse, I’m saying I love you.”

Men say “I love you” through their actions more than their voices. So, when we are asked how much we love God, what is our answer?

Hardly any clergy we talk to are totally satisfied with what’s happening when it comes to the men in their parish. It seems the women’s ministry runs circles around the men’s. It’s not necessarily a budget thing either. It’s just this sense that there could be more. More participation, more depth, more passion, more commitment are possible.

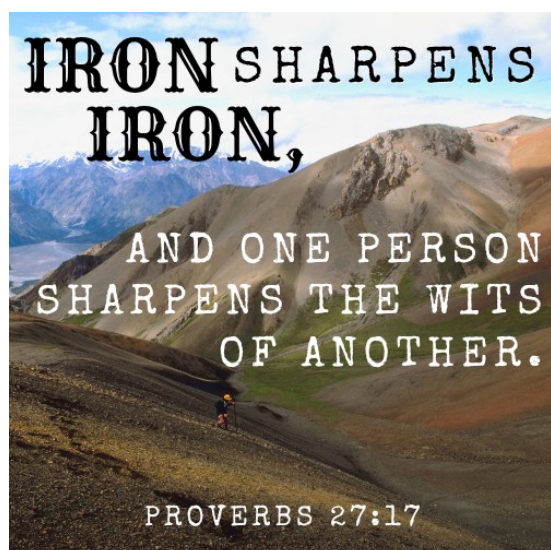
Before we jump into the *how*, let’s talk about the *why*. Churches need leaders . . . strong leaders. Male and female. But especially male because when a man goes all-in for Jesus, his influence ripples through his family, his workplace, his community, and his church. He becomes a disciple-maker through the sermon of his life. He’ll become a more generous giver, both of his time and his treasure. He’ll draw other men to Jesus, into fellowship with one another, and into the life of the church. Over time, his friends will be attracted to what he has and how he lives. Men in the church will respect and follow him.

Here’s what we know. Men’s ministries tend to be event-driven. There’s usually one guy who spearheads everything. He pulls together an ad hoc team to make events happen. All men are welcome, but the same group tends to attend. There’s always fellowship, food, and some sort of speaker or program. When it’s over, the room is cleaned up and everyone goes their way until the next event. In some churches, like here at The Advent, there are men’s Bible studies and ongoing programs, but those tend to draw only the most faithful. They’re more curriculum-based than relational, and the commitment level in terms of study time is significant. So, most men’s ministries are fragmented . . . events for the masses, intensive Bible study and training for the few, and no system for consistently producing the leaders that our church needs.

That being said, I’d like to begin a men’s ministry centered around a committed community of men. Just as the disciples formed “*ecclesias*”—small gatherings of Jesus-followers who became the church—these men will replicate their community with other men. This is the secret sauce of building a men’s ministry: creating a community where men feel like they belong with the other guys in the church. It’s safe, powerful, and a natural way to show our love for God. We love and respect one another, and we express that love through our actions in the world.

Keep an eye out for announcements in the near future as we begin to organize dates for this fall.

Deacon Al





**SUNDAY
SCHOOL
SCHEDULE**

9:10 - 10:00 am

PLEASE DROP OFF AND PICK UP YOUR
3K-1ST GRADECHILD IN ROOM 103

PLEASE DROP OFF OLDER CHILDREN IN
ROOM 201, BUT THEY WILL COME
DOWN TO THE LOBBY AT 10:00 AM

More Information: tlollio@churchofadvent.org



**VBS RECAP & UNVEILING
OF 2027 THEME**

Join us for the Wednesday Night
Dinner & Program on

SEPTEMBER 23

All are invited for this fun night!

See page 4 for more details.



PLEASE SCAN HERE

*To Fund a
Godly Play
Story*



Mark your calendars:

- September 9 - Wednesday Night Dinners and Programs begin
- September 20 - Rise Against Hunger
- October 4 - Consecration Sunday & Celebration Luncheon | Blessing of the Animals
- October 25 - Trunk or Treat (4:00 -6:00 pm)
- November 1 - All Saints Sunday
- November 29 - Advent Kickoff 5:00 pm in the PCLC
- December 9 - Saint Nicholas dinner & program
- December 20 - Pageant Rehearsal
- December 24 - Pageant during the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve service
- No Sunday School - December 27 & January 3

This year in Children's Sunday School, we are embracing a wonderful new curriculum called **Godly Play**.

The materials are beautiful and sustainable - they will only be purchased once. If you are interested in purchased one of the "stories" please use the form linked. Check out godlyplayfoundation.org for more information about this amazing curriculum.



**CHATABER
SEB JENNINGS
EZRA PRIEST
LOTTIE SPENCER
JAMES SCHOONOVER
HARRIET CLELLAND**

**WELLS ELLETT
WILLIAM CONNER
BAILEY STEVENS
SLIGH TABER
MOLLIE PARKER FLOOD**

PRAYER BREAKFASTS EVERY WEEK!

HIGH SCHOOL
Tuesday @ 7:15 AM
Chick-fil-A Hillcrest

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday @ 7:00 AM
The Advent
PCLC Dining Room A
\$5/person

BRING A FRIEND!




[EYC Liability Form](#)

EYC SUNDAY NIGHT

9/6: PCLC
9/13: LEAF (see below)
9/20: Top Golf
9/27: PCLC

[Top Golf signup](#)



Following the Middle Prayer Breakfast on Thursdays, buses are available to take students to either McCracken Middle School or Spartanburg Day School. Each student must make sure you have a completed Liability Form.

Sundays—Meets weekly* 5:30-7:00 PM—for all Middle School and High School students. Meets in the PCLC Lobby*
**unless otherwise noted*

Sunday, September 13, 4-6 PM

UPSTATE SESSION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 • 4:00 PM
@ADVENT, SPARTANBURG

MIDLANDS SESSION
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 • 4:00 PM
@TRINITY CATHEDRAL, COLUMBIA

We're excited to **host** this diocesan-wide youth gathering right here at The Advent! Youth from across the Upstate will come together for a fun night of fellowship, dinner, a lesson, and games.

We hope all of our EYC can join us and help us welcome youth from around the Upstate! Pizza will be served.

For: All middle school & high school youth

Where: PCLC Gym

What: Fellowship, Dinner, Lesson, Games, & Lots of fun!

It's a great chance for our youth to connect with other young people from around the diocese—and we'd love to see everyone there!

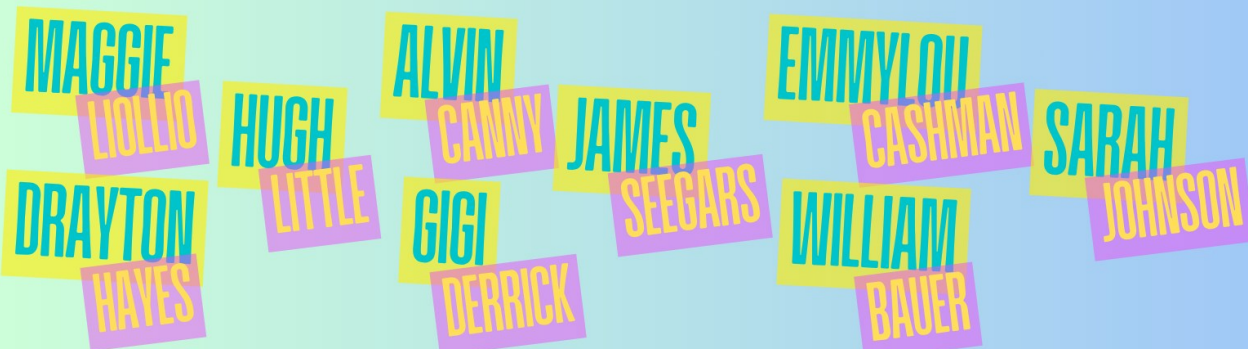


Sunday weekly
School

6th - 12th Grade **9:10 AM**
Room 202

Confirmation Class

September meetings:
9/6 & 9/13
Room 203 9:10 AM





SUNDAY School



The Gleaners Class gathers at **9 AM** in the Library Conference Room in Satterlee Hall (first floor). The Gleaners meet each Sunday to discuss the readings in the bulletin. They enjoy “figuring it out,” and their thoughtful conversations bring the readings to life. When it comes to the Bible, if you’ve ever “wondered why,” “always meant to ask why,” or are simply “still figuring it out,” come join the Gleaners! Your questions are welcome. You’ll have the opportunity to engage with others as they share their interpretations of the week’s readings—or try your own. Understanding the readings makes the Bible’s wonderful stories even more meaningful and exciting.

The Seekers Class meets in Dining Rooms A & B in the Parish & Community Life Center (PCLC). Their theme for the program year is “Sacred Signs, Sacred Stories, Sacred Service.” Refreshments start at 8:50 AM, class is from 9:10-10 AM. All adults are invited to attend! *(Please note, on September 6 they will meet in the Church Nave and no refreshments.)*

The Sowers Class meets in Dining Room C in the PCLC at 9:10 AM. They are using the book *See for Yourself: How to Study Your Bible with Confidence & Joy* by Kelly Needham. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, here is a [link](#).

The Village Class is now meeting in Room 106 in the PCLC. When you enter the PCLC Lobby, go down the hallway on the left to the last room on the right. This class meets for mutual support and fellowship at 9:10 AM. They have started the series “Cultivating Caring Relationships.”

September Schedule & Topics

Date	Gleaners	Seekers	Sowers	Village
September 6	Studying the Lectionary readings each week	Stained Glass Windows Part 2 presented by Kit Jennings <i>(in the Church Nave)</i>	No Meeting	Why and How Should I Tell Others
September 13		Holy Hardware presented by Jeanne Brown	The Structure of the Bible - get to know the library, utterly unique	Loving Neighbors and Strangers Like Jesus Does
September 20	Everyone (all ages) will meet in the PCLC Gym for Rise Against Hunger . See page 9 for more details.			
September 27		Gravatt presented by Ken Brown	The Structure of the Bible - one grand story	Where the Streets Have No Name

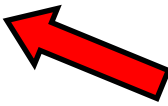


MIDWEEK Classes



Explore our midweek offerings and find a place to connect, learn, and grow.

Weekday & Time	Location	Class	Details
Tuesdays 12:15 PM	Satterlee Hall Library Conference Room	Book & Brown Bag	Resumes September 15. Starting this program year reading <i>The Rule of Benedict: A Spirituality for the 21st Century</i> by Joan Chittister. If you want to get started reading, we'll cover the Introduction and Chapter 1 during the first session.
Wednesdays 12:00 PM	Satterlee Hall Library Conference Room	Lectionary Lunch & Learn	Gather with Fr. Richard for a weekly study of the upcoming Sunday's scriptures and prayers. Bring your own lunch (if you'd like) and join in thoughtful discussion, learning, and fellowship.
Thursdays 6:45 AM / 7 AM	PCLC Dining Room C	Men's Bible Study	6:45 AM for breakfast and 7:00 AM for Bible study. Currently studying the book of Romans.
Thursdays 10:00 AM	Satterlee Hall Conference Room 2	Women's Bible Study	Resumes September 10. Will begin studying the book of Acts. Their resource book is written by Episcopal priest Justin Holcomb (part of <i>The Knowing the Bible</i> series).



**9 AM, SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 20**

Join us as we come together to make a difference! We'll roll up our sleeves and work side by side to package nutritious meals for communities facing hunger around the world. It's a lively, hands-on experience that turns just a little of our time into a meaningful impact. With every meal packed, we help provide nourishment, hope, and opportunity—and take another step toward a world without hunger.

Rise Against Hunger: Register TODAY! *When registering, PLEASE include all family members who plan to participate!*

A **suggested donation of \$10 per person** will help support the cost of the meal-packing event.

OUTREACH

HOPE CENTER FOR CHILDREN

Hope Center for Children has reached out to let us know that they are in **urgent need of paper towels and toilet paper**. If you are able to help meet this need, please drop off donations at the **Satterlee Hall reception area**.

You can shop their Amazon wishlist here: linktr.ee/hopecfcc



PRESERVATION & MAINTENANCE UPDATE

"...let them repair the house wherever any need of repairs is discovered." – 2 Kings 12:5

The Preservation & Maintenance Committee continues its work to assess, preserve, and care for our church campus. Several professional consultants are currently engaged in evaluating various aspects of our buildings and grounds, including:

- **Civil Engineering** – reviewing infrastructure and site-related needs across the campus.
- **Structural Engineering** – assessing the condition and long-term integrity of our buildings and structures.
- **Campus Topography** – documenting and evaluating the contours, elevations, and physical characteristics of the property to assist with future planning and maintenance.

The committee is also implementing **Operations Hero**, a facilities management software system that will help support and organize maintenance functions across the campus. This system will provide a more coordinated approach to tracking maintenance needs, managing projects, and supporting the ongoing care of our facilities.

These efforts are important steps toward developing a thoughtful, proactive approach to preserving our historic campus and ensuring that our buildings and grounds continue to serve the parish well for years to come.

Introducing Ministry Scheduler Pro

We are excited to introduce **Ministry Scheduler Pro (MSP)**, a new online scheduling system that will help us organize and coordinate our Sunday worship service participants. MSP provides one central place for those who serve to view their schedules, receive reminders, request substitutes when needed, and help ensure that each service is fully staffed.



We are now using MSP to schedule our various **service participant teams**, making it easier for both our participants and staff to stay organized and connected. If you have already been serving on one of these teams, you should have received an email to set up your account in MSP. If you have any questions about using this new system, please contact the Ministry Coordinator for your group or you can contact Jenny Schroeder in the office at 504-3696 or jschroeder@churchofadvent.org.

Each of our service participant teams has a Ministry Coordinator who will serve as your main point of contact for any questions.

- Lectors & Intercessors—Anne Rodrick
- Lay Eucharistic Ministers—Alan Duesterhaus
- Acolytes—Dale Frazier
- Ushers—Grace Coleman
- Verger—John Coleman
- Children's Chapel Leaders & Musicians—Tricia Liollio

Interested in serving? There is always room for more! If you would like to join one of our service participant teams, simply **email Jenny Schroeder** or complete the **Ministry Opportunities Form on our website** (www.churchofadvent.org/ministry-opportunities). We would love to help you find a place to serve!



If you have any questions, please reach out to Kelly Vaneman:
kelly.vaneman@converse.edu

It's almost time for Children's Choir to begin! If someone in your life is in 4K–5th grade and likes to sing, bring them to the choir room (upstairs in Pendleton Hall) **Wednesday, September 9, 5:15–6:00 PM** for the fall's first **Children's Choir rehearsal**. Rehearsals this fall will be led by Kelly Vaneman.

While we do spend time learning the songs of our faith so that we can sing them during church services, choir provides so much more than just that:

- We learn *how* to sing—proper breath support, pitch matching, and good rhythm.
- We start to learn how to read music notation.
- We learn important parts of Episcopal liturgical practice—how hymnals work, how to join in the opening processional, and the seasons of the church year.
- And we learn what our songs *mean*. There are a lot of big theological words hiding in children's songs, and we talk about them.

And, of course, we have fun—we play games and do silly dances and, yes, we learn *aaaalllllll* the verses of "Father Abraham." So come join us and make a joyful noise!

THE ADVENT FOUNDATION

Fund Focus: Saint Fiacre, Patron Saint of Gardeners



An Irishman born in the early seventh century, St. Fiacre spent his childhood in a monastery, developing a keen interest in horticulture and herbal remedies, and eventually taking holy orders. Despite his desire to live as a hermit, his growing reputation as a natural healer drew crowds to the large garden he established near present-day Kilkenny. Fiacre's quest for a silent life of prayer soon led him to Meaux, France, where the local bishop granted him land for a hermitage and garden. Once again, the monk's notoriety for curatives and charity attracted multitudes. To accommodate these visitors, St. Fiacre built a hospice, serving the sick through prayer, the laying on of hands, and organic medicines. Following his death in 670 A.D.—but before his formal twelfth-century canonization—pilgrims began traveling to St. Fiacre's shrine seeking intercession.

In 1998, The Advent Foundation established the St. Fiacre's Fund within the larger endowment. St. Fiacre's charter designates its purpose as "the preservation, beautification, and security of the church yard and grounds" and to address future needs for niches and memorial spaces. As the Advent's verdant campus begins to transform from a summer to autumn landscape, we remember St. Fiacre, whose Feast Day is traditionally celebrated on August 30 or September 1.

There is something sacred about the beginning of a new school year. After the slower rhythms of summer—late mornings, vacations, camps, family time, and days that seem to stretch a little longer—we find ourselves returning to calendars, schedules, practices, and routines. Backpacks are packed, classrooms are prepared, ministries begin again, and our church comes alive with the familiar rhythm of a new program year.

Yet as we return to routine, we are reminded that our routines are not simply about getting organized. They can become practices that help us make room for God.

Returning to routine does not mean simply repeating the past. Every new school year brings new beginnings. Children grow. Families change. New teachers and students join our community. New ministries emerge, while others take new shape. We are called to honor what we have received while remaining open to what God is beginning among us.

The prophet Isaiah gives us this encouragement: *"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?"* (Isaiah 43:19)

Perhaps this is the invitation of this season: to build and to begin while faithfully maintaining what we have been given. We are caretakers of a church community shaped by generations before us, and we have the privilege of helping shape it for those who will come after us.

As backpacks are filled and calendars become busy again, may we remember to leave room for what matters most. May our routines create space for worship rather than crowd it out; for family rather than simply efficiency; for service rather than self-focus; and for quiet moments in which we can notice God's presence.

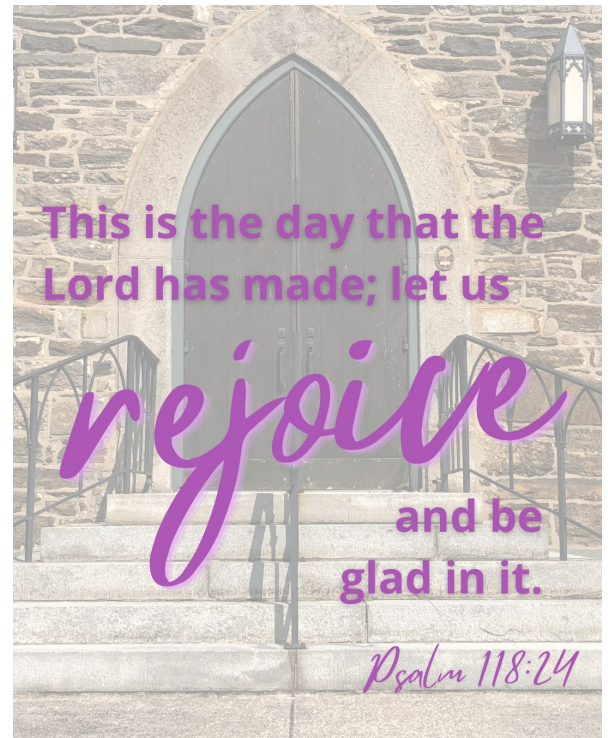
May this year be one of building and beginning: building upon the gifts, traditions, and faith we have inherited, while beginning with courage, curiosity, and hope.

And as we return to our routines, may we remember the words of the psalmist:

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:24)

Welcome to a new school year. Welcome to a new season of ministry. And welcome to the gift of beginning again—together, in faith, in community, and in the presence of God.

Rogers Settle



As Routines Return, Make Room for Worship

Sundays

8:00 & 10:15 AM
Holy Eucharists

Weekdays

Mon-Fri, 8:15 AM - Morning Prayer
Wed, 5:15 PM - Vessels of Grace

We the people:

Celebrating Constitution Day

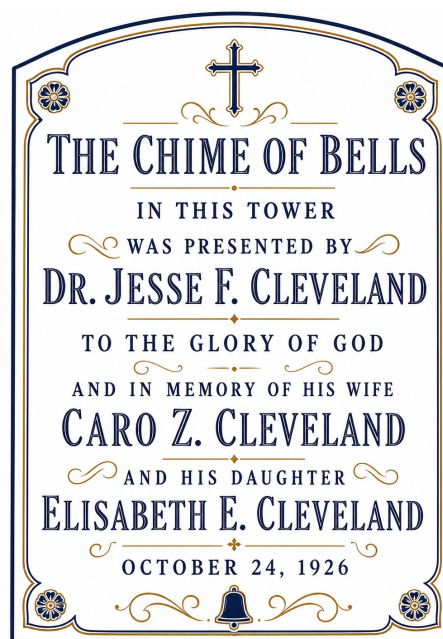
17 September



AMERICA AT 250: It was exciting to celebrate our nation's 250th Independence Day on July 4 at The Advent using a liturgy from the 1660s! The hymns were timely and patriotic.

Independence Day in 1776 led eventually to the writing of the U.S. Constitution in the summer of 1787. To honor the 39 Founding Fathers—four of whom were from South Carolina—who signed the U.S. Constitution in Philadelphia at 4 PM on September 17, 1787, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) and the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR) have planned a special commemoration. Patriotic music will be played on the steps of The Advent on **September 17, 2026, at 3:50 PM**, followed by a bell ringing will celebrate this momentous occasion.

Festivities will conclude with refreshments at the Piedmont Club, courtesy of the Sons of the American Revolution. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please email Linda Greenberg lindagreenberg581@gmail.com.



Plaque in the Cleveland Bell Tower

BELL CENTENNIAL

It is a year of historic anniversaries!

Plan to join us on **Sunday, October 25**, following the 10:15 AM service as we commemorate "A Century of Sound" here at The Advent. The Advent bells were the first fully tuned musical chime heard in Spartanburg in 1926.

More details to come on the plans for this celebration!

SEPTEMBER

Flower Memorials

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of Walter S. Montgomery, Jr. by his wife
- in thanksgiving to God for the blessings He gave to us through the life of Nicholas Lawton Belmont

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Wallace Johnson and Marshall M. Jordan, Sr. by Wallace Johnson and Frannie Jordan and their families
- in loving memory of Michael John Normanly by his family, Patricia, Benjamin, Trish and Jay Walpole

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God and

- all Advent parishioners who practice "That Christ's Light be Seen in us" by Nancy and John Holmes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

The flowers that adorn the altar are given to the glory of God and

- in loving memory of Elizabeth Strickland Evins and Thomas Alexander Evins by their family

Each Sunday, flowers or seasonal greenery adorn our altar to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our parish community, given in honor, celebration, or memory of loved ones. If you would like to sponsor altar flowers, please contact **Martha Blackman** at marthablackman@aol.com for availability and details.



THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 19, 2026
10 AM–2 PM

Our **80th ECW Bazaar** is just a couple months away!

This beloved Advent tradition will once again take place on the Thursday before Thanksgiving, so mark your calendars for **November 19, 2026**. We're looking forward to making this milestone year one to remember!

Preparations are already well underway, but there are still plenty of opportunities to join the fun. If you'd like to help with **Country Store cooking** or **Prepared Foods**, please contact **Julie Schwartz** at **504-8776**. No special experience is needed—just a willingness to lend a hand!

And as fall arrives and you find yourself cleaning out closets, cabinets, and corners of your home, remember the Bazaar! **Love Gifts** and **Emporium** welcome donations of items ready to find a new home.

- **Love Gifts**=Carefully maintained furniture, lamps, china, treasures, silver, and art.
- **The Emporium**=Accessories (costume jewelry, handbags, scarves) and any Holiday fun décor that needs a new home.

Please **contact Elisabeth Hayes** (586-2150 or ehayes@churchofadvent.org) **to coordinate a drop off time**. Drop off times are limited. Thank you for your generosity and support!

The Parish Prayer List

as of August 19, 2026

We are asked to remember:

Our parishioners in need of prayer:

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