

THE ADVENT CHRONICLE

Our Purpose: Love God, Love One Another, Make Disciples

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Weekly Events

Sunday: Services at 9 am

Tuesday: Second Tuesday of the Month: Vestry Meet at 5:30pm

Wednesday: First Wednesday of the Month is the Food Pantry 9am – Noon. **Third Wednesday of the Month** is Episcopal Church Women at 10:00am **Choir Practice at 3:45pm**

First Saturday of the month: Daughters of the King Meet at 10:30am. **Second Saturday of the month** is Bob Evans Breakfast at 8:00am. **The Third Saturday of the month** is Clean-up Day at the Advent at 8:00am

A MESSAGE FROM FR. BARRETT

The Lord is risen!

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This ministry brought back memories of my childhood and back to school. It is sobering how we can take something for granted until we are confronted by the needs of others. Late summer was a special time for me when I was a little boy. We were not rich, but we were comfortably middle class living in the suburbs. I looked forward to the new school year for two reasons. I was a pretty good student and I liked school. Getting good grades was always easy for me. The other reason was that back to school was sort of an early Christmas. I loved going shopping with my parents and picking out all my new school supplies for the coming year. I must admit that sometimes I asked for stuff I did not really need, but looked good on the shelves or I thought it was something the others kids would have that year. My parents dutifully made the purchases. Providing a good education was a holy cause for Baby Boomer parents in the fifties!

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I never had a used textbook. Everything was brand new each fall. And if our teachers lacked for anything, we were not aware of it. I am sure there were kids and teachers in need of help back then. I just wasn't aware of it or at least I never thought about it. They didn't live anywhere near where I lived in white suburbia. Two things changed all that. First of all I was plunged into financial hardship in my late twenties after a prosperous start as a young adult. Then later, on better financial footing, I entered a profession where I was confronted constantly by the needy asking for help.

In Lk. Jesus visits the house of a Pharisee named Simon. A woman of questionable character crashed the dinner party. After rebuking his host for lack of hospitality to him, Jesus asks his host, "Simon, do you see the woman?" If you have not done so already, I ask you to see the students and teachers who labor with limited resources. My parents never had to choose between buying school supplies and buying groceries. Those households do exist in our community. For all of you who support this ministry, my God bless you as you bless others.

Father Barrett



Episcopal Church Women



The ECW will continue to support the schools: Sunrise Elementary, Horizon Academy and Marion Oaks Elementary. Supplies are needed for:

Teachers:

Copy paper

Students:

Crayons

Kleenex	Glue sticks
Disinfection wipes	Pencils
Pencil Sharpners	Paper
Paper towels	Rulers
Rulers	Play Dough- one small can
Gallon & Pint	Laundry Detergent
plastic size bags	Bars of Soap
	BackPacks

Need by end of September 2024

ECW 2024-2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

The ECW is planning another fun and interesting year in our mission to support the Church of the Advent. Please make note of the meeting dates below and plan to become an active part of the ECW.

All women of Church of the Advent are automatically members of ECW.

Meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00 AM in the church classroom. Dates, time and location may be changed to accommodate specific activities.

August	21
September	18
October	16
November	20
December	18

January	15
February	19
March	19
April	16
May	21

Questions? Please contact Liz Herrick.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) and The Church Periodical Club (CPC)

Again, this year the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) are collecting for the United Thank Offering (UTO) and the CPC (Church Periodical Club) on separate dates. The management of these two offerings are supported through the National Office and all money collected is sent directly to the diocese. If you use the coin collection boxes, please convert coins to paper money before making your offering.

UTO ingathering is scheduled for October 6th (the first Sunday in October). Collection boxes and envelopes will be on the table in the Narthex. The UTO collection supports grants for missions and ministry in the diocese. Individual churches or missions can apply to the diocese for grants from these funds.

CPC supports the provision of printed materials such as bibles and hymnals to churches and ministries in need of these materials. CPC ingathering will be the first Sunday in May (May 4th). Envelopes for this offering will be on the table in the Narthex at the appropriate time.

If you use a check to donate to either of these offerings please indicate the name of the offering on the memo line on your check.

FOOD 4 KIDS / AKA: BACKPACKS 4 KIDS

History:

Created in 2004, when children were observed stuffing their pockets, book bags and anything else that carried food home for them and their siblings to eat until returning to school on Monday. One instance that stands out is when a child was observed stuffing his pant pockets with spaghetti. Can you imagine what a mess that must have created, but food was available.

Advent has been cooperating with Interfaith since the inception of this program. Our roll has been to contribute money and provide delivery service every Thursday that school is open for the ten months of the school year. Their suggested donation is \$25.00 per month per back pack (now grocery bags) for the school year. Advent has steadfast been supporting this ministry and anticipates doing it for the foreseeable future. We are currently sponsoring Dunnellon Elementary School.

Today (2024) Interfaith caters to thirty-eight (38) schools equaling one thousand nine hundred and eighty-seven (1987) students weekly.

As you can see, your pledge of any quantity will be greatly appreciated. For your convenience we have attached the pledge form that we have used in the past and pray for your financial support.

----- I will pledge \$ ----- for each of the ten-month school year

_____I will help with the distribution of the back pack (grocery Bags)

(Probably on Thursday mornings)

Signed _____

Telephone _____ Mobile

Dated _____

Telephone _____ Land

For additional Information Call Al Sickle 352 208 5664 or jsickle391@gmail.com

FOOD for KIDS/ Backpack Program

Drivers Needed: We are recruiting drivers for delivering backpacks to Dunnellon Elementary school. Our delivery date will probably be THURSDAY mornings, beginning on or about the first Thursday in September. We have not been given a definite start date as of this writing.

What's required to qualify for the driving position? You must have a vehicle that can carry 25 grocery bags of food, go downtown to the Interfaith facility, where they will load the bags for you, then you drive to Dunnellon Elementary School where they will unload your vehicle. Once unloaded you are free to continue your day's activities. How much time is required? Using the church as a starting point, I would guess 2 to 2 ½ hours. Total driving distance form Advent (round trip) would be estimated at 45 miles.

If you telephone the school when leaving Interfaith, they will try to have someone awaiting your arrival.

Address's and contact information

Church of the Advent	Interfaith Emergency Services	Dunnellon Elem School
11251 SW Highway 484	435 NW 2 nd St	10235 SW 180 th Ave Rd
Dunnellon, Fl. 34432	Ocala, Fl., 34475	Dunnellon, Fl. 34432
352 208 5664	352 628 2392	352 465 6710
Contact: Al Sickle	GATE CODE: 2020	Contact: Mrs. Savage
	Contact: Mrs. Garcia	

Food Pantry Schedule for September 4, 2024

Picker: Gordon Herrick/Charlie Pratt

Floater: Carolyn Edonick

Runner: Lesley Ciullo

MILESTONES

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or is incorrect please contact the office and let us know– we want to include you with our blessings and best wishes on your special day.

BIRTHDAYS

Yvonne Daniels	09/03
Bob Hughes	09/03
Brian Ying	09/07
Judith Harris	09/10
Peter Molloy	09/12
Missy Monforte	09/16
Jane Falkner	09/17
Shirley Newhart	09/20

ANNIVERSARIES

Rupert & Yvonne Daniels	09/02
Dick & Bonnie Purnell	09/03
Joe & Eneida Perez	09/05
Roger & Diane Hutchinson	09/10
Robert & Liz Lang	09/16

If anyone is interested in the Psalm 121 Ministry (Pray Warrior's) call Bebe Hahne at (352) 401-0232.

The Church is in need of Acolytes, Altar Guild helpers and Ushers. If anyone would like to volunteer or be a substitute please give Liz Herrick a call for Acolyte at (352) 291-4878 or e-mail her at tinlizziehr@yahoo.com, For Altar Guild, please call Lynn Johns at (305) 240-0163 or e-mail her at lajohns1@comcast.net, Bonnie & Dick Purnell for Ushers. Call Bonnie at (386) 559-2491 or e-mail: Purnell.bonnie@gmail.com Dick (727) 992-2397 or e-mail: Purnell.rt@gmail.com

Upcoming Events for 2024

Wednesday, September 4th: Food Pantry at 9:00am to Noon

Saturday, September 7th: Daughters of the King Meet in the Sanctuary at 10:30am

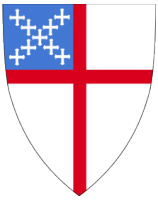
Tuesday, September 10th: Vestry Meet at 5:30pm

Wednesday, September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th: Choir Practice at 3:45pm

Saturday, September 14th: Bob Evans Breakfast Fellowship at 8:00am

Wednesday September 18th: Episcopal Church Women Meet at 10:00am

Saturday, September 21th: Clean- up Day at Advent – All are welcome



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