

THE ADVENT CHRONICLE

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

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Weekly Events

Sunday 1st Healing Service at 9:00am
Sunday School at 10:00am

Tuesday: 2nd Tues. Vestry Meet at 5:30pm

Wednesday: First Wednesday of the Month at 9:00am Food Pantry
Choir Practice at 345pm
Third Wed. at 10:00am (ECW)*
Episcopal Church Women Meet

Saturday: 1st Saturday of the Month DOK Meet at 10:30am
2nd Saturday of the Month Bob Evans
Breakfast Fellowship at 8:00am
3rd Saturday of the Month is Clean-up
Day at 8:00am

A MESSAGE FROM FR. BARRETT

The Lord be with you!

I hope you all had a blessed holiday. Gaye and I enjoyed spending Christmas with Sean and April. For the only time all year we get to see all of our six grandchildren at the same time! I got to reciprocate and preach for Sean the Sunday after the holiday. This was my first time preaching at his new call in Ashville.

January is named after the Roman god Janus. (Sorry the Roman and the Vikings got to give us many of the names on our calendar (July for Julius Caesar, August for Augustus Caesar, Saturday for the Roman god Saturnalia, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from the Vikings). Even our word for worship comes from the Norse word for "worthy." So we sing God is worthy of our praise and thanksgiving.

Anyway, back to Janus. This Roman god was pictured with two faces. One was looking forward and the other backward. Isn't that how many of us feel in January? We look back with regret or joy to the past year. We look forward with anticipation or dread to the New Year. The poet W.H. Auden called the days we live in "The age of anxiety." If you are looking to the New Year with anxiety, remember the words of Jesus in the gospel according to Mt. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or what you will drink, or your body, what you will wear.

Is not life more than more than food, and the body more than clothing?...So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

Now I am not suggesting that we go through this New Year with mindless grins like the character in Mad magazine-Alfred E. Neuman. Too much bad pastoral advice has been given to people in pain hearing the words "don't worry." I think Jesus was talking about self-inflicted worry. That includes such things as worrying about bigger houses and cars, designer clothes. Then there are the emotional worries. What will people think?" "Do I matter to anyone?" "Can I reverse aging with the newest cosmetic treatments?"

This kind of anxiety indicates a lack of trust in God-our Creator and Redeemer. It makes Christians atheists in their thinking. In the TV series "The Chosen" Jesus holds Peter in his arms in the boat. Peter is sobbing because he failed to trust Jesus when Peter tried to walk in water. In comforting him, Jesus says: "I am here. I am always here." Let us approach each new year with confidence in those words.

Father Bill

**Food Pantry
9:00AM
January 1, 2025**

Pickers: Gerry Baker

Floater/Runner: Lesley Ciullo

Office will be open on January 1st, but closed January 2nd



Christmas Holiday Food Basket Report

THANK YOU for making the Christmas Holiday Food Basket a Huge success.

Together we supported 126 families that might not have had a holiday feast.

Al & Florence Sickle

Millstones

BIRTHDAYS

Al Sickle	01/01
Liz Herrick	01/02
Charles Pickens	01/02
Dori Sullivan	01/06
Lesley Ciullo	01/08
Nancy Schnurle	01/09
Linda Kenefick	01/18
Alice DePerna	01/24

ANNIVERSARIES

Bigelow & Carol Robinson	01/10
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The Church is in need of Altar Guild, Acolytes 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 , Altar Guild, Kathy Consiglio Email: ktgjjd6@gmail.com or Call the Office at (352) 465-7272 and Dick & Bonnie Purnell for Ushers. Bonnie (386)559-2491 or email: Purnell.bonnie@gmail.com or Dick at (727) 992-2397 or email: Purnell.rt@gmail.com

Upcoming Events for 2025

Wednesday, January 1st – Food Pantry at 9:00am

Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22 & 29- Choir Practice at 3:45pm

Saturday, January 4th - Daughters of the King at 10:30am

Saturday, January 11th – Bob Evans Breakfast Fellowship at 8:00am

Tuesday, January 14th – Vestry Meeting at 5:30pm

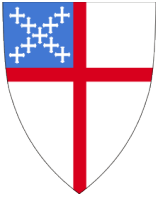
Wednesday, January 15th - Episcopal Church Women Meeting at 10:00am

Saturday, January 18th - Clean-up Day at 8:00am

Sunday, January 19th – Annual Report Meeting at 10:00am

Corrections

If you see that an error was made, please let me know, so that I have the right info.
Thank you, Lesley Ciullo



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