

# THE ANCHOR

## Newsletter



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Dear Friends,

This month you will receive a pledge card in the mail for 2022. As you already are aware, pledges are the major source of income for our budget. I am very thankful your generosity towards your church. All of you offer time, talent, and treasure towards the church's ministry. Because of special gifts you have made during the past two years, we have been able to install a very good live-stream system and make needed upgrades to our organ. But there are concerns about our upcoming budget.

During the last two years, our budgets have been balanced. In 2020, we received a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan from the government which balanced the year's budget. (That loan has been forgiven. We have no debt.) This year, a memorial gift was received that balanced our budget. At this time, though, we do not anticipate any large source of income in 2022 that would balance next year's budget. If pledges remain the same as 2021, we will be short around \$20,000. There are no items we can cut from our expenses without seriously harming our ministry. We need your help!

I see several ways that you might help meet this need. 50 pledges increasing by \$8 a week would make up this shortfall. Or, if everyone increased their pledge by 10% over last year's pledge, this would also meet our needs. That might seem like a large increase, but do consider if your budget has also increased. (For example, the Social Security cost of living increase for 2022 is 5.9%.) Finally, perhaps do some math of your own. The biblical standard for giving is the tithe. Look at your personal budget. Are you meeting that? If not, perhaps this is the year to consider moving closer to tithing. Of course, if anyone would like to make a large one-time donation, that might also balance the budget. But truly, this need is on all of us to consider and respond to.

Historically, when Advent has had needs, people respond. I am grateful for that. Brenda and I plan to increase our pledge to the church this year and I ask that you also prayerfully consider how you can respond to our budget needs. I've heard from a few people who do not believe that pledges will increase enough to meet this need. But I have faith in you and faith in our God that this need will be met.

May God's blessings be upon you and your family today and always.

Faithfully yours,

Alan+

## **SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

The Outreach Committee will again collect items for the Seamen's Church Institute (SCI). Response in the past has been generous and we look forward to the project this year. Collection will begin October 29<sup>th</sup> and continue until December 6<sup>th</sup>. A container will be in the narthex and another in the Parish House which can be used during church office hours. Pickup is an additional option, just contact Glenda at 443-243-7615.

SCI distributes over 2,000 ditty bags in December to mariners who will be at sea during the holidays. This may be the only gift they receive. Items are: hat, scarf, razor, shaving cream, toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, work socks and work gloves, deodorant, mini sewing kit, pen, and stationary. *Please do not include mini sizes.*

Please share God's love by providing necessary items to SCI for the holidays.

*-Glenda Unzelmann, Outreach Committee*

## **CARING FOR KIDS**

-Once again we will be collecting gifts for our Adopt a Family Christmas Program sponsored by Caring for Kids. Each tag will show the name of an individual, mostly children, and items on their wish list. In past years, the tags were hung from our Christmas trees in the sanctuary. This year we will add the ability to receive name tags via email as well. Additional information will be printed in the bulletins as we approach the Christmas season. Thank you for your support of this worthwhile ministry.

*-Jo Armstrong, Outreach Committee*

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Outreach Committee met on October 20, 2021. We discussed a new initiative, Episcopal Community Services of the Diocese of New Jersey. Fr. David Snyder of the Diocese introduced this to us in a Power Point presentation at our September meeting. This ECS initiative supports congregations through grants as they proactively address human needs and relentlessly work against social and racial injustice. ECS-NJ invites us to walk with Christ together to make a positive impact on our communities, serving as a reminder of our Discipleship and Baptismal Covenant.

After discussion our committee voted to give a \$500 fund donation to show our support. We will look carefully at the first awarded grants and the work they support. Since we already support a multitude of projects in our community and world-wide, we anticipate considering writing for a grant to augment our own Outreach.

Veronica, Scutari, Director of the Cape May Community Food Closet, spoke to us of the food insecurity in Cape May. The committee voted to give \$1000 to the Food Closet in response.

As the Advent season approaches, the committee voted to continue gifts for Caring for Kids, ditty bags for Seamen's Church Institute, and Acme Food cards for folks at the Commons.

A Life Celebration of Evelyn McCoy will take place on Monday, November 15, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Evie was the long-time chair of the Outreach Committee and a teacher in the Lower Township School System. The committee established a scholarship in her

memory for anyone pursuing a degree in education. Donations to the scholarship may be made at the service or sent to the church office, marked for the scholarship fund.

*-Marrie Cassidy*

### **CHRISTIAN FORMATION MATTERS ...**

Sunday School-in-a-box, Teen Fellowship, Adult Bible Study and Forum, and *EfM* are all in full, fall swing with energy and participation. Follow updates to upcoming events in the Sunday bulletins and here in *The Anchor*.

Of special note is the next upcoming Adult Forum *Aging in the Faith* Series topic on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall when Ms. Lori Herberley, M.A., LPC, CMC of South Jersey Geriatric Care, PC, will present a one-hour talk to parish and community members on "Emotional Challenges of Aging." On Sunday, December 12, 2021, between services, also in the parish hall, our very own Dr. Cal Stafford will give a talk on "Aging and Sleep." Please mark your calendars. Everyone is invited.

The parish Education Committee will meet in its monthly session on Sunday, October 31, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

*-Sam Wilson*

### **EVANGELISM COMMITTEE**

The Evangelism Committee met in October 2021. The news is.....

- Name tags will be used again beginning in January 2022.
- Welcome bags for newcomers are being updated.
- Morning Prayer will be held every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., beginning on November 3, 2021, in The Ladies Chapel. Each week we will pray especially for our Parish, Church of the Advent, for growth, health and holiness for the Glory of God. We would love to have you join us. If you can't come in person, please send us your prayer requests and we will place them before the Lord.
- The Evangelism Committee meets every first Tuesday in the Parish Hall at 9:30 a.m. We look forward to having you come and join us. Come and check us out; perhaps you would consider joining our team.

For more information, or if you would like to be part of the Evangelism Committee at Church of the Advent, please contact me, Jane Carol Wilson, at [janecarol@me.com](mailto:janecarol@me.com), or call or text me at 609-330-6124. You may also call the church office and leave a message.

*Remember, God loves us!*

*-Jane Carol Wilson, Chairperson*

### **ECW NEWS and NEEDS**

For the holidays ECW is selling one pound bags of Priester's Fancy Mammoth Pecan Halves at \$12.00 per bag. To order, please contact Glenda Unzelmann at 443-243-7615 or [werneru@verizon.net](mailto:werneru@verizon.net). Payment is due on delivery.

The ECW is in need of fresh greenery for their upcoming holiday sale. If you have evergreens available which could be trimmed please respond to Glenda Unzelmann at 443-243-7615.

Cookies, cookies, cookies! ECW will need lots of them for Saturday, December 4, 2021. That evening, after our Christmas Bazaar, we participate in the MAC Christmas House Tour by serving as a hospitality stop. This means we have lots of folks stopping for a cookie break. If you donate cookies for this House Tour, please indicate they are for the House Tour and put them in the Upper Room of the Parish Hall. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

**November Birthday Celebrations**

**November Anniversary Celebrations**

1	Frank Garcia	3	Jason & Kathryn Brown
10	Kitty Garcia	8	Dale & Joanne Morrison
12	Dale Morrison	22	Corbin & Lynda Cogswell
13	Dan Hall	24	Rick and Sue Murphy
20	Savannah Brown		
23	Donafaye Burke		
25	Dwight Coleman		
26	Malcolm Fraser		
30	Deb Lukens		
30	Jane Carol Wilson		

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

**Sunday: The Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.**  
**The 10:30 service is also livestreamed on YouTube**  
**Thursday: The Holy Eucharist at 12:00 Noon**



Sunday, November 7, 2021, Daylight Saving Time ends. On Saturday night remember to turn you clocks back one hour before going to bed. It is also a good time to change the batteries in both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.



## ECW Christmas Bazaar – Dec. 4 from 10 – 2:30

### Church Parish Hall

Yes! We are having our Christmas Bazaar this year in the Parish Hall. It is a good old-fashioned church bazaar with everything handmade and/or donated by the good people of Church of the Advent. As usual, we need your help to make this fund-raising effort a success. PLEASE BEGIN BRINGING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE PARISH HALL BEGINNING NOV. 28 with the exception of the soup.

Here's what we need:

**Soup-to-go:** donations of homemade soups. Please call Marty Torpey at 609-884-0784 if you can donate soup. She will tell you all about when to bring it.

**Greens:** Glenda Unzelmann would appreciate donations of greens. Call her at 443-243-7615.

**Baked Goods:** Do you bake? Call Barbara Smith at 609-276-2775 and let her know what you can donate and how best to package it. (Make sure you label your cookies clearly so that we know whether they are for this table or for the MAC house tour.)

**Crafts and Handmade needlework:** If you are into crafts and needle work, please consider making something for this table. Check with Jo Ann Armstrong, 609-602-8849, if you have questions.

**Baskets:** Sharon Werth, 914-980-1761, is in charge of the Gift Baskets at the Chance Table. Please call her to tell her what gift basket you are donating. If you can't make a basket but still want to help, you might donate to someone else's basket. Let Sharon know.

**Collectibles/Antiques/Aunt Millie's attic...** we don't quite know what to call Lynda Cogswell's table. We are looking for new or gently used items that you would love to keep if only you had room or maybe you changed the color scheme, and they don't match anymore. Call Lynda at 609-884-6675 to discuss.

**Jewelry:** This is a great time to clean out your jewelry box and donate those gems that you haven't worn for a while. Regina Dougherty-McCarren (twgables@verizon.net) can answer your questions.

**Gently Used Christmas Ornaments and Decorations:** Please consider looking through your gently used decorations for things that are still good but you want a new look!

**Volunteers** are needed to help set up, sell, and clean up. Email Carol Obligado at cobligado@aol.com or 609-898-9699 if you can help out. THANK YOU!

**PS: Our Fabulous Pecans are again for sale!!! Contact Glenda Unzelmann (443-243-7615) to order them.**

# Faith, Fellowship and Service

## Thoughts on Stewardship

My wife, Gini Tate, attended 12 years of Catholic School, but changed to the Episcopal Church when she had her children. Her church attendance lapsed after some negative experiences with her prior church when her first husband died. After retirement to the Cape May area, she followed old friends to the Church of the Advent which she found to be warm and welcoming. Gini has since found a spiritual home at Advent and has been happy to volunteer for church functions and has especially liked the outreach program in her giving. I was raised in the Jewish faith, but I felt that something was missing for me. I initially tagged along with Gini to church on Sundays and slowly felt the need to change my spiritual journey which led to my recent baptism. We give to Advent to support this spiritual home and its multiple missions, to support the community, and to help us walk daily in the Christian faith.

Joel Rutenberg  
October 2021

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Dear fellow parishioners,

I have been asked to share my thoughts on stewardship and how giving to Church of the Advent is important to me. My understanding of stewardship is that it is a sharing of one's self and the gifts that God has given us, to do God's work in our community and the world.

Church of the Advent is my spiritual home on earth. We parishioners and our priests are a family in Christ. As members of a family we depend on one another to support and maintain our community, including the physical structures in which we meet and worship together. Our church community nourishes us spiritually, socially and also provides opportunities to learn more about our faith, to pray and to share Christ's love with others, witnessing to the Kingdom of God in our midst.

In giving of our time, talents and treasure, as we are able, we put our love, faith and trust in the Lord into action; we let Christ work through us. The joining of all of our gifts as members of Advent keeps our spiritual family alive and thriving and able to respond to God's call to love and serve our neighbors. We work together, not alone. As we give, we also receive enrichment in return; our hearts expand, a further gift to ourselves and those we encounter.

I feel blessed to be a member of the Church of the Advent family. I am so thankful to those before me and since who maintain this church community, so it has been here for me and others seeking a spiritual home in Christ. It's important to me to do my part to keep this home viable and flourishing to welcome any Christian believers who are drawn here.

In the words of Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also".

With thanks to all of you,  
Angela Gloria

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## **A Commitment to Dedicated Stewardship**

My relationship with the community of the Church of the Advent for over two decades has blessed me with a deeper sense of how to live in faith, to reside in God's daily presence. Advent continues to serve God and community with expanded means of worship, education, and personal enrichment despite a nearly two-year pandemic. I encourage my fellow congregants to continue to respond to maintain our community of robust ministry guided in faith.

Peace - Barbara (Basia) Smith

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1 Bible Study</b> -6:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003</a> Mtg ID: 531 252 800	<b>2</b>	<b>3 Office Closed</b> EfM – 7:00 PM via Zoom	<b>11</b> Holy Eucharist- Noon	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7 Pentecost 24</b> Holy Eucharist - 8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	<b>8 Bible Study</b> -6:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003</a> Mtg ID: 531 252 800	<b>9</b> <b>Advent Book Club</b> -7:00 PM –	<b>10 Office Closed</b> Adult Forum on <b>Aging-Emotional Issues</b> -11:00 AM- Parish Hall EfM – 7:00 PM via Zoom	<b>11</b> Holy Eucharist- Noon	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14 Pentecost 25</b> Holy Eucharist – 8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30	<b>15 Bible Study</b> -6:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003</a> Mtg ID: 531 252 800 Evie McCoy Memorial Service-11:00 AM	<b>16</b> <b>Men's Breakfast</b> - 8:00 AM-Parish Hall	<b>17 Office Closed</b> <b>Outreach Com Mtg</b> 3:00 PM-Parish Hall <b>EfM</b> – 7:00 PM via Zoom	<b>18</b> Holy Eucharist- Noon <b>ECW Mtg</b> – 10:30 AM- Parish Hall	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Christ the King</b> Holy Eucharist – 8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30 <b>Vestry Mtg</b> - Noon	<b>22 Bible Study</b> -6:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003</a> Mtg ID: 531 252 800	<b>23</b>	<b>24 Office Closed</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day Service</b> -7:00 PM- <b>Assembly of God-</b> <b>1068 Seashore Rd-</b> <b>Cape May</b>	<b>25</b> <b>No Service Today</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Advent 1</b> Holy Eucharist – 8:00 & 10:30 AM Youtube.com livestream at 10:30 <b>Education Comm.</b> Mtg-9:00 AM	<b>29 Bible Study</b> -6:30-8:00 PM Zoom link: <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/5312528003</a> Mtg ID: 531 252 800	<b>30</b>				AA Meetings: Sun-4:00 PM Tues-7:30 PM Wed-12:30 PM Thur-7:30 PM

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