

WHY ARE WE SEEING BLUE IN ADVENT?

Advent means “coming or arrival,” and the reason for the season is anticipation and preparation for the birth of the Christ child and His second coming. In the early church, however, it was a time for candidates to prepare for church membership. After the fourth century, it became a time for preparation for Christmas, and penitence was added as a standard for the whole church in the Middle Ages.

Now many Christian churches are again shifting the emphasis of Advent from a penitential season, such as Lent, to a celebration of hope and anticipation. That in no means takes away from the fact that Advent is also a time of preparation and introspection.

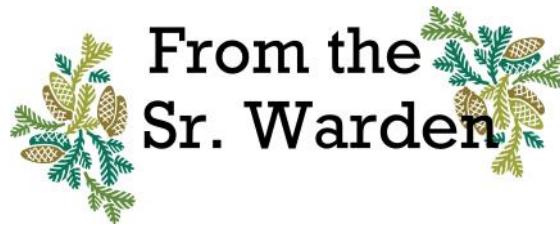
In an effort to again distinguish between Advent and Lent, some denominations have changed the color of Advent to various shades of blue. Some Roman Catholic churches have changed to a blue violet. Although we, as Episcopalians, all grew up with purple and red violet, the early 12th century Black Canon of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre ordered black as the color for Advent! But, blue is by no means new to our church either. Before the 12th century, it was used in the Western Church.

The Sarum Rite was the original basis for the liturgy of the Anglican Book of Common Prayer and where blue was used for the color of Advent. It was often specified that it be an indigo to represent the darkness before the birth. Early art shows church leaders in ornately decorated blue robes. Shades of blue symbolize royalty, the coming of the King, hope, the night sky before the dawn, the sea before creation, and Mary. Remember early dyes were made from nature. Some historians suggest that northern European dyes were made from berries that produced blue while southern Europe was able to make purple dyes.

Tradition puts the rose-colored candle in the Advent wreath---not to symbolize Mary, but to reflect the lessening emphasis on penitence, the nearing of the end of the fast, the pending birth, and the second coming. Rose or pink represents joy. The 3rd Sunday in Advent marks the halfway point, and we are allowed to be excited for the coming event. In the Roman Catholic tradition, it is called Gaudete Sunday, from the Latin for “rejoice.” It takes its name from one of the traditional readings from Philippians which begins, “Rejoice in the Lord always.” (St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Cambria, CA)

Here at All Saints’ we have chosen the Sarum Blue for our Advent vestments. We have also changed out the old purple Advent candles for new blue ones. Our Sarum Blue vestments have been given in loving memory of Diane Baker.

Fr. Mark



Our Stewardship Campaign to raise money to operate All Saints' has been moving along well and we hope our pledges total even more than before the pandemic struck. If you haven't sent in a pledge, please do so if you can.

Stewardship is not limited to financial help. We have other needs in the parish as well – volunteers. With many of us staying home so much over the last couple of years, we've grown accustomed to not contributing our help into the many needs of the church.

None of our outreach, none of our in-house programs, none of our missions, none of our social gatherings can happen without more volunteers. As a parish we have to look at what we as individuals are now doing to help and what else we can do to help.

We haven't had a Rally Day to encourage members to sign up for the variety of needs we have, but those needs still exist. These are some:

- Audio and video volunteers for our online services
- Breakfast teams
- Acolytes, lectors, ushers
- Hospitality donations after each service
- Bingo helpers
- Food on Foot volunteers when they resume

If you would like to help but don't know where to start, you can contact any vestry member, drop a short note in the plate during offertory, or just show up at an event!

I wish all a joyous Advent and a Merry Christmas!





UPCOMING SPECIAL MUSIC IN DECEMBER

Sunday, December 19, 5p.m.: cc

Saturday, December 24, 10:30 p.m. : Christmas Eve Prelude and Service with choir and instruments (including harp and banjo).

Sunday, December 26: Edward Wing will lead music at the 10:30 am service



Bingo will start up with Christmas Bingo on Wednesday, December 8th.

Chef Bill is making beef stew and we will use ECW funds for the ingredients. We will need the following items donated: Rolls, butter, desserts and drinks. If you can provide any of these, it would be appreciated!

We are requiring all guests to have proof of vaccination in order to join us. We do not need any more prizes or gift cards for this bingo. We will need prizes starting January bingo.

And finally, we need your help that day. If you have the time, please join us for this awesome ministry. Depending on how many vaccinated guests we get, it could be a really busy time. As always, thank you for your support!

*Thanks,
Marylou*



So wonderful to be spending time in person together again this Christmas!

December we will be collecting funds for the Central Services **Holiday Hope Fund** and **Angel Tree**. You can provide a toy (\$25) or a food box (\$45) for a family. Due to sanitation needs (COVID) they prefer monetary donations instead of bought toys. Pick a virtual card off the tree and

Send Check to: Holiday Hope Fund
2450 S. Cumberland St
Morristown, Tn. 37813

OR online: holidayhopefund.org

Will also have a loose offering in December for this fund.



We will continue the **Paul Rohe Advent Food Collection** for both Central Services and Food on Foot throughout all of Advent. Bring canned good to fill the altar!

Outreach received a request from Tina Harbison Riggs, a woman who provides Christmas for over 40 kids with disabilities from the Hamblen County School system. These are young folks are **too old for toys and need clothes**. She tells me many never receive any **new** clothes except what her program has given at Christmas. You may send and donations to:

Tina Swatzell Harbison Riggs
1548 Pleasant View Dr.
Talbott, Tn. 37877

You may call her if you would like to sponsor a young person and shop for them yourself for sizes: 423-312-1783 Look her up her name on Facebook for more details about her program.

Hope we all have a blessed and joyous Holiday!

Martie Anderson

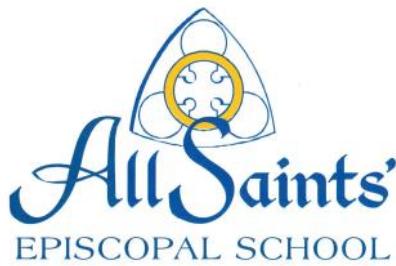


THREE DIFFERENT KINDS OF CHILI will be offered for supper on December 19 at 6:00 pm in the parish hall following the Festival of Lessons and Carols which begins at 5:00. Three kinds of chili means (1) traditional chili with beans, (2) Pack 197's "Do your Best" chili (no beans, but with angel hair pasta), and (3) vegetarian chili made with textured soy protein. BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! We'll have all sorts of cheese and other toppings for the chili, a delicious tossed salad, bread, and festive confections for dessert. Don't miss it! Cub Scout Pack 197 will be providing the for donations only.

"Advent" means "coming". The church season of Advent marks the beginning of a new church year (!) and is a time to prepare us for the birth of Jesus. The Christmas season begins on his birthday, December 25, and lasts for 12 days.

Sunday the 19th is the last Sunday in Advent. Because we will have already celebrated the fourth Sunday, it's OK to start singing some birthday songs! Hope that you will join everyone for our Festival of Lessons and Carols at 5:00 pm on Sunday, December 19, 2021, followed by dinner in the parish hall.





What a difference 6 months can make! Last June Mo. Gigi retired, leaving behind a smoothly running All Saints' Episcopal School, an annual budget with black ink for the first time in years, a staff lamenting her departure and a bit anxious about still another change in headship. Now, six months later, our budget is still in the black, enrollment is up, the faculty are much more comfortable with a somewhat faster pace and scope of instruction, and the School's halls hum with student excitement and engagement. What a difference 6 months can make!

Like last year, all of our classes have met on campus, in person, this year. Unlike last year, we have been able to relax some pandemic protocols, a little. Hence, more hum. COVID-19 has been a continuing challenge and forced more than one change in scheduling or events. Still, the ASES community has risen to its challenge and managed quite nicely.

Grandfriends Day was postponed to November 11 and joined to our Veteran's Day Celebration. The crowd in attendance at both was one of the biggest in years.

The 27th Annual Master's Golf Tournament held in October was a swinging success.

Our Saints' Fund appeal is off and running, hoping to conclude its pledging phase by December 17, the beginning of our Christmas Break. Honoring that pledge can happen anytime before June 30.

Already the 2021 ASES Auction's leadership team is meeting to plan, solicit, and organize, having selected *Denim & Diamonds* as this year's theme.

We are determined not to let the virus have the last word!

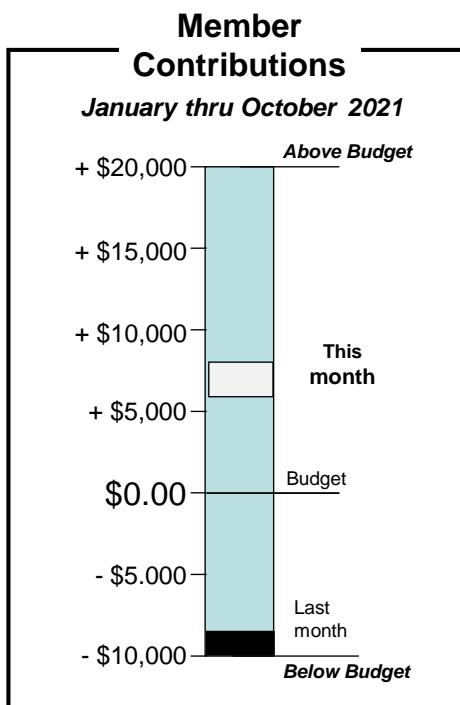
Finally, at November's Board of Trustees' meeting, we began discussing next year's tuition, program expansion, and faculty compensation. Like most small organizations, salaries/personnel are our biggest expense. It's too soon to declare, but with a national teacher shortage and inflation running at a 30 year high, staying at the top of the local education market is going to cost even more dead presidents. Just like the rest of life, quality costs.

Smokey Oats +

Head of School

The shutdown of many of our church programs during the Covid-19 Pandemic has greatly affected our financial results and has made a meaningful comparison of "Total Income" and "Total Expenses" to the existing "2021 Budget" difficult to understand without a long list of adjustments and exclusions.

For the next period we will only present the "Member Contributions" part of our graph since that data is not skewed by the shutdown of our programs.



Your Vestry thanks you for your support !
 A reminder in these difficult times to keep your pledge current
 - catching up can be hard -
 - On-line giving is now available -

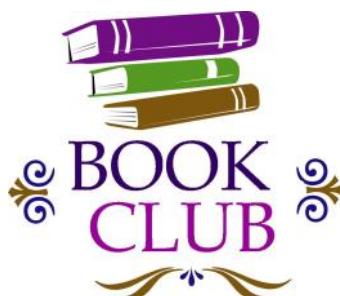
BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, December 15

5:15 Social Gathering

6:00pm Discussion—The Midnight Library by Mike Haig

@ Peggy Brock's, 1038 McFarland St.



8:00 AM	12/05/2021	12/12/2021	12/19/2021	12/25/21 CHRISTMAS EVE	12/25/21 CHRISTMAS DAY	12/26/2021
CRUCIFER	Dave Auton	Kim Torres	Earl Hall	Riley Anderson	Earl Hall	Dave Auton
ACOLYTES				Jake Neil		
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Cindy Husk		Cindy Husk	Liz Holland	Liz Holland	Cindi Husk
2nd CHALICE	Dave Auton	Kim Torres	Dave Auton	Carolyn Dean		Glenn Thompson
PRESENTERS				Bill and Lin Mitrik		
LECTOR OT/P/NT	Kenny Zitt	Mary Lou Mauney	Marth Simerl	Martha Simerl		Kim Torres
GREETERS/USHERS	Roland Zitt	Howard Mauney	Martha Hall	Rhonda Doherty		Skeet Jernigan
				Amy and Sam Neill	Martha Hall	Nancy Jernigan
	Skeet Jernigan	Mary Lou Mauney	Nathan Kirkley	Bill Connellee	Nathan Kirkley	
10:30 AM	12/05/2021	12/12/2021	12/19/2021	Howard Mauney 10:30		12/26/2021
ACOLYTES	Susan Garber	Jake Neill	Riley Anderson	Susie Carter		Susan Garber
	Rebecca Boat- man	Ginger Goolsby	Susie Carter	Ginger Goolsby		Rebecca Boat- man
THURIFER				Dillon Wines		
FLAG				Susan Garber		
BANNER				Rebecca Boat- man		
CHALICE/INTERCESSOR	Bill Mitrik	Liz Holland	Mark Joyce	Cindi Husk		Mark Joyce
2nd CHALICE	Mark Joyce	Lauren Cordle	Carolyn Dean	Kathy Litz		Lauren Cordle
OT LECTOR	Cindy Selby	Sarah Gose	Ann Ross	Cookie Larkin		Sarah Gose
NT LECTOR	Henry Selby	Alex Cunningham	Judy Yates	Ethel Rhodes		Paige Mattocks
PRESENTERS	Janis Dixon	Bill Mitrick	Judy Bartholo- mew	Howard Mauney		Beka Selby
	Rhonda Doherty	Lin Mitrick	Mary Zabrosky	Mary Lou Mauney		Cindy Selby
SOUND/VIDEO	Mark Doherty/Sarah Othokian	Mark Doherty/Sarah Othokian	Mark Doherty/Sarah Othokian	Larry McGow- an/Wayne Stam- baugh	Larry McGow- an/Wayne Stam- baugh	Larry McGow- an/Wayne Stam- baugh
GREETERS/USHERS	George Giles	Sam Neill	Jack Yates	Jack Yates		Louise Joyce
	Brooke White	Amy Neill	Judy Yates	Judy Yates		Brooke White
USHERS	Janis Dixon	Rhonda Doherty	Louise Joyce	Keith & Valen Auker		Janis Dixon

Members of the Altar Guild continue to carry out the “behind-the-scenes” ministry of preparing our place of worship. If you would like to learn more about this ministry or think you would be interested in joining, please contact Father Mark, or Carolyn Dean.

You can also visit our website page at <https://allsaints.dioet.org/Worship/altar-guild.html>

ROSTER

Team 1: Carolyn Dean, Chantal Combs, Anne Ross

Team 2: Judy Bartholomew, Janis Dixon, Virginia Carey

Team 3: Carolyn Dean, Jamia Blazer, Danielle Darter

Team 4: Susie Carter, Sheri Chiapetta

Team 5: Judy Anglin, Martha Hall, Sandy Hoyle

Sacristan: Taryn Herzog

ROTA

December 5th - Team 4 - Second Sunday of Advent - Blue

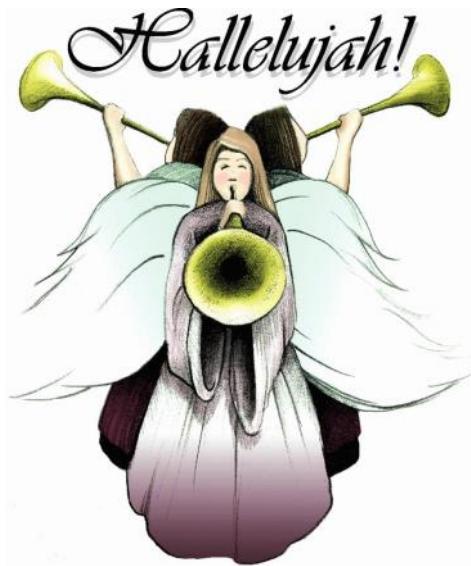
December 12th - Team 5 - Third Sunday of Advent - Blue

December 19th - Team 1 - Fourth Sunday of Advent - Blue

December 24-26 -Team 2 - Christmas Eve, Day, Sunday - White



Special Worship Services



Sunday, December 19, 5:00PM

Christmas Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

5:00PM Holy Eucharist: Rite II

A service especially suited for young children
(no incense)

10:30PM Choral Prelude

11:00PM Festive Eucharist: Rite II
(with incense)

Saturday, December 25,

10:30AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II (spoken)

Sunday, December 26

One Service Only

10:30AM HEII

Attention Sisterhood!

Come celebrate December birthdays
on Tuesday, December 14
beginning at 5:30pm
at The Country Club.





Sheila Carton; Lynne McCoy; Charlie Hurt;
 Mavis Allen; Dennis Stoltz; Sally Wells; Patty Kirkley; Skeet Jones; Mary Oakes; Jonathan Holcomb; Louise Joyce; Sean Karrasch; Wanda Kirby; Bob Garrett; Brooke White; Ann Hale; Sandy & Melinda Whitehead; Fuzz Davis; Tykie Feldmann; B.J. Jones; Buddy Mayes; Paul Donel; Lisa Lay Lewis; Teena Willis; Sylvia Hinsley; Jim Gose; Jackie Denton; Glenda McMillan; Mike Bartholomew; Mark Tragler; Ronnie Bledsoe; Bronnie Allen

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: our sister missions in South Dakota: St. Elizabeth's, Wakpala; St. James', Mobridge; St. John's, Bullhead; St. Paul's, Little Eagle

Those in the Armed Forces & First Responders:
 Gryfin Broyles; Jeffrey Torres; Tim Herzog; Hayden & Hunter Dome; Azlynn Megan Ross; Daniel Thomas; Luke Adams; Hunter Case



December

02	Lena Giles, Liz Holland
03	Janis Dixon, Michelle Zitt Brooks
05	Laura Shivelier
06	Holley Dickens, Dan Leonard, Howard Mauney
07	Sheri & Michael Chiappetta*
08	Sheree Cardone, Mary Ann & Larry Mills*
09	Tony Zachmann
10	Jim Gose, Judy Altom, Robin Connellee
12	Jean & Skeet Jones*, Janis & Richard Dixon*
14	Tenna Willis
15	David Briggs
17	Denise Johnson
19	Willow Chandler, Lynne Ann Anderson, Shamron & Wayne Stambaugh*
20	Kathryn Hutchins
21	Christina Spencer
22	Michael Cardone, Jackie Fleming
23	Sue Justis, Kenny Zitt, Jasmine Lindsey
25	Dick Rice, Skeet Jernigan
26	Teresa & Hugh Clement*
27	John Zieba, Becca Boatman
28	Susan & Jim Fuhr*
29	Josh Mattocks, Sarah & Jim Gose*, Amy & Chris Sharp*
30	Ed & Annie Wing

Decorating the Church for Christmas

Please reserve some time for this church family tradition!

We need lots of volunteers to get out all the Christmas decorations from the storage above the kitchen and stay and help decorate after the 10:30 church service on **SUNDAY THE 19TH**.

We will set up:

- and decorate the Christmas tree in the narthex
- the nativity figures in front of the altar
- the pew end torches with candles

Please bring lots of greenery from your yard by **NOON ON WEDNESDAY THE 22ND**. Evergreen branches, with or without red berries, boxwood and magnolia greenery is preferred. Drop off during office hours to leave greenery in the parish hall or leave outside by the door.

We will also need volunteers to join Rodney Collins on **THURSDAY THE 23RD STARTING AT 3:00 PM** for final decorating with poinsettias and greenery.

For questions please call Carolyn Dean, or Rodney Collins.

*We hope you can join in by bringing greenery, and/or coming on
Sunday the 19th, and/or Thursday the 23rd.*

