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News & Events

Carolyn Lankford Accepts Call as Interim Director of Women's Ministries

Carolyn Lankford will serve as the Advent's Interim Director of Women's Ministries, starting in early June. A long-time Adventer, Carolyn has twice before served in Advent staff positions. Her experience and wisdom, coupled with the relationships she has with many of us already, will serve our church well.

We have been searching for Deborah Leighton's successor for more than a year. Carolyn's serving on an interim basis allows us to continue to wait on the Lord's provision, as we seek our next leader of this ministry.

Carolyn will finish her work as Advancement and Development Officer at Beeson Divinity School before starting here next month. Please join us in thanking God and praying for Carolyn's ministry.

Lenten Lunches Food on Sale

Although our communal Lenten Lunches were interrupted, we are not finished raising money for Maranathan Academy! The first-ever Lenten Lunches Freezer and Pantry Sale goes online May 10, with curbside pickup at the church's porte cochere entrance on Thursday, May 21, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Find details, including pricing and an order link, at AdventBirmingham.org/News.



A Word from Michael Weeks

One of the struggles I have faced during this time of social distancing is feeling that God is distant from me and from the world. There has been so much pain and suffering. There has been so much fear and confusion. It almost feels like God has gone on vacation and left us all to ourselves. Maybe the Deists are right, and God doesn't care about us, but has left us all alone on this crazy planet. It is hard to fathom how a good God would allow such anguish and misery to occur.

In this time of grief and sorrow, in this time of affliction, when we feel God has disappeared, we are reminded in Romans 8 that this is just a figment of our imagination. For, as Paul writes, nothing can separate us from the love God has for us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

We could easily make the mistake of thinking that this means that life is going to be extraordinary. That because God is

good and is so clearly for us, there won't be any sickness or sadness, there won't be any bad things in this life for those who trust in God. But that is not the case.

In verses 31 through 39, Paul painstakingly lays out all the different ways we will suffer in this life. People will come against us, bringing charges against us, condemning us. There will be tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, and sword. There will be life and death, angels and rulers, things present and things to come, powers, height, and depth, almost everything in all creation will try to come between us and God.

But, despite all of these things, God remains with us and for us. We know this because in love, he did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all. And in power, by his Spirit, raised him from the dead, conquering sin and death. In Jesus, we know that though things will come against us, we cannot be separated from God and his love for us!

- Michael

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- Romans 8:38-39

This Sunday: May 17, 2020

Please join us for worship via streaming video this Sunday, May 17, at 9:00 a.m. Canon Hicks will preach. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, Twitter, or YouTube to access our stream. To download a service bulletin, go to AdventBirmingham.org/Worship.

We continue not gathering at the church. Bishop Sloan has extended the suspension of face-to-face worship through May 17.

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.

The Dean's Class will be available via streaming video this Sunday. Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Live.

Recordings of past classes are available on our website at AdventBirmingham.org/Audio.

Lectionary:

Psalm 66:7-18; Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21

Sign Up for Parish-Wide Emails:

Find the link to sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Coronavirus.

Children's & Youth Education:

Two resources are available for families with children. Family Sunday School lessons are posted online every week, and the Advent Christian Academy offers 30-minute lesson plans that align with the Advent's newly released Bible Benchmarks curriculum. Junior and Senior High youth gather every Sunday via Zoom for Christian education following the 9:00 a.m. service. Links to all can be found online at AdventBirmingham.org.

*The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on AdventBirmingham.org/Live.
Sermon and class recordings are available at AdventBirmingham.org.*

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Interested in Church Membership?

We invite you to attend our one-day Inquirers' Class on Saturday, July 18, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). This adult education class provides an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it, so you can see if you want to make the Advent your church home. Lunch will be served. RSVP to Fontaine Pope (205-443-8562, Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com).

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 17 Streaming Worship - AdventBirmingham.org/Live - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow	18 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Mission Partners Webinar - AdventBirmingham.org/Live - noon	19 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	20 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Online Disciple-Maker Training - 1:00 p.m.	21 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Lenten Lunches Food Pickup - Church Porte Cochere entrance - 3:00 p.m.	22 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	23
May 24 Streaming Worship - AdventBirmingham.org/Live - 9:00 a.m. Dean's Class will follow	25 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	26 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	27 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m. Online Disciple-Maker Training - 1:00 p.m.	28 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	29 Facebook Live Prayers - 9:00 a.m.	30

Mission Partners Webinar: Join us for a special webinar, *Mission Lunch Break: Ministry Partners During the Pandemic*, to stream Monday, May 18, at noon. Bethany Rushing, our Director of Mission and Outreach, will interview representatives from our main ministry partners to hear what ministry has looked like in recent weeks and how we can pray for them. Panelists include Bishop Sam Mugisha from Rwanda and Francis from Global Teams in Malawi, as well as local partners from Brother Bryan Mission and Bridge Ministries. Go to AdventBirmingham.org/Live, Facebook Live, or YouTube to see the streaming webinar.

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