memorials:
Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:
Barbara Anne Schroeder Oliver (Pastoral Care) by Kate Kiefer; Cynthia Boggs
Emily Parnell (Endowment Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Morris C. Benners, Jr.
Allen and Margaret Girvin (Endowment Fund) by Juju and Mac Beale

William “Brother” Shelton Pritchard, Jr. (Endowment Fund) by Virginia and Tommy Tucker and Family; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ross Pritchard, Jr.; William and Faye Clark; Johnie W. Greger; Andy and Nannette White; Pat and Ross Forman; Mallie Ireland (Pastoral Care) by Mr. John Forney
Richard L. Smalley: (Pastoral Care) by Mrs. John Forney; Nina and Ken Botsford
In Honor of Dr. Janie Spencer on Her Retirement: (Endowment Fund) by John and Kathleen Spencer.
In Thanksgiving for the Clergy and Staff of the Advent: (Endowment Fund) by Milly and Billy Hulsey

The Rev. Canon Matthew C. Schneider, Canon for Parish Life and Evangelism
The Rev. Canon Zac Hicks, Canon for Liturgy and Worship
The Rev. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

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Children’s & Youth Education:
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One-Day Inhalers’ Class
Interested in Church Membership? Come July 18

We invite you to attend our one-day Inhalers’ Class on Saturday, July 18, 5:00-3:30 p.m. in Clingman Commons at the church (note location change). This adult education class will give you 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 provided. RSVP to Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562), and she will give you your box-lunch options.

Women’s Bible Study
Come-When-You-Can Studies Continue on Zoom

When God asks a question, it’s not because he doesn’t know the answer; it’s because he wants us to think. Join Jane Menendez in a study called Questions That Echo on Wednesday, July 15, 9:15-10:30 a.m. on the Zoom video app. The question will be “Do You Love Me?” Email Jane (ULGMenendez@gmail.com) or Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com) to receive the Zoom link.

Youth Ministry
Youth Meeting for Dinner and Bible Study

All rising 7th through 12th graders are invited to our weekly Senior High dinner and Bible study every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the entrance to the parking lot. We meet with the garage door open at a social distance; bring your own lawn chairs. What if it rains, or if there's a threat of rain? If there is scheduled rain or thunderstorms, we will follow the Sunshine Policy. If it is clear, we will meet outside. Everyone should bring lawn chairs. What about the service I’ve been watching online? What about social distancing? Households may sit together, of course. Otherwise, everyone should maintain an appropriate distance from one another (six feet). Do I need to sign up? Yes – please sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship, starting each Monday morning for the following Sunday. We have sign-up lists to avoid having an unsafe number of people coming. What about children? Should we come as a family? Though we will not have a nursery or children’s programming, our families and everyone are welcome. We will have some coloring sheets for younger children, but feel free to bring snacks and activities that you think would be helpful. What if it rains, or if there’s a threat of rain? What about the weather forecast for that Sunday? If the weather forecast for the Sunday is clearly forecasting rain, we will not have the service and will encourage everyone to watch the streaming service online. This announcement may not be made until shortly before the service is scheduled to begin, and we encourage everyone to check AdventBirmingham.org/Worship and our social media pages that morning, if there seems to be any question. What about the service I’ve been watching online? We will continue to stream a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., which we record on Thursdays. We know that this will remain a good option and necessary for many in our congregation, especially with our restrictions on numbers.

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Genesis 25:19-34 or Isaiah 55:10-13
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Sunday, July 19:
Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 or Psalm 86:11-17
Genesis 28:10-19a or Isaiah 44:4-6
Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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Billy W. Spain: (Dean’s Discretionary Fund) by Elizabeth F. Spain
Carol Sanders Williams: (Mission and Outreach) by Bryan Helm

In Thanksgiving for Jane and Eloise Wooden: (Dean’s Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. J. Brooke Johnston, Jr.

In memory of Junius H. Tate: (Dean’s Discretionary Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scribner.

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

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Outdoor Sunday Worship at the Advent
Some FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions)

Why the porte cochere parking lot? We considered a lot of options, but came back to the porte cochere. It is a part of our own property; much of the lot is shaded with trees; the porte cochere itself provides some cover for equipment; its bricked area provides a space that the officiant, lectors, intercessors, and preacher can use; it provides easy access to electricity; and we will not have to transport equipment to and from another off-site location. Where will everyone sit? Everyone should bring lawn chairs. What about masks? Following local guidelines and ordinances, everyone is required to wear a mask. Those who are leading the service will not wear a mask when they are speaking. What about social distancing? Households may sit together, of course. Otherwise, everyone should maintain an appropriate distance from one another (six feet). Do I need to sign up? Yes – please sign up at AdventBirmingham.org/Worship, starting each Monday morning for the following Sunday. We have sign-up lists to avoid having an unsafe number of people coming. What about children? Should we come as a family? Though we will not have a nursery or children’s programming, our families and everyone are welcome. We will have some coloring sheets for younger children, but feel free to bring snacks and activities that you think would be helpful. What if it rains, or if there’s a threat of rain? What about the weather forecast for that Sunday? If the weather forecast for the Sunday is clearly forecasting rain, we will not have the service and will encourage everyone to watch the streaming service online. This announcement may not be made until shortly before the service is scheduled to begin, and we encourage everyone to check AdventBirmingham.org/Worship and our social media pages that morning, if there seems to be any question. What about the service I’ve been watching online? We will continue to stream a service every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., which we record on Thursdays. We know that this will remain a good option and necessary for many in our congregation, especially with our restrictions on numbers.

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