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News & Events

Registration Open for Women's Retreat

All Advent women are invited to visit AdventBirmingham.org/Retreat to sign up



for the annual Women's Retreat, a time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation set for Friday-Sunday, August 23-25, at Children's Harbor. Mary Willson (left) will speak on "Who Is a God Like You?" *Exulting With Micah in Our Matchless God.*

See page 2 for more information.

Advent Episcopal School Students' Art on Display this Sunday

Join us in Clingman Commons this Sunday morning, May 12, for an Art Show featuring works by Advent Episcopal School students. View their paintings, drawings, and other works of fine art as we celebrate the creative spirit given to us all by our creative Creator. Works will be displayed in between all Sunday morning services, and representatives from the school will be on hand to share ADVENTure Camp (AdventureCampBham.org) opportunities with interested families.



A Word from Canon Smalley

At times frustratingly, more so mercifully, I've recently found difficulty gaining traction attempting to climb upon the high horse of self-righteousness. (Hopefully those around me don't disagree.) This is a matter of God's mercy, not my virtue, the Holy Spirit making clear to me that the faults and flaws that bother me in *those people* are present in my heart also. And if not present in the same manifestation, the roots of sin that drive their actions have active roots in my heart as well. In other words, God lovingly saying, you're no better.

While initially frustrating to our desire for self-pity or self-righteousness, the gospel here is ultimately a freeing word. Being driven by a desire to place ourselves above others is not only inaccurate but also exhausting, whereas being driven by the reception of unmerited forgiveness and restoration, hope and reconciliation, is freeing.

The Scripture texts before us these last few Sundays have revealed grace extended where rebuke was merited. God, who is

above us, graciously makes his way to us, identifies with us, and delivers us (Philippians 2). Rather than rightfully calling us *those people*, Jesus calls us *my people*.

How might the power of this impact our lives and our relationships?

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, writing of his time of imprisonment in Stalin's work camps, states: "If only there were evil people somewhere insidiously committing evil deeds, and it were necessary only to separate them from the rest of us and destroy them. But the line dividing good and evil cuts through the heart of every human being." These are profound words, period, but particularly so in light of the horror of his experience.

But these words alone, without Jesus, could lead to cynicism – we're all bad and that's it. But it was Solzhenitsyn's faith that enabled him the freedom to speak these words. A right recognition of the wrong, a speaking out against the injustice, but all in light of recognizing the shared nature of sin and evil and the resting place of our hope. Jesus, in his humble, self-giving power, in his mercy and forgiveness, was the source of such wisdom and freedom that I pray for you and me too.

- Craig

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

- 1 Peter 2:10

This Sunday:

May 12, 2019

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

9:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

In the Nave. Preacher: Doug Webster

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

In the Refectory. Preacher: Dean Pearson

5:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

Preacher: Dean Pearson

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

The Dean's Class (Nave) – *What Is Faith?* (Hebrews 11:1-40) – Dean Pearson

The Monotheistic Religions: How Are They Similar and How Are They Different? (Chapter Room) – Jason Wallace
Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – *Marriage Basics: A Satisfying Marriage Through Satisfaction in Christ* – Cameron Cole

Children's & Youth Education:

Classes are offered for 3-years and older. See Sunday's service bulletin for details. The Nursery is open 8:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

At the Five O'Clock service, child-care is available for 4K and younger.

Lectionary:

Psalm 23

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Acts 9:36-43

John 10:22-30

Sermon and class recordings are available at AdventBirmingham.org.

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and AdventBirmingham.org.



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spiritual growth & fellowship

Women's Ministry

Make Plans Now for the Women's Retreat

Women of the Advent are invited to join their sisters in Christ for a time of rest and spiritual rejuvenation at our annual retreat, Friday-Sunday, August 23-25, at Children's Harbor.

Our speaker will be Mary Willson, who will offer *"Who Is a God Like You?" Exulting with Micah in Our Matchless God*. Mary serves as director of women in ministry at Second Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tennessee. She has been trained both in the local-church context as well as through formal theological education, recently earning a Ph.D. in Old Testament from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. She enjoys opening up the Bible to apply it to the lives of women today. A number of rambunctious nieces and nephews make her life all the more enjoyable.

Visit AdventBirmingham.org/Retreat to register. Contact Anita Gray with questions (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com).

Ageless Adventers

Third Wednesday Finale Set for May 15

Please join us for our *final* Third Wednesday program of the spring! We will meet on Wednesday, May 15, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). Come for a spring luncheon, fellowship, and a word from Canon Smalley. Also, we will invite input for the fall Ageless Adventers calendar. Please RSVP to Stella Schreiber (443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Men's Ministry

Men's Dinner Set for May 22

All men of the Advent are invited to join us for a time of food and fellowship on Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 p.m. at the home of Dave Brown (2933 Montevallo Road, 35223). For parking and other information, contact Mike Weeks (Weeks@CathedralAdvent.com).

Death Notifications Available Via Email

Adventers interested in information regarding deaths within our community of faith can receive notices via email. Sign up at <http://bit.ly/2UMZkPF>.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake. - Psalm 23:1-3 (KJV)

Update on the Nave Lighting Project

We're excited to share that the lighting and wiring work in the Nave will begin on Monday, June 3, with the project finished before school resumes in August. To do the work, scaffolding will occupy the entire half of the south side of the Nave for the first half of the summer, before being moved to occupy the entire north side. We will be able to gather in the Nave for our Sunday services throughout the summer, though there will be no access during the week, allowing the work to be done safely and well. Please visit AdventBirmingham.org/Nave2019 for more information, including a complete set of FAQs, and join us as we thank God for the blessing that is our downtown building.

Advent House



About the Advent House

Advent House is a center for prayer, teaching, and respite, located between Highland Park and English Village at 2317 Arlington Avenue South, 35205. Anyone (church member and community resident alike) is welcome and may request prayer for healing or discernment from God.

Advent House is home year-round to the Advent House Prayer Ministry, and for six weeks of the year it serves as a meeting place for the Advent's Grief Recovery Group. Additionally, it is used as temporary lodging for Advent-sponsored guests such as visiting missionaries, seminarians, and guest speakers.

To schedule a prayer appointment or for more information, contact Kathy Logue (410-4622, Kathy@CathedralAdvent.com).

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

Judith Stickley: (Music Discretionary Fund) by The Cathedral Ringers

William "Bill" Calvin Guin: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Nancy and Ricky Bromberg • (Outreach) by Billy Angell

Mollie Virginia Pittman: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Robbie James

Betty Tanner: (Music Discretionary Fund) by Nancy and Ricky Bromberg

David "Buck" Phillips: (Pastoral Care) by Donald and Katherine Patton

(Jesus prayed the Father) "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent (those you have given me) into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth." - John 17:18-19



making music

The Cathedral Choir

Deadline Is this Sunday to Support Spring Fundraiser

It's that time! To support The Cathedral Choir's residency at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, in July 2020, the choir is selling an assortment of cooked meats provided by Cater Up! – a catering company affiliated with Batter Up! Restaurant in Childersburg. Available for purchase are:

- Whole Smoked Turkey (12-14 pounds; feeds 10-12) – \$35
- Whole Smoked Boston Butt (8-10 pounds) – \$35
- Half Smoked Pit Ham (6-8 pounds; feeds 15-20) – \$40
- Half Pan of Homemade Chicken Dressing (cooked and cold; feeds 20-25) – \$35/pan

The deadline for orders is this Sunday, May 12. To place an order, please visit the choir's table in Clingman Commons after each of the morning services this Sunday, or speak to a choir member. Please consider purchasing an item for donation and delivery to a local charity. Pick-up will be on Thursday, May 23, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Advent. Any items not picked up on May 23 will be donated to local charities. Thank you for your support!

Midday Music



Above: Lucina Horner, viola, and Glenn Egner, flute, presented a Midday Music concert on April 28, performing a program including works by François Couperin and J.S. Bach. Please join us for our last music event of the season, Choral Evensong for Ascension Day, on Thursday, May 30, at 5:30 p.m.



bookstore

Last Call for the "Sale Before the Summer"

This Sunday, May 12, is the last day the store will be open before closing for most of the summer for vacation and inventory, reopening on Sunday, August 18. Come by and check out the "Sale Before the Summer," with many items 50-percent or 75-percent off.

Store hours on Sunday are 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Contact us: 323-2959, Bookstore@CathedralAdvent.com. Visit us any time: AdventBirmingham.org/Bookstore.



servicing & outreach

World Mission

Report from the Malawi Trip



Above: Our Malawi team spent time with friends at Chisomo Orphan Care Center, one of the Advent's ministry partners.

On behalf of Bethany Rushing, Taylor Webb, Rachel Cain and me, thank you very much for praying for us on our journey to Malawi in March. We were guests of the Rev. Francis, an Anglican priest and missionary with Global Teams. The Advent has a longstanding outreach relationship with our brother Francis and Global Teams.

We attended Francis' parish and preached a sermon on Phillip and the Ethiopian eunuch from Chapter 8 of the Book of Acts. We traveled to Nkhotakota and visited with the beneficiaries of Chisomo Orphanage and preached on Mary and Martha from Chapter 10 of the Gospel of Luke. We met many preschool and school-age children, and we spent time with adults living with HIV/AIDS. God's love and care were abundant.

We gave provisions to a Saint caring for the infant twins of her deceased sister in addition to her own baby. We visited the paralyzed and prayed for them with their families in their homes. We attended Bible studies and we were the guests of honor at a feast. We encouraged women and children and spoke to them about God the Father, God the Son, and the Holy Ghost. We reminded them that they are never alone when they walk with Jesus and that he will never leave them nor forsake them. We gave out Bibles printed in Chichewa, Malawi's native language. We danced with teenagers in a cornfield at Agape Farm, and we marveled at hippopotami and crocodiles in the Shire River at Liwonde National Park.

We saw tremendous poverty and we received abundant generosity. We learned that true poverty would be life without Jesus. *Zikomo chifukwa cha mapemphero anu m'dzina la Yesu*. Thank you for your prayers in the name of Jesus.

- Susan S. Elliott, Senior Warden Emerita

Pastoral Notice: If you are going into the hospital, have need of prayer or counsel, or have a family member unable to attend church, please call the Pastoral Care Office at 226-3500.

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The Rev. Deborah R. Leighton, Director of Women's Ministries and Clergy Associate

The Rev. Katherine P. Jacob, Deacon

The Rev. Michael Weeks, Assisting Clergy

transitions:

Baptisms: Samuel Hendrix Baxter, son of Blake and Rosalie; John Athanasius Herum, son of Nathan and Sheri; William Hughes Moody, son of Robert and Maury; Jamison Lee Ramsey, son of Bryan and Lee Ellen; all on April 28

Marriage: Jane Elizabeth Leatherbury Nechtman and Stephen Taylor Douglas, on April 27

Death: Thomas Alexander Symington Wilson, on April 23

memorials:

Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:

John Norman Corey, Jr.: (Outreach) by Mary Murdock Smith • (Music Discretionary Fund) by John and Anne Burke; Nancy and Ricky Bromberg

Jane Morris: (Garden Fund) by Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Bromberg, Jr.

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calendar:

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 12 Regular worship schedule	13	14	15 Ageless Adventers Third Wednesday - Cranmer House - noon	16 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	17	18
May 19 Regular worship schedule The Forum - Clingman Commons - 6:15 p.m.	20	21	22 Men's Dinner - 2933 Montevallo Road - 6:00 p.m.	23 Sunrise Sinners - Refectory - 7:00 a.m. Praise Service - Nave - 8:30 a.m.	24	25

Every Sunday: Breakfast – Refectory, 8:00 a.m.

Monday-Friday: AA – Coe Conference Room, noon

We have more Bible studies, book studies, and groups of all kinds meeting than we can list on the calendar! Please join us in praising God for this blessing and visit AdventBirmingham.org/BibleStudies for a complete list of options available to you. If you have any questions, please contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 443-8562).