ADVENT’S STAFF
Pastor: Rev. Steven C. Bond 290-8678
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Organist: Elizabeth Sumiejski 255-5489
Chancel Choir Director: Doreen Mattson 946-5043
Praise Team Director: Tim Redenshek 918-9235
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7985 Munson Rd., Mentor OH 44060 257-5565
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PUBLICATION DEADLINES
Beacon: Tuesdays by noon
Candle: The 15th of each month

Upcoming Altar Flowers
Jan. 6 Bob & Mary Joe Jones
Jan. 13 OPEN
Jan. 20 Bob & Janet Tilton
Jan. 27 OPEN

2013 Altar Flower Chart
The 2013 Flower Chart is up and available for you to sign up for altar flowers.

Congregational Meeting
Second Half
Sunday, January 27
One worship service • 10am
Meeting and pot-luck lunch follow!

No Sunday school on this day

PRAYER LABYRINTH
January 31 from 6-9pm
No sign-up necessary
Just come and pray!

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!
(the last Thursday of each month)

BLOOD DRIVE
Saturday, January 5
9:30am - 2:30pm
Advent Lutheran Church
Mark your calendars!

December 30, 2012
Christmas 1
WELCOME FRIENDS! With delight, we greet all who have come to worship. You are sincerely welcomed and invited to be a regular worshiper here in God’s house. If you are looking for a church home, you will find a ready welcome here at Advent Lutheran Church.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION! At Advent Lutheran Church we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized Christians who believe that in the forms of bread and wine, we truly receive Our Lord’s precious body and blood given and shed for you for the forgiveness of all your sins are most welcomed at His table. Infants and children may be brought to the altar for a blessing. Gluten free wafers are available—just let the communion assistant know you need one when you go up for communion.

WORSHIP HELPS — Enlarged worship bulletins and binders are available. Please ask an usher if you are in need of one.

One Beacon per family, please!
In an effort to be good stewards of God’s creation, please take one Beacon per family. If you are not going to take it home with you, put yours back on the table for use at the next service.

LET’S RECYCLE
AND SAVE SOME TREES!

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Rev. Steven C. Bond, Pastor
Celebrating 50 years together! 1962 –2012

Advent’s Mission Statement: To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known
End of Year Giving Deadline

- Donations for the 2012 tax year must be given to the church no later than 12/31/2012 or mailed to the church in an envelope postmarked no later than 12/31/2012.

Men in Mission: Upcoming Advents

- A-MEN’s Continental Breakfast and Bible Study: Meets the first and third Sunday of every month at 8am.
- Retired Men’s Group meets the first Tuesday of each month at 9:30am.
- Walk Worthy Men’s Conference “Cultivating Hearts for God” will be held at Parkside Church in Bainbridge OH on Saturday Feb 23rd. We will leave the church at 7AM and return around 4PM. If interested in attending, contact John Powers at 440-354-3056. More details to follow.

Women’s Studies

- Piecemakers Quilting Circle: The first and third Thursday and Saturday of each month at 9:30am. Call Sandy Agard at 953-1494 with your questions or just show up! We can use you!
- Hope Circle meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30am in the Fellowship Hall. We are discussing the new book titled, "Anatomy of Grace" by Pr. Peter Marty.
- Sophia Project: The second and fourth Saturday of each month from 10am - 11am in the Fellowship Hall.
- WELCA Saturday / Sunday will be February 9th and 10th. Look for more information to be posted in the bulletin as that date approaches.

The Power of Prayer

- Do you wish to feel strengthened and fulfilled by offering your time to help others? Nothing could be more gratifying than lifting someone up in prayer in their time of need. The Advent prayer chain is looking for more people who would like to become part of this powerful ministry. Being a member of the prayer chain, prayer requests are sent to you either by e-mail or via the phone tree, then, we ask you to pray. What an honor and privilege it is to pray to our Heavenly Father on someone’s behalf. Please contact Sue Keeley @ 209-8006 or by e-mail at suesworkout@att.net if you would like to become part of the prayer chain ministry, or if you have any questions. Prayer is Powerful!!

Continued recognition of Veterans

- Now that Veteran’s Day has come and gone, the History Committee remains committed to expanding the archives of our current and former members of the military. We would like to periodically recognize but continually pray for those individuals who have served or are serving our nation so well. If you or a family member are currently serving or have served on active duty or in the Reserves, National Guard or any branch of service, to include; the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard, the History Committee would like to know about it. Please send a photo (preferably in uniform, but, not mandatory) accompanied by a

Ministry Opportunities

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CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK
Next Week’s Worship Participants
Epiphany
Council Person of the day: Sandy Kehler
Altar Guild: Jean Rhodes, Becky Young

January 5 – 6PM
Ushers: David & Jeanette Fabian
Lector: Bob Conklin
Comm. Asst.: Jodi Shriver, Sharon Shriver
Acolyte: OPEN

January 6 – 9AM
Greeters: Nancy & John Marshaus
Ushers: Bob Keeley, Gene Elkin, Sterling Coleman, Dave Mattson
Acolytes: Caleb Rykaczewski
Lector: Mary Hofer
Comm. Asst.: Denise Petro
Offering Counters: Charlie & Bev McArthur, Mike & Danielle Jasinski

January 6 – 11:30AM
Greeters: Bruce & Lynn Herhuth
Ushers: Nick Young, Rich Lojek, Bill Powers, Charlie Powers
Acolyte: Emma Spadaro
Lector: Mary Merashoff
Comm. Asst.: OPEN
Offering Counters: Dale & Kathy Sneary, Dan & Linda Himmelein

This Week’s Worship Participants
Christmas 1
Council Person of the day: Linda Himmelein
Altar Guild: Chelley Bond, Denise Janosko

December 29 – 6PM
Ushers: David & Jeanette Fabian
Lector: Bob Elegante
Comm. Asst.: Linda Bond, Bob Elegante
Acolyte: OPEN

December 30 - 9AM
Greeters: Bill Petchef
Ushers: Dick Hunder, Eric Lehti, Frank Bickley, Jack Hewitt
Acolyte: Caleb Rykaczewski
Lector: Gene Elkin
Comm. Asst.: Alice Santurri
Offering Counters: Charlie & Bev McArthur, Mike & Danielle Jasinski

December 30 – 11:30AM
Greeters: Nick Young
Ushers: Jim Williams, Rich Lojek, Bill Powers, Charlie Powers
Acolyte: Caroline Berlin
Lector: Bonnie Reppert
Comm. Asst: Nick Young, Becky Young
Offering Counters: Charlie & Bev McArthur, Mike & Danielle Jasinski

The History Committee
February Newsletter Deadline!
- Gail will be out of the office from January 18 - 28 and so we can be sure to get the February Candle to you before February, please submit your articles before Thursday, January 10!

Blood Pressure Screening
- Saturday, January 19 at 7pm and Sunday, January 20 at 10am in the Parish Nurse Office.

Lutheran Disaster Response is working on the east coast in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Mary Woodward, our Ohio LDR coordinator, has been on location in the devastated areas and has identified the needs of 543 families in New Jersey. For the next 30 days, coats, hats, socks, gloves and thermal underwear are being collected for these identified families. Lord of Life, Chagrin Falls (17989 Chillicothe Road), will again serve as the collection site. The deadline for drop-off of these items is Sunday, January 6th. (Please do not drop items at the synod office due to lack of storage space.) You may contact Mary Woodward, director LDR – Ohio 740-509-1132 or mwoodward_1@msn.com; www.ldrohio.org for more information.

Care Team
Dec. 22-Jan. 5  L. Braunschweiger, Mary Jo Jones, Barbara Louis

Prayer Intercessors
Dec 29-Jan 5  Sue Keeley, Alice Santurri
Jan 6-19  Roxana Williams, Carole Niebes, Lee Sundblom
Educational Opportunities
Saturday Scriptures and Supper + 7 Week Study - Book of Ephesians
Deepening Life Together Series
January 12 - February 23 at 4:30pm

Come join us as we dig into the scriptures on Saturday evenings before the 6PM service.

Jan 12  Session 1:  An Almighty God, a Glorious Church
Jan 19  Session 2:  Before and After Christ
Jan 26  Session 3:  God’s Mystery Revealed
Feb 2   Session 4:  Empowered to Live and Serve
Feb 9   Session 5:  Living Responsibly
Feb 16  Session 6:  Waging Spiritual Warfare
Feb 23  Session 7:  Wrap-up and Next Steps

The weekly agenda is:
4:30   Arrive
4:45   Dine
5:00   Show Video
5:15 - 5:50  Break into small groups
6:00   Head to church or clean up

If interested please sign up so we can order your devotional guide. Any questions, contact John or Michelle Powers at 440-354-3056.

Prayers for the week of December 30

Our Members:
Dee Chase, Anne Marie Johnson, Lew Tomer, Frank Dohm, Marie Foss, Kevin Sneary, Dick Maltby, Donna Kinzer, Audrey Day, Rose Schrum, Faunette Freitag, Marjorie Dunmire, Maureen Hodgson, Debra Cyrus, Halle Sell,

Extended Family & Friends:
Lois, Tom, Marie, and Justin Wargo, Shriver Family, Jeff & Lois Churney, Loretta & Jessica Osborne, Peggy Cusick (friend of Barb Louis), Loretta Brosius (Maureen Hodgson’s sister), Kim Hernandez (Carlene Krouser’s daughter), Mark Harmon, Elaine Hodgson (daughter-in-law of Gary & Maureen Hodgson), Holly Bralley (niece of the Lehti’s), Donald (Miriam Kuhl’s grandson), Eleanor (aunt of Bonnie Reppert), Dana (friend of Bonnie Reppert), Niecy Patterson, Evelyn (Lynn Herhuth’s mom), Ed (Chuck Kehler’s nephew), Jeff Chenweth (friend of the Egner’s), Kevin Hazell (family of Debra Cyrus), Noah Vensesile, Rita Mastroianni, JEB, Harband (friend of Mike Swanson), Roblyn (sister of Jackie Swanson), Ed & Velma Spencer, Ted Hart (friend of Robbie McMinn), Pam Deeley (Linda Marie Peters sister), John & Terrie Washco, Art Adzema and Zenni Pappas (friends of Bob & Donna Conklin), Ron (Phyllis Tucker’s son)

In the Military:
Jose Rivera, Brent, Thomas Jones, Matthew, Tommy McNamara, Vince Benton, Jeff Brown (friend of Pastor & Linda Bond), Tim Lake (friend of Dan Sell), Andrew Linsenmeier (friend of the Yanosich family), Scott A. Smith (son of Josie Smith), Kurt Binder (Krueger’s grandson), Bill Coleman (Sterling & Sara’s son), Tyler Hofer (Rick’s nephew), Nora Gerson, Alyssa Tuttle, and Adam Perts (nieces & nephew of Linda Marie Peters),

Contact Sue Keeley at 209.8006 or suesworkout@att.net to add or remove someone from this list.