News & Events

Food Drive this Sunday

We will collect non-perishable food items in Clingman Commons this Sunday morning, January 12. This year’s Food Drive once again will support our ministry partner, Bridge Ministries. Bridge works to prevent homelessness by providing direct emergency assistance to at-risk individuals and families in the greater Birmingham area.

Please check expiration dates and avoid open containers. Contact Bethany Rushing (Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information. See page 2 for a list of food pantry needs.

Inquirers’ Class Begins this Sunday

The next Inquirers’ Class series will begin this Sunday, January 12, and run through March 15 (no meeting on January 26 or February 16). The eight-week series meets in the Diocesan Conference Room (entrance in the garden area).

The Inquirers’ Class is an adult education course that will give you an idea of what the Advent believes and why we believe it. It is open to anyone, but it is designed particularly for newcomers to the Advent. Contact Fontaine Pope (Fontaine@CathedralAdvent.com, 205-443-8562) with questions.

A Word from Canon Smalley

In seminary one of my electives – I believe it was entitled Prayer and Personal Religion – was led by our chaplain, Churchill Gibson. He was a wonderful chaplain, a conveyor of God’s grace.

One day in class he was lamenting how he always longed to be “one of those people,” one who was disciplined and devout, regular, even regimented in their devotion.

He grew tired of wishing and decided to do something about it, and on a particular morning he took action. He knelt beside his bed – as he was sure this was the way that substantively faithful people did it – and decided that from then on he would begin each day this way, kneeling beside his bed and saying his prayers. The result, he shared, was that he awoke at lunchtime unable to move.

Perhaps some of your efforts to be one of those people have ended similarly, with momentary resolve disintegrating into, at best, mixed results. Thankfully God specializes in saving lost causes and disastrous results.

To all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of men, but of God. - John 1:12-13

This Sunday:

January 12, 2020

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

9:00 a.m. Holy Baptism
Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
In the Nave. Preacher: Mark Gignilliat

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
In the Refectory. Preacher: Cameron Cole

5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
Preacher: Tucker Fleming

Adult Education: 10:10 - 10:50 a.m.
The Dean’s Class (Nave) – The Word: The Glory of Jesus in John’s Prologue – Mark Gignilliat

Inquirers’ Class (Diocesan Conference Room) – The Gospel – Canon Schneider

Acts: God, His Church, and Salvation to the Ends of the Earth (Chapter Room) – The Pouring Out of the Holy Spirit – Osvaldo Padilla

The Book of Revelation (Living Room) – The Unholy Trinity (13:1-18) – Doug Webster

No One Is an Island: Sin and Redemption on Broadway (Assembly Hall) – Gil Kracke

Faith and Family (Lower School Library) – Best Things You Can Do for Your Child: Knowing Your Idols – Cameron Cole

Sermon and class recordings are available at AdventBirmingham.org.

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, childcare is available for 4K and younger.

Lectionary:

Psalm 29
Isaiah 42:1-9
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

The 9:00 a.m. service is broadcast live on WERC 960 AM, 105.5 FM, and AdventBirmingham.org/Live.
GET INVOLVED! SEE WHAT’S GOING ON!

Food Drive

**Bring Non-Perishable Items this Sunday Morning**

We will collect non-perishable food items in Clingman Commons after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. services this Sunday, January 12. This year’s Food Drive once again will support our ministry partner, Bridge Ministries. Food pantry needs include:

- Canned meats and fish
- Hearty soups, stews, and chili
- Dried beans, peas, and rice
- Peanut butter
- Canned vegetables and fruits
- Whole grain pasta
- Cereal (low sugar and oatmeal preferred)
- Powdered or canned milk

We do not need sugar, meal, or flour. Please check expiration dates and avoid open containers. Expired food is a consistent issue with the food drive, which creates more work for those we’re aiming to help.

For more information, please contact Bethany Rushing (Bethany@CathedralAdvent.com).

Lenten Lunches

**Volunteers Needed for this Annual Ministry**

Join us in February for a time of fun and fellowship as a Lenten Lunches volunteer. Whether you have a heart for creating hospitality through food or a desire to pray for an important annual ministry, we have space for you. Contact Marilyn Dixon (MHulsey1971@me.com) for more information about volunteer options, and visit AdventBirmingham.org/Lent to learn more about our 113th annual Lenten Preaching and Lunches series.

Evensong

**Sung Service of Evening Prayer January 16**

The Cathedral Choir will sing Choral Evensong on Thursday, January 16, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave. Deacon Jacob will preach and officiate.

Evensong is the sung version of the Anglican Evening Prayer service. Drawn almost entirely from Scripture, it offers beautiful music, gospel messages, and a chance to rest after a busy workday. This contemplative service offers a midweek opportunity to invite your downtown working colleagues and friends to join you to experience the peace of Jesus Christ.

Above: Fred Teardo directed the Cathedral Choir in A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols on December 19. The choir will sing Choral Evensong on January 16.

Ageless Adventers

**Michael Weeks to Kick Off the New Year's Third Wednesday Series**

Michael Weeks (left), the Advent’s Assisting Clergy, will speak at the first Third Wednesday gathering of 2020 on January 15, noon at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209).

All ages are welcome at this Ageless Adventers event. Please RSVP to Stella Schreiber (205-443-8558, Stella@CathedralAdvent.com).

Youth Ministry

**Sr. High: “PJ Night” Family Dinner this Sunday**

We hope all Senior High youth can join us for our next Family Dinner this Sunday, January 12, 6:57-8:15 p.m. at Cranmer House (2814 Linden Avenue, 35209). The theme is “PJ Night,” so come dressed in your pajamas and we’ll have breakfast for dinner! Hope to see you there. Find out more by contacting Rebecca Lankford (Lankford@CathedralAdvent.com).

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 205-226-3500.

Advent House: Intercessory prayer is on-going at Advent House. If you would like to schedule a prayer session, please call Kathy Logue at 205-410-4622.
Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

- Mark 1:14-15

Parish Meeting Set for January 26

The annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, January 26, 10:10 a.m. in the Nave. Dean Pearson will deliver his annual address to the parish, and parishioners will elect 10 persons to serve on the Vestry. The nominees are as follows:


Livestream Set for 9:00 a.m. Service

We’re excited to announce the addition of a livestream of our 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Nave on our website! The complete worship service will be available in audio format each Sunday morning at AdventBirmingham.org/Live. We invite you to tune in and share the link with your family and friends who live too far away to join us in person.

Offering Envelopes Available

If you requested offering envelopes on your 2020 pledge card, you can pick them up in Clingman Commons. Please note that you have been assigned a new envelope number.

making music

Midday Music

Sadie Goodman, Zachary Palamara, and Cindy St. Clair:
Music for Voice and Piano January 24

Our Midday Music series continues on Friday, January 24, 12:30 p.m. in Clingman Commons with a performance by Sadie Goodman, soprano; Zachary Palamara (left), baritone; and Cindy St. Clair (right), piano. Many Adventers are familiar with Sadie’s singing through her tenure in the Cathedral Choir. All are cordially invited to this free, 30-minute concert.

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Gifts Were Given:
In Honor of Cathy and Mell Duggan: (Mission and Outreach) by Ann and Troy Haas
In Honor of Virginia and Hampton Yates: (Mission and Outreach) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner
In Honor of Kathy Logue: (Pastoral Care) by Anonymous

education

The Forum

On January 19: Baptism

In 2020 The Forum will feature a series on basic discipleship topics. Join us on Sunday, January 19, 6:15 p.m. in Clingman Commons as we kick off the new year with a discussion of baptism.

The Forum is a monthly fellowship and education program that meets following the Five O’Clock service. Supper is provided, and families with children are welcome. Contact Anita Gray (Anita@CathedralAdvent.com) for more information.

Sr. High Youth

We Heart Birmingham Weekend: A Heart for Our City

We are so excited about our first-ever “A Heart for Our City Weekend” with our Senior High youth. All students in grades 9-12 are invited to join us on Saturday, January 25, from 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. for a day of exploring and learning about new parts of our city. We will visit Brother Bryan Mission, do a poverty simulation, have a Birmingham scavenger hunt, and visit the Civil Rights Museum. We will end the weekend by worshiping at the 16th Street Baptist Church on Sunday morning at their 11:00 a.m. service. Cost for the weekend is $35. Register at AdventBirmingham.org/News.

Youth Confirmation

Classes for 6th Graders Begin February 2

All current 6th graders are invited and encouraged to participate in Confirmation this spring. The semester-long experience will begin on Sunday, February 2, and run through the beginning of May, ending with Confirmation on May 6. Find out more by contacting Tucker Fleming (Tucker@CathedralAdvent.com).

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Fifth Grade Christmas Pageant

Above: Our 5th graders blessed our 9:00 a.m. service with the annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 22.
Cathedral Church of the Advent
2017 6th Avenue North
Birmingham, AL 35203-2701

diocesan staff
The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan, Bishop of Alabama

advent staff
The Very Rev. Andrew C. Pearson, Jr., Dean and Rector
The Rev. Canon R. Craig Smalley, Canon Pastor and Day School Chaplain
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

memorials:
Gifts Were Given In Memory Of:
Bruce A. Harris, Jr.: (Pastoral Care) by Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Radecki
Sarah McCorkle Moody: (Mission and Outreach) by Ginny and Joe Farley
In Honor of Bethany Rushing: (Mission and Outreach) by Deborah P. Fisher and H. Marzette Fisher

In Honor of Lella Bromberg at Christmas: (Endowment Fund) by Kathryn Jeffers
In Honor of the Makhuwa Nahara Unreached People: (Mission and Outreach) by Anonymous
In Honor of Hatton Smith: (Endowment Fund) by Elizabeth and Charles Scribner
In Honor of Charlie and Jane Sharp: (Mission and Outreach) by Ann and Troy Haas
In Honor of Margot Cooney: (Advent House) by James Sinclair

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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).