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120 CHILDREN EXPERIENCE VBS AT ADVENT

Advent's "Maker Fun Factory VBS" was held June 12th-16th with over 120 children registered and close to 60 teen and adult volunteers participating. With a focus on the wonder of God's creation, children from our community experienced music, bible stories, thematic games, interesting crafts, great food, and lots of fun and fellowship. Special thanks to Jessie Molendyk for coordinating this year's VBS, all the volunteers who gave so much of their time and energy, and to everyone who donated items, helped decorate, and provided funds through our "Sponsor-A-Child" appeal. Vacation Bible School is one of the most important ways in which we reach our community with the love of Jesus.

NEW DISCIPLES JOINING ADVENT IN JULY

A number of new disciples will be joining the Advent family of faith on Sunday, July 2nd at all of our worship services. Names and pictures will appear soon. Let's show them a warm Advent welcome as they bring their special gifts and abilities to our ministry and mission!

COURTYARD IMPROVEMENTS

Special Thanks to Eagle Scout Logan Ambrosio and all of the volunteers who assisted with our courtyard beautification project on Saturday, June 24th. The goals of the Eagle Project are to give the opportunity for a Boy Scout to demonstrate leadership of others in procurement and management of all resources for the approved project. It is a requirement in order for Boy Scouts to attain the Eagle Scout Rank. Logan did an excellent job of organizing dozens of volunteers.



*The Church office will be
closed on Tuesday, July 4th, for the
Independence Day holiday*

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Editor's Note:

Advent news due no later than July
21st to be included in the next issue.
E-mail to ncschroyer@aol.com
(preferred) or leave in church office.

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY
Naomi Circle meets July
27th at 7:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall. ✠

SPECIAL APPEAL

To date we have received **68.31%** of our \$250,000 goal! Please continue to lift up our appeal in your prayers. This appeal has already fully funded the repair/fix of our roof/cross/window leak problems and continues to fund the lighting improvement project being overseen by our Property Ministry Board. Funds are still needed for additional technology and a new staff position focusing on children, youth, and young adult & family ministries. Designate your gifts (over and above regular offerings) to “Special Appeal.”

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS?

The Evangelism Board is always looking for people who are excited to get involved! Don't be scared - we have jobs for both introverts and extroverts ;) If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Dana Luther (dana.luther@gmail.com), Pastor Jerry, or show up at the next board meeting (July 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary)

MINISTRY BOARD MEETINGS July 10th

Advent's Ministry Boards usually meet together the first Monday of each month. Since the first Monday of July is the day before a national holiday, our Ministry Boards will meet on Monday, July 10th at 7:00 p.m. (Note: some of our Ministry Boards may choose another date so watch for more information to come.)

CHURCH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Church Council will be Monday, July 24th at 7:00 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAMANTHA LUTHER

Affirming her baptism, Samantha Luther was confirmed during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Pentecost Sunday, June 4th. Special thanks to all of our confirmation ministry teachers for their dedicated service.

PROPERTY WORK DAY

Saturday, July 8th 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon

ALL Advent disciples and friends are invited to assist our Property Ministry Board as we take care of God's church. We gather the second Saturday of each month for breakfast, fellowship, and then we get to work. Jobs for all skill levels so come join the fun.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday Bible Study is taking a break for the summer. It will resume in September 2017.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUMMER VACATION

The last school day of this semester of Advent's Sunday School was last Sunday. This Summer, we encourage you to spend time discussing Jesus with your family. How can you continue your family's Christian education over the summer?

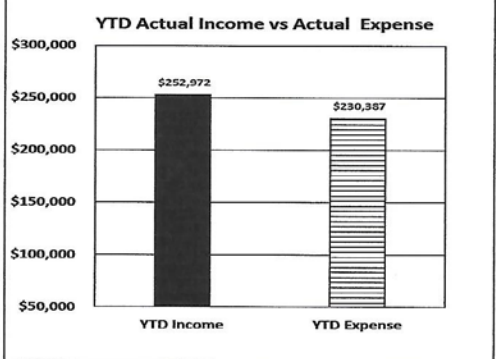
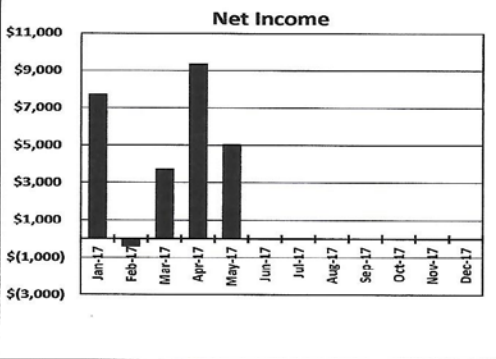
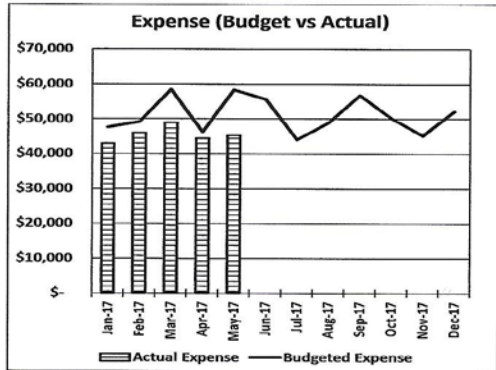
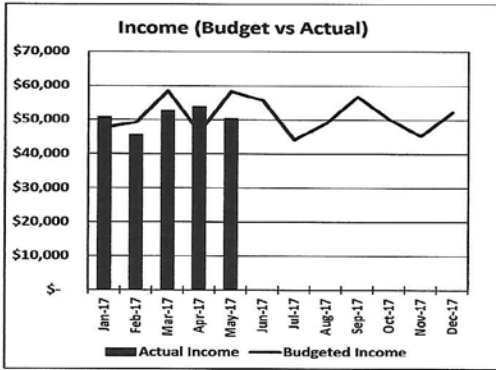
- Discuss the Children's sermon on the ride home from church
- Watch and discuss family movies with Christian themes (such as "Veggie Tales")
- Purchase an age-appropriate devotional to read with your family
- Help your children memorize key verses (John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8-9, the Lord's Prayer)

Bible classes will begin again at the end of summer, at the start of the regular school year. Look for future announcements about the start of the next school year.

HELP US WITH YOUTH MINISTRY

Attention Advent Disciples, our Youth program is growing, which is a huge blessing from God, and a great indicator that God is at work in our midst. We are looking for 3 adults to help with the EPIC Youth Group (high school-age), who would be willing to assist with planning, advertising, communicating, logistics, leading, OR chaperoning some of our activities (the OR being important -- no one is expected to do all of the above). You need not have any youth in the program. Please spend some time in prayer, and listen to see whether God is nudging you to serve in this very important ministry. If you do feel so called, please contact Pastor Jerry and/or Todd Luther [tluther@gmail.com or call/text [904\)718-0598](tel:904718-0598)].

Advent's Finance at A Glance



**EPIC (Eternally Placed In Christ)
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENTS**

July 12th & 26th WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Come join your fellow Advent High Schoolers for a fun night of food, fellowship, games and bible study. We meet every other Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the church.

YOUTH BOWLING NIGHT

Sunday, July 16th 9:00 p.m. to 12 Midnight

CIA (6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Christians In Action) Youth

In June seven CIA youth, enjoyed an evening watching the Jumbo Shrimp win a baseball game followed by a huge fireworks display.

Upcoming CIA Activities

Saturday July 15th – Trip to Wild Adventures Valdosta:

This will be a full day trip. We will be leaving in the early morning with the exact time still to be determined. Cost is \$44.00 for entrance to park and a meal deal. Please let us know if you are coming and if you are bringing a friend, by e-mailing: JR Redlitz: jrredlitz@gmail.com, Andrea Redlitz: redlitza@gmail.com, or Christina White: Christina.white@yahoo.com

Adults, if you want to come join us as a chaperone, please let us know.

Day at the Beach In August (exact date to be determined.)

Future plans include: Camping at Camp Chowenwaw in Green Cove Springs, Helping at the Animal Shelter, Bell Ringing with Salvation Army, Laying of wreaths at Jacksonville Memorial Cemetery, Going behind the scene at the Zoo, Canoeing down the Santa Fe River.

July Anniversary Celebrations

Eric & Julie Baker	July 30, 2011
Jeffrey & Erin Colvin	July 12, 2003
Warren & Martha Lynn Comiskey	July 1, 1967
Bill & Kay Fertig	July 19, 1958
Daniel & Kimberly Flint	July 23, 2016
David & Dea Kemlage	July 28, 2006
John & Penny Klein	July 2, 1966
Darryl & Brenda LaBranche	July 6, 2002
Royce & Ruby Mattson	July 5, 1968
John & Mary Ann Shelley	July 30, 2011
Jim & Marty Smith	July 11, 1970
Tim & Laurie Tyler	July 6, 1996

Life's Transitions

To the Church Triumphant
LCDR William Eugene Rudin (USN Ret.)
June 23, 2017

New Baby Boy: Ripken Wade Currie
Parents: Ryan and Leah Currie
New Baby Boy: Ethan Michael Dechman
Parents: Jonathan and Ashley Dechman
Born – June 1, 2017 - 8lbs 7oz.
Grandparents: Dale and Janet Dechman

New Baby Boy: Alexander Bryan Turkelson
Parents: Bryan and Katherine Turkelson
Born – June 17, 2017
Grandparents: Wayne and Mary Bolla



Join us for our Prayer Time: Each Wednesday at 12:00 noon we will gather in the Sanctuary to lift up in prayer all who are in need of God's love and healing.

(Editor's Note: Please forgive any typos or omissions of members. Notify church office of corrections. Thank you.)



July Birthday Celebrations

- 1 Kathy Brown, Mark Devery, Allen Rees
- 2 Luca Aziz, Warren Comiskey, Richard, Doerr, Shawna Gibbons,
Terry Torrence
- 3 Cheryl Cone, Carolina Hollis, Katie Moss, Caleb Nordsiek
- 4 Fred Long
- 5 Mary Bolla, Sadako Long, Sara Turcotte
- 6 Terrie Carlson, Amanda Haupt, Carol Potts
- 7 Arianna Hudson-Fletcher
- 8 Betty Carr, Olivia McLean, Brenda Rau
- 9 Christopher Bolla
- 10 Courtney Tindel
- 11 Marsha Feezor, Jeremiah Schneider, Jessica Sprecher
- 12 Joshua Seeram, Kiefer Smith
- 13 Alan Decker, Julia Painter, Marylou Palmer, Elizabeth Taylor
- 14 Jane Woolard
- 15 Margaret Cox
- 16 Savanna McCombs, Raymond Reedy
- 17 Helga Carlson, Charles Hoover, Cecilia Pfadenhauer, Anthony Philpot,
Layla Smith, Kathy White
- 18 Isabelle Howard, Linda Laflamme, James Naylor, Janet Philpot,
Kaitlin Walsh, James Woolard, Liam Woolard
- 19 Doris Briese, Keith Lentz
- 20 Lauryn Philpot
- 21 Christina Vaughn
- 22 Kenneth McClelland, Lynn Thomas
- 24 Louise Lord, John Nyberg, Steven Peschke, John Phillips, Aaron Redlitz
- 25 Ashley Dechman, Jacquelyn Mizeur, Ronald Schull
- 26 Tami Cox, Marilyn Pavela, Marylss Schull, George Vaughn, Maxwell Whiting
- 27 Summer Michael
- 28 James Kindelsperger, Shizuko Sprouse
- 29 John Palmer
- 30 Lona Sailers
- 31 Evelyn Kissinger, Susanne Kresol, Darryl LaBranche, Tim Stokes

LESSONS FOR JULY

	<i>First Reading</i>	<i>Psalm</i>	<i>2nd Reading</i>	<i>Gospel</i>
July 2	<i>Jeremiah</i> 28:5-9	<i>89: 1-4,</i> <i>15-18</i>	<i>Romans</i> <i>6:12-23</i>	<i>Matthew</i> <i>10:40-42</i>
July 9	<i>Zechariah</i> 9:9-12	<i>Psalm 145:</i> <i>8:14</i>	<i>Romans</i> <i>7:15-25</i>	<i>Matthew</i> <i>11:16-19, 25-30</i>
July 16	<i>Isaiah</i> 55:10-13	<i>Psalm</i> <i>65:9-13</i>	<i>Romans</i> <i>8:1-11</i>	<i>Matthew</i> <i>13:1-9, 18-23</i>
July 23	<i>Isaiah</i> 44:6-8	<i>Psalm</i> 86:11-17	<i>Romans</i> 8:12-25	<i>Matthew</i> 30:24-30, 36-43
July 30	<i>1 Kings</i> 3:5-12	<i>Psalm</i> 119:129-136	<i>Romans</i> 8:26-39	<i>Matthew</i> 13:31-33, 44-52

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Notes from the Music Master / Organist

“All rise for Her Honor, Judge Julie Truly, who will now hear the Case of the Holey Roof from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 5. Meet the Homeowner—He is pressing charges against the Four Friends. (They dug a hole in his roof—on purpose!) Meet our Defendants—Four Famously Faithful Friends who went over and above to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus. The testimony will move you, the verdict will surprise you, and we will all learn how our LOVE IN ACTION can bring people right to the feet of our Savior.”

Support the youth with your time volunteering before and/or during the camps as well as with your donations of money. Any amounts are welcome and will help to provide needed supplies and keep the costs down for the campers. Campers will learn and experience music in a variety of ways while having lots of fun, too! Support them with your presence at the presentation of JUDGE JULIE TRULY on Friday, July 21—Pot-luck Feast at 6:00 p.m. and the “show” at 7:00 p.m. In His Love, Joanna



MUSIC CAMP 2017

JULY 17-21

Next Planning Meeting: July 10
5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Two Camps:

1. Entering K- Gr.5 9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. \$25
2. Entering Gr. 6-12 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. \$35

MUSICAL: Judge Julie Truly and the Case of the Holey Roof
REGISTRATIONS AVAILABLE IN CHURCH OFFICE & FELLOWSHIP HALL -- DEADLINE: JULY 7

Summer Singers

Rehearsal July 13— Noon
Sing in church—July 16
AND / OR
Rehearsal July 16—9:45 a.m. in Music Office
Sing in church July 16

Summer Ringers

Rehearsal:
 August 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Play in church:
 August 6

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