



ADVENTURES

July 4, 2024

## New Presiding Bishop



Congratulations to The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, who is elected as the next Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Thank you to Bishop Michael Curry for nine years of loving service. His term ends on November 1. The presiding bishop serves as the denomination's chief pastor, president and CEO.

Sean Rowe, a 49-year-old bishop from western Pennsylvania, on Wednesday became the youngest person ever elected as leader of the Episcopal Church.

Rowe will succeed Bishop [Michael Curry](#), the first African American to hold the position, when Curry's nine-year term ends on Nov. 1. The presiding bishop serves as the denomination's chief pastor, president and CEO.

Rowe was elected over four other nominees in voting during the Episcopalians' weeklong General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The only presiding bishop to take the post at a younger age than Rowe was the first one, William White, who was 41 when he served briefly in 1789 when there was no leadership election.

Rowe was 32 in May 2007, when he was elected bishop of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania. For almost 12 years, he was the youngest bishop in the Episcopal Church.

Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Rowe graduated from nearby Grove City College in 1997 with a B.A. in history.

He graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 2000, before returning to western Pennsylvania.

The bishop is known for his research and work on organizational learning and adaptive performance in the church. He earned a Ph.D. in organizational learning and leadership at Gannon University in Erie in 2014.

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## ERD Summer Breakfast Is Coming!



This event supports Episcopal Relief & Development. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, July 14, 9 AM-10:15 AM**. Our great breakfast team lead by Larry Updike has once again agreed to cook their famous breakfast for us in support of ERD! Be sure to come, enjoy and contribute to this very special cause.



## ECW Fundraiser for St. Michaels and All Angels

St. Michaels incurred quite a bit of damage from our recent tornadoes. ECW had a Door Hanger event to raise some money to help. Several Adventers already helped clean up after the storm. Here are some photos of the ladies' endeavors.



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## Advent Bible Study

Thursday Bible Study is a fun and engaging combination of thoughtful learning and reflection, deep questions, lighthearted conversation, and discovery of connections between our lives and the ancient text. We meet at 10:30 AM Thursdays in the Vestry Room (though not on July 4) and we laugh a lot! Please join us; we are growing, but we have plenty of room.

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## Grace Mission Needs

We now look at their web site and gather their needs as we can. Thank you All for bringing in the last push list.

<http://gracemission.net/get-involved/donations/>

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## Please Remember in your Prayers

Please pray for Melissa Parker.

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## Godly Play

Godly Play starts **after** the 10:30 service, that is, during coffee hour. If you have children going to Godly Play, feel free to stop and use the bathroom or grab a snack at coffee hour, if anyone needs to, before you bring them to the room. And please help anyone new to the program to find the Evelyn and Bill May Godly Play room.



For more information about Godly Play, please contact Fr. Bret at [fr.bret@advent-church.org](mailto:fr.bret@advent-church.org). To register your child(ren), [click here](#).

If you're interested in becoming a Godly Play teacher, please contact Fr. Bret about that, too.

Note: There will be no Godly Play on July 7, 2024.

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## Camp Weed June Newsletter

Click [here](#) to find out what's going on.

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## Flowers in Advent Church and St. Clement's Chapel

If anyone would like to sponsor the Flower arrangements in Advent Church or St. Clements Chapel, please contact Pat Akins in the church office at (850) 386-5109 or email her at

[pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org)

You can sponsor the flower arrangement in honor of someone's birthday or anniversary. Your loved one will be mentioned in the church bulletin on the Sunday that you have chosen. The cost for Advent Church is \$75 and St. Clements Chapel is \$35.



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## Coffee Hour

In the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. Visit with friends and meet new folks while enjoying some light refreshments.

Thinking about **joining the host teams for Coffee Hour**? It is easy. Expenses are reimbursable. Supplies provided. Please contact [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org)



### July Hosts

July 7 Miff and Ken Mills

July 14 Nancy Fischer and Sophia Tucker

July 21 TPD

July 28 Bergstresser Family

**A big Thank You to all.**

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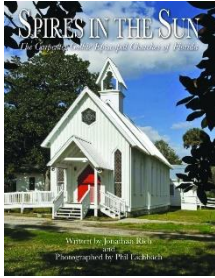
## Advent Breakfast



Our Advent Breakfast time is over for the summer. We all look forward to its return in September. A huge thanks to our breakfast team: Steve Bullen, Will Bullen, Matt Rogers and David Van Winkle.

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## Spires in the Sun



Advent has purchased a copy of "Spires in the Sun," a comprehensive book on the carpenter gothic Episcopal church buildings of our diocese. St. Clement's Chapel gets several pages of history and photos, beginning on p. 290! Find the book on top of the old card catalog in the library/meeting room off the Parish Hall, and take a look!

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## Safe Families for Children



Safe Families for Children of North Florida invites you to join in loving the most vulnerable population in our city through a partnership with Capital City Youth Services called the Bucket Brigade. You as a family or group can fill a bucket that we will pick up and deliver to a resource center that focuses on helping homeless families and youth. Check out the details here and text Tammy at 850.545.5153 with how many buckets you would like and she will deliver them to the church or your home.

<https://safe-families.net/#bucket-brigade>

## Show hospitality to a family in crisis directly -

1 - Build teams to work together on filling - and ask for buckets from Safe Families.

2 - Fill buckets with supplies for a family, or youth, experiencing homelessness.

3 - Let us know the buckets are ready for pick up and we will make sure they get into the hands of those with the greatest need!



### What fills a bucket?

**Tangibly** - See a full list at: [safe-families.net](http://safe-families.net)

camping items, quick and easy food with long shelf life.

**Relationally** - Notes and cards of caring encouragement, personal invitation to your church.

**Spiritually** - Bibles or verses, books on resiliency through faith.



For more information contact [Tammy@ 850-545-5153](mailto:Tammy@850-545-5153)

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## Adult Formation Study Class



We are a group of Adventers who love learning and growing and becoming better stewards and friends. Pop into class (9:30 to 10:15 AM on Sundays in the vestry room) as you can and/or follow along from home. Each week you will have by email a summary from the conversations of the last week and a five minute video to guide our conversations for the coming week. (Please send your email to [pakins@advent-church.org](mailto:pakins@advent-church.org) to receive.) In any case make a habit of examining a part of our core beliefs to help us in our journey. We are starting the new year looking at generosity---God's limitless generosity and how we can live out what God has first given us. In the 6-10 weeks to come we will be looking at the lessons from the "Sermon on the Mount" in order to make them part of our lives and faith.

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## Morning Prayer

Monday at 9:00 am in St. Clement's Chapel.

## Bible Study

We gather on Thursday morning at 10:30 am in the Vestry room in the church office building.

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## Thanks to Our Vestry

**Senior Warden** - Tracy Sumner

**Junior Warden** - Sharon Ray

**Secretary** - Jane Bullen

**Co-Treasurers** - David Van Winkle and Ken Mills

**Vestry Members** - Mark Baird, Mark Dent, Judy Graham, Nancy Hough, Amy Serles, and Barbara Sullivan

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## Office Hours/Contact Information

### Church Office

Phone: 850.386.5109

Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 PM | Monday - Friday

### Fr. Bret Hays

Email: [Fr.Bret@Advent-Church.org](mailto:Fr.Bret@Advent-Church.org)

### Deacon Joseph (Joe) Scheff

Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Monday

### Text Notifications

[Click here](#) to sign up for Advent text notifications

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## The Episcopal Church of the Advent

*A Community of Faith, Fellowship, and Fun*

<https://www.advent-church.org>

**Mission**

To love and serve God and our neighbors by offering to the people of Tallahassee meaningful worship services rooted in the tradition of Episcopal liturgy and music, a high-quality education to young children in our day school, opportunities for fellowship, and outreach ministries that serve the community and the world.

**Vision**

To be an inclusive worshipping community that serves our neighbors through education, outreach, and giving and welcomes all who want to love God.

**Adventures:** The Advent newsletter is a monthly event. Please get your announcements in by 11:00 A.M. the Thursday before publication. Appropriate interval Eblasts will be sent as needed. Next *Adventures* will be August 1, 2024

**Funnies**

