

Advent Episcopal Church

News and Notes 2 – July 2026

Outreach/Inreach: The Men's Club and Women's Club have submitted their outreach/inreach plans for Vestry approval. Both clubs have additional funds to be dispersed.

Men's Club

Community Fund of Sun City West
Sun City West Foundation
Sun City Foundation
US Vets- Phoenix
Goldensun Peace Ministries
Habitat for Humanity
Total \$8,000

Women's Club

Advent Kitchen Supplies (new ovens)
Helping Hands
Soldier's Best Friend
Advent Veteran's Ministry
Valleyview Food Bank
El Mirage Elementary & Dysart Middle School
Hospice of the Valley
Dysart Community Center
Family Support Group at Luke AFB
Salvation Army – Surprise
Advent Altar Guild
Benevilla
Chance Shelter
SCW Posse
Chapel Rock Champ
Surprise Friends of Scouting
Eve's Friends
Total \$12,000

Plates Love Update: Every Sunday, the loose money in the collection plate goes towards either outreach or an Advent ministry or the Clergy Discretionary Fund. This quarter Plates of Love collected \$5,062. (YTD Total is \$10,023). Thank you for your generosity.

Outreach

American Legion
Diocese of Phoenix Crusillo
SCW Posse
UTO
Recorded Recreational Reading
For the Blind
Treasure House

Advent

Altar Guild
Clergy Discretionary Fund
Mother's Day Diaper Drive

The 82nd General Convention: The next General Convention of The Episcopal Church will be held in Phoenix, Arizona from July 3 - 8, 2027 at the Phoenix Convention Center. More information can be found on the E-pistle newsletter on azdiocese.org. There is a volunteer sign up on that site

Children's Ministry: Rev. Beverley is looking for at least one more person that would be interested in being a Sunday School Teacher. We have had some families with younger children attend church recently and if we hope to grow this church, we need to be able to offer a Children's Ministry. Please contact Rev. Bev.

Taize Service Task Force: Rev. Beverley is looking for help to implement a Taize service starting this fall on a monthly basis. The service is planned for Saturday evenings. Please contact Rev. Bev if you are interested.

Archives Ministry: We will be building a room in the Paine Hall Library (near the kitchen) to store our church history material. Currently that material is not in a central location. We are still looking for people that are interested in this ministry. We are just a couple of years away from celebrating our 50th anniversary. Please contact any member of the Vestry if you are interested.

First & Second Quarter Budget:

Operating Receipts are 3.1% under plan. This is not unusual considering reduced attendance during the summer months.

Operating Expenses are 9.1% under plan.

As some know, we have a zero-based budget (expenses equal income). In our budget we do plan to take money from both our Bequest Fund and our Endowment Fund (some percentage of last year's gain). To date we have taken money from the Bequest Fund on a monthly planned amount. We will wait until the end of the year to see if we need to take money from the Endowment Fund.

Both the Bequest Fund and Endowment Fund have shown very favorable returns so far this year.

We are in good financial shape heading into the last half of the year.

Summer Events: To those staying in "The Valley of the Sun" please plan on joining us for a fun filled summer.

July 29th – Picnic Food – Game Night – 5:00PM - \$10

Aug 18th – Parish Breakfast – 9:00 am

August 26th - PIZZA AND BINGO – 5:00PM - \$10

Be Prepared: We are planning to have a ministry fair in October. Start thinking about how to you can present your ministry to the congregation.

Blessings to All

Your Advent Episcopal Church Vestry

Arlene Arnold

Denise Bartlett

Paulette Caraghar

Sam Conley

Kathy Garton

Andy Hersey

David McLaughlin

Claire Murphy

Damon Weems – Clerk of the Vestry

David Caraghar – Jr. Warden

Mike Lynch – Sr. Warden