

# Advent Episcopal Church

## Quarterly News and Notes – April 2026

From Advent Episcopal Vestry

**Rummage Sale Update:** Our rummage sale in February netted over \$20,000 most all of which will be headed to outreach. That number will grow as we still have some items left to be sold. The ACW and AMC split that amount equally. Shortly, the AWC and AMC will submit their outreach decisions to the Vestry for approval. Thank you to **ALL** that helped make this another successful rummage sale.

**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 \$4,388.50. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Outreach**

Cruzando Fronteras Ministries  
Soldiers Best Friend  
M.D. Hawkins Homeless Veterans Center  
Dysart Community Center  
Kairos Prison Ministry  
Chapel Rock Camp  
Benevilla

### **Advent**

Bags of Love  
Helping Hands  
Altar Guild  
Clergy Discretionary Fund

**Cans Ministry:** Yes, we collect aluminum cans. Earl Yingling started this ministry several years ago. The money from these collections went to the AMC towards outreach. AMC decided to let a local Cub Scout Pack enjoy collecting, crushing and selling the cans. As their reward they get that outreach money. So, save your aluminum cans, bag them and drop them into the wooden coral in the main parking lot at church.

**Solar at Advent:** A committee of Vestry and finance members met in March to evaluate adding solar power to the church. We secured quotes from three companies. Two options were presented. A rooftop option and a carport option. The rooftop option is the least expensive option. A roofing consultant advised us that a penetration leak on our roof could end up in a very expensive repair. This led us to look only at a carport option. The least expensive carport design was almost \$250,000. In order to get a government refund of 30% we would have had to have a signed contract by July, 4, 2026 and be producing electricity by December 31, 2027. In the current political environment, there is no guarantee that we would get that 30% rebate which could take up to 3 years to get. The ROI for the \$250,000 would be about 10 years. \$250,000 is approximately 23% of our reserve. On the horizon we have 6 A/C units are beyond their 10-year useful life and a roof that was last replaced in

2010. The recommendation of the Solar Committee was not to pursue solar power at Advent at this time. It was a choice of financial stewardship over environmental stewardship.

**Advent History and Preservation Ministry:** In 2029 we will be celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary here at Advent. In preparation for that event, we are in need of an archivist and people interested in history to help prepare for that event. Please contact Mike Lynch or leave a message in the church office.

**First Quarter Budget:**

Operating Receipts 1.8% under plan 😞  
Operating Expenses 9.2% under plan 😊  
We are in good shape heading into the summer

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

May 2<sup>nd</sup> - CINCO DE DERBY – 3:00PM - \$15  
June 24<sup>th</sup> – PIZZA AND BINGO – 5:00PM - \$10  
July 29<sup>th</sup> – PIZZA AND BINGO – 5:00PM - \$10  
August 26<sup>th</sup> - PIZZA AND BINGO – 5:00PM - \$10

To those leaving for the summer have wonderful adventures and we will be eagerly awaiting your return.

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