

## OUTREACH

We have a very active Men's Club and ECW which have conducted a number of activities to generate funds for outreach and provide other benefits for our Church community as well as surrounding communities. Some examples are:

- Fashion show
- St Patrick's Day dinner
- October Fest dinner
- Shrove Tuesday pancake supper
- Annual rummage sale
- Our Neighbor's Keeper program



Both clubs meet each month from October to May. Men's Club meetings begin with a Morning Prayer service followed by breakfast, a business meeting, and

a topical guest speaker. Men's Club meets a second time each month throughout the year



for Breakfast and fellowship. The Men's Club efforts include a number of service projects such as Food Bank Collections and Habitat for Humanity work day.

ECW conducts programs and luncheons quarterly, bringing in a variety of guest speakers. The ECW sponsors various groups such as the "Advent"urous Bakers, Helping Hands, Happy Hat Hookers, and a Prayer Shawl ministry.

## FELLOWSHIP



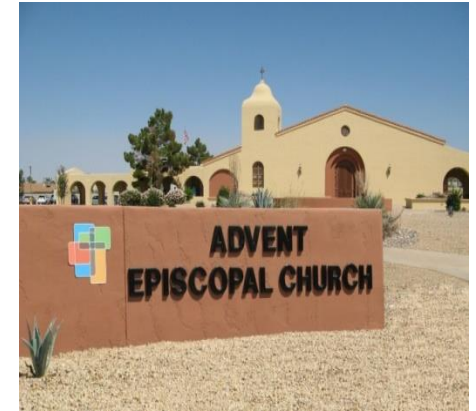
Advent has many opportunities for fellowship throughout the year. Our Men's Club hosts many outstanding dinners such as Oktoberfest, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Coffee and refreshments are provided after the 10:00 o'clock service in Paine Hall. This provides the opportunity to greet visitors and new members, and encourages us to become better acquainted with our parish family.

Advent also offers an active singles group, organized bridge groups, golf outings, neighborhood links and many other social activities open to the Congregation.

## PASTORAL CARE

Advent Episcopal Church has a dedicated group of lay persons engaged in pastoral ministries.

- Licensed Lay Pastoral Leaders who serve under the guidance of the rector. They assist in all areas of pastoral care.
- Parish Visitors Group regularly visits assigned parishioners both hospitalized and homebound.
- Bereavement Ministry works with the rector to assist families with arrangements for a memorial service
- Bereavement Reception Committee organizes and plans a reception for those attending the memorial services
- Prayer Shawl Ministry provides handmade prayer shawls to anyone who is ill or bereaved.



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*OUR SEARCH FOR A RECTOR 2016*

## SEARCH RESPONSE

Resumes together with letters of interest should be addressed to Reverend Canon Megan Traquair at: [megan@azdiocese.org](mailto:megan@azdiocese.org).

Compensation will be within national guidelines. We hope to make an appointment to this position before the end of 2016.

## OUR VISION

**A Bridge to a Better Life Through Christ**

## OUR MISSION

**To be the best we can be at implementing The Great Commission in the Northwest Valley. (Great Commission - Matthew 28:8-20)**

## OUR PLACE OF WORSHIP



## WORSHIP AND EDUCATION

Advent Episcopal Church is an inclusive Christ-centered community reaching out to individuals and families who are seeking a deeper relationship with God and one another. To all who enter Advent, be they weary and need rest, mourn and need comfort, who pray and those who do not, who rejoice and wish to praise, who are blessed and wish to serve—to all who enter, Advent opens wide the doors and says in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...WELCOME!



Advent enjoys the dedicated services of clergy, staff members and volunteers who help fulfill our mission. All services are supported by Altar Guild, Vergers, Lay Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, licensed Lay Pastoral Care Ministers, and an active Daughters of the King group who assist where needed and always hold Advent in prayer.

We currently offer three services utilizing Rite1 and Rite 2.

- 8:00 AM simple service without music.
- 10:00 AM with choir and music
- 5:00 PM Healing Service every Wednesday.
- Special services representative of the time of the year.



Education is important to our Congregation as well. We offer EfM, Kerygma, Lenten studies, and a variety of Bible studies.

## ALL SOULS MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Advent Episcopal Church provides a peaceful outdoor chapel and Columbarium where ashes are buried directly in the ground, or put in an urn and interred in niches, according to the wishes of the deceased or the family. A granite



plaque is used to identify the interred. We also have a separate Wall of Remembrance, to honor parishioners

whose ashes are interred elsewhere.

There is an altar which is used annually for the All Soul's Day Eucharist during which the interred are remembered by name.



## MEDITATION GARDEN



A peaceful garden where one can walk a prayerful path, sit and meditate, or follow the Stations of the Cross.