



THE ADVENTURE



JUNE 2026

PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

by KARYL CIMINI

I have the pleasure of watching my 14 month old granddaughter a couple of times a week, while her parents are at work. Watching her build with her building blocks is a constant source of entertainment and wonder for me. She very meticulously stacks the single blocks one on top of the other, then just as methodically takes all of them apart...and starts over again. I, on the other hand, built towers using all different sizes and shapes of blocks - which she immediately takes apart and spreads the pieces out across the room. I guess in her eyes, I'm just not doing it right. I think the part that I find most intriguing is that she will sit and do this for an hour or more at a time. With any other toys, she'll play with them for a few minutes, then move on to something else.



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PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE (CONT'D)

As I watched her play this week, my mind wandered to the thought of how we are like God's building blocks. Think about it - the blocks come in various shapes, sizes, colors and configurations. If a tower is built using just the single blocks (not the ones with two, three or more studs), that tower will most certainly fall after just a few blocks are added. However, if different sizes and shapes of blocks are put together in a particular way, a stronger, more sturdy structure is built.

It's the same with all of us. We, as God's people, are the same as those blocks - we come in different shapes and sizes, we have different backgrounds, different thoughts and different opinions. As with the blocks, if we attempt to build on a single thought, our goal that we are attempting to accomplish will surely collapse. If we consider all the different

thoughts and opinions, using God's teachings as our foundation, we are much more likely to succeed in building a strong pathway to our goal.

As we continue on our journey toward whatever our congregation decides will best exemplify Advent in our community, let us all remember it takes all different types of building blocks to reach that goal. We are all important and needed to make all of our parts fit together and work together. YOU are a part of the Advent family and your building block will help this family to be a strong part of our community.

May God richly bless us as we move forward in faith.

Karyl

Quotables:

I'm not here to be liked;

I'm here to be love.

~ Ms. Rachel

American Educator



ADVENT'S BRIDGE PASTOR!

It is my privilege and pleasure to announce that we have a bridge pastor to walk with us/guide us as we continue our journey toward finding a permanent pastor. Pastor Katie Holeman will be joining us beginning June 15, 2026. Pastor Katie comes to us from St Michaels Episcopal Church in Carmichael., where she currently serves as an Associate Rector. Please join me in welcoming Pastor Katie and her family to our Advent family!

Karyl



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Please plan on joining us after worship on Sunday, June 7 for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Together we will vote on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year, hold elections and review the year's ministry highlights. A copy of the Annual Report can be found on our website at <https://irp.cdn-website.com/d3a324d9/files/uploaded/2026+--+Annual+Report.pdf>



CELEBRATION OF LIFE



*Celebration of Life for
Joan Conklin*

Saturday, June 6, 11 AM
St. Michael's Episcopal
Church
2140 Mission Ave.,
Carmichael

A reception will be held following the service.

BRING YOUR LUNCH AND JOIN US!

Brown B.A.G. Fellowship

First Wednesday of every
month, 12:30 PM
- June 3 -



B.A.G. = Being and Growing
Accompanying each other in
who we are and who we are
becoming!

Please join us at 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 3! All are invited to bring a lunch and come participate in conversation and fellowship. We had 18 at our first gathering with lots of great sharing—come join us!

PENTECOST SUNDAY



HART HAPPENINGS

BY BARBARA OLSON

Good News!

This month's report will be brief and contain only good news. HART has recently been able to house four homeless men that were guests this year at Winter Sanctuary. One of them has been at WS for several years, so has a long history of homelessness. This is so exciting, not only because they are all off the street, but that the conduit for getting them housed started at Winter Sanctuary. It is the gift that keeps on giving long after the cold weather is gone.

Next month there will be lots of information about our 11th Annual Spaghetti Fest Fundraiser planned for October 23 this year.



THANK YOU

Thank you so much to the Congregational Council and the congregation for the very thoughtful gift presented on May 3! The beautiful calla lily has a new home in our backyard garden, and my husband and I have already enjoyed an evening out using one of the restaurant gift cards. It was a wonderful treat to have a night out with no cooking *and* no cleaning!

Thank you, again!

Nancy



BOOK CLUB

Our book club meets monthly on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7pm via Zoom. The next meeting is on June 15h. The book club has selected "*The Paris Architect*" for June's discussion:

An extraordinary book about a gifted architect who reluctantly begins a secret life of resistance, devising ingenious hiding places for Jews in World War II Paris.

In 1942 Paris, architect Lucien Bernard accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money—and maybe get him killed. All he has to do is design a secret hiding place for a Jewish man, a space so invisible that even the most determined German officer won't find it while World War II rages on. He sorely needs the money, and outwitting the Nazis who have occupied his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist.

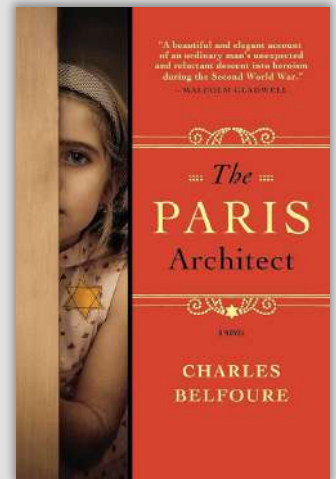
Soon Lucien is hiding more souls and saving lives. But when one of his hideouts fails horribly, the problem of where to conceal a Jew becomes much more personal, and he can no longer ignore what's at stake.



"A beautiful and elegant account of an ordinary man's unexpected and reluctant descent into heroism during the second world war." - Malcolm Gladwell

Belfour raises questions about justice, resistance, and just how far we'll go to make things right.

All are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Beth Mora at emorab@comcast.net for the Zoom link. We'll look forward to seeing you!





ADVENT CALENDAR

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:30am Offering Counters 6:00pm AA Meeting	2 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 5:30pm CPR Class 7:00pm Christian Education Committee (ZOOM)	3 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 12:30pm Brown B.A.G. Fellowship 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	4 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 5:30pm - 8:30pm Knitters Guild	5	6 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class 11:00am Joan Conklin Memorial Service @ St. Michael's
7 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/ @Advent_Citrus_Hei ghts/streams 10:45am Annual Congregational Meeting 1:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Sunday Night HOWAA Group	8 9:30am Offering Counters 11:00am Bunco Babes 6:00pm AA Meeting 	9 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:00pm Finance Committee ZOOM Meeting 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 4:00pm Executive Committee - Zoom 5:30pm CPR Class	10 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	11 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only 6:00pm Church Council Meeting	12	13 8:30am Stern- Johnson Bike Club 1:00pm - 6:00pm FH Hall Use - Celebration of Life - Melissa Lee
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21 Father's Day 9:30am Worship Service with Holy Communion www.youtube.com/ @Advent_Citrus_Hei ghts/streams 1:30pm Girl Scouts 6:00pm Sunday Night HOWAA Group	22 9:30am Offering Counters 10:00am Serve Lunch @ St John's Program for Real Change 6:00pm AA Meeting	23 12:00pm AA Meeting - One Day at a Time 1:30pm Social Knitters 3:30pm Fellowship Committee Meeting @ Fellowship Hall 3:30pm Grace House Distribution 5:30pm CPR Class	24 10:00am AA Meeting - Sierra Wednesday Group 6:30pm NA Meeting - Here Try This	25 10:00am - 2:00pm Underground Clothing Connection - Appt. Only	26	27 8:30am Stern- Johnson Bike Club 10:00am - 2:00pm CPR Class
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WOMEN'S MOTHER'S DAY TEA



On May 9 we gathered under the theme "A Mother's Love" to share stories of our mothers, mothers in nature and God's mothering love to each of us. There was LOTS of good food and even a craft. Yes, those are the ends of romaine hearts—who knew they made beautiful rose "stamps" when dipped in a little paint!?



JUNE WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

DATE	6/7	6/14	6/21	6/28
GREETER	Twila Engler	Barbara Olson	Robin & Bill Bevier	Ron Conklin
PASTOR	Misty Lampshire	Greg Ronning	Katie Holeman	Katie Holeman
ASSISTING MINISTERS	Debbie Leporini	Josh & Cole Tolman	Karen Franz	Pat Johnson
LECTORS	Sally Smith	Qalliu Family	Leslie Scheurer	Karyl Cimini
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild
ALTAR FLOWERS	Mary Grivna	Maggie Ciak	Tom & Cornelia Chancellor	Lorna Mymka
AV TECH	Nolana Mymka	Noah Qalliu	Joyce Montag	Bruce Hansen
LIVESTREAM TECHIE	Adam Pollock (Nolana Mymka on 6/21)			
USHERS	** Tom Chancellor, Keith Johnson			
ALTAR GUILD	TEAM C: **Jenny Stern, Pat Johnson, Karyl Cimini			

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Marie Buhler June 3
Cole Tolman June 13
Vickie Singleton June 18
Robin Bevier June 18
Rosemarie Qalliu June 21

Keith Johnson June 23
Dick Knutson June 23
Tom Chancellor June 25
Lorna Mymka June 30

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Joyce & Keith Montag June 3
Nasiba & Jamal Karamatov June 9
Jody & Lawrence Presto June 12
Karen & Biff Strom June 13
Anna Lee & Herum Bjork June 30
Kris & Terry Heath June 3



COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Thank you to all who returned a Commitment Card on Sunday, June 17! Advent continues to show that we are a faith family committed to stewardship. If you weren't able to be here and would still like to make a financial or time commitment,

please feel free to email our Financial Secretary, Nancy King, at davennan@att.net.

Thank you to everyone for the many ways you share God's gifts all year long!



SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2026 — PART 1

Thank you to Lanny Johanek and Barbara Olson for serving as Advent's delegates to the 2026 Synod Assembly in Reno! They received the letter below from Bishop Jeff and have shared it with us as a re-cap of the day's events:

Beloved friends on the journey!

Thank you for being part of our Regional Gathering at Holy Cross in Reno. We are deeply grateful to Pastor Kathy Morris and her team for hosting us this year.

Centered around Paul's invitation in Romans 12 to "hold fast to what is good," we gathered for a day of worship, conversation, storytelling, learning, and shared hope. In a time when so much in the world feels fractured, anxious, and uncertain, it felt deeply meaningful to come together as church: praying together, singing together, listening deeply to one another, and reflecting together on where God is leading us as a synod.

I continue to reflect with gratitude on so many moments from the gathering: the generous hospitality, the beautiful prayers and hymns that grounded us at the beginning of the day; the presentation of a new vision for moving forward together; prayers and blessings upon a new Dean; a deeply moving presentation about Sumud (steadfastness) in Palestine with Pr. Amy Kienzle, Pr. Khader Khalalia, Tyler Biscocho, and Pr. Bob Swartz; Simon Wong's final report as Vice President; stories shared by leaders across our synod; workshops on global companions, democratic resistance and engagement, and meditative prayer; and the joy of seeing pastors, deacons, lay leaders, candidates, interns and congregational leaders gathered around tables in conversation and community.

Again and again throughout the day, people spoke about the importance of reconnecting face-to-face, the hope they feel for the future of our synod, and the sense that we are moving forward together with renewed clarity and purpose.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

PROFIT & LOSSES APRIL 2026

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Budgeted Offering	18,287.97
Total 4030 Facility Use	940.00
4035 Interest Earned	3.40
4050 SCFM Rent	1,200.00
4056 Other Income - Misc	140.00
4057 Other Income - Maintenance	150.00
Total Revenue	\$20,721.37
TOTAL INCOME	\$20,721.37
Expenditures	
Total 6000 Personnel	6,372.20
Total 6220 Payroll Taxes and Benefits	439.46
Total 7030 Finance	140.80
7050 Property	929.13
Total 7080 Worship & Music	713.59
Total 8190 Office Expense	158.66
8260 Church & Casualty Insurance	1,007.45
Total 8280 Service Contracts	2,572.78
Total 8330 Utilities	1,129.53
8345 Bank Charges	5.55
Total 8350 Benevolences	1,474.18
Total Expenditures	\$14,943.33
NET OPERATING REVENUE	\$5,778.04

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MANY THANKS!



PRAYER CHAIN INTERCESSIONS & THANKSGIVING

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The Congregation of Advent, as together we navigate this time of pastoral transition.

All those serving as caregivers for a loved one, that they may experience God's comfort and renewal.

Patty Barnes, sister of Russell Beeck and Carol Whyte, who was diagnosed with kidney cancer in mid-2024. Prayers for the success of her cancer treatment.

Marcia Becwar, a close friend of Jenny Stern, who is undergoing treatment for recurring cancer. Please pray for Marcia's comfort and successful treatment.

Russell Beeck, who is hospitalized with a UTI. Please pray that Russell's treatment is effective in fighting the infection and that his recovery is smooth.

Lou Braafladt, Twila Engler's son-in-law, who continues chemotherapy for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Please pray that the treatment is successful.

The family and friends of Chris Carlson (former Advent member), who passed into life eternal on May 14. Please pray that all those who are mourning Chris' passing may know God's loving peace during this difficult time.

Burrell DeVine, Melinda Malaspino's cousin, who has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. Let us pray for Burrell's comfort during treatment.

Marianne Harper, Margaret Johnson's sister-in-law, who has been diagnosed with metastatic cancer. Please pray for the successful treatment of Marianne's cancer.

Jeff Henry, Kathy and Ken Johnson's son-in-law, who is now facing extended treatment for newly found cancer issues. Please pray for positive results from the treatment.

PRAYERS CONTINUED...

Keith Johnson, who is in Citrus Heights Post Acute. Let us pray for Keith's ongoing rehabilitation and for continued strength for Pat.

Tom Kent, prayers for increased physical strength and mobility, and the optimal functioning of his main medical devices.

Jann Knutson, who is experiencing medical issues. Let us pray that Jann finds comfort and healing.

Beth Mora, who is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer. Please pray that Beth's treatment will be effective in fighting the cancer.

The family of Betty Rockwell, who passed into life eternal on May 29. Please pray that they may all feel God's comfort knowing Betty is at peace.

Linda Roshay, Natalie Jones' aunt, who has entered hospice care. Let us pray for peace and comfort for Linda and all those who care for her.

Paul Streeter, Pat Johnson's brother, following surgery, a spinal stroke and a MRSA infection. Please pray that Paul has a smooth, full recovery.

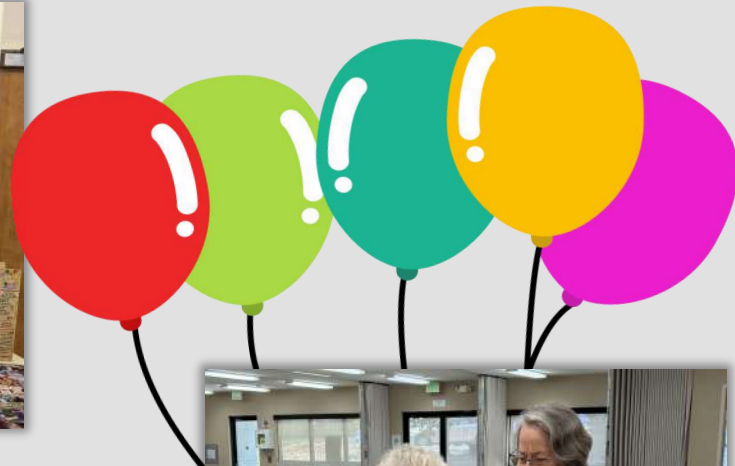
Carol Whyte, whose strength and balance have improved a bit following a stroke. Please pray for patience for Carol as she works through this process.

Carolyn Youngquist, dealing with medical issues. Please pray that Carolyn feels God's care and comfort while awaiting answers.

Rolf Zschoernig, who is preparing for spinal surgery in June after enduring several months of severe pain. Please pray that Rolf remains healthy so there are not delays in the surgery date.

NINETY YEARS LOVED!

On Sunday, May 10, we celebrated not only Mother's Day, but also the 90th birthday of Kathy Johnson! The celebration continued into the next day at the "Bunco Babes" gathering! It was a privilege to share this special day with Kathy and her family—may God continue to bless her richly!

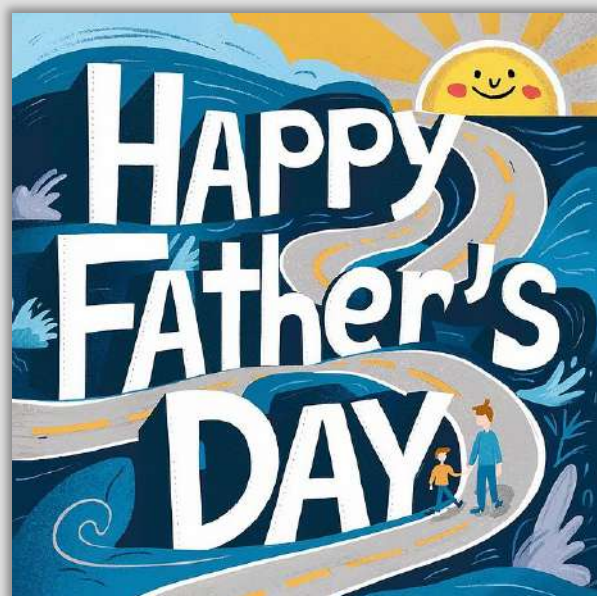


FATHER'S DAY TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

Father's Day hasn't been around all that long—but our love for Dads surely has! See how well you do with these Father Trivia Questions from the Good Housekeeping site (2025).

Answers are on page 18.

1. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, what is the most common Father's Day gift?
2. How many million Father's Day cards are sold in the U.S. each year?
3. Who originally conceived of Father's Day in the U.S.?
4. What is the customary flower of Father's Day?
5. Which animal is the ultimate "stay-at-home dad"?
6. Which President signed a law establishing Father's Day as a national holiday in 1972?
7. Which U.S. President fathered the most children?
8. There have been two father-son duos who served as U.S. presidents. Where were they?
9. What percentage of men in the U.S. are fathers?
10. What's the average age of a first-time dad in the U.S.?
11. Who holds the Guinness World record for the oldest legal father?
12. Who wrote the song "Isn't She Lovely" for his newborn daughter?
13. Who were the first father and son to play for the same MLB team at the same time?
14. Who were the first father and son to play for the same NBA team at the same time?
15. A.A. Milne wrote which famous children's book for his son, Christopher Robin?
16. Who is considered the father of modern astronomy (hint: also a Queen lyric)?



FATHER'S DAY TRIVIA—ANSWERS



1. The necktie. It is estimated that around 20 million ties are given as gifts each year!
2. 100 million.
3. Sonora Smart-Dodd. She was raised by a Civil War veteran and single father and wanted to create a holiday equivalent to Mother's Day.
4. The rose. Wearing a red rose honors a father who is alive. Wearing a white one honors a father who is deceased.



5. The seahorse. Male seahorses carry the eggs and give birth to the young.
6. Richard Nixon.
7. John Tyler, who had 15 children.
8. John Adams and John Quincy Adams; George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush.
9. About 61.6% of men (74.7 million men) age 15 and over are fathers, according to U.S. Census data.

10. 30.9 years old, according to one study published in 2017.
11. Les Colley, who had a son at the age of 92 years and 10 months.
12. Stevie Wonder
13. Ken Griffey and his son Ken Griffey, Jr., who both played for the Mariners in 1990 and 1991.
14. LeBron and Bronny James, who both played for the Lakers in the 2023-24 season.
15. Winnie-the-Pooh.
16. Galileo.



SYNOD ASSEMBLY 2026 — PART 1 (CONT'D)

As a synod, we are **on the way of Jesus together: inviting interdependence, cultivating discipleship, accompanying leaders, and fostering belonging.**

Throughout the day in Reno, I experienced these commitments not simply as words on a page, but as something genuinely alive among us—in prayer, conversation, storytelling, learning, and shared hope. I am deeply grateful.

Thank you for the ministry you carry in your congregations and communities. Thank you for making the time to be present with one another. And thank you for the many ways you continue to strengthen the shared life and witness of the Sierra Pacific Synod.

We invite you to continue supporting the Tent of Nations project that we highlighted during the gathering. **Together at this gathering, we raised support for 65 olive trees! THANK YOU!** Your support helps strengthen this important ministry of hope, resilience, peacebuilding, and accompaniment in the Holy Land. We are well on the way of our goal to raise \$10,000 to plant 200 olive trees.

Will you spread the word among others in your congregation? Your reflections, prayers, advocacy, and generosity all help us continue walking the way of Jesus together.

Thank you again for your presence, partnership, faithfulness, and hope.

Peace,

The Rev. Jeff R. Johnson
Bishop of the Sierra Pacific Synod

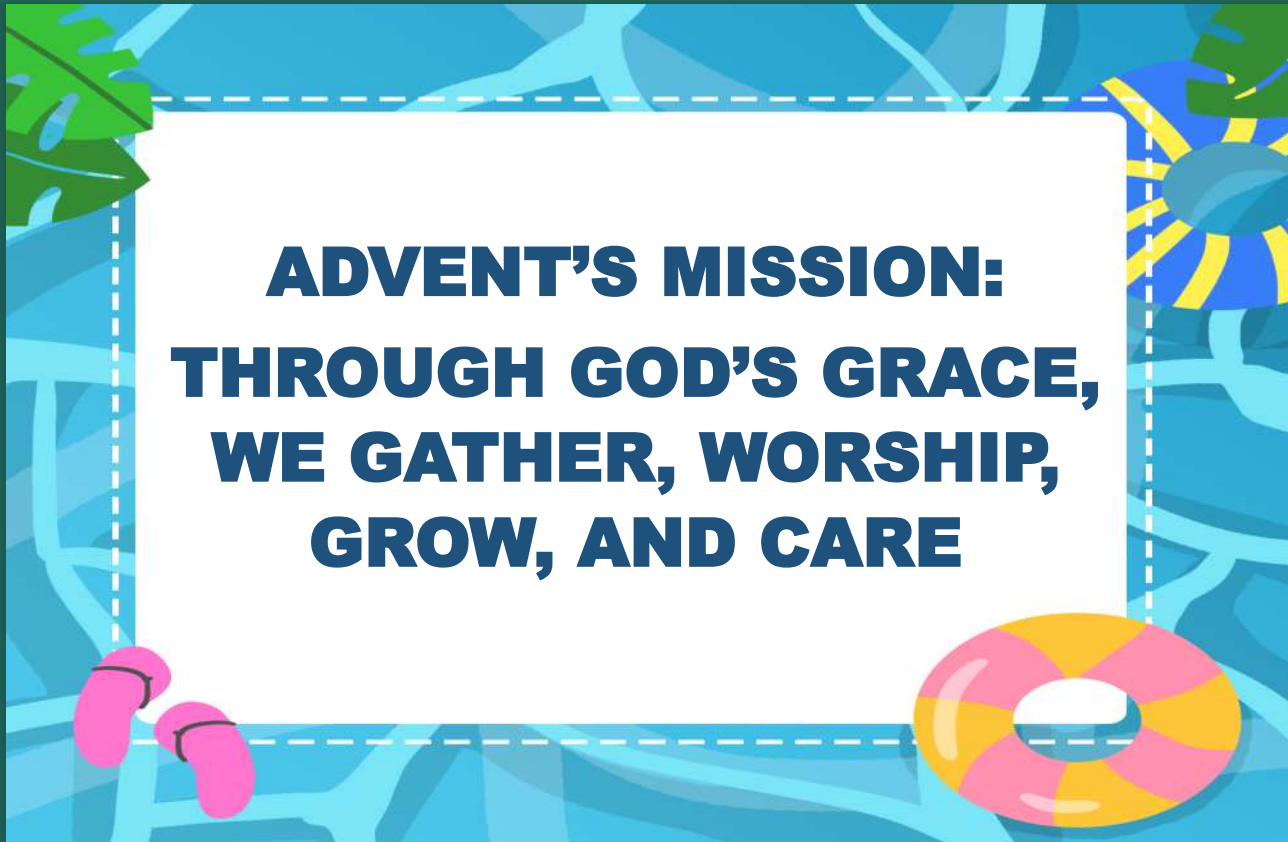




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THROUGH GOD'S GRACE,
WE GATHER, WORSHIP,
GROW, AND CARE**

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