



## The Episcopal Church of the Advent

July 1, 2025 Newsletter

Third Sunday After Pentecost



**Pauli Murray**

[\(Wikipedia article\)](#) [\(Reading for her feast day\)](#)

Today, July 1, is the feast day of Pauli Murray. Murray was arrested in 1940 for refusing to sit in the segregated section of a bus—this helped launch her legal activism. Studied law at Howard University (only woman in her class; graduated first in 1944). Earned a law degree from UC Berkeley, and in 1965, became the first African American to earn a Doctor of Juridical Science from Yale Law School. Her book *States' Laws on Race and Color* (1950) was called the “bible” of the civil rights movement by Thurgood Marshall. She was credited by Ruth Bader Ginsburg in the 1971 Supreme Court case *Reed v. Reed* for laying the legal foundation for gender equality.

**In 1977, Murray became the first African-American woman ordained as an Episcopal priest.**

### **The Lesson: Steadfast on the Journey with Christ**

In Luke 9:51-62, Jesus “sets his face” toward Jerusalem, embarking on a journey marked by purpose and sacrifice, undeterred by rejection from a Samaritan village or the hesitancy of would-be followers. This passage challenges us to embrace determined discipleship, following Jesus with unwavering commitment despite life’s distractions or comforts. Jesus’ words—no place to lay one’s head, no looking back after taking up the plow—call us to prioritize God’s mission.

In our busy lives, this might mean choosing small, intentional acts of faith: a kind word to a stranger, a moment of prayer amid a hectic day, or serving those in need. As Episcopalians, we’re invited to seek our own “Jerusalem”—the place God calls us to serve with courage. “Loving God, guide us to set our faces toward your call, granting us courage to follow Jesus with steadfast hearts. Amen.”

**Question of the week: What is one concrete step you can take this week to follow Jesus more boldly, or what distraction might you let go of to focus on God's call?**

Yours in Christ,  
Kim

### **News from the Vestry**

**Supply priest update** – Father Lockett has been our supply priest since the beginning of June. We have the Reverend David Powell (Gainesville) committed for 10:30 service on July 6, 13, & 20. Father Lockett has told us he'd like to come back, but those dates haven't been confirmed.

**Priest recruitment** – We received two applications this week. The Vestry met with the Reverend Scott Kidd, formerly Rector of Nacoochee yesterday to be trained in the interview and selection process. We are working on dates and times for the initial one-hour interviews. After the online interviews, one or both candidates will be invited to Madison for the final interview. The Vestry will make the choice, make the offer, and if the candidate accepts, then there is a short process culminating in the Bishop's approval. Announcement of the new Advent Priest-In-Charge will happen then. We hope this whole process will not take more than a few weeks. We will need help from the parish in planning a welcoming celebration for our new priest!

**Parish House renovation** – the architect has started with the last (we hope) revision to conceptual drawings. We will share these drawings with the parish soon. After Vestry approval, construction drawings will be produced, then construction starts. Construction will take 6-9 months. Accommodations will be made to allow use of the Parish House during construction. The major elements of the project:

1. Replace parish house roof.
2. Create two new handicapped restrooms on first floor from existing restrooms, chapel and storage area.
3. Create new storage for tables and chairs from remainder of chapel.
4. Create new expanded back-of-building porches and stairs with roof.
5. Replace and enlarge existing handicapped ramp.
6. New Handicapped restroom second floor. Created out of three closets and an existing restroom.
7. Renovate or modify kitchen to improve usability and functionality, including replacing flooring.
8. Improve handicapped parking and access.
9. Improve landscaping (plan to be developed).

### **Father Dann Brown**

Father Dann is in good spirits. He's still at the Piedmont Rehab Hospital and will be there until Thursday. This Thursday he moves to another facility called "The Oaks" that is behind the Athens Country Club. He will be there approximately three weeks. Then he has secured a place in an Episcopal home in the Western North Carolina area that is affiliated with the Western Diocese of the Episcopal Church. His older brother lives near there and has told Dann he wants to take care of him. That is great news! Please keep Dann in your prayers!

### **Independence Day Celebration**

**Thursday, July 3 – 6-8 PM**

Advent will have tables set up on the lawn at the Cultural Center. Fried and baked chicken will be provided as well as tea, water, ice, plates, cups, plastic utensils, and napkins. Please bring chairs and side dishes to share.

### **Rota for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 6, 2025**

LEM: 8:00 A.M. Booker / 10:30 A.M. Booker

Altar Guild: McCauley-Burriss-Harrell

Flower Guild:

1st Reading: Freyer

2nd Reading: K. Jackson

Vestry of the Day: Burriss

Organ Tech: Jackson-Lewis

### Readings for the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

[Link to Readings](#)

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:1-14

The Psalm: Psalm 30

Second Reading: Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16

The Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

### Parish Prayer List

Dann Brown, Flossie Dodge, Jeanne Dufort, Kate Jackson, Kathy Lehman, Brian Lehman, Jennie Newton, Annette Piazza, Lynne Roach, Dick Schmidt, Livy Scholly, Betty Thomas, Charles Hunt Brown, Lynn Cupples, Bob Cupples, Mary Ann Edelman, John Elliott, Anita Hunt, Julie Hancock Jones, Jan Kozel, Jerry Maddoz, Dennis Reeder, Iliana Arias, Beth Tamplin Jones, Bill Kurtz

**July Birthdays:** **2** Jill Jubelt, **3** Faith Roman, **5** Henry Easton, **8** Carol Winslow, **10** Kjesti Easton, **13** Daisy Jane Buck, Bob McCauley, **14** O. J. Booker, **17** Sarah Harrell Klein, **21** Dianne Yost, **22** Eliza Hilliard, Anna Marrett, **27** Flossie Dodge

**Anniversaries:** **12** Kate and O.J. Booker, **14** Flossie and David Dodge

### Recurring weekly calendar

Rite I Eucharist: Sunday, 8:00 AM

Sunday school (adult): Sunday, 9:15 AM

Rite II Eucharist: Sunday, 10:30 AM

Morning Prayer service: Wednesday, 9:00 AM

Off the Rails AA group: M, Tu, Th @ noon

Madison AA group: Th, Su @7:30 PM, F @ 7:00 PM

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