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# HOUSE GUESTS

The gift of their visit can be an eye-opening experience

*When one lives in the DC area, one of the blessings of houseguests is that they prompt us to visit the gems of attractions in our own backyard that our guests count as a rare opportunity to see. The first two weeks in June, I was gifted with being able to enjoy seeing this area through the eyes of my middle school nephews who had never been out of the Pacific time zone. They spent a number of days in the Mall museums and riding Metro. We went to the zoo and the Catoclin Mountains and the Bay. They saw Mount Vernon and Ford's Theatre. One Saturday I went with them to the Natural History Museum. It really brings home the awesomeness of the Creation.*

*We at Advent are blessed with "houseguests" almost every Sunday, and it is a joy to see through their eyes the experience of worship*

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# Advent picks leaders for coming year

...and THANKS

*Ellie for your  
years of service!*

We had a hugely successful annual meeting on June 8. Our business was dispatched with alacrity and in good order. Thanks to Vice President Linda Vilardo for chairing it, to those who presented resolutions, and to all who provided and set out the food.

Our newly leaders are: Deacons - Gerry Fuller, Joy Duncan, Brian Thiel, and Colleen Zellmer; President - Gerry Fuller; Vice President - Joy Duncan; Trustee - Lynn Juhl; and, Nominating Committee - Susie Alvarez, Marianne Hetzer, John Matzner and Linda Vilardo. Returning deacons are Rensford Lovell and Susan Toth. And Ellie Holsopple was recognized for 30+ years of service as Advent's treasurer. Debbie Lewis has agreed to take over the treasurer responsibilities.

If you were not present and would like an annual report packet that includes the financial reports and the budget we approved, packets are available in the Welcome Center.



*To my Advent family,*

**I** am very touched by your thoughtfulness in recognizing my service as Treasurer. I felt very honored with your words, the beautiful flowers, the absolutely scrumptious cake, the lovely card, and the awesome gift cards! It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve in this capacity for 34 years. I was glad to be able to use my gifts in a meaningful way of service at Advent and to work with wonderful, caring, Spirit-filled companions in our journey. I sincerely appreciate and thank you for your recognition and generosity and the love that I felt coming through them.

*- Ellie Holsopple*

## What's going on . . . here & in the community

**THANKS from our team**  
“The Next Step” Relay for Life team exceeded their goal thanks to the participation and donations from you! Funds will help the American Cancer Society in their search for a cancer cure.

### ***New window***

The company making the stained glass window for the Welcome Center will be bringing some mock-ups for our comments. It will be available over the middle of June. It is expected to be installed this fall.

### ***Upcoming baptism***

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated July 27 for Gabriel Sebastian Herrera. Please welcome him into the fellowship we share in Jesus.

### ***Confirmation Camp***

Pastor Anna and David Dai will be attending Confirmation Camp at Mar-Lu-Ridge July 13-18. They will be studying the Exodus story and the Ten Commandments.

***A change for our neighbors***  
Pastor Steve Hassmer of Calvary, our colleague in

ministry, is retiring in June. Calvary will receive its new pastor in July. Please pray for him and his ministry with the Calvary congregation.



### ***Mission Event***

Another STOP HUNGER NOW event is planned for the morning of September 13th at Calvary United Methodist Church. Advent will partner with the other 23rd St. churches to package meals for emergency relief in disaster areas. We are all needed to provide labor in a fun assembly atmosphere. We also need to help pay for the ingredients. If you can make a donation, please make it to Advent with the memo for “Stop Hunger Now”. For information visit [stophungernow.org](http://stophungernow.org).

### ***Help is still needed!***

Our ever-diligent Carole Assante is gathering clothing

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## Share your experience if you go visiting this summer

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*and fellowship that we take for granted. The hotels were delighted to receive our new brochure since they frequently have guests looking for Sunday church services. God has gifted us with much to offer and a worship “tourism” experience to carry to the larger church when they return home. If you are visiting another church, I invite you to bring your experience “home” to Advent and share with us the culture and practices of our brothers and sisters in other places.*

*A blessed summer to you all!*

*Love, Pastor Anna*



## Office closed July and August

Phone messages and office email will be monitored, and you can always make an appointment to see Pastor Anna or to have the church open should you need it.

Please watch for weekly email announcements of times that there will be coverage should you need to arrange a delivery. Bulletins for summer are done, but you may email announcements for a weekly announcement insert.



## On a learning mission

Welcome back to Jeff Campbell, second from left in above photo, from a young adult mission trip to Mexico and the border. Jeff will share his experience in an Adult Forum on June 29 following worship. Other young adults on the trip are from Faith Lutheran Church, Luther Place, and Lutheran Campus Ministry.

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## Financial News . . .

### *Need an update?*

Any contributor who wishes can get a listing of their contributions to date for this calendar year, to compared with their records, by contacting me in person or by email at davidfalksen@yahoo.com.

### *Simply Giving*

I would like to ask all of you who are regular contributors to Advent and are not currently using the Simply Giving Program to consider joining up. This program sets up a way for you to have your contributions automatically taken out of your checking or savings account on a regular basis so that you do not have to remember to write a check each time you want to make a contribution. The donations can be made monthly, bimonthly, or weekly depending on your preference. If you would like to join or sim-

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## What's going on . . .

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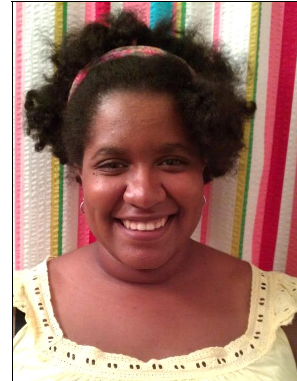
and shoes for the needy in Honduras; travel-size shampoo, lotions, etc., for the homeless in our area; and can pop-tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. In other words, before you throw anything out this summer, ask Carole if she can find a place for it! "Carole's Corner" collection area is a large box located just inside the door of the Fellowship Hall.

### ***Congratulations graduates!***

We asked God's blessing on Steven Hetzer and Jessye Jairrels on June 8th and both graduated from TC Williams High School on June 14th. Steven was the recipient of the 2014 Principal's Award for Outstanding Male Student and was noted for his courage, dignity and hard work. We will say goodbye to both of our graduates at the end of the summer as they head to college.



**Smile for the camera:** Graduates Jessye and Steven pose with Ellie. All three will embark on new paths - away to college and more free time for Ellie.



## ***Back to School***

Congratulations to Roxie Jairrels, Advent's nursery attendant of almost 8 years, who will be leaving in the fall to continue her education at Radford University.

May God bless her as she begins this new endeavor. You may keep in touch with her via email.

### ***July***

1st Joy Duncan  
2nd Larry Tindal  
16th Georges Toth  
18th Clancy Olson\*  
25th Archie Hall  
26th Noah Herrera  
31st Geoffrey Falksen



### ***August***

4th Corey Alvarez	16th Nesta Alleyne
Samantha Carey	17th Janet Miller*
9th Marianne Hetzer	18th Susan Alvarez
11th Ingrid Berdahl	20th Evie Lynn
13th Susan Maly	21st Susan Toth
	30th Nancy Jairrels
	31st Merlin Neff*

## **. . . Financial News**

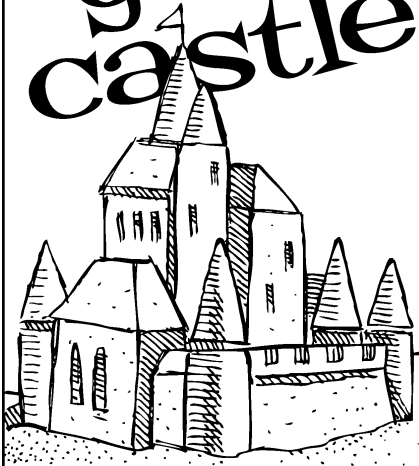
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ply want more information about how this works, please see me or email me at david-falksen@yahoo.com.

### ***Changes needed?***

Now that the new budget has been adopted with its increase for the next fiscal year, all those who contribute through the Simply Giving Program and want to change their contribution amount to see me for the form to fill out to do that. The form is very simple and only takes a minute to fill out.

## Color your castle



Summer is the perfect time to build a sand castle, whether in a sandbox or on the beach. Use this fun idea to add color to your creation.

### What you need:

- Empty spray bottles
- 1 cup water per bottle
- 4 Tablespoons cornstarch per bottle
- Food coloring

### What you do:

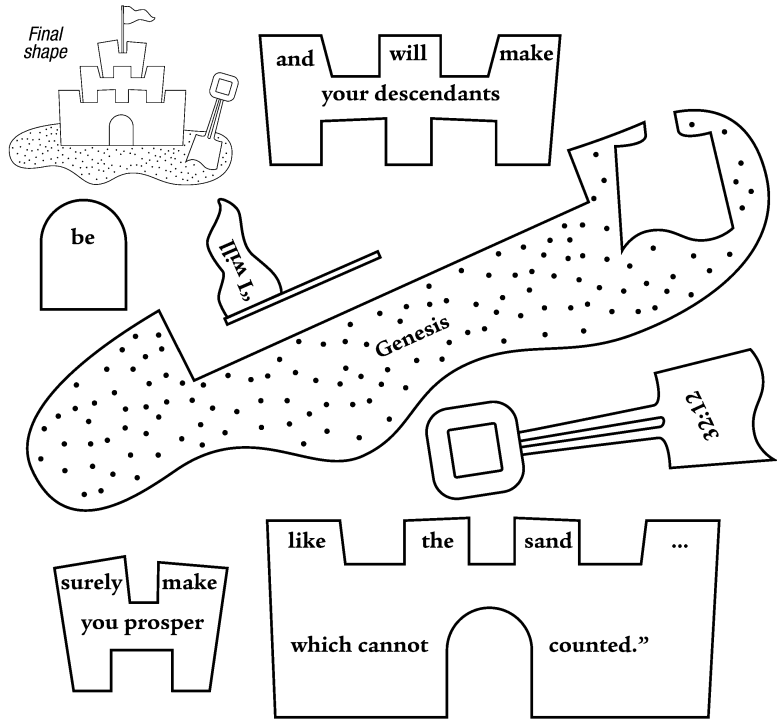
1. Remove the lid from each bottle and pour in the water and cornstarch.
2. Replace the lid and shake the bottle to dissolve the cornstarch completely.
3. Add drops of food coloring to achieve the desired color.
4. After building a sand castle, spray it with your colorful mixtures.



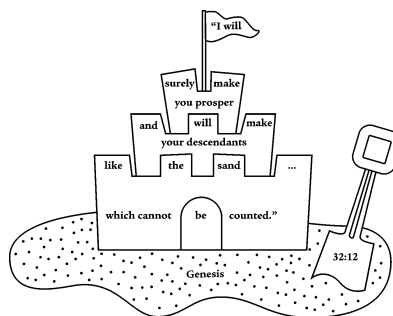
## A promise kept

In Genesis 32:12 (NIV), Jacob remembers a promise God made about his family. We, too, can be part of that promise. God always keeps his promises.

**Directions:** "Build" a sand castle using the shapes below. Cut out and assemble the shapes to complete God's promise. (Use the "final shape" image as a guide.)

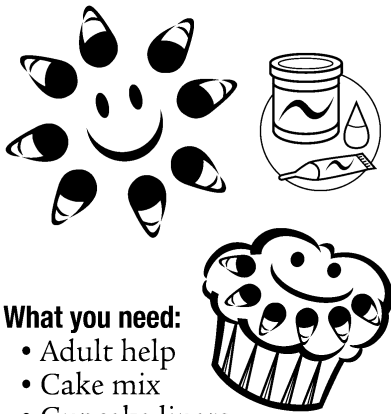


Answer: "I will surely make you prosper and will make your descendants like the sand ... which cannot be counted." Genesis 32:12, NIV



## Happy Sunshine Cupcakes

Psalm 144:15 says, "Blessed [or happy] are the people whose God is the LORD." Make these bright cupcakes to remember all the ways God makes you happy.



### What you need:

- Adult help
- Cake mix
- Cupcake liners
- White frosting
- Yellow food coloring
- Black frosting or tube gel
- Candy corn

### What you do:

1. Make cupcakes by following directions on the box. Let them cool completely.
2. Stir yellow food coloring into white frosting, making it as yellow as the sun. Frost the cupcakes.
3. Using black frosting, make a happy face on each cupcake.
4. Around each cupcake, place candy corn with points out to resemble sun rays. Enjoy!

# PUZZLE

## BE HAPPY

In Matthew 5:3-10, Jesus begins his teaching with the Beatitudes. They give us many reasons to be happy. The Greek word for blessed, *makarios*, also means happy!

Directions: Complete the Beatitudes by matching the blanks in each "Happy" phrase on the left with the bold word(s) on the right.

1. "Happy are the <u>POOR</u> <u>IN SPIRIT</u>	<b>hunger and thirst</b> for righteousness, for they will be filled."
2. "Happy are those who _____	<b>pure in heart</b> , for they will see God."
3. "Happy are the _____	<b>peacemakers</b> , for they will be called the children of God."
4. "Happy are those who _____	<b>persecuted</b> because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
5. "Happy are the _____	<b>poor in spirit</b> , for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."
6. "Happy are the _____	<b>merciful</b> , for they will be shown mercy."
7. "Happy are the _____	<b>meek</b> , for they will inherit the earth."
8. "Happy are those who are _____	<b>mourn</b> , for they will be comforted."

## My dad makes big money

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boys said, "I got you both beat. My dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

# *Help Wanted!*

*From Finance Minister David Falksen:* I am looking for some more people who would be willing to become counters to help out the fine group of people that are counting now. It is not difficult, I will provide training, and you always count with a partner, so you always have someone who has done it before working with you. If you are interested or just curious about what is involved, please see me or let me know by email.

*From Landscape Minister Ingrid Berdahl:* Are you interested in helping with Advent's garden this summer? Jobs just waiting for the right person to claim them include: controlling weeds growing in the parking lot, in cracks in the sidewalk and in the driveway; pulling out ivy that grows along the rear perimeter of the yard; help watering on an as-needed basis; joining with a small group from time to time to do weeding and/or trimming. If you would like to help with any of these tasks, contact Ingrid.

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