**Advent Community Check-In**

**How useful is each communication method to you for news about Advent?**

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| Thursday What’s Happening email | Not very Somewhat Very |
| Sunday printed announcements | Not very Somewhat Very |
| Advent Facebook page | Not very Somewhat Very |
| Advent Website | Not very Somewhat Very |
| Slideshow in welcome center | Not very Somewhat Very |
| How else could we capture your attention? |  |

**How do you usually access digital information?**

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| Desktop or laptop computer | Most often Sometimes Never |
| Cell phone | Most often Sometimes Never |
| Tablet | Most often Sometimes Never |
| Is there another way you access information? |  |

**How likely are you to use each response method?**

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| Links in What’s Happening email | Not likely Somewhat Very |
| Sign Up Genius link | Not likely Somewhat Very |
| QR Code | Not likely Somewhat Very |
| Paper sign-up sheets at church | Not likely Somewhat Very |
| Google Form | Not likely Somewhat Very |
| Is there another response method that would work for you? |  |

**What’s Next for Advent?**

**Our Teams Need Players! What Interests You Most?**

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| **TEAM** | **POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES** |
| **MISSION**  **Develop and deliver resources to provide assistance to or seek**  **Justice for those in need.** | Uses for "Other Benevolence" budgeted funds |
| After school program |
| Bike share |
| Raised bed garden in 22nd St yard - benefit local food program |
| Contemplative walk/prayer in garden |
| Cooking classes / demonstrations |
| Drive through food collection ([AFAC](https://afac.org/) or [Path Forward](https://pfva.org/)) |
| [Faith in Action Racial Equity Network](https://metrodcelca.org/racial-equity/fiare/) |
| Free Little Pantry (here or in another neighborhood) |
| Global Missions: Ukraine, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Yemen, South Sudan |
| [Grants for new ministry efforts](https://metrodcelca.org/congregational-resources/new-renewing-missions-grants/) |
| Outreach to new residents in 22202; esp 0-30 year olds |
| [Arlington Neighborhood Village:](https://anvarlington.org/) helping neighbors age in place |
| Justice issues: [Reconciling in Christ](https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/becomeric/) |
| [Lutheran Disaster Response](https://www.elca.org/our-work/relief-and-development/lutheran-disaster-response), [OAR](https://www.oaronline.org/), [LSS](https://lssnca.org/) |
| Meals for homeless / Serve meals |
| Collaborate with neighbor congregations |
| [Until Help Arrives training](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Programs/Emergency/UHA) |
| Use of labyrinth: TaiChi / yoga; worship; weddings |
| [Synod God’s Work Our Hands Day of Service](https://www.elca.org/dayofservice) |
| [MLK Jr Day of Service](https://volunteer.leadercenter.org/mlk-day-service#:~:text=On%20Monday%2C%20January%2016%2C%202023,Martin%20Luther%20King%2C%20Jr.) |

I would like to talk more about the Mission Team and these ideas (mark your favorites)

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| **Faith**  **Development**  **Develop and deliver worship and education experiences that foster**  **a deeper relationship with God**  **and each other.** | Bible Study / Bible Reading Challenge |
| Book Club |
| Devotions / Prayer Groups |
| Discern spiritual gifts |
| Experiment with worship style and elements |
| Exploring Faith forum |
| Fill Director of Music / Organist vacancy |
| Sunday School |
| Synod: [Study Curriculum on Civic Life and Faith](https://metrodcelca.org/civiclifeelca/) |
| Spiritual Exercise at Council meetings |
| Sunday School |
| Use labyrinth or 22nd St yard for contemplative prayer |
| Youth Events: Synod, other churches, non-profits (supper & drop in program) |

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| **FINANCE**  **Ensure the congregation's financial assets (including investments and insurance) are collected, managed, reported and distributed in accordance with the Constitution, Bylaws**  **and Policies.** | Property Use Committee |
| Incoming-Producing Event Coordinator |
| Wedding Venue |
| Encourage online giving |
| Expense Reduction |
| Grants: Metro DC ELCA & others |
| Inform congregation of financial situation |
| Investments |
| Invite donations via labyrinth |
| Solar panels |
| Stewardship programming |

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| **ENGAGEMENT**  **Develop and deliver means for all**  **to be actively engaged in the life**  **of the congregation.** | Book Club |
| Christmas / Holiday programs |
| Civic Associations: Arlington Ridge, Aurora Highlands, Crystal City |
| Community Yard Sale / Festival - [Arlington Neighborhood Day](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/About/Neighborhood-Day) |
| Display photos - old and new |
| [Humble Walk dinner](https://www.thehumblewalk.org/) at UMD Campus Ministry |
| Gardening program |
| Inclusivity - making each feel welcome & valued |
| Involve visitors / new participants |
| Leadership training / development |
| Nearby Schools: Oakridge ES, Gunston MS, VT Innovation Campus (2024) |
| Neighbor congregations |
| Neighborhood gathering place |
| Pot Luck / Picnic / Tables of Fellowship / Monthly lunch |
| Recitals / Concert Series |
| Community Thanksgiving Service |
| Update / maintain library |
| AFAC collection site with hours posted on AFAC website |
| Chrismon making workshop(s) in October / November |

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| **OPERATIONS**  **Provide for maintenance, repair and improvement of physical and technological assets and systems.** | Carpet / Flooring |
| Collaborate with Building Use Committee |
| Condition of building exterior |
| Furniture |
| Grand piano |
| Gravel in parking lot |
| Landscape contract vs volunteer labor |
| Live streaming worship, other activities |
| Maintenance Crew |
| Painting |
| Program thermostats for more stable temps for pianos/organ |
| Social Media / Website |
| Use Agreement / Guest Wi-Fi Registration |
| No-mow lawn replacement options |
| Cell tower on property |
| AED Training |

I would like to talk more about the Operations Team and these ideas (mark your favorites)

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**What else would you like Advent leadership to be aware of or to be involved in?**

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