



# ADVENT STAR



## WE SAY GOOD-BYE TO LIBBY

Not snow, rain or even the wind of a hurricane would dampen the spirit of those attending Libby's last Sunday at Church of the Advent. The wind blew and the lights went out just as Libby was preparing for communion. The only light in the sanctuary was the candles on the altar. It made our last communion together all the more special.

A pot-luck brunch followed in candlelight also. The wardens (past and present) Tim Davis, Katie Tortorello, Marjorie Temple and Jeanne Sullivan led the festivities.

Libby and her family were presented with gifts including the quilt from the parish. Special thanks to Ingrid Scanlon for her work stitching together this wonderful quilt for Libby, seen in the picture below.



## End of Summer Reflection

At the top of the bulletin it says: "Before the service, talk to God.  
During the service, let God talk to you.  
After the service, talk to your friends."

I have found over this past summer another time to be more present with God. It has happened during Eric's offertory piano pieces. When I hear Eric play Debussy, Chaminade, and Chopin, I close my eyes and listen to the music and to God.

I invite you to try this with me.

- Marjorie Temple



***WE WELCOME OUR INTERIM PRIEST,  
THE REV. DR. GALE DAVIS-MORRIS***

The Rev. Dr. Gale Davis Morris was ordained in the diocese of El Camino Real, CA in 1989. She had long been interested in, and passionate about, peace and justice issues such as Women's rights, children's advocacy and racism while serving as an active lay women in the church. She gradually felt called to the priesthood and saw the transition from lay person to ordained, as a continuation of her passion to serve others.

While attending seminary in Berkeley CA at Church Divinity School of the Pacific she continued to serve as Chair of the Episcopal Peace and Justice Network. It was that work that first made her aware of how much we are all responsible for the environment as well as addressing issues of racism, sexism and all the "other isms."

Gale has served at St. Francis, San Jose, CA, at the Cathedral Church of St. Mark—Minneapolis, St. Paul's—Milwaukee and served as rector of Church of the Good Shepherd—Acton, MA for 12 years. She was the first doctoral class in Congregational Development at Seabury Western Seminary—Arlin Rothauge was the mentor and dean. Gale received her doctorate in Congregational Development in 1998.

She loves serving not only in parishes, but the wider church and has worked on the diocesan level in our Diocese as a member of the Diocesan Council, President of the Standing Committee, Deputy to General Convention, vestry consultant and retreat leader, and various other committees including the Congregational Development Committee. She has also served as Dean of the Concord River Deanery. Currently she is Chair of the Resolutions Committee for our Diocese Convention.

Gale describes herself as "bringing a fresh pair of eyes" and sees her role as vital in preparing the way for a new rector, pointing forward, like John the Baptist. She is excited to be at Church of the Advent and is ready to help us jump into the future.

On a personal level, Gale is originally from California, the oldest of six siblings. She has four children from a previous marriage, Mark (married to Laurie), Richard, Emily (married to Alex) and Will. Two of her children live in this area and two live in California. She has 6 grandchildren (all perfect!)...Elisabeth was recently in a Junior Olympics water polo tournament; Matt, participates in Tae Kwan Do; Madeleine is starting Kindergarten in Wellesley; Sebastian, begins, pre-school this year. Imogen is two years old and Finnegan is just under a year. Gale's mother, 92, who lives in California, is "amazing" and still lives in her own home. Gale recently became engaged to Ernie Frohring!

Gale,

We welcome you to the Church of the Advent hope you will enjoy your time here while we prepare for our new rector.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 18th through July 21 one of the hottest weeks of the summer. Most people wanted to take it slow and easy but not here at the Church of the Advent that week we welcomed six students entering kindergarten through grade five to a week of Vacation Bible School. This year's theme was "A Walk in the Desert". This was a perfect theme for such a blazing hot week did not stop our campers from having fun. Each morning the children started the day with a craft while waiting for all the campers to arrive. Those crafts included making nametags, designing their own baseball cap. The next segment of the day we did some centering, Yoga followed by our Godly Play story of the day: Exodus, Ten Best Ways, Ark & Tent and Ark and Temple, and finally Jesus baptism and walk in the desert. Crafts were geared to the story to help the campers reflect on the lesson. Then snack and a fabulous music program which also reinforced the story. Our day concluded with a prayer of thanksgiving, outdoor fun including a bouncy house and picnic, the last day.



Godly Play Story

We had six great campers including Brian & Amy Schubert and Emily Berman from Church of the Advent, a wonderful team of counselors; Katie Nickerson, Jack Moses, Marissa Davis and her friend Nikki DeLuca as well as our leaders Nicole



Performing a musical treat for family members

Flynn, Lisa Davis, Donna Baker and her sister, Lisa Barton.



Coordinating craft

Leaders, counselors and campers had a wonderful time and all were a bit sad when the week was over. Just look at the fun these campers are having in the pictures.



Sidewalk Scripture –lots of fun



Water Relay with Amy in the lead



**Come join the fun in 2012!!!**

## ***OCTOBER OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES***

October 15: Help make sandwiches for Common Cathedral, which provides a meal and an ecumenical service for Boston's homeless

October 16: Join us in going to Boston for Common Cathedral, to serve lunch to the homeless and participate in the service on Boston Common

October 22: "Empty Bowls" Outreach fundraiser - come select your own bowl and enjoy soup and bread while raising funds for the Mothers' Union which feeds thousands of orphans in Kenya. More information to follow.

## ***NOTES OF THANKS FROM PARISHIONERS***

To Our CoA Family:

Thank you again for all your help and support during the time of Dave's illness and after his death. We could not have gotten through those difficult days without your thoughts and prayers. For the cards, the meals, the rides into Boston and the help around the house and yard, we will be forever grateful.

God bless you all.

With much love,  
Ellen and  
Jennifer (Cole) Jacobsen

CoA Family,

Just a note of thanks to all who helped me this summer while I recovered from my July 1 cancer surgery. I cannot tell you how blessed I am to be a part of such a wonderfully warm and caring community. The prayers, hugs, meals and cards meant so much to me. I got a clean bill of health from the surgeon. So again my thanks.

With love and blessings to all.  
Donna

## ***CHURCH OF THE ADVENT YOUTH MISSION TRIP***

On Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> members of the Church of the Advent High School Youth Group, Chris Davis, Katie Nickerson, Chad O'Neil, Julia Redden, and their chaperone, Charlotte Redden left Medfield for what is hopefully the first of many youth mission trips. The group left for Lincoln County, West Virginia. They returned to Medfield on Saturday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> after a week of working in and around the towns of Hamlin and West Hamlin a poverty stricken area of our country. It is hard for us to comprehend such poverty so close to home as we in Medfield are very blessed to have the life we do. The level of poverty these young people witnessed is something you see on TV and not experience daily. The trip had a profound affect on each and every one of these young adults. They are grateful for the opportunity to meet, live and serve these communities as you can see from their thank-you note below.



### ***A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE MISSION TRIP YOUTH***

Dear COA,

Thank you so much for your tremendous support; both financially and morally. Your participation in our fund raisers allowed us a life changing experience. As soon as we arrived Sunday evening we were welcomed by both staff and other youth volunteers. Monday morning we discovered our ministry site was a children's summer camp program, which mentored the youth of the community. We began our day planning the various activities for the kids, which included games, arts and crafts, and reading. We also bonded with the children, acting as role models and watching them mature. Along with the camp, we also volunteered our time at the local food pantry, Bread from Heaven. We spent the morning bagging and distributing food and talking to the locals. Thursday morning before the camp began, we volunteered at Energy Express, a summer tutoring program. We were ecstatic to see familiar faces from the camp at Energy Express! Many of these programs are designed to keep kids from harms way, and provide opportunities for future generations. Past generations were deprived of these opportunities, as exemplified by the rural poverty. We were surprised at their optimism and their value of personal relationships. Their gratitude for their few possessions and their willingness to reach out and help each other inspired us to cherish our Christian beliefs. These beliefs encompass the idea of finding the joy of serving rather than being served. The presence of the Christian faith throughout the week encouraged us to embrace our religion by believing, thinking, reacting, and loving differently.

Our gratitude for your involvement in this experience can not be expressed enough. If you are interested in learning more about our trip, we would be more than happy to talk to you.

Thanks again,

Charlotte, Julia, Chris, Chad, and Katie



Can you find Katie, Chris, Chad and Julia?



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### Services of Holy Eucharist

#### Sundays

September 11, 2011 to June, 2012

Holy Eucharist Rite II at 8 AM & 9:30AM

Godly Play Church School during sermon time.

Childcare during the 9:30 service.

### We're on the web!

[www.adventmedfield.org](http://www.adventmedfield.org)

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#### A Note from Andrew Uprichard

Dear Donna,

Hi! I thought you, Libby and the crew might want to see how the hydrangea is doing in its new home in Michigan – loving it ! We are doing well in retirement, although the house in Sherborn remains on the market. No takers yet.

Give our regards to all.

Best wishes,

Andrew



Dear Friends,

We now have an Interim Priest and will soon hire a new rector. We would like to give our future rector a snapshot of who we are at Church of the Advent - it will help him or her get to know us better as their new ministry begins. Answering the questions (here at this link, <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6JLDSXN> or via our website under the "tidbits" heading) will only take a few minutes, and will go a long way towards introducing ourselves to our new rector. We have had 33 responses so far and would like to have 100% participation! Please take a moment to fill out the survey now. We want everyone to be in the picture. Thank you!