

Advent Decorating Fund
2022



Advent Decorating Fund In Memory Of

Our loved ones gone before

By: John & Carolyn

*Our parents, Peggy & Jim Gillette, and Rebecca & Roland
Vaughan*

By: Becky & Walker Gillette

Madeline Marie Barnes

By: Don Spengeman (PopPop)

Dot & Warren Beale

By: Anne, Westbrook, Brook, Abbie & Caroline

Eunice Boone and Minnie Blythe

*By: Charles & Jewell
Martin*

Jackson Corbett -Precious grandson

By: Charles & Jewell Martin

Jackson Corbett

By: Susan & Lynn Powell

Louise Ellis DeBerry

By: Marshall DeBerry, Jr. & Nancy DeBerry Arnold

Marshall M. DeBerry

By: Marshall DeBerry, Jr. & Nancy DeBerry Arnold

My Edwards family in Heaven

*By: Gaynelle Edwards
Riddick*

William H. Goodwin, Sr. & Annie Maye Goodwin

By: Bill & Alice Goodwin

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Susan Griffin

By: Frank Griffin

Susan Griffin

By: Robbie Griffin

Margaret Hutchison

By: Bobby & Nancy Turner

Trish Hutchison

By: Bobby & Nancy Turner

Alma & Jim Henry

By: Rin & Kevin Barkdull & Susan & Jim Henry

Patricia A. Hutt

*-Given by her
grandchildren*

Hope & Allen Jones

By: Judi & John Allen

Herbie & Rita Lewis

By: Stacy Dempsey

Herbie & Rita Lewis

By: Lynn and Susan Powell

Brooks & Hinson Parker

By: Anne, Westbrook, Brook, Abbie & Caroline

Clarence & Harriett Powell

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

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Ron Ratcliffe

By: Sue Ratcliffe & family

My Bill

By: Gaynelle Riddick

*My Bill's Riddick family in
Heaven*

By: Gaynelle Riddick

Sandy Spengeman

By: The Spengeman family

Sandy Spengeman

By: Susan & Lynn Powell

Robert L. Thomas

By: Linda K. Thomas, Stacey Drake, and Kristy Cotton

Jean & Stuart Vincent

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

David Womack

By: Lynn & Susan Powell

Frank & Dottie Womack

By: Susan & Lynn Powell

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*Our church family, whom
we will miss very much.
God be with you all.*

*By: Becky & Walker
Gillette*

*Wayne & Judy Bailey –
wonderful friends and
neighbors*

*By: Charles & Jewell
Martin*

*Walker & Beckey
Gillette -We will miss
you*

*By: Charles & Jewell
Martin*

Gretchen Hopkins

*By: Stacy, Jake, and
Tess*

*Margaret Mackan &
family -for setting up,
organizing, and taking
care of the nativity scene*

By: Judy Riddick

Mildred Mason

By: Swann Broocke

The Pontious family

By: Jewell Martin

*Lynn & Susan Powell
-wonderful friends and
neighbors*

*By: Charles & Jewell
Martin*

*Gaynelle Riddick -a
truly wonderful Aunt*

*By: Kent & Jennifer
Stephenson*

During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning.

Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the *second* coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

The season of Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus* meaning “coming” or “visit,” begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve.

Although we are accustomed to celebrating Christmas on a single day, in both Christian tradition and on the Church calendar, the Christmas season lasts for the twelve days from December 25 – January 6. As Taylor Burton-Edwards notes, the Christmas Season "begins with the birth of Jesus and gives us two full weeks to encounter the extraordinary love, threats, dangers, and opportunities God's Incarnation [in the birth of Jesus] set off then and still sets off today."

God entered our world, not as a conqueror, but an infant, demonstrating the depth of God's love — and a radical vision of peace and love — for all creation.

May your hearts be filled with expectant preparation, anticipatory hope, and joyful gratitude this season!