

ASCENSION TIDINGS

MARCH 2014

Lent has gotten off to a great start. Our stations of the cross are stunning. We are having a great turn out for the 6pm stations with meal and teaching to follow on Wednesdays. Come join us. Holy Week and Easter will be here before we know it. The newest thing we are doing is on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. Our first **Church family fun day** is coming. Michael Fox has taken the bull by the horns to help us reach out to the community as well as have some great fellowship with each other. See all the details inside.



As we move closer to Holy Week, please invite people to come church with you on Easter. They are expecting you to invite them. It is probably one of the few Sunday of the year, when non-church goers are hoping someone will ask them to come to church. If their 'nana and papi' have not already snagged them to come to their church, you are the one to ask them to come to Ascension!

Looking Ahead: "Fertile Ground" Project - May 17th

I would like you save the date for May 17th, 9am – 4pm, we will provide childcare. Denise Trevino of the Diocese of Texas will be coming to do a "fertile ground" workshop. This is not outreach and mission work. This is expanding the Ascension family. We are working to create a space where multicultural people are welcome in worship. Denise is the head of the intercultural ministry at the Diocese. If we are going to embrace our Gospel identity, we, as a whole community, will need to do some deep thinking; about our mission field and how to authentically make room for fellow disciples at Ascension.

Are we prepared to reach out beyond the usual suspects? Denise is coming to help us discern how we can make our community more multicultural and interculturally inclusive. Maybe Hispanic ministry is an area in which we can grow. Did you know that according to "mapping America" that the demographic area inside beltway 8, Westheimer, Fondren, and Westpark Tollway is:

- 25% Anglo
- 30% Black
- 38% Hispanic
- 6% Asian
- 1% Other

I am not sure what this means for us. The above section of Houston is just snapshot and not our total "mission field". Let me be clear, Denise at the Diocese is not trying to convince us to have a Hispanic ministry. She is coming to help us listen to the Holy Spirit's leading, whatever shape that takes.

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR...(CONT.)

If this sounds exciting, we want you to come. If this sounds terrible, we want you to come. If you are not sure, we want you to come. We want your voice to be heard. I absolutely don't want an expanded mission to Hispanics or anyone else to be "just a project".

I want us to grow in worship for the sake of Christ. Maybe we expand our pan-African evangelism, maybe the target is the local public schools. We need you to help us figure this out, so come to the Fertile Ground Workshop. Our community is stable and our Sunday worship is stable (not increasing). If we want to grow, we need new direction, new passion, and people stepping into new leadership paired with a sense of adventure. This is about creating a ministry legacy that can produce new life for decades.

Peace,



Pastor Todd

Here is the Semester at a Glance:

- April 2nd - April 9th – Lenten Wednesdays
- April 4th - April 11th - On line Auction
- April 12th - Parents' Night Out with glowing Easter Egg Hunt!
- April 13th - Palm Sunday
- April 17th - Maundy Thursday
- April 18th - Good Friday at First Methodist Church
- April 19th - Church Family Fun Day
- April 20th - Easter Sunday
- April 26th - AES Auction
- May 10th - Last PNO of the school year
- May 11th - Mother's Day
- May 17th - Cultural Competency Conference

Lenten Soup Schedule:

- April 2 AES
- April 9 Evangelism

The Lenten Wednesday Program

Beginning March 12th and continuing through April 9th, you and your children are invited to join us at 6:00pm for stations of the cross that lasts just over 20mins. These amazing stations were made by AES students from clay. We will go to the parish hall for a light soup supper after stations. If you prefer, you may bring different food for your family and eat with us in the Parish Hall. **The nursery will be available from 6:00pm-7:15pm for children up to 4 years old.** Toward the end of the meal, Fr. Todd will lead a brief (20minute) teaching and meditation about 3 of the stations each week.



So here is the Lenten Program In a Nutshell:

- 6:00pm Stations
- 6:25pm Family meal
- 6:45pm teaching/meditation while meal continues
- 7:15pm Finish up and leave

Holy Week

Palm Sunday

April 13th, 8am & 10:30am

Passion story &
Liturgy of the Palms
Nursery available

Maundy Thursday

April 17th, 6:30pm

Communion, foot washing, and
stripping of the Altar
Nursery available

Good Friday Ecumenical Service

at First Methodist Church

3663 Westcenter Dr.

Houston, TX 77042

April 18th, 12pm

Led by the WHAM churches
(We are a sponsoring church)

For childcare, RSVP helpful (not necessary).

Please send childcare needs to Sabitha at:

spanthagani@fmhouston.com or 713-458-4711.

You may drop in even if you don't RSVP.

Church Family Fun Day

April 19th, 11am -3 pm

Celebrate Public Servants

Free food to those public servants
who come in uniform or have ID

Free food to those who donate

Suggested \$3 donation per plate for all others

Easter Egg Hunt Bouncy Houses

Kickball/Soccer Tug-O-War

Water Balloons

Easter Day

April 20th, Flowering of cross at both services

8am worship with communion & hymns nursery available

10:30am worship with communion, lilies, & Easter musicians, nursery available

Egg hunt After 10:30am worship, on school playgrounds

Mother's Day

May 11

Ascension Day

May 15th - We will celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday at the 7pm program with the school.

Graduate Sunday

June 1 - If you would like to honor a graduate on this Sunday, please submit a bio to Paul Belk. These short biographies will be published in the June 1st orders of service and your graduate recognized. This person can be a graduate of high school, college, trade school, med school, any form of higher education. These young men and women have worked hard in their achievements and we would like to recognize them.

Director of Religious Education

In Sunday school, we've been learning all about Lent and the preparation that we do as Christians. We've spent time talking about the importance of daily prayer, and the kids made prayer boxes that they can use at home with their families.

We've also learned about the different symbols associated with Lent and their meanings. We're working on special bracelets that include many of these symbols, so when you see a child wearing one, ask them about it! You'll be surprised at how much they've learned, and I'm sure they'll love the opportunity to show off this new knowledge!



Heart: This is a special time for us to prepare for Jesus by fasting and giving our life more fully to God for 40 days and nights. It is a "spring cleaning" of our lives spiritually.



Fish: This Lenten sign reminds us to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and to abstain from all flesh meat on every Friday in Lent.



Money bag: Christians practice almsgiving during Lent to show they are grateful for the gifts God has given them.



Ashes: According to the Old Testament, our bodies are made from dust and to dust we shall return. Ashes remind us that we too shall become ashes one day.



Praying Hands: Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. We, too, must remember to pray. to strengthen one's relationship with God, and in so doing, to turn away from sin.



The butterfly is an important symbol showing the whole life cycle of Jesus. The caterpillar stands for his life on Earth. The cocoon represents the Crucifixion and burial, and the butterfly shows us that he is raised from the dead and is glorified in body and peace.



Pretzels. Pretzels had their origin in early Christian Lenten practice. "Because fat, eggs, and milk were forbidden during Lent, a special bread was made with dough consisting of only flour, salt, and water. These little breads were shaped in the form of arms crossed in prayer and were called *bracellae* Latin, 'little arms'). Among the Germans the Latin word became 'bretzel.' These pretzels were a common Lenten food throughout the Middle Ages in Europe and became an all year round snack, in its original shape, only in the 19th century"

Most importantly, they are learning about the journey that Jesus took, leading Him to the cross. They are all looking with anticipation to the day we celebrate the end to this long journey, and hopefully they will have a deeper understanding of what it all means. On Easter morning, come celebrate with the wonderful children of Ascension! We'll have some favorite traditions such as our annual Easter Egg hunt, and some possible "new" traditions as we bring back our "alleluias"! You won't want to miss it!



Youth



Youth Volunteer Day at the Houston Food Bank Saturday March 15th.

The youth of Ascension (grades 6 – 12) were invited to volunteer for a shift at the Houston Food Bank on Saturday, March 15th. There were only five of us, but we had a great time packing the “Buddy Bags.” The Food Bank has set up a program that sends food home with children who would normally not eat during the weekend. This food is placed in a backpack for the child to carry home, so they are not singled out or made fun of. This is a great way to serve our community and those that went received community service hours for school or other service hour required organizations. We look forward to more volunteers being able to attend the next time we go. It really is a lot of fun.

April Service Opportunity

This month we are asking the youth to attend the Workday here on the Ascension campus. On April 12th from 9am-1pm, volunteers will be working hard to clear paths that are being overgrown by spring, clean up some of the flower beds, help the school move sand and mulch, and an assortment of other tasks needed to spruce the campus. Plan to arrive a little early for a light breakfast, and then get down to work. Todd will sign any service hour requirements needed for school, or provide you with a service sheet.

Acts 20:35

"In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

NEWCOMER CORNER

Going Beyond Welcoming to Openness

Have you ever felt lonely in a crowd of people? You could be surrounded by fifty or even a thousand people, but you still feel like you are there by yourself with no connection to those around you. When someone visits our church, more than likely they hope for more than just a smile and cup of coffee. They are looking for friendship, a sense of belonging and connection. In our ever-increasingly mobile society so many are feeling disconnected. When gathered as the Church, the body of Christ, we have the unique experience of community together with each other and with God.



How open are the groups and ministries in our church? As a medium-sized congregation, our activities together are generally the center of church life – Sunday worship, weekday Bible studies, senior bus trips, etc. How easy is it for a newcomer to get connected in “entry-level” ministries? Ushers, Greeters, Post-Service Coffee, Saturday Work Days, and Cookie Baker ministries all offer great opportunities for connections with new friends. Research shows that those newest to our church are more likely to stay if they know and are known by at least six people in six months. Let’s take this “Rule of Six” to heart as we get to know the newest people among us.

I’d like to also point out that starting in April, I will be hosting a smaller version of our “Get-to-Know Ascension Weekend” during the Sunday School hour. I will take the second Sunday of each month to be available to our newcomers. We will discuss a particular topic or question about Ascension, the Episcopal Church, and our ministries or any other burning question our newcomers may have. Help spread the word!



KIDVENTURE

Since 1994, Kidventure has been providing dynamic and thoughtful children’s programs for thousands of families. We believe that, more than ever, camp provides our kids with the opportunity to discover their potential, explore the world around them and develop the abilities and character traits that will allow them to be leaders in the future. Kidventure is about letting kids be kids, and guiding them on the road to becoming great people. Our goal is simple: to grow happy, healthy kids, and we choose to do this through the

wonder of camp.

Registration began February 4, 2014. Camp is offered to kids ages 3-12 year of age and is held each week, Mon-Fri, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pre Camp and Post Camp are also available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for an additional cost. There are 9 weeks of camp from June 9 – August 8, 2013 and you may pick and weeks you want!

Tuition is \$190 per week for Discoverers (3-5 yrs) and \$200 per week for Explorers (6-12 yrs). Registration is on a first come first serve basis and space is limited. Visit Kidventure.com, call us at 713-960-8989, or go [HERE](https://kidca.mp/showLocation.php?locTitle=camp-ascension) to register. (<https://kidca.mp/showLocation.php?locTitle=camp-ascension>)

ASCENSION SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

We are happy to welcome the month of April and a final end to the cold weather. It has been a challenge when we cannot go out on the playground; we are all use to extensive outdoor time in the prior months which has not happened.

Our re-enrollment for current families ended on March 3 and we had a very successful enrollment. As of the middle of March we have 85 students, not including ELP, for the 2014-15 school year. We now begin to accept our new students who have applied for the next school year.

We have our standardized testing beginning on Monday, April 7 until Thursday April 10. The Stanford testing is taken for grades K to 5th to give us an evaluation of our students and our programs to ensure that we are doing the best in each and every area.

We follow our testing with Field Day on Friday, April 11th on the large field. We have a morning of fun with games, dancing, a bounce house, and lots of water and watermelon. We can always use volunteers to help with the different activities. We start at 9 am and end at 11 am, everyone is invited.

Main Street Theater will visit us on Thursday, April 17th. Pippi Longstocking will come and read her book to us. This is for Pre-K 4 to 5th grade at 10 am in the Parish Hall

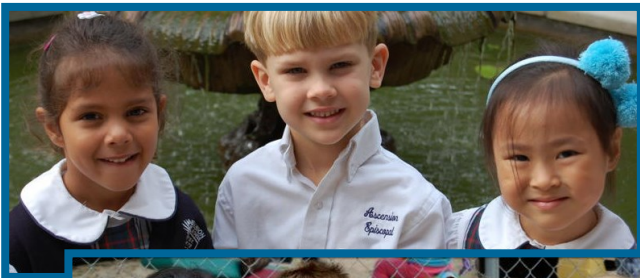
All programs are closed on April 18th and April 21st in observance of Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Our annual auction is Saturday, April 26th, in the Parish Hall beginning at 6 pm. We hope you have received your invitation and will join us for the Wizard of Oz. It will be an evening of great food and fun. The online auction begins on April 4th and remains open through April 11th. We hope you have already registered so you may log in and bid on some great items.

It promises to be a great spring month, lots of programs and events, we hope you can join us for some of them.

Faithfully,

Nancy Clausey
Head of School



There's no place like Ascension School!

Auction and Social

Online Auction!

April 4 - 11. You will receive an email, in a few days, reminding you to register and log in to begin bidding.

It will work much like Ebay, where you will receive an email if you've been outbid or if you've won an item.

We want to make sure that ALL AES families are aware that the ONLINE auction is happening, so that you aren't surprised to find out on April 26th that the 1 item you really wanted isn't at the event... because it was sold online. So when you get your invitation to register and log in, please check out what items we are offering in our online auction! **(These items will NOT be available at the event on April 26th.)**

We hope that by hosting an online auction our school and church families will pass on the invitation to join in the bidding to your families and friends who live out of town or who would not normally come to the April 26 event. What a great way for grandma and grandpa in Colorado to be able to support AES and their grandkids!



Auction Night

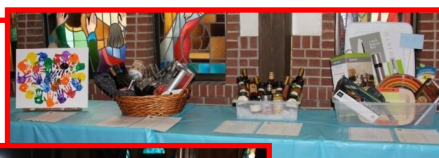
April 26th, 6 - 9:15pm. We hope you have put the auction night on your calendars and

are planning to come with friends and relatives! The auction is an event for ALL AES families - ELP through 5th grade families! It is a very fun night of socializing with teachers, school families, church members and our friends and families. Childcare is provided at the school and is \$5 per child. You must RSVP childcare to ensure we have enough volunteers.

About 2/3 of our auction items will be offered at this event, including the class baskets and class art projects. The remainder will have been sold at the online auction.

This year, we plan to have about 5 food stations offering very yummy choices and a wonderful dessert table! Beer, wine (for purchase) and other non-alcoholic drinks will be available. Food, drinks and bidding will open at 6pm. Bidding will begin to close at 8:30pm, followed by food and drinks.

We know the check out process is often a slow and tedious process. We are doing our best to make check out more fluid and faster. Please know that some wait will be required, UNLESS you would like to "vault" your credit card when you check IN on auction night. (That just means we swipe your card at check in and our computers save the information for 24 hours.) Please be patient with us while we try to get everyone checked out and home safely and quickly!





AUCTION AND SOCIAL
APRIL 26, 2014

Auction 2014

RSVP now!!

Click [HERE](https://ascensionepiscopalschool.schoolauction.net/auction2014/register/ticket_sales) to RSVP online
and pay with a credit card.

(https://ascensionepiscopalschool.schoolauction.net/auction2014/register/ticket_sales)

Childcare is provided at the school. It is \$5 per child and must have been RSVP'd.

Deadline is April 17th.

Class Baskets








Basket items and money are coming in. Thank you!! Keep them coming!

As a reminder, each class has a theme and you may click [HERE](http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1110791028762-485/2014+Class+Basket+Assignments+and+ideas.pdf) (<http://origin.library.constantcontact.com/download/get/file/1110791028762-485/2014+Class+Basket+Assignments+and+ideas.pdf>) to view the list of themes and ideas to go in each basket. We hope you have fun buying an item for a basket. Please note that if you have a new item that would go well in any class basket, please feel free to donate it - the bigger the basket the better! We still need **large** baskets (new or used in good shape) to use for packaging. So, if you have any collecting dust, please let us put them to use! Please turn donations in to school office, with an attached donation form and, if possible, the gift receipt (that way, if we get duplicates, we can exchange for something else).

Class basket donation deadline is Wednesday, April 9th.

Basket assembly dates are Monday, April 14 and Tuesday, April 15. Volunteers are needed! We will start just after morning carpool. Please email Rebekah Clausey at rclausey@ascensionepiscopalschool.org if you have any questions, or call her at the school office. Thank you for your help!

Important Dates

-  April 4-11 Online Auction
-  April 9 -Class Basket Deadline
-  April 14 - Basket Assembly
-  April 17 - RSVP and ticket purchase deadline
-  April 17 - Last day to receive donations
(may NOT appear in printed materials)
-  April 25 & 26 (a.m.) Auction set up and decorate
-  April 26 - 6-9:15p.m. - **AUCTION NIGHT**

PNO UPDATES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In March, we had TONS of fun!!



Parents' Night Out – April 12

Parents' Night Out for April is on Saturday, April 12 (5:00 – 9:00 for children, 4:30 – 9:30 for volunteers). Tell your friends, tell your neighbors. This is not an exclusively Ascension event. Anyone who needs a fun date night, a quiet dinner or just some time to recharge can drop their children off for a very low fee, \$10 a child with \$5 each sibling. Parents' Night Out is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

Parents who would like to sign their children up for the April session may do so beginning March 31st on the church website or at the following link:

<http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=9aa7eqkab&oeidk=a07e93j3vnh6097bcc1>

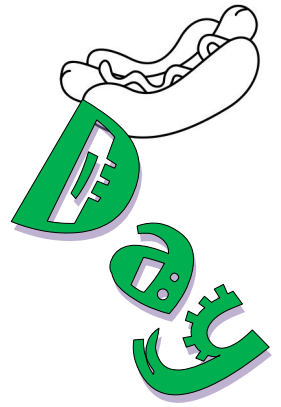
Registration will be open until Thursday, April 10th.

Thank you to those new volunteers who have stepped forward. We will be able to host more children each month and expand the purpose of this ministry as community outreach. This program draws people from the school and surrounding neighborhoods. As a result we have welcomed several new families into the Ascension family, and we look forward to welcoming more.

It is the volunteers who make this possible and we thank each and everyone of you. If you haven't volunteered before, contact Robi. You may look forward to taking part in apple bobbing, dance parties, pictures with Santa, snowball fights, football, kickball.....and so much more!



AEC Family Fun Celebrating Public Servants



Who: YOU!!! and your family

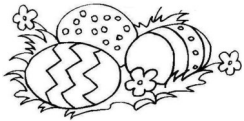
When: Saturday, April 19, 2014, 11:00a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Where: Ascension Episcopal Church
2525 Seagler Rd.
Houston, TX 77077



What: A Fun Family Event
Join us for an afternoon of fun.

- .Easter Egg Hunt
- .Water balloons (3 for \$1.00)
- .Tug-O-War
- .Bouncy Houses
- .Kickball/Soccer



(Use the water balloons to soak the pastor!!!)

If you are a Public Servant (i.e. military, firefighter, police officer, EMS responder, or teacher) come and enjoy a lunch plate **FREE** for you and your immediate family. It is our way of saying "Thank you" for all that you do. (Please come in uniform or with proper ID) . Not a Public Servant? No Problem, the suggested donation is \$3 a plate.

Please also take part in our MD Anderson Blood Drive dedicated to our church members, Donnie Hollowell, Walter Ellis, John Merwin, Barbara MacLennan, and Roz Anderson. This gift of life saves millions of lives.

Each lunch consists of your choice, 1/4 hamburger or two hotdogs, bag of chips and soft drink/water bottle.

Join us Easter Morning at 8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Lily Time!!

Please consider donating a lily to the church for the Easter service. The cost is \$25.00 but any amount is welcome. Your donation may be dedicated in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for, etc., and will be acknowledged in the Easter orders of service. Sign the chart and write your dedication as you would like it to appear. You may also send your check to the church with the dedication. Deadline details are the same as the musicians below. Thank you for your donation.



Easter Musicians Needs Underwriters

Please make an offering to help underwrite the Easter Musicians expense. Donations will be accepted through Easter, but in order for the dedication to appear in the bulletin, it must be received by the office no later than Tuesday, April 15nd. Please enclose your dedication with your check, or email the church office (office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org) with your dedication. You may also call to confirm that the office has received it (713-781-1330).

April 12th Workday

Spring has sprung and so have the weeds!! Please join us on April 12th at 9am to help spruce up the campus. We will be trimming some bushes and trees, clearing the bog pots, and helping to spread mulch and sand. Come a little early and enjoy a light breakfast and coffee. Please bring shovels, chainsaws, and wheelbarrows.



Thank you for your egg donations!!!

We asked and you stepped up. Thank you so much for your donations. We now have enough eggs and goodies for all three egg hunts. That's 1500 eggs!! If you still have eggs you want to donate, we will happily tuck them away for next year., so feel free to drop them off in the office.

Senior Bus Trip

Join us in celebrating the historical April battle of San Jacinto with our next Senior Bus trip on Wednesday, April 23 for a docent-led tour held aboard our bus of the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. After lunch, we will return to the San Jacinto Monument Museum for the "Texas Forever" film and also for elevator rides up to the top of the San Jacinto Monument. Trip cost is \$15.00 with lunch on your own at Sudie's Catfish House in Pasadena. If interested in the trip, please contact Cheryl Coppock at 281-293-0888 so we can plan out the trip. Payment is due by Wednesday, April 2 with check made out to the church. Please specify "Senior Bus Trip" on both your check and envelope.

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will hold their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, April 12th in the parish meeting room, with fellowship at 9:30 AM and the meeting at 10:00. Wendy Willeford will lead our study of Women of the Old Testament, focusing this month on Ruth. The program will be followed by a time of prayer. All ladies of the parish and their friends are cordially invited to attend.



Easter Breakfast

We have previously advertised no breakfast on Easter Sunday, but we will indeed have a continental breakfast

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When: Wednesdays beginning April 23, 2014 from 7:00pm to 8:40pm

Where: Ascension Episcopal Church, 2525 Seagler Road, Houston, TX, 713.781.1330

Cost: \$15.00 for study guide (optional)

Van Greene
713.294.3522

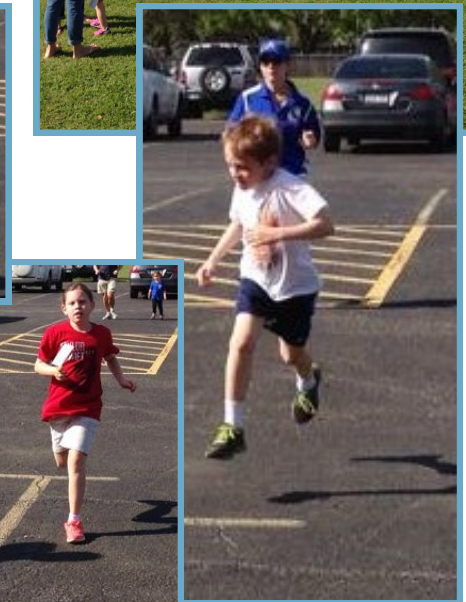
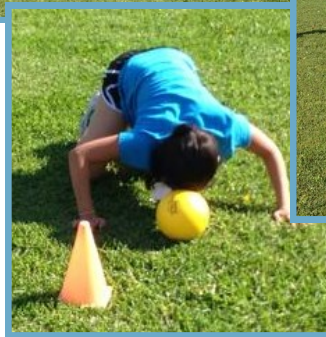
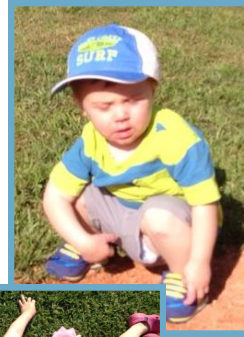
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A Proverbs 27:17 ministry

Munchkin Run was a Blast!!



Remember Ascension Episcopal Church and School in your will.



Contact: Leslie Nirider at
membership@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

Lifeline is a nondenominational social and support group for widows and widowers. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

For more information please contact

Jackie Clift

281.497.2663 or email jackieclift5@hotmail.com

Hurricane Season Is Here

The Disaster Response Committee wishes to remind all parishioners of the forms now available on the church website:

<http://www.ascensionepiscopalchurch.org/disaster-ministry.html>

On that page are two downloadable forms:

1. An Equipment/Service sign-up sheet – these volunteers only to be called upon during a disaster response situation.
2. A Member Assistance form for those who may have special needs – due to physical handicaps, living alone, or lack of proximity to friends and/or family. If you do not have computer access, please contact the church office and these forms will be provided.

Ascension Disaster Response Committee

Lee Nirider	713-464-8544
Jim Jackson	713-785-6909
Faye Armstrong	281-558-6817
Suzanne McMath	832-687-0864

WHAM Food Drive...

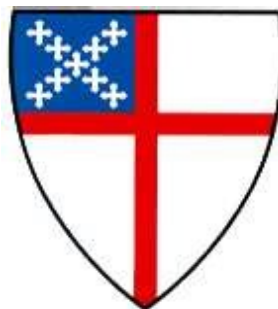
We receive nonperishable food items for distribution to those in need in our community every Sunday. These donated items are moved to the West Houston Assistance Ministry facility for distribution by volunteers. Look for the wooden box in the Narthex! Contact: office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

Staff

The Rev. Todd Bryant, Rector; Ana Black & Ro McKelvey, Music Team; Leslie Nirider, Membership; Samantha King, Secretary; Reginald Johnson, Sexton; Sandi Peters, Bookkeeper; Paul Belk, Newcomer Minister; Robi Lasiter, DRE

The Vestry

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The School Board

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The Mission of Ascension Episcopal Church

Our Mission as faithful followers of **Jesus Christ** is to love the **Lord** and one another unconditionally. We proclaim **God's** truth found in Holy Scripture and make disciples through Evangelism and Christian Education, while ministering joyfully to all **God's** people.