

EPIPHANY TO LENT 2017

**Welcome to
Epiphany Season
And
Beginning of Lent!**



The season of Epiphany started on Jan 6th, “The Epiphany” (The Magi’s discovery of Jesus). The season wraps up on Feb 26th with Transfiguration Sunday. On March 1, Ash Wednesday ushers in Lent. The season of Epiphany celebrates the Epiphanies or revelations of God’s mercy throughout the scriptures.

Vision, Vision — JAN 22 ONLY ONE SERVICE AT 9AM

We have a big final event for strategic planning on January 22. I want to extend a special invitation for worship. On this Sunday, January 22, we will have only one worship service at 9am followed by a vision gathering. This the capstone moment will give everyone who come to learn more about and contribute to the vision process. This day is super important, and we want everyone there. After 9am worship, gnosh on breakfast tacos, coffee and fruit and then settle in for some holy vision work. We need everyone's input about the next five years.

If you haven't already done the survey, please do. If you are having trouble with the link or completing it online, ask Samantha in the office for assistance.

Annual Meeting / Superbowl Sunday, Feb 5

This will be the last 10:30am worship.

Join us for Annual Meeting and lunch right after 10:30am service to get updated on the church and vision for the future. You won't miss a beat of the superbowl (kick off in the evening).

Feb 12th

New Schedule. Look Right



Shrove Tuesday, Feb 28th

Food not fit for your waistline!—6:30pm

Ash Wednesday Services, Mar 1st

- Imposition of Ashes, worship—no communion @ 8:30am
- Rite of Reconciliation Form II, in the church, check out the BCP, p 449 to see what it is like, 10am-11:45am
- Imposition of Ashes, Communion, no music, 12pm
- Rite of Reconciliation Form II, in the church, 4pm-6:45pm
- Imposition of Ashes, Communion, and music at 7pm

**SUNDAY MORNING
CHANGES START
FEBRUARY 12, 2017**

8:00 AM

Rite I Service

(no change)

9:00 AM

Breakfast

(no change)

10:00 AM

Rite II Service

(was 10:30 AM)

11:00 AM

Post Service Snacks

11:15 AM

Adult & Children's Formation

Later, as we grow, a youth group will start at 11:15 AM as well.

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR...(CONT.)

For reconciliation come to the church for individual sharing and reconciliation with the clergy. Reconciliation includes confession and prayers. There is no booth like you see in the movies, we might ask you to do something but it won't include "Hail Mary's". Try it out, it can be very powerful. We will have 15 min blocks, you can drop in but there maybe somebody ahead of you. Sign-ups will be published

Lenten Wednesdays - nursery available

- 6pm Taizé Worship
- 6:30pm light supper and teaching with hands on activity. (I am not going to tell you — it will be super cool, but you will have to be surprised.)
- All classes over at 7:30pm

Youth Group

We are going to begin with a once a month opportunity for youth to participate in youth group. You will be getting an invite from our DRE Miranda. There will be a brainstorming session on Feb 12 @ 11:15am, then our "first fourth" will be on Feb 26th @11:15am upstairs.

Get to Ascension Class in Church Library, Sundays @ 9am.

Starting March 12 to April 2 (Sundays at 9am). We will have our next Get-to-Know Ascension Class please email Miranda if you want to be included newcomers@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org.

Peace,



Pastor Todd Bryant

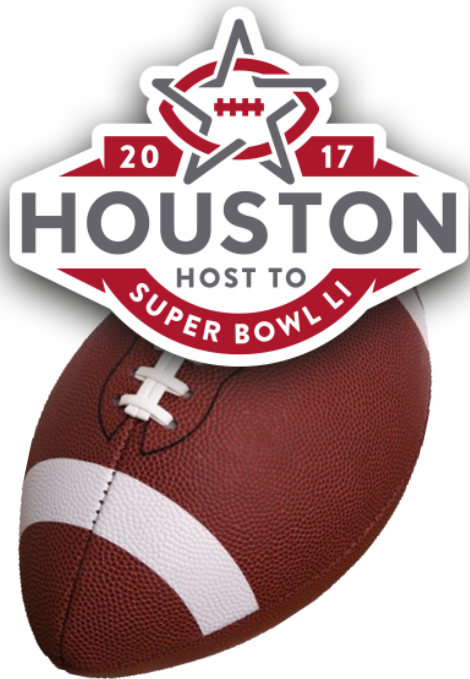
FROM MEMBERSHIP

Make stewardship your New Year's resolution.



Ascension has so far received 93 pledges for 2017 for a total of \$345,360. Thank you for each pledge. If you are ready to send it your pledge, we are happy to receive it; be it time, talent or the resources our Lord has bestowed upon you. Whether you have a passion for a ministry at Ascension, or just want to feel you have shared the cost of maintaining our sanctuary in West Houston, please pledge what you prayerfully decide will work for you/your family. Our goal is 120 pledges for a total of \$500,000. No amount is too small, and every pledge brings us closer to our goal. Thank you for your expression of faith in God's work at Ascension.

Pledging helps the Treasurer to know how to allocate funds and budget during the year. We adjust pledges up through November of each year, so if you make a pledge you are always welcome to change it and we appreciate the notice. Just as when we commit a certain time to, outreach, altar guild, choir or your favorite ministry of time and talent, we try to give the organizers a little warning if we know we can't make it to a scheduled event. Pledge cards can be turned in at any time. Please don't let fear get in the way of making a commitment. Our pledge is our promise to be an active steward. It helps the church to be a good steward as well. If you have questions, please contact our membership secretary, Leslie Nirider, at membership@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org. If you need a pledge card there is usually one in the pew cards and you can put in the plate or the mail. Again, thank you for all you do for Ascension.



Annual Meeting:

Super Bowl Themed Potluck

This year the annual Parish meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2017. Please make plans to attend this meeting. It will follow the 10:30 service and we will be serving your potluck munchies!! The Church will provide drinks, but we want you to bring your tailgate recipes and game munchies. If you need some ideas, Carol Goulet is overseeing the organization of this event.

This meeting is held to discuss budgeting, both last years review and upcoming year and to say good-bye to our exiting vestry members. As an election is not required, we will also be introducing your incoming vestry members. Look forward to reading their short biographies in future publications. This is also a good time to get caught up on the activities of the ministries in the organizational report and learn the needs of the ministries around you. Come for fellowship and to be a part of the future of your church.

Acolyte Training

Becoming an acolyte is a wonderful way for our youth to participate in our worship service. Acolytes carry the cross and lead the processions, light and extinguish the altar candles, and assist the pastor during Communion. Training for new acolytes may be conducted on Sundays from 9:30-10:15 AM. To schedule a training, please email the office or our Director of Religious Education, Miranda Griesbaum,

Opting out?

Are you receiving Tidings, The Weekly Reminder, Prayer Requests, or have you opted out of receiving emails? Some have done this intentionally because they didn't want to receive so many emails, and some do not even know they unsubscribed; they just don't receive emails anymore. Opting Out from the program we use to send email, removes your email address from use permanently. If you want to re-subscribe we have to ask you to go to the website and add yourself to the Ascension mailing list. Contact Samantha or Leslie for help.

Ascension does not want to flood your inbox. We send emails based on 4roupings: Tidings, Weekly Email, Prayer Requests, and Special Notices. Don't want to get them all? Let us know. We can tailor the emails you receive to your specific request. If you want to receive Tidings and Special Notices, but not Prayer Requests or the Weekly email, we can do that. Yes to the weekly, No to the Tidings? We can do that too. Generally unsubscribing removes you from ALL information. We want to keep you informed of the things that matter to you. If you are not sure which list you want to be removed from please contact the office and we can help you figure which information you would like to receive. You may also fill out the bottom of this page, tear it off, get it to us (drop it in the office, drop it in the plate, mail it), and we will honor your requests.

Remember we want to keep you informed the way you want to be!!

Email address: _____ Name: _____

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Tidings

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The Weekly Reminder

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Prayer Requests

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Special Announcements

Shrove Tuesday is on February 28. Traditionally, the young men from Boy Scout Troop 1836 have provided us with yummy pancakes. After 41 years, they have sadly closed their Ascension chapter. This year we will celebrate with pancakes or pigs in blankets or something; but definitely something delicious and not fit for your waistline. Please look for future publications for more details.

Ash Wednesday falls on March 1st.

There will be three services along with Reconciliation of Ashes:

- Imposition of Ashes, worship—no communion @ 8:30am
- Rite of Reconciliation Form II, in the church, check out the BCP, p 449 to see what it is like, 10am-11:45am
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The Lenten Wednesday Program

Mark your calendars and prepare to attend Wednesdays between March 8th and April 5th. You and your family are invited to join us at 6:00pm for our Lenten Program. We will have a light soup supper in the Parish Hall. 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.** Please look for details in future publications.



God's Word Read Aloud in God's House by God's People

We are continuing our tradition at Ascension of reading the Bible from Genesis through Revelation during Lent. Readings are approximately 30 minutes and are scheduled on weekday mornings, evenings (except Wednesdays) and Saturday mornings. You may use the Bible on the lectern or your own. You may read in the language of your choice. You may stand or sit and if access is difficult you may sit in the pews.

The sign-up will be available a week before the beginning of Lent. We will send the sign-up link via email, as well as have the link available on the front page of the church website. If online is not your thing, there will also be a sign up sheet in the narthex on Sunday morning. When you sign up online, please include your email address; you will be sent an email reminder a couple of days before your reading. Come to the church at the scheduled time and read aloud the verses assigned. The church will be open and the lights in the altar area turned on. If for some reason you find the church locked, the office has the key. If you wish to have an audience, you must bring your own. You may share this experience with a friend or church member or read on your own. It is suggested that you preview your reading the night before. If you would prefer to read at noon, choose the last reading in the morning or the first reading in the evening on that day and slide it to noon.

Please note that the Sunday paper sign-up and the online sign-up will be combined each Monday, and the newest version printed out the Friday before Sunday. So what this means, is if you sign-up late Friday or on Saturday, you will not see your name reflected on the sign-up sheet, but you are signed up. Last year we did not have any conflicting shifts, but if for some reason there is this year, Pam Schwabrow will simply contact the two parties that have signed up. One may choose to take a different time slot, or share the time. It will be up to you. Remember in the Bible it says "...make a joyful NOISE unto the Lord,..." so come as you are and read as you can.

ACTIVITIES AND ONGOINGS

Get to Know Ascension

Our next Get to Know Ascension Class will be held Sunday mornings from 9:00am – 9:45am every Sunday from March 12th – April 2nd. If you are interested in joining Ascension or would like a refresher class about the church, our Episcopal faith, who we are and how we live out our ministry then this class is for you. After attending this class you will have the option of being confirmed/ received/ reaffirmed into the Episcopal Church during the next Bishop's visit. Breakfast and childcare will be available. Please RSVP by emailing Miranda at newcomers@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org.

Updated Website

Our Newcomer Minister, Miranda Griesbaum, has been giving the website a much needed facelift. She has been cleaning up old and outdated information and making sure that we present a clear and understandable picture of who we are at Ascension. Please head on over to www.ascensionepiscopalchurch.org and have a look.

Calendar

Want to know about upcoming events? Check out the church calendar on the Ascension website. This calendar features, the church schedule, school schedules, outreach events, and facility usage merged into one. You may choose to look at only one at a time by clicking on the small downward arrow in the upper right hand corner and selecting which topic to view. Please, if you ever have any questions, ask Samantha in the office. The calendar is being updated constantly, so check back for new events.

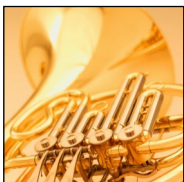
Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will hold their regular monthly meetings on Saturday, January 14th and February 11th in the parish library, with fellowship at 9:30 AM and the meeting at 10:00. At the Jan. 14 meeting, Joy Dyer will be leading the next lesson for those who are being newly installed. Come and share the fellowship. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for fellowship and prayer and their friends are cordially invited to attend.



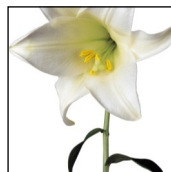
Altar Flowers

The flower chart for 2017 is now posted in the narthex. The cost of our flowers is \$100 (which includes delivery). Please remember to sign the flower chart, the dedication book below it, and place your donation in the alms basin or send it to the office, marked flower fund. All questions can be answered by Ann Burton [\(713\) 782-6572](tel:7137826572).



Way Far Ahead:

I know it's really early, but remember, the time is coming for Easter Lilies & Easter Brass.



Please Note: The office will be closed on January 16th in Observance of Martin Luther King Jr.

REACH OUT

As I write on this the eve of Epiphany, I am reminded of the rich traditions in the church surrounding this time of year. We have just completed celebrating the birth of Christ-God's gift to His people and now we begin to celebrate the official appearance of Christ. That is what epiphany means-appearance. We celebrate the Magi as they follow the star to see this oh so special king that has been born. Many Christians also celebrate the baptism of Christ at this time of year. We acknowledge God's gift...we recognize who this person, Christ, is.

And what a gift the Lord has presented us with-a gift that changes our lives, bringing us joy and hope. This past month I have had the privilege to witness how you, the congregation of Ascension, have shared your joy with others in our community in significant ways. The boxes for the Seafarers and the bags for the Forgotten Seniors drives exceeded our goals. We happily labored to get around them on the altar the Sundays those items were blessed.

The December Lunch with Friends at the Mission of Yahweh was so very special. The residents and children welcome us and come up to thank us for being there, raving about the food. And I promise you-lunch that day was really nice! Later in the month, I delivered 25.00 gift certificates for the residents for their Christmas presents, toys for the children, nail polish and toiletries for the stockings for the residents. For most-this is their only Christmas.

This Sunday we will complete our drive for coats and athletic shoes for Lord of the Streets benefiting the homeless. Early in December, we also sent a team down to the Beacon to serve the homeless. In January we will begin our training to start Open Table.

We celebrate the beginning of a bright new year where we can continue to reach out into our community. If you have not ventured out with the teams to WHAM, Mission of Yahweh, Walnut Bend Elementary or the Beacon yet-please let me encourage you to join us.

Your servant in Christ,

Deacon Mary



MISSION AND OUTREACH

Lunch with Friends

Lunch with Friends at Mission of Yahweh occurs each month on the first Saturday. We cook on the Friday before usually in the church kitchen and serve on Saturday. We had a great time last month being with each other and the residents. Please sign up in the Narthex and we will send you the last minutes details of when and where we are cooking and arriving.

WHAM Volunteering

On the third Saturday of each month, we send a team to WHAM to repackage food items for their Food Pantry. Be sure to sign up in the Volunteer Binder in the Narthex and be part of this month's team on January 21, 9am to noon.

Fill the Box

Don't forget. Fill the Box Sunday is the First Sunday of each month. That lands on February 5. Let's fill the wooden box in the Narthex with non perishable foods for WHAM. Focus on canned soup, jelly, canned veggies, tuna, and rice and beans. (Bags or boxes)



What is Open Table?

Members of a Table use their vocational and life experiences as tools to help a young adult develop and implement plans that create change: economic, emotional, and spiritual change, to direct them toward success in life. This is a new ministry at Ascension and there will be ways you can serve, even if not in the capacity of mentor. As we get started, we encourage you to serve as a support system for this ministry. Please contact John Searle, Leslie Nirider or Deacon Mary and let them know you are willing to help.

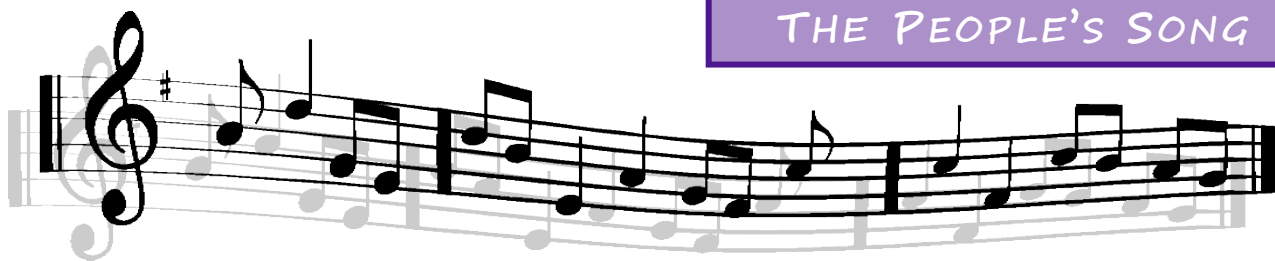


T-Shirts

Remember we have Outreach T-Shirts still available for purchase. These T-shirts were designed by Janis Edel and identify us in our mission work throughout the community. Cost: \$12.00. Available in most sizes. Just ask Deacon Mary and she will happily provide you with one.



THE PEOPLE'S SONG



The Psalms are back in Church!

I love the psalms.

When the word *psalm* is used, it refers to the holy poetic texts in the Old Testament Book of Psalms. There are more psalms in Eastern churches: 'Psalm 151' was found in the Dead Sea Scrolls, while Psalms 152-155 are used in Syriac churches.

The word *psalm* is derived from the Greek word *psalmos*, which means instrumental music. To be technical, it refers to the *twanging of a harp*! These texts were our first hymnal, as they were meant to be recited, chanted, or sung. It is interesting that although there are many references to instruments in the psalms, we do not find any imperative that we *play* the psalms. Over a third of them are addressed to the 'director of music, and some suggest instrumentation. There are fragments preserved in Jewish chant which give directions on how to recite or chant. All Abrahamic religions use the psalms in worship, as do Rastafari. It is believed that they were all composed within a five century span, beginning with what we know as Psalm 29.

Today's sequential enumeration of the psalms is a bit different than the original order. The original poetic form fell into disuse by careless translators and changes in liturgical uses. Psalms 9 and 10 were originally one single acrostic poem. They were parted in a Hebrew manuscript, but placed together as one by a Greek source. Psalm 144 is the coupling of two songs: verses 1-11, and 12-15. Seventy-three psalms are attributed to King David; one of the Dead Sea Scrolls credits him with over 3600 songs of praise. Ten psalms not in the Book of Psalms are in other books: 2 Samuel, 1 Chronicles, Matthew, Luke, Acts, Romans, and Hebrews.

There are 5 major types of psalms: hymns of praise, communal laments, royal psalms, individual laments, and individual thanksgiving psalms. There are lesser subsets and some psalms which don't fit any category. The book of Psalms is divided into five 'books: nos. 1-41, 42-72, 73-89, 90-106, and 107-150.

The Psalms remain fresh and relevant - whether one recites, chants or sings.

Suzanne

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What is Taizé worship?

Taizé is a tiny village in France. The Taizé founder was Brother Roger Louis Schutz-Marsauche. Although Swiss, he founded his 'house' in France in 1940. Switzerland was neutral, and he saw war-ravaged France as a place that needed a deeper feeling of peace and justice. He wanted worship services that brought

Catholic and non-Catholics together. Worship is contemplative, with inspiration coming from icons, candles, incense, prayers, and simple meditative refrains for the music. There is no preaching. The music is short chants repeated many times. The goal is a spirituality fueled by a desire for calm, peace, and justice through prayer and meditation. The idea is to not interfere with the spiritual feeling in the service; but to invite unity and peace.

Planning a service: Taizé worship is based on a simple order:

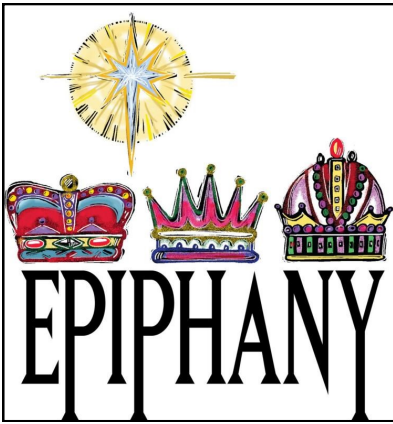
- *Opening song or songs*
(the short chants. Every time there's music, it is one of the short, repeated refrains.)
- *Psalm reading*
- *Sung response*
- *Scripture reading*
- *Silent meditation*
- *Intercession* (prayers from individuals if desired, followed by)
- *The Lord's Prayer*
- *Closing songs* – 1 or more

There are prescribed prayers/scriptures, but you don't have any obligation to use them. The music can be accompanied by a sing instrument or a song leader. *A capella* or accompanied music is fine.

Taizé services are extremely popular with youth. Tiny Taizé swells to over 5,000 people when youth conferences are held. Brother Roger's dream of uniting religious factions came to pass at his funeral – there were dignitaries from all major religions and denominations who spoke. His movement continues with the many monks who reside in Taizé part time and spread his teachings the remainder of their time.

These contemplative services lend themselves to Lenten worship, a traditionally introspective time for Christians.





The New Year Brings Exciting Changes!

One of the many benefits of the new schedule being implemented on February 12th is that you no longer have to decide between worshipping together as a family or having your children attend Sunday School. After the church service, there will be time for snacks and time for the kiddos to run and play by the fountain; when you hear the bells ringing that will let you know that it's time for Sunday School. Children will be required to have an adult sign them into and out of Sunday School.

Worshipping as a family during the service is an important part of children's formation and there are several opportunities for the children and youth of Ascension to actively participate in the service – if your child would like to serve as a Jr. Usher, Acolyte, or Jr. Acolyte please let me know!

Youth Sunday

Our next Youth Sunday is on January 29th! In addition to the service opportunities above, we will also need a lector and intercessor. If your child would like to serve on this date please let me know. We are also collecting a special offering from the children and youth so don't forget to have them bring their loose change; this offering will go to support the children living at Mission of Yahweh.

Calling All Youth

February 12th, at 11:15 am, we're kicking off our new youth group! All children in 5th grade or above are encouraged to attend; the first event will be fellowship centered. We want to hear from our youth about what kind of activities they're interested in and what they'd like to see in a youth group. Then, beginning February 26th and continuing on the 4th Sunday of every month, we'll have a special event planed just for them.

We Need YOU to Volunteer!

Now is a wonderful time to start volunteering as a Sunday School teacher or helper and beginning February 12th, you can volunteer without having to worry about missing our wonderful church service!

It is a JOY to minister to the children of Ascension - our children are easy to work with and you do not need to be a Bible expert to teach them. The lesson plans and activities for every Sunday are prepared for you – you only need to spend a few moments looking over the lesson during the week. The best part about teaching is that by volunteering with Ascension's children you are blessing them with your gifts and in return, you are blessed by the love and joy that our children share with you!



Thank You!

Our Christmas Pageant was a wonderful event; thank you Liz Goodman, Margo Kaplan, and Lillian Care for making it all possible!



ASCENSION SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

Our school continues to support UT Health Pediatric Brain Cancer through the work of Dr. David Sandberg. We had a Craft Fair on Sunday, December 4th, from 11:30 am to 2 pm. Our choir sang and there were many handmade items available from students and vendors. This event helped us support this amazing doctor and his research.

On behalf of our school, I thank you for your generous contributions to replace the funds lost in the recent theft from our finance office. With your generosity, we were able to replace the entire fund and give our gift to UT pediatric brain cancer research. THANK YOU!



When we return in January, our Pre-K 4 students will re-enact the story of Epiphany on Tuesday, January 10th. We will also have some songs sung by the students. This is an all school chapel at 9 am.

Pastor Todd has started having Communion every first Tuesday of the school year for our students in grades 1-5. We want our students to have a greater understanding of this service and partake of communion as they wish. We had been having Communion two to three times per year. We will have Communion on December 6th, and January 3rd at 8:30 am in the church. This will continue until the end of the school year on the first Tuesday of the month.

We begin to have meetings with our current families about the classes for next year with Kindergarten Round-Up on Wednesday, January 25th. This is a time for our current and future Kindergarten families to meet the teachers and understand our curriculum. We invite all interested families to attend at 7:30 am in the School Library.

Our Student Council is planning a talent show and dinner on Friday, January 27th, from 5:30 to 6:30 in the Parish Hall; we will have entertainment, and dinner for those who attend. It is the first fund raiser for our Student Council.

On February 10th, we will have Share the Love Chapel at 9 am in the church. This service is with our Pre-School to K students as we share chapel with those we love.

We celebrate the diversity of our school with International Festival on Friday, February 24th. Our parents share their heritage and traditions with the students from Pre-K 3 to Fifth grade. We start with Pre-K 3 to K at 12:30, and our students in 1-5 come to the Festival at 1:15.

Faithfully

Nancy Clausey





“NIGHT ON THE BOARDWALK” AUCTION NEWS

It's Auction Time Again!

Every year AES holds an auction and social in the spring. The event is a great opportunity for parents, teachers, friends, families and church members to come together to celebrate our wonderful school with food, fun, drinks, music and dancing... and to support the vision of AES through the silent auction.

We encourage all AES families to attend and participate - Ducklings through 5th grade. RSVPs will be taken starting in March. Reserved tables may be purchased beginning now. (Click [HERE](#) to learn more about reserved tables.) Invite many to join us!

This year our theme is "A Night on the Boardwalk" and will be a little different from past auctions. We will have more time to play and enjoy with our kids too! Adults will have bidding, dinner, midway games and fun until about 8pm. Kids will have their own carnival type games and fun until about 8pm. At around 8pm, parents can grab their kids, and we can all enjoy dessert, dancing and carnival fun together until 10pm!

Please read below for more information and keep you eye out for auction news in school bags, on Living Tree and via email.



AUCTION OPPORTUNITIES - HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Purchase an Auction T-shirt!
- Attend the Father-Daughter Dance! This is a PRE-Auction auction item.
- Donate to a Class Basket!
- Volunteer to help assemble class baskets!
- Volunteer to Help with Class Art Projects for Ducks through PreK4 Classes!
- Volunteer to Host a Sign-Up Party as a Donation to the Auction!
- Help Solicit Auction Items or Donate an Item!
- Purchase a Reserved Auction Table!
- Volunteer to Set Up!
- Attend the Auction. Purchase Your “Ticket”!

Remember Ascension Episcopal Church and School in your will.



Contact: Leslie Nirider at
membership@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

Disaster Response

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...

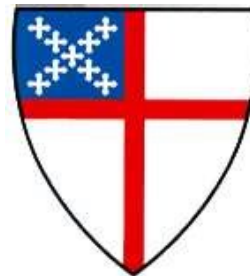
We have a drive **once** a month on the First Sunday and on the 3rd Saturday of the month we go over to WHAM to work to prep food for distribution in the Food Pantry. So bring your non-perishable goods on the First Sunday and please Sign up in the Volunteer Sign Up Log in the Narthex to help on-site. If you have questions or would like more information please contact Deacon Mary at deacon@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

Staff

The Rev. Todd Bryant, Rector; The Rev. Mary Reddick, Deacon; Miranda Griesbaum, Director of Religious Education and Newcomer Minister, Suzanne Anderson, Organist Choirmaster; Leslie Nirider, Membership; Samantha King, Secretary; Ann Seitz, Bookkeeper

The Vestry

Mike Black (Sr. Warden), Jim Anderson, Cindy Breton, Cheryl Coppock, Clement Falayi, Carol Goulet, Doug Meyers, Matt Murphy, Lee Nirider, Dick Stabell, Tom Sutton, and The Rector.



The School Board

The Rev. Todd Bryant, Todd Breton (President), Jim Anderson (Vice President), Thom Fenner (Treasurer), Amanda Candler (Secretary), Shay James, Diego Parra, Patrick Gallagher, Tom Konitzer, Tim Gilheart, Marike Owen, Kevin McNulty, and Ex-officio members: Vestry Reps, Mike Black, and The Head of School -Nancy Clausey

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