

ASCENSION TIDINGS

MARCH 2014

Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and Lent

Take a look inside for the full schedule of Ash Wednesday service and our Lenten offerings. Happy Lentening! It all starts on March 4th with the Boy Scout troop serving a pancake supper for Shrove Tuesday. .

February Highlights

February was a very full month of behind-the-scenes work for your leadership: We hired a new music director, sent delegates to council, prepared for Parents' Night In, and your new vestry had a retreat with the Rector. Your Vestry and Rector have had a very full plate.



Music

You probably have noticed the new faces leading worship. Ana Black and Ro McKelvey are leading our music now. They bring a great deal of practical experience in leading worship. They are both teachers and have significant experience leading music in both the school setting and the Episcopal Church. See inside for a brief introduction of both. I am bouncing on my toes excited for what they bring to this community and the choir. The other bonus they bring is their experience with leading kids' choirs. You will have all the details about rehearsal times and expectations of the kids once they get settled. Rehearsals will begin after Easter Sunday.

Council

I give special thanks to Diane and Everett Baker, Paul Searle, Paul Duncan, Patrick and Pam Schwabrow for being our annual representatives at diocesan council. Nothing that could be seen as controversial was passed. However, the council affirmed a strong connection to Mission. We have strengthened our ties many different Anglican provinces throughout the world.

This all comes second hand as I and the family were all down for the count on council weekend with a stomach bug.

Parents' Night In

Numerically, Parents' Night In was a resounding dud. The working poor did not partake of our offerings of banking, insurance, a good meal and health screenings. You might say that our ministers were all dressed for Prom and nowhere to go (if you were an Okie). Despite the dismal turnout, we are not giving up on the important ministry of reaching out to the working poor and will be trying a different approach in the fall.

I am very grateful to Amegy Bank, Farmer's Insurance, and Dr. Gomez of the Pediatric Eye Clinic for offering us their time and expertise. I give a special shout out to Alejandro and Melissa Covarrubias for all their leadership in organizing this event. The most fun was watching two young men lead a soccer clinic for the kids who were there. The weather was immaculate, the clinic was flawlessly executed, and the kids had a lot of fun.

Letter from the Rector...(cont.)

Despite the lack of success, I give thanks to all of you who volunteered and made food. Don't think of it as a failure, but step 1 in a ministry experiment. Jim Collins in "Great By Choice" said that successful organizations try "bullets then cannonballs". In this thought picture, he describes two warring sea ships with limited gunpowder. The successful ship will fire bullets (to calibrate their aim). Once calibrated then they shoot the cannonball. The metaphor can apply to any initiative secular or religious. Parents' Night In, Parents' Night Out, Church Under the Bridge and others have all been bullets to help us figure out they best places to put our precious mission dollars. Parents' Night Out is clearly worth the cannonball, yet we are still trying to find the right cannonball for ministry to the poor. If I have confused you, check this excellent explanation of the concept:

<http://vimeo.com/61581268>

I give thanks to God for all the Ascension is and is becoming.



The Rev. Todd Bryant

Here is the Semester at a Glance:

- March 4th – Shrove Tuesday-Pancake Supper
- March 5th – Ash Wednesday services: 8:30am, noon, 7pm
- Drive through ashes 9:15am-11am in church parking lot. Yes, you read correctly!
- March 12th – April 9th – Lenten Wednesdays
- April 13th – Palm Sunday
- April 17th – Maundy Thursday
- April 18th - Good Friday
- April 19th - Community Appreciation Event
- April 20th - Easter Sunday

Lenten Soup Schedule:

- March 12 DOK
- March 19 Sunday School
- March 26 Altar Guild
- 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. The stations were made by AES students. 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, based on writer contributions.



THIS IS WHERE WE NEED YOU:

Calling all writers. In Lent, we will have a five week series with teaching and drama. Will you write a 5-10 min play telling the story of Stations of the Cross per week as seen below? We would like to cover three stations a week. It can be written for one actor or dozens. They will of course have to be approved by Fr. Todd and he is happy to help you with any questions. They will be based on the Scriptural Way of the Cross:

- Week One: Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas and arrested and is condemned by the Sanhedrin.
- Week Two: Jesus is denied by Peter, judged by Pilate, scourged and crowned with thorns.
- Week Three: Jesus takes up his cross, is helped by Simon to carry his cross, and meets the women of Jerusalem
- Week Four: Jesus is crucified, promises his kingdom to the repentant thief, and entrusts Mary and John to each other.
- Week Five: Jesus dies on the cross and is laid in the tomb.

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
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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

April 18th, 12pm

Led by the WHAM churches

Site will be announced in later publications

Good Friday Worship @ Ascension

April 18th, 7pm,

No Nursery

Easter Day

April 20th, Flowering of cross at both services

8am worship with communion & hymns nursery available

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

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



Looking further ahead:

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.

Other things on the calendar to keep a look out for:

April 19th on Saturday afternoon– Thank you event to all teachers, firefighters, police, ems tech's, etc. Those who show up in their uniform or show their ID badge get free food and drink. We will also have an Easter egg hunt for those

Youth Missions - Once a month, our DRE, Robi Lasiter and I are putting together a mini-youth mission like going to the food bank, traveling to Camp Allen for a work detail, or helping at WHAM & Mission of Yahweh.

We'll keep you posted - Todd

Newcomer Corner

A New Lenten Practice

Not everyone may know that every Tuesday and Thursday, people who have no direct association with Ascension come into our sanctuary balcony for an hour. During that time, they connect with their bodies and spirits in view of our amazing stained glass windows. In addition, many of the Ascension staff members join them.



I'm talking about yoga. Some may initially balk at the idea of incorporating an originally eastern practice into a church, but as with so much we do in life, it is about intent. Practicing yoga can be a form of prayer to God with your body and your breath when you make it so, especially when you are in a church sanctuary!

As we enter into this season of Lent, we are brought to a place of reflection and pilgrimage toward the cross with Jesus. Years ago, in addition to fasting from something during Lent, I also took on the idea of adding something, of submitting myself to a practice. In the past, I have scribbled a line of poetry each day or have drawn a quick sketch about my thoughts on Jesus. Some years it has taken the form of intentionally sharing good meals with people I care about each week of the season.

This year, I am submitting to a practice of prayerful yoga each Tuesday and Thursday at noon in the balcony of the sanctuary under the guidance of Polly Patton, an amazing yoga teacher and was raised an Episcopalian! I invite you to join me!

Contact Polly for more info at 281-415-9832 or pollykpatton@gmail.com and to learn about the very affordable fees. If nothing else, I encourage you to come see Fr. Todd do the splits and bend himself into a pretzel!

Director of Religious Education

Lent?...But I don't want to give up stuff...

As we enter Lent, we are preparing for what is the most important and wonderful celebration of the year – Easter. As parents, we want to help our children understand and participate in Lent, but compared to the excitement and joy associated with Advent and preparing for the coming of the Christ Child, Lent can almost seem ominous and “heavy”.

We know the joy that will come on the day of the Resurrection, but the road to get there is difficult. I remember growing up thinking it was mainly a season to give up something I really liked, practicing self-denial. It wasn't until I was an adult that I really understood the deeper meaning of Lent and how this season is a preparation to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection.

During Sunday school this season, we will be walking with the children through this journey, and helping them to understand just what this season is all about. We will be teaching them what each of the seven symbols associated with Lent are and what they mean. We'll learn about Ash Wednesday and all the other special days in Lent, especially during Holy Week. We'll discuss how these 40 days are an opportunity for us to reflect on this HUGE thing called salvation, and how God has a plan for each of us.

We'd love for your child to come on this journey with us!!



On February 16th, the youth of Ascension hosted the youth group from Holy Spirit for a rousing game of kickball followed by a trip to The Marble Slab for ice cream. Although we did not come out victorious, we do intend to seek our revenge at a “tenolf” ball game which will be scheduled soon! (If you've never heard of tenolf ball, and I'm thinking none of us have, it has something to do with a tennis ball (or was it racquet) and golf club. You won't want to miss it!) Thanks to all the youth, parents, and “fans” that turned out for the game.

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

The youth of Ascension (grades 6 – 12) will be volunteering for a shift at the Houston Food Bank on Saturday, March 15th. We will meet at the church at 11:30, and travel to the Food Bank on Portwall St..

This is a great way to serve our community AND receive community service hours for school. You may invite friends to join us, as long as we have enough drivers. So, parents, we need you to drive to and from the food bank. Of course, you are welcome to stay to help out, but it is not required that you work. If you are interested in participating, please RSVP to Robi Lasiter at robilasiter@gmail.com. We need to notify the Food Bank as to how many are coming, so please email Robi before the 10th. This number should include any friends that are coming as well as parents that are staying to work. Younger siblings can work as long as they are at least five, and the parent stays with them.

Ascension School

Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the month of March our current families will be re-enrolling by March 3 and we will begin enrolling new students this month.

Our basketball teams celebrate the end of their first season with a team party and trophies on March 1. It is an evening of fun, food, and family. We begin baseball season this month and more teams and games on the horizon.

We attend Ash Wednesday Service on Wednesday, March 5th at 8:30 am. Grades 1-5 will attend the service and participate in the imposition of ashes. We invite you to attend with us.

Our Spring Break is March 17-21, as we take some time away to welcome spring.

Our 3rd and 4th grade classes will go to Camp Allen on Monday, March 24th, for 3 days and two nights in the piney woods to learn about Texas history. They also learn about nature and the animal inhabitants in the area.

Our 5th grade class will go to Mo Ranch which is near Kerrville. This provides camp experience, leadership opportunities, and 4 days and 3 nights of outdoor adventure.

We are moving forward to update some classrooms, bathrooms, and the front office this summer; we hope you will see some progress in the future.

Faithfully,

Nancy Clausey
Head of School



PNO Updates and Announcements

Our Next Parent's Night Out will be March 8th.

The March session of PNO will be held on Saturday March 8th (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 before Spring Break, can drop their children off for a very low fee. Parents' Night Out is held on the 2nd Saturday of each month., including April, which was previously advertised as an exception. Join us for some Luck O'the Irish fun.

Parents who would like to sign up their children for the March session may do so now by using the link on the church website or by following this [LINK](#). Registration is open until Thursday, March 6th.

Thank you to all those who volunteers each month. It is you who make this possible. We are 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. We have welcomed several new families into the Ascension family, and we look forward to welcoming more. If you haven't volunteered before, but would like to help, contact Robi. We have yet to have "too many" volunteers!!

Auction 2014



AUCTION AND SOCIAL
APRIL 26, 2014

What a great January we have had preparing for the auction! Everything is coming together smoothly and wonderfully! Thank you, amazing auction team, for all your hard work!

As you will see at the bottom of this newsletter, many more great donations have come in! We do still need your help though... if you have a donation or a connection to someone who could donate something or sponsor the auction, please ask!

This year we have 2 separate auction events for you. 1) The fun, social event will take place on Saturday, April 26th, 6 - 9:15pm. 2) Our very first ONLINE AUCTION - think Ebay.

Class basket collections have begun! Check out the section below for more information on baskets.

Invitations will be sent out March 3rd. RSVPs will begin to be taken then as well. Only 1 reserved table remains, so if you want one, grab it soon!

Class Baskets

Basket items and money have begun to trickle in. Thank

you!! Keep them coming!

As a reminder, each class has a theme and is asked to contribute items (or money) in order for us to create a basket to sell at the auction event on April 26th. Click [HERE](#) to view the list of themes and ideas of items to go in each basket. We hope you will have fun buying an item for your basket. If you are feeling uninspired or you don't have time to shop, you may send in a monetary donation, and we'll do the shopping for you!

Please note that if you have a new item that would go well in any class basket, please feel free to donate it too - the more the merrier! We also need medium and large baskets (new or used in good shape) to use for packaging. If you have any collecting dust, please let us put them to use!

Please turn donations in to school office. When you send in your item(s), please attach a 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.

If you have any questions, please email Rebekah Clausey at rclausey@ascensionepiscopalschool.org or call her at the school office. Thank you for your help!



Online Auction!

April 4 - 11 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!

In early April, you will be sent an email inviting 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.) More information on the online auction will come out after Spring Break. Please ask any office staff or auction team member if you have any questions!



Auction Night

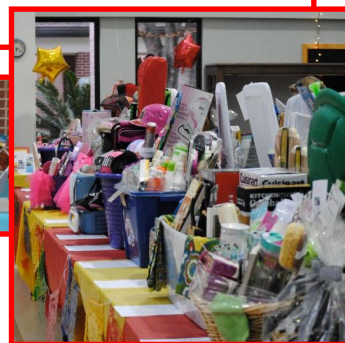
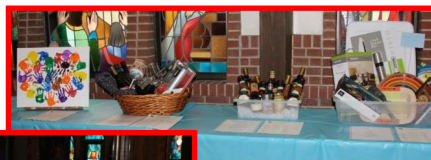
April 26th, 6 - 9:15pm We hope you have put the auction night on your calendars and are planning to come with friends and relatives! The auction is an event for ALL AES families - ELP through 5th grade families! It is a very fun night of socializing with teachers, school families, church members and our friends and families.

Childcare is provided at the school. It is \$5 per child and you must RSVP. More information to come in March.

About 2/3 of our auction items will be offered at this event, including the class baskets and class art projects.

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!



Amazing Talent of the Ascension School Students

The Ascension students, from 1st-5th grade, under the guidance of Janis Edel, have constructed astounding representations of the stations of the cross. Each of the 57 enrolled students has contributed to the fourteen stations. They will be hung around the sanctuary with plates identifying each station on Ash Wednesday. We will have a "guidebook" available for those who come to the Lenten Soup Wednesday programs that will show you the pictures these incredible kids used as inspiration. As a teaser, here you will find the first five stations. They are crafted out of simple clay and attached to a wooden board measuring about 14 inches square. The details may be difficult to see in these pictures, so, come to church, see them in detail, and check out the rest of them. You will be impressed.



First Station:
Jesus in the Garden
of Gethsemane



Second Station:
Jesus, betrayed by Judas,
is Arrested



Third Station:
Jesus is Condemned
by the Sanhedrin



Fourth Station:
Jesus is Denied by Peter



Fifth Station:
Jesus is Judged by Pilate

Welcome New Music Directors!

We would like to give Ana Black and Roe McKelvey a great big Ascension welcome. They are the wonderfully energetic duo that have taken over the organist and choir master responsibilities. Please read a little about these individuals from their bios below. And be sure to say hi on Sunday.

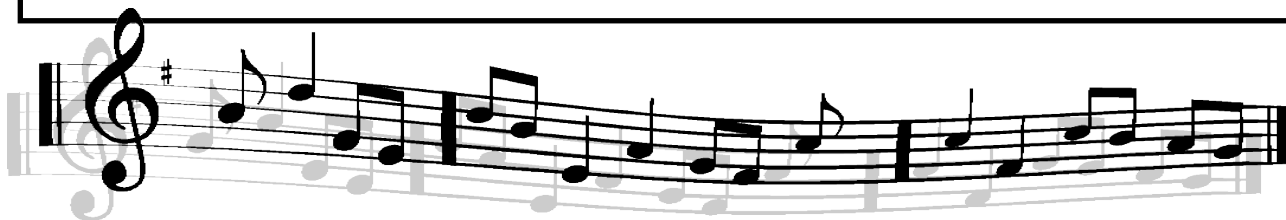
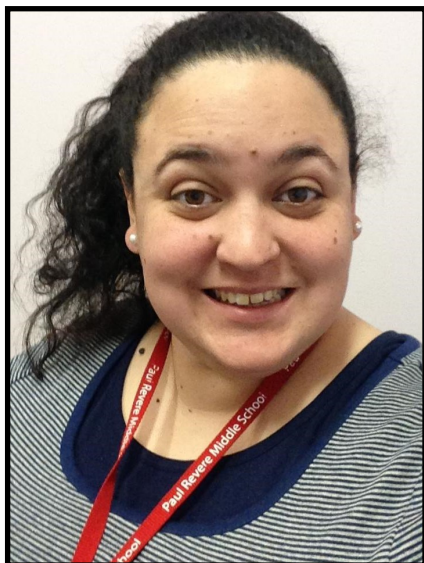
Rolethial McKelvey

Rolethial, who goes by Ro began playing the piano at the age of 4, under the direction of Mrs. Carolyn Davis. She continued her studies in the piano program at Johnston Middle School, under the direction of Faye Volcy, and eventually attended Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts where she studied under Dr. Danny Kelley. While at HSPVA, Rolethial began working for the Summer Academy for Scholarship in the Arts, where she began as a teacher assistant, and after college became the director of the program. For her upper-level studies, Rolethial attended Sam Houston State University, where she received her Bachelors Degree in Piano Performance. After college, Rolethial began working as a consultant for Houston's High School for Performing and Visual Arts until she received her teacher's certification. Rolethial now teaches piano at HISD's Johnston Middle School, along with private piano lessons. She also plays for the children's choir at the First Presbyterian Church, and for the Families with Children service at Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church. Her future plans include obtaining her Masters and Doctorate degree in Collaborative Piano, and sharing her love for music, and most importantly the Lord, overseas.



Ana Teresa Black

Ana is originally from Caracas, Venezuela but has called Houston her home for the past 13 years. Ana has been involved with choral singing since she was 3 years old. Thanks to her musical talents, she has been able to tour with various groups to a number of national and international festivals, including Song Bridge in Finland, America Cantat in Caracas, and the American Choral Directors' Association Choral Festival in Miami. Ana has worked at various churches and religious organizations around town, providing liturgical music for the elevation of religious services. In addition to serving as the Ascension Co-Director of Music, Ana is the Choir & Theater Director at Paul Revere Middle School in HISD. She believes that music is an essential part of a person's education and enjoys sharing the wonderful experiences music has



Activities and Offerings

Lent Begins:

Shrove Tuesday

Mark your calendars for March 4th and join us in the Parish Hall at 6:30pm for a Pancake Supper hosted by Boy Scout Troop 1836.

Ash Wednesday

Three services will be held on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. (Nursery is not available.)

- 8:30, in conjunction with the school, non Eucharist
- 9:15-11:00 Drive Thru Ashes (Yes, you read that correctly. Todd will be available in the church parking lot.)
- 12:00pm, noon, a Eucharist service
- 7:00pm, an evening Eucharist service



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 a half hour and are scheduled on weekday mornings and evenings and on Saturday morning. 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 first row.

Sign up for a reading and include your telephone number. You'll be called the night before as a reminder. You may sign up online starting Monday on the church website, by clicking on the front page link. There is also a sign up sheet near the name tag table in the narthex on Sunday morning. You show up at 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 sign-up and the online sign-up will be combined on Monday, and the newest version printed out the Friday before Sunday. So what this means, is if you sign-up 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.



Easter Eggs for Outreach!!!

In addition to the traditional egg hunt after the 10:30 service on Easter Sunday, Ascension will be hosting two additional hunts. As part of a Community outreach event, which will be held on Saturday April 19th, we will be welcoming community service professionals and their families to have lunch on us, and an egg hunt for their children. The third egg hunt will be held at April's Parents' Night Out, which has been one of the best attended PNO's in the past. We need EGGS! Please donate a bag or two of empty plastic eggs. (NO candy – just the eggs). Look for the large basket in the Narthex for you to place your donations. Let's make these events SUCCESSFUL!!

Activities and Offerings

Children's Chapel Training

If you are a volunteer for Children's Chapel, or have considered becoming one, please attend this short training (30 minutes) today, Sunday, March 2nd, after the 10:30 service. Father Todd will be training and giving direction pertaining to Children's Chapel.

He will cover: Expectations
Children's Chapel basics
Welcoming observers and engaging them
Tools for dealing with aggressive kids

Please bring all of your questions, concerns, and suggestions for Father Todd.

Senior Bus Trip

On Wednesday, March 5, the seniors we will be going to the newly renovated Julia Ideson Public Library downtown. Lunch will be at Treebeards in the cloister of the Episcopal Cathedral and cost about \$10. Afterwards, we will tour the Heritage Society Museum of early Houston houses. We will have docents at the library and museum. The bus leaves parking lot at 9:15a.m., be there by 9:00 and we should be back by 3:00pm.



Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will hold their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, March 8th 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 Rahab. The program will be followed by a time of prayer. All ladies of the parish and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

Rector's Class

Join our Sunday Adult Formation offering at 9:30am in the Parish Hall, for an 18 week study on the Book of Revelation. We are in week six, and this is a "drop in" class. You are welcome to come at any point in the series. We will look the political and spiritual landscape found in Revelation.

Community Appreciation Grill-Off and Easter Egg Hunt

To show our appreciation to our community heroes, Ascension will be holding a Community Appreciation Event and Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th. Police officers, fire personnel and teachers (and their families) who are either in uniform or present their ID can enjoy a free hot dog meal along with an Easter egg hunt for the kids. Other members of the community are welcome to participate as well, and can purchase a hot dog meal for a nominal fee. For information or to volunteer to help, email the church office.

Altar Flowers

Please check the flower chart posted in the narthex and consider making a dedication and donation. Any amount is acceptable and goes toward the cost of the flowers. There can be more than one dedication per Sunday. Flowers will be on the Altar every Sunday except during Lent. If you have any questions call Ann Burton. 713-782-6572

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...

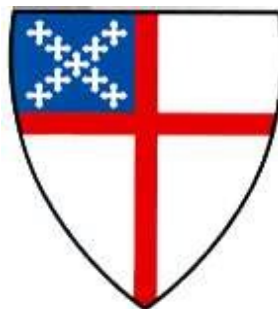
We receive nonperishable food items for distribution to those in need in our community every Sunday. These donated items are moved to the West Houston Assistance Ministry facility for distribution by volunteers. Look for the wooden box in the Narthex! Contact: office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

Staff

The Rev. Todd Bryant, Rector; Charles Jordan, Organist-Choirmaster; Leslie Nirider, Membership; Samantha King, Secretary; Reginald Johnson, Sexton; Sandi Peters, Bookkeeper; Paul Belk, Newcomer Minister; Robi Lasiter, DRE

The Vestry

John Searle (Sr. Warden), Jim Anderson (Jr. Warden), Jeri Platt (Clerk), Jim Anderson, Thom Fenner, John Edel, Patrick Schwabrow, Laurie Taylor, James Berrie, Matt Murphy, Carol Goulet, Michael Fox, Mike Black, and The Rector.



The School Board

The Rector, Amy Criswell (President), Terry Kahn (Vice President), Ann Seitz (Secretary), Gemma Williams (Treasurer), Cindy Cadle, Patrick Gallagher, Cleveland Johnson, Aura Guevara, Meredith Levine, Beatrice Menendez, Marike Owen, Pamela Schwabrow, Ray Valenti, and Ex-officio members: The Sr. Warden, The Jr. Warden, and The Head of School

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.