

ASCENSION TIDINGS

LENT TO EASTER

Welcome to Lent!

March 1st, Ash Wednesday ushers in Lent, but we can't get all penitential without first having pancakes.

So come on **Shrove Tuesday, Feb 28th** at 6:30pm. Girl Scouts will be making pancakes and bacon. So come out support the scouts efforts and have a great meal.

Ash Wednesday Services, March 1st

- Imposition of Ashes, no communion @ 8:30am. All welcome to join the school's Ash Wed service.
- Rite of Reconciliation Form II, in the church, check out the BCP, p 449 to see what it is like
10am-11:30am | 1:30pm—6pm
- Imposition of Ashes, Communion, no music, 12pm
- Imposition of Ashes, Communion, and music at 7pm



Reconciliation — For individual time with the clergy, come to the church for reconciliation with Deacon Mary or Pastor Todd. 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.

Reconciliation Link to Sign up online is:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4ea9ad2faa8-reconciliation1>

Lenten Wednesday Teaching, Communion Class, and Get-to-know Ascension Class, *nursery available*

- 6pm - Taize -
- 6:30pm soup supper followed by teaching – this year we are going to try various ancient biblical encounter methods. What is that you ask? Take a look at one of the ways we are going to engage scripture
<https://www.biblegateway.com/resources/scripture-engagement/ignatian-method/practice>. We will also do some more hands on stuff, but you gotta come to find out.
- All classes over at 7:15pm

Reading the Bible in Lent

It's back. Sign up to help us read the whole Bible during the season of Lent. Unless you bring an audience, you will likely be reading the Bible aloud and by yourself in the church. Please sign up online or sign up on the paper copy available in the narthex.

Lenten Bible Reading Link to Sign up online is:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a4ea9ad2faa8-lenten1>

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR...(CONT.)

Get-to know-Ascension Class – March and April

Becoming an Episcopalian starts on March 12th @9am. See Miranda's article for more info. All your questions about how you become Episcopalian, why we do what we do will be answered in the class.

LOOKING AHEAD

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 9th

8 am & 10:00am

Palms and Passion story

(Cantata @ 10:30am)

nursery available at 8 & 10:30am

Maundy Thursday, April 13th

6:30pm Foot-washing

and Striping of the Altar

nursery available

Good Friday, April 14th, Location TBD

When the WHAM pastor's decide, we will let you know.

Easter Day

Easter Day, April 16th

Flowering of cross at both services

with communion, lilies & hymns

nursery available at 8 & 10am

10am worship communion, lilies, hymns

& Easter brass

Egg hunt After 10am worship, on

school playgrounds

Rector's Blog

Check in with me weekly to see what's going on. <http://episcopaldreamer.weebly.com/blog>

Peace,



Pastor Todd



Baptism at Pentecost:

The Birthday of the Church, Pentecost, falls on June 4 this year. This is a day the church celebrates the beginning of the church; the day when the Holy Spirit was received by the Apostles, empowering them for their mission to spread the good news of Christ. It is also a day we like to celebrate Baptism.

If you or someone you know is ready for Baptism please accept this invitation to join the church, the body of Christ. Take

some time to learn about baptism at Ascension by going to <http://www.ascensionepiscopalchurch.org/baptisms.html>. If you have questions about Baptism for you or your child, please ask Pastor Todd. There is an Application for Baptism at the bottom of the Ascension Webpage about baptism. You can print it out, complete it and snail mail it, scan and email the document to Membership@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org, or bring it to church and drop it in the plate. Ascension will be honored to welcome you to a life of grace through Christ our Lord.

We have worked through our core values and mission in workshops and have compiled survey results; now the real work is around the corner. Our last preparation step before we really get cooking is the [Vision Validation Survey](#). If you are an Ascensionite, please take 5 mins to fill out the survey. This survey gives us crucial feedback that we will use to “knead the dough.” We are going to bake your hopes and dreams for Ascension into all of our ministries.

Original Survey

But I skipped the first survey, you say! Nu-uuh. Much of the results of the first survey are embedded in the Validation Survey. However, I will tell you that there are several layers to the survey. Some of the desires of the community - like improved facilities, will take a long time to produce fruit. It will take collaboration among the property and finance committees and will require the cooperation of the vestry, staff, and volunteers. However, some stuff is easy to implement and is already in play.

You may have noticed something is already different - our kid's dismissal is sung at 10am instead of being shouted, there are intentional pauses at the prayers and confession, and yes I am trying to slow down my talking pace. The last one is the hardest, because I am an excitable dude.

My wife has a laminated card with the word “slow” on it. She sits in the first or second row, so I doubt you will see it if she attempts to hit the brakes on me. Last week she forgot the card, and at about minute eight she was make the strangest combination of raised eyebrows and flared nostrils. Being dim witted, all I could think about was my imaginary booger.

I can assure you that my speed is not commentary on “wanting to get the service over with.” It is just something have to constantly work on; if am I going to be in the south, I need to continue to pump the brakes. Pray for me, not primarily to slow down, but that my words may give glory to God in a way that is clear, meaningful and soaked in scripture.

Now, I am going to be a bit of snowflake - one who wears their heart too close to their sleeve. A sliver of the feedback was extremely personal and some of it hurt me in a way that seemed unnecessary at best. However, I learned a valuable lesson. Facebook is not your friend. Because some of the criticism was directed at the behaviors of my family, I have decided to create strong privacy restrictions on my Facebook account. I will not be talked out of it and my family is not part of the social media conversation.

So, if you loved seeing my family's latest adventure, I am sorry that it is no longer available. You can ask me to email you some pictures and I would be happy to do so. As a semi-public figure, I have chosen to leave my family out of the ‘limelight’. I will continue to blog in much the same vein as before and use Facebook as a ministry tool on Ascension's page. Finally, I received feedback that I overshare on my blog. If I annoy you, I am sorry - it will remain personal at times. If you choose to read, consider this your trigger warning.

Back to the future

I am blown away by your positive feedback about our new Sunday schedule, the changes to worship, and even how much you appreciate my sermons lately. It is all grace and I feel extremely blessed to have the privilege to be your priest.

Help wanted

After we hear from you in the validation survey, we are going to get busy. Your vision team, headed by Mike Black, is diligently at work setting up the framework to implement the vision. We do have one need: Do you like demographic research, geeking out over population trends and neighborhood compositions? We need you to join the team. Part of implementing the vision is really knowing who are our neighbors are and you can empower us to really engage beyond the walls of Ascension. Would you email jmblack_99@yahoo.com for more info and to say “yes”!

REACH OUT

Lenten greetings my friends!

By now most of us have made our plans for this 40 day period of preparation. We know what we will deny ourselves as we tone down the pleasures of our daily lives. Forty days and forty nights is a very symbolic time for our entire heritage. The Jews were in the wilderness for 40 years to prepare for the Promised Land. Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness to prepare the way for His death and sacrifice so we may enter the Promised Land. We are getting ready; we are remembering; we are purifying ourselves.

During this time, I suggest you also consider the more modern tradition of adding something to your daily life that follows the teachings of Christ. This might be a daily study of the Bible; additional prayer time or giving your time to those in your community who are in need. The focus of Lent is to bring us closer to God. Removing pleasure is one way, but another is to take on more of what Jesus asks us to do. We are called to serve others-Lent is a perfect time to begin a personal ministry of some sort of serving.

Early in my formal training for ministry we were told that Bishop Doyle would pull into a gas station in the area of the church he was going to visit to ask for directions to the church. He knew how to get to the church-he wanted to see if the people in the area were aware of the presence of that church in the community. I am not sure if this is myth or fact, but it does make an important point. Do the people who live in our area know that a group of Christians live and worship in the area....do they know that Ascension is a church of believers who lives their faith?

While you are preparing this Lenten season, ask yourself that question. As you drive in the area of the church, look around. What could Ascension do in our area to serve the community as Christ would have us do? Make notes, offer suggestions...my email has plenty of space for ideas. What are you passionate about?....do we need to bring that ministry to our community? We all have different talents and the Lord says we need all of those talents in the church to make it a vibrant and healthy body. We need your gifts...we need you. Please pray about how you can become that visible sign.

The ministries we have going are helping many in our area, but we can always use help! The laborers are few compared to those who could come. This Lent, why not plan to join us for one to two times this year working in



the community. We have some great parishioners...they are fun to be with....come and get to know them. WHAM depends upon our team on the third Saturday of the month to help them prepare the Food Pantry. Mission of Yahweh depends upon us to prepare and serve lunch on the first Saturday of the month. Walnut Bend depends upon us to work with Making It Better to enrich the lives of their students. These are just the regular ways you can join in.

In April on the 22nd and 23rd, Ascension will celebrate our annual OutReach Days. On Saturday, the 22nd, we will work on a variety of projects at the Mission on Yahweh. There will be a list to choose



from for inside and outside work that will draw on all types of skills. On Sunday, the 23rd, we will focus on work that will take place at the church campus....again with a variety of efforts. Please purchase your Outreach tee shirt and show up for these days. It is an opportunity to make a difference by serving and to be with our church community.

Peace be with you,

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 March 18, 9am to noon.

Fill the Box

Don't forget. Fill the Box Sunday is the First Sunday of each month. That lands on March 5. Let's fill the wooden box in the Narthex with non perishable foods for WHAM. Focus on PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY.



WHAM Recycling Center

Now you can recycle at Ascension!! Thank you to Dave Bergquist for designing and assembling our WHAM recycling center. Now you can bring your unused travel toiletries, condiment packets, and bags, both paper and plastic to donate to WHAM. Don't throw these things away! Look for the recycling center in the Parish Hall.

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.



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN



When Father Todd asked me to step into the Senior Warden role, I had to stop and ponder. Even though I have been senior warden before, I did not know if I had the enthusiasm to do it again. I prayed about it and found that I really do want to do this. In my tenure of being on the Stewardship Committee, I am always talking about getting involved in the church. I felt that God is wanting me to put my words into action. I am truly excited to be in this position. I am looking forward to this year. We have a lot of work ahead of us with this “vision thing” and building up this wonderful church. Please note, when I call it a “vision thing” I am not disrespecting it at all. It is such a large and wonderful undertaking that I don’t know what else to call it. There are also many other things going on that we, the vestry and Father Todd, need to work on to help build up this church. Please let me know if you have any ideas, hopes and/or items of interest that you can share with me. I would like to extend an invitation to all to become more involved in the life of this church. It is very rewarding and in many cases, a lot of fun. So don’t be a stranger and come on down.

THE PEOPLE’S SONG



Lent is practically upon us. This year, we are having mid week services that follow the pattern of Taizé worship. Taizé, France is home to a meditative style of worship. It incorporates Bible readings and prayers with simple music and silence. It is a wonderful way to escape from Houston traffic and the noise of everyday life. The tiny town Taizé expands exponentially as people, particularly college-aged, throng the community to attend. Our Wednesday night services will leave you calm, refreshed, and ready for a soup supper and a short lesson with Father Todd afterward. Please give these 6:00 PM services a try.

For our Palm Sunday service, we will borrow from a Texas tradition. Along with music, we will be using writings from Max Lucado, the insightful San Antonio preacher, as we will delve into the Passion story. Lucado has written almost 100 books, and was named ‘Best Preacher of the Year (2005)’ by Reader’s Digest.

On Maundy Thursday, we will follow another tradition. We will use meditative music that, although written in California, was commissioned for the four African Dioceses. The simple repetitive music is lovely, and will remind you of the French mid-week music. One piece is based on a chant from Yorubaland. These pieces, although meditative in character, are infectious, instantly likeable. They sound like you have always known them.

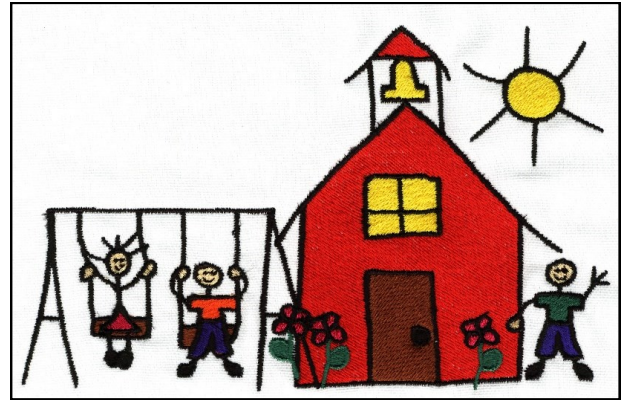
And of course, Easter Sunday will have a very American flavor, with brass and choir music. Get ready to immerse yourself in Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Easter is much whiter, brighter after exploring and observing Lent and Holy Week.

Suzanne
organista-no.1@comcast.net

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's Ministry

Exciting things are happening in our ministry to children! Thanks to several dedicated volunteers we have been able to split our Children's Sunday School classrooms back out into two groups: PK4 – 1st and 2nd – 4th. Our youngest children are learning about several parables and then they'll start looking at how Jesus shows love to all people. Our older children are studying the stations of the cross. You can take a look at the Christian Formation blog for more details. There's a link to the blog on our website or you can go to christianformationataec.weebly.com.



Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Children of all ages are invited to participate in our annual Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:00 service on Easter day. There will be tickets in the eggs and a prize table where children can "buy" the goodies they'd like. We will have separate hunts for children ages infant through 3 years and 4 years and above.

Youth Group

We have started a youth group! Our rising 6th graders and above now meet every Sunday during the 11:15 Sunday School time period. They're reviewing the scriptures that are read during our worship service and looking at how to apply scripture in their daily lives. There will also be opportunities for community service and just having fun!

Looking Ahead - Summer Fest!

We're in the process of planning some fantastic opportunities for fun and fellowship for kids aged 5 through 100! We're still working out the details of what exactly we'll be doing, but for now take a look at this exciting schedule.

- May 28 – Last day of formal Sunday School instruction for children, youth, and adults.
- June 4 – Pentecost Sunday. We'll kick off Summer Fest with our annual Happy Birthday Church celebration. There will be food, a bouncy house and other fun activities.
- Other Summer Fest dates during the summer - June 18, July 9, July 23, August 6
- August 20 – Back to School Blessing and our last Summer Fest. We'll celebrate going back to school by blessing our children and their backpacks. After the service there will be food, a bouncy house and exciting games.

Then after a short 3 week stretch, veering the Labor Day holiday, we will be back in full swing on September 10 with the first day of formal Sunday School instruction for children, youth, and adults.

Want to know what's going on with Christian Education? Check out the Miranda's (the director of Religious Education) blog. She updates regularly with announcements and upcoming activities for children and adults alike. You may also find the Sunday School Teacher's schedule on this blog. You can:

- Go to the front page of the website,
- go to the site: <http://christianformationataec.weebly.com/>
- or you click [HERE](#).

Dear Parishioners,

We start the Lenten season with the 8:30 am Ash Wednesday Service for our students in Grades 1-5. We invite you all to worship with us on this day.

Our annual Rodeo Day is Friday, March 3rd. We celebrate with dancing, games, a petting zoo, wagon rides, face painting, and a luncheon we all share together. It is a great day to celebrate Texas tradition.

Our 3rd and 4th grades go to Camp Allen for an overnight. It is a time to explore nature, canoe, learn about native plants and animals, gather around the camp fire and enjoy time with classmates. Our 5th grade students head to Mo Ranch for two nights at camp. They will experience rope courses, lessons about nature, animals, history while enjoying all the camp has to offer. This is their last trip together as students of Ascension and they always come back with great memories of this experience.

After a week of Stanford Testing, our students have Field Day on Friday, April 7th. All students in Preschool to 5th grade have outdoor activities and games on the large field. It is a great day of fun and fellowship.

We continue with re-enrollment for Pre-K 3 to 5th grade for the 2017-18 school year and look forward to the remainder of this school year.

Faithfully,

Nancy Clausey
Head of School



ACTIVITIES AND ONGOINGS

**Don't forget the time change
on: Sunday, 3/12/17**



**We "Spring Forward"
one hour.**

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.

Look for Links

This past week you were sent, via email, the following links: (1) The Vision Validation Survey, (2) The Reconciliation Sign-Up, (3) Lenten Bible Readings. If you have had any difficulties accessing these links or if you did not receive the email, please give the office a call for assistance, so we may assist you and verify that we have your most current information.



LENT

Shrove Tuesday, Feb 28th 6:30pm

6:30pm - Join the Girl Scouts, who are hosting our pancake supper.

Ash Wednesday, Mar 1st

Services at 8:30am, 12pm, and 7pm.

Reconciliation (yes, it's confession!)

10-11:30 & 1:30-6:00,

sign-up is preferred or drop in.

Wednesday Nights in Lent Beginning March 8th

6:00pm - Taizé Service in the Church
followed by a light Soup Supper

6:30pm-7:15pm - Biblical encounter methods.
What is that? Come find out!!

 **Nursery Available**

 **Nursery Not Available**

Thank you!!

Thank you to Parish Life, Sunday School, Altar Guild, Daughters of the King, and Ascension School. These ministries are providing us with our yummy soup suppers. See the chart below to find out who is cooking what on which Wednesday.

Thank you!!

Ministry	Leader	Date	Soup Flavor
Parish Life	Carol Goulet	March 8	Chicken Tortilla
Sunday School	Miranda Griesbaum	March 15	Mexican Soup
Altar Guild	Libby Vester	March 22	Potato
Daughters of the King	Wendy Willeford	March 29	Sausage - Lentil
Ascension School	Nancy Clausey	April 5	Chicken Corn Chowder



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 is available online. You may find the link on the front page of the church website. (O you can click [HERE](#).) If online is not your thing, there will also 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 the Bible says "...make a joyful NOISE unto the Lord,..."

So come as you are and read as you can.

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 4 groupings: 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: _____

List Choice:

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Tidings

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The Weekly Reminder

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Prayer Requests

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Special Announcements



Altar Flowers

We do not have flowers during Lent. After Easter, we will resume flower dedications so please sign the flower chart which is 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).



Easter Lilies

The time is coming to consider signing up for lily donations and dedications. The cost is \$25, but any amount is welcome. Sign the chart in the narthex and write your dedication as you would like for it to appear in the Easter order of service. In order for the dedication to appear in the order of service, the dedication must be received by April 7th.



Easter Brass

Please make an offering to help underwrite the Easter Brass. They were wonderful at Christmas and we look forward to a repeat performance. The donation may be dedicated in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving for, etc., and will be acknowledged in the Easter orders of service. 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 April 7th. Please email the church office (office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org) or call at 713-781-1330.

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 and take a look at:

www.ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will hold their regular monthly meeting on Saturday, March 11th and Saturday, April 8th in the parish library, with fellowship at 9:30 AM and the meeting at 10:00. All ladies of the parish are invited to join us for fellowship and prayer and their friends are cordially invited to attend.



We Need YOU to Volunteer!

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 – just spend a few moments looking over the lesson during the week. Please contact Miranda and help our young ones be successful.

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.



“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 church and school 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 future publications.



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...

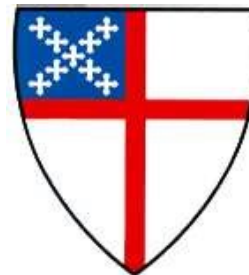
We have a drive **once** a month on the First Sunday and on the 3rd Saturday of the month we go over to WHAM to work to prep food for distribution in the Food Pantry. So bring your non-perishable goods on the First Sunday and please Sign up in the Volunteer Sign Up Log in the Narthex to help on-site. 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

Tom Sutton (Sr. Warden), Lee Nirider (Jr. Warden), Cindy Breton, Alan Burton, Cheryl Coppock, Glenn Criswell, Clement Falayi, Michelle Feagin, Liz Goodman, Margo Kaplan, Doug Meyers, and The Rector.



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