

ASCENSION TIDINGS

OCTOBER 2014

If your happy and you know it... slide on a bouncy. Thank you to the many people who made our Sept 14th church family reunion great. Thank you to the parish life team, and the many volunteers who made the event go seamlessly. Massive kudos go to Carol Goulet who worked hard work while exuding joyful and fun spirit throughout it all. Furthermore, Carol's sliding ability was only surpassed in her talent as a bingo barker.

Also, I want to thank the Ascension staff for making the Fall kick off and beginning of school go so well. Thank you to Sam, for working so hard every week on bulletins and tidings and the million little tasks that make an office run smoothly. I am very pleased with all that Reginald has done to prepare and maintain the campus for the Fall. He deserves special thanks for rebuilding donated bleachers, painting the upstairs youth room, and the million and half things that go into making the AC, plumbing, and lighting continue to function seamlessly.



Big shout out to Robi for her tireless work on PNO and the Sunday School curriculum. Leslie and Ann continue to work so well behind the scenes to make our stewardship and accounting continue to roll without a hiccup. Ro has stepped up to the dual role of organist and music planner, while we look for a choir director. We would have really been hurting on the music front without her. Finally, I am very pleased with Paul, our last Get-to-Know-Ascension weekend was the best yet.

None of my staff can leave, ever!

Mission

In September, Fr. Bob Libby came to speak with us about "Food for the Poor". Food for the Poor is one of the largest international aid agencies in the world. Their overhead hovers at 4% which mean that for every dollar you give, 96 cents goes directly to actual food being delivered to the needy. Your response was incredibly positive and I thank you for the great Ascension hospitality you showed him.

You will remember that we had a food drive for West Houston Assistance ministries. We collected a literal truck full with things like 300 lbs of beans alone. Thank for the sea of ramen, PB and J, and soups that you gave for those in need. ***The final count was 950 lbs of food donated to WHAM because of your efforts***

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LETTER FROM THE RECTOR...(CONT.)

Adult, youth, and children's Sunday school is in full swing. Thank you to the many teachers who so freely and joyfully give their time. In the month of October we are focusing on two things: mission and stewardship.

Missions

Quarterly Mission Trip, Food Bank, Oct 18th, 1-4pm

Our quarterly mission trip this time is for the Houston food bank on Oct 18. Ascension's shift is 1-4pm. You can meet us there at 535 Portwall Street Houston, TX 77029 at 1pm, but if you need a ride, then coordinate with Robi to meet at church at 12pm. This is a great opportunity to touch the lives of those around us. We can get a great deal done in a short amount of time, and our effort directly impacts needy families. You will help repackage bulk food for needy families. The workspace is air conditioned, but you might break a sweat after a while. If you can't do anything physical, you could help serve people refreshments.

- ♦ *Can I bring my kids?* Children as young as age 6 are welcome. For safety, we ask that one parent come for every two children under age 8.
- ♦ *What do I get?* If you serve that day, you get a free, inaugural Ascension outreach t-shirt to wear proudly wherever you go.
- ♦ *How many can come?* I am praying that at least 30 of us will choose to participate in this event. An online sign up will be coming soon. And you can tell us your T-shirt size. If you have kids 6th to 12th grade who need service hours, invite them to come. They will keep us busy.

Seafarers

Our outreach to the men and women of the high seas is in full swing. This ministry is an important way to involve the school in outreach as they package our donations into shoeboxes for the seafarers. See inside the Tidings for details.

Stewardship

October 19 is our stewardship kick off. You will be hearing from our stewardship team in early October. They will be distributing your personalized stewardship packet in the Narthex on Oct 19 and 26. Those not picked up, will be mailed on Oct 27. Please pick up your packet to help us keep mailing cost low.

Peace



Pastor Todd



Thanks to Van Greene for taking the dirty water slide Challenge

Fall Calendar

- Oct 3 - WHAM benefit concert
- Oct 4 - Game Night
- Oct 5 - Ministry Highlight: Hospitality
 - Blessing of the Animals
- Oct 12 - Ministry Highlight: Music and Prayer
 - DOK Installation
- Oct 18 - Food Bank Mission: Join Ascension outreach and receive a t-shirt for coming
- Oct 19 - Stewardship Kickoff: Stewardship Team Member: joy of giving;
 - Seafarers' ingathering
 - School Book Fair in Parish Hall during Sunday morning
- Oct 23 - Ascension School Spaghetti Dinner and Book Fair
- Oct 26 - Stewardship Team Member: why I give
 - EYSeedlings and bowling
- Nov 2 - All Saint's Sunday with Baptisms
 - Stewardship Team Member: giving for the future
 - International day with African music
- Nov 16 - Stewardship In gathering
- Nov 23 - Begin vestry nominations
- Nov 30 - Forgotten Seniors Kick-Off
- Dec 7 - Forgotten Seniors Ingathering
- Dec 21 - Caroling (you may volunteer to host)
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve, Wed 24th, 5pm, wassail and snacks afterward.
 - 9pm carols and 9:30pm brass service
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day, service at 10:30, come in your pajamas
- Jan 18 - 2015 Annual Meeting

Check future editions of the Tidings, and bulletins to keep up to date on any additions and changes.

Stewardship Statements

Thank you for every penny of donation to Ascension Episcopal Church and its ministries. Your contributions have enabled us to make a difference in our community. Let us continue to reflect the salvation the Lord has given us by sharing all things he has given us; our gifts of the spirit, our wealth, and our time. Your contribution statement will arrive in the mail during the first half of October. Review your pledge activity through September 2014. Consider it as you learn about the ministries of our church. If you have questions call Leslie at 713-181-1330 or email at member-ship@ascensionepicopalchurch.org

NEWCOMER CORNER

Welcome to the Newest Members of the Ascension Family!

We held our most recent Get-to-Know Ascension Weekend in late September with a great turnout. This is the most diverse group ever to attend the weekend and become members during our Liturgy of Belonging, ranging in ages, marital status, and cultures. We shared great food and conversation as we learned about each other and about the church. Our new members will now have the option of becoming confirmed/received/reaffirmed by the Bishop during his or her next visit. If you are interested in knowing when the next Get-to-Know Ascension Weekend will be held or about becoming a member of Ascension, contact Newcomer Minister Paul Belk at newcomers@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org.



We are thrilled to welcome:

- Carolyn Axelrod
- Carrie Durham and Isaac and Amelia
- Clement & Funmi Falayi and Nifemi, Damisi, & Enoch
- Matt & Nina Guerre
- Geraldine Liborio
- Valerie Measamer
- Jeff & Christina Parker
- Louise Sutton



Quality vs. Quantity

At a recent gathering of all Newcomer Ministers in the diocese, we talked about how we measure success. In order to remain in good standing with the grant foundation that funds the Newcomer Ministry initiative, each church must submit paperwork twice a year to the foundation committee talking about what is working and what is not. But what defines success? How are we to measure? More people giving money? A larger average Sunday attendance report?

The grant committee at our gathering said that while reporting average Sunday attendance and ministry spending will always be part of the paperwork, more important may be the individual success stories we get to be a part of. Quality over quantity, doing far and deep over spreading thin and wide.

Going into my report this time around is the story of two of my newcomer families. Over the past few years, the average membership of Ascension has started getting younger and bringing in more families with younger children. This has been an intentional move to provide ministries that are needed by younger people. Sarah and James Berrie and Liz and Chad Goodman, both parents of preschool and elementary age kids and both church members after the Newcomer Ministry began, saw the need for a group dedicated to parents to share their trials and triumphs and to grow in faith alongside others in the journey of parenthood. This fall we kicked off a new Sunday School class dedicated specifically to that idea led by the Berries and Goodmans.

From curious newcomers to Sunday School teachers within about a year. I count that as a resounding success! With our latest group of newcomers joining the church in at the end of September, I'm excited to see how deep their success stories go!

DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Well, we're a month into the new Sunday school year, and thanks to a wonderful team of teachers and assistants, it's all going well! Pam Greene and her group of 3 year olds to 1st grade are learning about many of the animals featured in the Bible and are having so much fun with all of the games and crafts (so.....that should explain all of the "critters" you see the children bringing into the church with them!). The 2nd through 5th graders are walking with Moses through the desert. Last week, Sayle Fox had them chanting "Set My People Free!" while learning about the ten plagues. (They especially liked the blood red sea, the frogs, and the boils, and they had some rather interesting personal stories to share about their own experiences with "plagues"!)

Pam Schwabrow is leading discussions of the day's readings with the Youth, so no matter what the age of your child, there's a class just for them! If your child isn't currently attending, please let them come join us while you attend one of the adult offerings. The 45 minute investment of time will well be worth your while.



Both of our Youth groups will also be busy this month. The Youth Group (6th through 12th grades) will be serving at the Food Bank on Saturday, October 18 (EYSeedlings are welcome to attend, as well), and then participating in the "1st Ever Holy Spirit EPISCOballer Kickball Tournament" at Holy Spirit Episcopal Church on October 19th. The EYSeedlings (grades 2 through 5) will be going bowling on Sunday, October 28th.

So - there's lots going on this Fall! If you have questions, want to make sure you're kids are involved, or are an adult wanting to volunteer (we can ALWAYS use more adult help!), please contact me!

Robi

On that note...

Calling all youth in grades 6 through 12!!!

We have been invited to participate in Holy Spirit Episcopal Church's "1st Ever Lottery EPISCOballer Kickball Tournament" on Sunday, October 19th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. (By lottery....they mean the names of all participants will be placed in a hat, and teams will be created by drawing out the names! That eliminates the worry about who plays on what team, or any church having an advantage over the others because they have more players). It will be held in an inside gym.....so that means air conditioning!! We LOVE our air conditioning! The cost is \$15 per player, which covers the cost of a t-shirt, sausage on a stick, popcorn, and drinks. Scholarships are available if needed! If you would like to play, you must let me know by Sunday, October 5th. We need to have the number of players attending so that Holy Spirit can order shirts for us. Email me at robilasiter@gmail.com



MORE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EYSeedlings are Going Bowling

The EYSeedlings group (2nd through 5th grade) is going bowling on Sunday, October 26 from 1:00 to 2:30 at Bolmor Lanes on Bunker Hill. Cost per child is \$12.50, which covers 1 ½ hours of bowling, shoe rental, pizza and drinks. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us! Please RSVP by Wednesday, October 15th with the number of people attending from your family. Email me at robilasiter@gmail.com



Sunday School

Every Sunday we have Sunday School opportunities for all ages as well as Bible Study throughout the week for men and women. Keep current through the Tidings, bulletins, and through the parish calendar.

Infants and Toddlers

The Church Nursery is available from 9am to 12pm on Sunday mornings for children ages 0-4. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Parish Life Building. The Program for these children is guided by two Christian adults who have taken the Safe Guarding God's Children course.

PNO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents' Night Out October 11th—Come join the fun!!

Our monthly Parents' Night Out for October will be on October 11th. Registration opens on October 1st and runs through October 9. Please remember this is on a first come first serve basis. Invite your friends and neighbors. PNO is not an Ascension exclusive.

PNO is a vital ministry to the parents of the church, school and surrounding community. We have been fortunate to have a loyal group of volunteers who help out regularly, but as families move or their children graduate from AES, our numbers have decreased. In order to continue to offer PNO on a regular basis, we need you to join us. The wonderful activities director takes care of all of the planning and activities - all we need is you to come spend an evening with some fantastic children. You'll find yourself having as much fun as the kids! Please consider becoming a PNO volunteer so we may continue to offer this event. If interested or for more information, contact Robi Lasiter at robilasiter@gmail.com





Dear Parishioners,

Our school year continues as we go into one of the busiest months of our school year. October provides the school with many events to come together as families. The school has a small break on Monday, October 13th as we celebrate Columbus Day. Our Early Learner Programs remain open.

On Wednesday, October, 15th, our 2nd grade class will perform at Assembly. Our Assemblies begin at 8:30 am in the Parish Hall.

We have a special day of Book Fair for Church Members on Sunday, October 19th, from 9 to noon. We will have lots of books for your library and as great gifts for others. We appreciate your support for our school library.

On Tuesday, October 21st, we celebrate Grandparents and Special Friends at our 9 am chapel. Our Book Fair will be in the Parish Hall for that week.

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner is Thursday, October 23rd beginning at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Our second and third grades will prepare and serve spaghetti, bread, and salad for all attending. Look for information to come and enjoy a meal with the school. Our students go to their classrooms for an Open House and parishioners are welcome to attend and see our classrooms, students, and teachers that evening.

We ask your participation in our Annual Fund Campaign which started on September 10th and continues this fall. We have sent information to all parishioners about our campaign. We thank you in advance for your donation to your school. Your participation enables us to continue giving our teachers and students the best in resources, workshops, and curriculum for this school year.

We will celebrate All Saint's Day on Friday, October 31st, with a 9 am communion service for church and school. Pastor Todd will officiate at this service. We hope you will join us on this special day.

Faithfully

Nancy Clausey
Head of School



Soccer season is in full swing at AES



Book Fair

Ascension Episcopal School is hosting a Fall Book Fair for all of our avid young readers. Whether you are young or young at heart, be sure to stop by on Sunday, October 19th, in the Parish Hall from 9:00 AM to Noon. The book fair will remain open all week from Monday Oct. 21 through Friday Oct. 26, from 8:15 AM to 3:00 PM, closing at noon on Friday. Come support our school, and get some early Christmas shopping in.



Ascension Episcopal's School's Annual Open House, Spaghetti Dinner & Book Fair Thursday, October 23th

You are invited to attend the Ascension School Spaghetti Supper on Thursday October 25th in the Parish Hall. First Seating is at 5:45 and second seating will be at 6:30. The book fair will be open for purchases during this event. Adult plates are \$5 and children's \$3.50 if purchased before 10/17. Tickets will be available at the door (Adults - \$6, Children - \$4). Please purchase your tickets through the school office, 713-783-0260.

Dinner Buffet **1st Seating** - 5:45-6:15

Open House & Classroom Visits 7:00-8:00

Dinner Buffet **2nd Seating** - 6:30 -7:00

Book Fair Open from 5:00-9:00

Begin your evening with a wonderful Spaghetti Dinner and browse the book fair. Support your school and have fun doing it!!

The event is hosted by the Second and Third grade Classes.

Thank you to:

Mrs. Durham, Mrs. Schwabrow, & Mrs. Tomasino

Advanced Tickets Sales ---- Please Return by Thursday , October 17th.

(Please circle which seating time you would like.)

1st (5:45-6:15) OR 2nd (6:30 -7:00)

____ x \$6:00 for adult plate = ____

____ x \$4:00 for child plate = ____

Total Guests ____

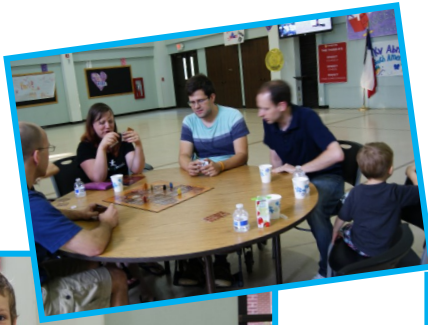
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ACTIVITIES AND OFFERINGS

Game Night at Ascension

Our first game night, on July 12, went well. We had about 25 people come and had a great time. We are looking forward the next one to be a smash on **October 4, 5:30pm-9pm.**
Can't wait to see you there!



Yoga at Ascension

Every Thursday, Ascension hosts yoga in the church balcony. Feel free to drop in for class starting at 12pm. Each class is 75 minutes. Classes are geared to someone who has taken some yoga before, but beginners who are willing to be challenged are welcome. The cost is \$15 per class and a 10 class pass is \$135. Polly Patton, a veteran yogi, dancer, mom and all around great person, leads these classes and you can connect with her at pollykpatton@gmail.com. Spread the word, it is open the whole community! Polly operates independent of Ascension but leases our space

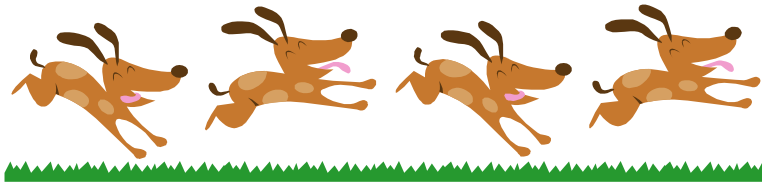
Also on the Yoga front, we might be having a parent's and children's yoga class! Stay tuned for details. It will **not** be a mommy and me style yoga but geared to ages 10 and up to do yoga with their parents.

Upcoming Senior Bus Trips: Mark Your Calendars

October—Monday, October 6 depart Ascension Church at 9a.m. for Maas Plant Nursery in Seabrook with a lecture on local plants, drought resistant plants, and herbs. Afternoon tour of the Kegg's Chocolate Factory tour, with tour guide.

November—Wednesday, November 5 depart Ascension Church at 8a.m. for a tour of The History Center in Diboll, Texas. Afternoon tour of the Texas Forestry Museum in Lufkin - with tour guides at both locations.

December—Friday, December 12 depart Ascension Church at 2:30p.m. for an early dinner and then from 5-7p.m. attend the Christmas Yuletide at Bayou Bend with carolers and holiday decorations. This trip is still in the planning stage and may also include an evening bus ride tour of Christmas lights in the Houston area.



Blessing of the Animals

in observance of the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi



Ascension Episcopal Church

Sunday, October 5, 2014

3:00 PM

We will celebrate St. Francis Day with a Blessing of Animals in the church court yard near the fountain. Bring your pets to the short service after which Fr. Todd will have a blessing and a small medallion for each animal friend. Ask your friends and neighbors to come and bring their animal friends too!!! For more information please contact Kathleen Hannah (281) 757-7721 or email her at kathleen.hannah@att.net.

HURRY ! HURRY ! HURRY ! HURRY ! HURRY ! HURRY !

Seafarers' Ministry Christmas Gift Box Program Began Sunday September 21st and continues through Saturday October 18th

Ascension Episcopal Church and Ascension Episcopal School are sponsoring the Seafarers' Ministry Christmas Box Program starting September 21st and running the full month until Saturday October 18th. There are collection areas in the Narthex of the Sanctuary, church office and the school office.

Suggestions for the most requested items include disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, pens, paper and envelopes, playing cards. See the expanded list on the flyer for other suggestions.

Our goal is "100" shoe boxes, packed by Ascension Episcopal School students as an outreach project, to be delivered to the HOWARD T. TELEPSEN SEAFARER'S CENTER shortly after Thanksgiving.

ACTIVITIES AND OFFERINGS

West Houston Assistance Ministries presents:



“Around the World”

2014 Annual Benefit Concert for WHAM



French Basket

Featuring the music of
HOUSTON CIVIC SYMPHONY

OCTOBER 3, 2014

Silent Auction-6:00 PM

Concert-7:00 PM

SPONSORS:

Judith Norman Enterprises
Marianne Rogers
Andrew & Barbara Smith
Petrophysical Solutions, Inc.
Friend of WHAM
Brad & Linda Brock
West Houston Christian Center

LOCATION:

First Methodist Houston-Westchase
10570 Westpark Drive
Houston, Texas 77042

Tickets: \$20.00
Children under 18 – FREE



Bicycle

For Sponsorships and Ticket Information, contact Shirley Downing, 713-993-7422

WHAM's ANNUAL SYMPHONY CONCERT AND AUCTION

Come enjoy the music and support the ministry that feeds and clothes the hungry in our neighborhood. Participate in the silent auction and try your hand at winning such things as:

Lionel Trains, James Avery Jewelry, A French themed basket, including expensive French perfume, A picnic basket, including utensils and grill, tickets to Wings over Houston, a weekend night at the Westchase Hilton, Movie Basket, Bicycle, plus 20 other baskets, and more items.

For tickets: Contact Diane Baker, 281-497-4222 or cbaker@hal-pc.org

Where: First United Methodist Church, Westchase **Cost:** \$20 per adult

Hurricane Season is in full swing us!!! Did you know Ascension has an:



Ascension Emergency Response

The Disaster Response Committee (formed to react to the temporary needs of our church community in times of emergency) wishes to remind all parishioners of the forms available on the church website (click on Members, and go to Disaster Ministry; the forms are highlighted in blue in the text). They are (1) an Equipment/Service sign-up sheet - these volunteers only to be called upon during a disaster situation and (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. Remember, this effort is for the benefit of all.....

Lee Nirider, Committee Chairman

Daughters of the King Officers Installation

Please attend the 10:30am service on October 12, at which time the new officers of the Daughters of the King will be presented. There will be a short liturgy as these women are instated.

Ruby Bradford, President | Angela Morales, Vice President

Libby Vester, Secretary/Treasurer



Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King is an order for women who take seriously their commitment to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We meet on the second Saturday of the month to pray for the church, the world and for individual needs. We invite you to join us at our meeting in the parish library on October 11th from 10:00 till noon to see if this ministry is right for you.

Attention: Men of Ascension

All Men of Ascension are invited to meet at **La Madeleine on Westheimer** monthly, on the second Saturday at 8:15am for breakfast and fellowship.

The purpose of these meetings is to focus on building biblical men by engaging in study, accountability, and prayer. We have men speak from within the group or invite outside speakers.

Please RSVP with Ray Valenti at 281.568.8129, so he can let La Madeleine know how many are coming.

You may also contact him with questions or for more information.



Please check the flower chart posted in the narthex and consider making a dedication and donation. The cost is \$82.00, but 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

SEAFARER'S MINISTRY

Seafarers' Ministry Christmas Gift Box Program Starts Sunday September 21st thru Saturday October 18th

Ascension Episcopal Church and Ascension Episcopal School are sponsoring the Seafarers' Ministry Christmas Box Program starting October 1st and running the full month. The church participated in this program last year and with the help of our school we will continue to build this wonderful outreach effort. There will be a collection area in the Narthex of the Sanctuary for the church or items may be taken to the school office.

Crew sizes vary between 8 and 30, with an average number of 22 seafarers to gift per ship. In 2013, we placed 10,378 gifts on board 432 ships which had seafarers from 69 different countries! These gifts had been donated to the seafarers by 228 churches and organizations! The Christmas boxes are personally carried to each ship by your staff of Port Chaplains. We begin shortly after Thanksgiving and continue gifting seafarers until all the gifts have been distributed!

Please bring items such as:

BAND-AIDS	COMB	DENTAL FLOSS
DEODORANT	DISPOSABLE RAZORS	FLASHLIGHT
KLEENEX & Q-TIPS	LOTION & LIP BALM	NAIL CLIPPERS
NEEDLE & THREAD	SHAVING CREAM	SOAP & SHAMPOO
TOOTHBRUSH TOOTHPASTE	ADDRESS BOOK	CALENDAR
DISPOSABLE CAMERA	GUM & HARD CANDY	KEY CHAINS
PAPER & ENVELOPES	PENCILS & PENS	PLAYING CARDS
PUZZLES & GAMES	POSTCARDS	SOCKS
STAMPS	TEXAS SOUVENIRS	T-SHIRTS
BASEBALL CAPS		

The seafarers appreciate these items tremendously. As there are very few women and children onboard the ships these days, we would request that the gift be primarily for male seafarers. Year around donations of magazines (especially National Geographic, Reader's Digest, news, entertainment, sports, and science and nature magazines), paperback books, jigsaw puzzles and other games, PlayStation 2 games, videos and DVD's are appreciated.

Look for the "drop off" boxes in the Narthex and Parish Hall

Your gifts will be collected, packed students from Ascension Episcopal School and delivered to the Episcopal Ministry at the Port of Houston.

We need Shoe boxes!!

In addition to the items collected in the Seafarer's Christmas Box Program, please give shoeboxes. It is these boxes that the children use to package the items. They may be dropped off in the narthex with your donated goods.

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:

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...

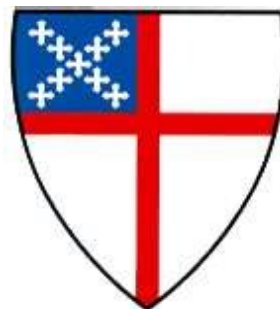
We receive nonperishable food items for distribution to those in need in our community every Sunday. These donated items are moved to the West Houston Assistance Ministry facility for distribution by volunteers. Look for the wooden box in the Narthex! Contact: office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

Staff

The Rev. Todd Bryant, Rector; Rolethial McKelvey, Organist; Leslie Nirider, Membership; Samantha King, Secretary; Reginald Johnson, Sexton; Ann Sietz, Bookkeeper; Paul Belk, Newcomer Minister; Robi Lasiter, Dir. of Religious Education

The Vestry

John Searle (Sr. Warden), Jim Anderson (Jr. Warden), Jeri Platt (Clerk), 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), Dana Murphy, Cindy Cadle, Todd Breton, Nancy Searle, Marike Owen, Beatrice Menendez, Patrick Gallagher, 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.