



The Ascendant

A Newsletter by and for Members and Friends of Church of the Ascension

November 2017

A TIME FOR EVERYTHING

"There's a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens..."-Ecclesiastes 3:1

My dear friends: As you know, the leadership of Ascension and I, along with you, have been observing a period of intentional discernment for well over a year. Beginning with the creation of a small focus group comprising veteran parish leaders, we've pondered the question of how to align our financial reality with our understanding of what we believe is integral to the core mission of Ascension. We have been open to any leading of the Spirit and have left no topic of significance outside our consideration.

The most visible consequence of those first discussions was reducing staff and creating a new parish administrator position that would absorb the function and costs of a professional accounting service. Between those measures and slightly better income figures for '16 and '17, we moved significantly closer to a balanced budget, but were still tens of thousands of dollars away. Even with the completely unexpected gift of a \$50,000 bequest, we were still not there.

I began to read about the increasingly common phenomenon of "bi-vocational" clergy. As there are fewer and fewer fully funded clergy positions, there are congregations with ordained leaders who have a part time position outside their church (or synagogue).

I had been bi-vocational before, in the early 90's, starting up a part time campus ministry near my parish. I thought I might be able to do something like this here, giving Ascension a bit of a financial break while I responded to a strong sense of call to a ministry of teaching. I would be based at Ascension, half to two-thirds time, while teaching somewhere part time.

After several months of looking I had some really affirming encounters, but nothing that would compensate me adequately for what I'd be giving up at Ascension.

Ascension needs a full time rector. It took me a long time, but I finally concluded that as I am eligible to retire from parish work, that I would do so, allowing Ascension to "re-boot," if you will. This is a special place, to put it mildly, with a unique emerging mission. It's been exciting and transformative for me to serve as your rector for the last 10 years.

I have come to believe that it is time for us to let each other go and see what God has in store for us. I shared this with the Vestry at its October 22 meeting, and then the Office of the Bishop the next day.

April 1, 2018 - Easter Day - will be my last day as Rector of Church of the Ascension.

This is only partially a financially driven decision. I do feel a strong pull toward a teaching ministry, and I will pursue getting the credentials I need to do just that. I am still young and healthy enough that I have another career or two left in me!

I cannot begin to express my gratitude for the support of Bishop Mariann and Paul Cooney, and the Vestry of Ascension, especially Sr. Warden Betsy Hasegawa, who has been our liaison with the diocese.

And I would certainly be remiss if I did not praise those stalwart souls who must deal with me on a day to day basis: the staff of Ascension! They have been icons of Christ for me; their very presence at Ascension a frequent reminder to me that we are on a Godly path: my (younger) brother and priestly partner in mission and mayhem Javier; Jerrold (also a short timer!), whose hands evoke the presence of God on the organ and piano and who has empowered those of us privileged enough to make music with him to be better musicians than before; Eleni, my Tech Guru (i.e. uber geek); and our most recent arrival Lin, who has a passion for order and organization and the heart of a shepherd!

I will make this same announcement in church next Sunday, November 5, and then we will have a town hall meeting the following Sunday, November 12, between the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00/11:15 a.m. services.

I apologize to those of you who see me often for not sharing this sooner, but the timing was fairly sensitive, as you might imagine. I believe our final months together will be a profound blessing for us all.

Love, and Peace!

Randy

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 4



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 4. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist



We will celebrate Thanksgiving in the spirit of gratitude for creation and how the earth God has given us supports our lives. Join us Thanksgiving Day in the main church at 10:00 a.m. for a Eucharist that will reconnect us to a sense of the goodness of creation, and creation as the body of God.

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UN TIEMPO PARA TODO

“Hay un tiempo para todo y un tiempo para cada asunto debajo de los cielos ...”- Eclesiastés 3: 1

Mis queridos hermanos: Como saben, el liderazgo de Ascensión y yo, junto con ustedes, hemos estado observando un período de discernimiento intencional durante más de un año. Comenzando con la creación de un pequeño grupo de enfoque, compuesto por líderes parroquiales antiguos. Hemos reflexionado sobre cómo alinear nuestra realidad financiera con nuestra comprensión de lo que creemos que es parte integral de la misión central de Ascensión. Hemos estado abiertos a cualquier guía del Espíritu Santo y no hemos dejado ningún tema significativo fuera de nuestra consideración.

La consecuencia más visible de esas primeras discusiones fue la reducción del personal y la creación de un nuevo puesto de administrador parroquial que absorbería la función y los costos del servicio contable profesional. Entre esas medidas y las cifras de ingresos ligeramente mejores para '16 y '17, nos movimos significativamente más cerca a un presupuesto equilibrado, pero todavía nos faltaban decenas de miles de dólares. Incluso, con el regalo completamente inesperado de \$50,000, todavía no estábamos en el lugar financiero que deseamos.

Comencé a leer sobre el fenómeno, cada vez más común, del clero "bivocacional". Como hay cada vez menos puestos de clero financiados por completo, hay congregaciones con líderes ordenados que tienen un puesto a medio tiempo fuera de su iglesia (o sinagoga).

Había sido bi-vocacional antes, a principios de los 90's, cuando comencé un ministerio de medio tiempo en el campus cerca de mi parroquia. Pensé que podría hacer algo como eso aquí, darle a Ascensión un poco de descanso financiero mientras respondía a un fuerte sentido de llamada a un ministerio de enseñanza. Estaría en Ascensión, de medio a dos tercios de tiempo, mientras enseñaba en algún lugar a tiempo parcial.

Después de varios meses buscando, tuve algunos encuentros realmente afirmativos, pero nada que me compensara adecuadamente por lo que estaría dejando en Ascensión.

Ascensión necesita un rector de tiempo completo. Me llevó mucho tiempo, pero finalmente llegué a la conclusión de que como soy elegible para retirarme del trabajo de la parroquia, lo haría, permitiendo a la Ascensión "reiniciar", si se quiere. Este es un lugar especial, por decirlo suavemente, con una misión emergente única. Ha sido emocionante y transformador para mí servir como su rector durante los últimos 10 años.

He llegado a creer que es hora de que nos dejemos ir y ver lo que Dios tiene reservado para cada uno de nosotros. Compartí esto con la Junta Parroquial en su reunión del 22 de octubre, y luego en la Oficina del Obispo al día siguiente.

El 1 de abril de 2018 - Día de Pascua - será mi último día como Rector de la Iglesia de la Ascensión.

Esto es solo parcialmente una decisión impulsada financieramente. Siento una fuerte atracción hacia un ministerio de enseñanza, y buscaré obtener las credenciales que necesito para hacer precisamente eso. ¡Todavía soy joven y estoy lo suficientemente sano como para que me quede otra carrera o dos!

No puedo comenzar a expresar mi gratitud por el apoyo de la Obispa Mariann y Paul Cooney, y la Junta Parroquial de Ascensión, especialmente la Primer Guardián Betsy Hasegawa, quien ha sido nuestro enlace con la diócesis.

Ciertamente sería negligente si no elogiara a esas almas incondicionales que deben tratar conmigo diariamente: ¡El personal de la Ascensión! Ellos han sido iconos de Cristo para mí; su misma presencia en la Ascensión me recuerda con frecuencia que estamos en un camino divino: mi hermano (más joven) y compañero sacerdotal en la misión y el caos, Javier; Jerrold (¡A pesar del corto tiempo!), Cuyas manos evocan la presencia de Dios en el órgano y el piano y que nos ha dado el poder suficiente para hacer música con él para ser mejores músicos que antes; Eleni, mi Gurú en Tecnología (es decir, súper geek); y nuestra más reciente llegada Lin, quien tiene una pasión por el orden y la organización y el corazón de un pastor!

Haré este mismo anuncio en la iglesia el próximo domingo, 5 de noviembre, y luego tendremos una reunión el siguiente domingo, 12 de noviembre, entre los servicios de 9:00 a.m. y 11: 11/11 a.m.

Me disculpo con aquellos de ustedes que me ven a menudo por no compartir esto antes, pero el momento es bastante delicado, como se pueden imaginar. Creo que nuestros últimos meses juntos serán una bendición profunda para todos nosotros.

¡Amor y paz!

Randy

LIFE AT ASCENSION

From the Minister of Music

I've written this letter at least a dozen times, and it has yet to effectively convey my thoughts. It is with mixed emotions that I prepare to depart Ascension for the next chapter in my life. While most of you only hear me speak through my musical fingers, I have always prided myself in being able to easily communicate my feelings. For once, I am at a total loss.

I think I have been the luckiest musician in Maryland, when it comes to the musical family I inherited at Ascension. I have never felt so welcomed, appreciated, or loved, in my career. Working along side Randy, and Javier has been spiritually enriching, and leading the congregational song has given me a renewed sense of commitment to ministry. Both the adult choir, and the 11:15 ensemble have worked tirelessly, to bring meaningful music to Ascension. We have laughed together, cried together, sometimes confounded each other (for which I take full responsibility), but ultimately grown closer from the tight-knit community that making music builds. While we may be better musicians for the work, perhaps more importantly, we are a closer family.

Music has, for the better of my career, taken first place in my life, leading me to many challenging, and exciting posts. My family has quietly followed and supported me through the ups and downs of ministry, over the past decade. As we begin a new chapter, it is time to follow the needs of my family. I know that Ascension has much in store for it's future, and I thank you for the privilege of leading you in song. Ascension has had an indelible effect on my life, and I am not only a better church musician for it, but also a better person. You will always hold a high place in my heart for the warmth and generosity you have extended. Thank you for living the Gospel, and letting this stranger share in it.

Peace,

Blessing of the Cars

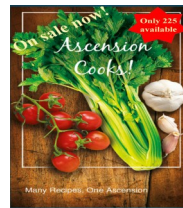


As we celebrate the beginning of the Christian year we pray that God be with us wherever we go. For that reason we will have the blessing of the cars on December 3 after the 11:00 am services in the parking lot. If you want you can decorate your car with flowers.

Lady of Guadalupe Day

Join us on December 16 to celebrate the Lady of Guadalupe Day at 7:00 pm in the Main Church. After the service we will have a Mariachi Band to sing "Las Mañanitas" to the Virgin. If you want to experience more about the Latino Traditions, this would be a great opportunity to do it. After the service we would continue the celebration in the Undercroft with more Mariachi songs and Latin-American food.

Cookbook Committee Update



Online ordering for the cookbook is now closed due to low stock. Please email the church administrator at office@ascensionmd.org if you would like to purchase a book, and she will forward your inquiry to the Cookbook Committee.

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Godly Play

This week in Godly Play, we will study a number of the prophets from the Old Testament at 10:15 a.m. in Room 6. Much has changes since creation. The People of God have been freed from slavery, ruled their own country, been defeated, carried off into exile, and returned to rebuild the temple and Jerusalem. God had been with them all the way—but they had not always been with God. The prophets' job was to show the people, the king and the priests when they turned away from God. We learn that prophets still exist today and continue to help all of us know the true way to live.

Yoga

Randy's teaches a yoga class every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. These are gentle, entry level classes anyone may enjoy. No props are needed. There are some mats, blocks and blankets for those who want them. If you have your own mat, bring it. Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing.

A Joyful Path

The members of A Joyful Path will be affirming: I will remember God is within me and all others. Remembering that God is within us and a part of everything that ever was and ever will be is one of the most important things we can do.

As humans, we naturally forget things and occasionally forget to be present for our family and friends when they need us. That is part of being human, that is part of the learning process. We will play several memory games and hear a story about the never forgotten son. Come and join us in Room 10 after the 9:00 a.m. service. See you there.

Tai Chi Class

Tai Chi classes are offered at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday afternoons in the Chapel; a good time of peace and balance in a lovely place at sunset. Please come and join us.

Contact Claire Rosser at 301.275.0617 or Cjrosser@aol.com if you have any questions.

LIFE AT ASCENSION

Ascension's Adventurers to Tour Lincoln's Cottage



All parishioners and friends are invited to participate in a docent-led tour of President Lincoln's Cottage on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, November 11th.

President Lincoln and his family resided seasonally in this cottage to escape the heat and political pressure of downtown Washington, as did President Buchanan (1857 - 1861) before him. Lincoln's Cottage also served as the Summer White House of President Hayes (1877 - 1881) and President Arthur (1881 - 1885).

Participants can meet with us at 8:45 a.m. in Ascension House's parking lot to carpool. Alternatively, participants can meet us at 9:45 a.m. at the Robert H. Smith Visitor Education Center located on the grounds of the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

Our hour-long tour will begin at 10:00 a.m. After our tour, we will allow our carpoolers approximately 30 minutes to examine the various exhibits that are available.

The cost of the tour is \$15 per adult (\$12 for veterans) and \$5 for children (ages 6 - 12). You are strongly encouraged to purchase your tickets online beforehand, because the tour size is limited to 20 people and our group will be sharing this tour with others. The web address is for purchasing tickets and obtaining additional information about Lincoln's Cottage is: www.lincolncottage.org.

People are also invited to join us for lunch at Crisfield Seafood Restaurant in Silver Spring. The carpools will be organized to allow people to return directly to Ascension if they are unable to join us for lunch.

For more information about Crisfield, see <https://crisfieldseafood.com>. Also, feel free to contact Richard Snay (tel: 301-977-5259; email: rssnay@aol.com) for additional information.

If you are planning to join us, please let Richard know by noon on Friday, November 10th, so that he may make appropriate arrangements.

Driving Direction's from Ascension to Lincoln's Cottage

GPS Address: Enter "140 Rock Creek Church Road NW, Washington, D.C. 20011" to map the approximate location of the Eagle Gate entrance. This is not an official street or mailing address, but is close to the intersection of Rock Creek Church Road NW and Upshur Street NW.

Take I-495 to the Georgia Avenue southbound exit. Travel *approximately* 5.3 miles south on Georgia Avenue (you're getting close when you pass Buchanan, Allison, and Webster Streets). Turn left onto Upshur Street NW. Upshur Street terminates at the gate to the Armed Forces Retirement Home; continue through the gate. There is free parking near the Visitor Center.

Driving Direction's from Lincoln's Cottage to Crisfield Seafood Restaurant

Crisfield's address: 8012 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD

Exit the Armed Forces Retirement Home onto Upshur Street. Then travel 0.7 miles on Upshur Street to Georgia Ave (US Route 29). Turn right onto Georgia Avenue and then drive 3.2 miles northward. Crisfield's will be on your left.

Ordination to the Priesthood of Jason Cutshall
Your are Invited

Ordination to the Priesthood
of Jason Cutshall

Saturday, January 6 AT 12:00 a.m.

St. Martins by the lake Episcopal Church
2801 Westwood Road
Wayzata, MN 55391

The Wardens, Vestry, & Members of
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church Darestown, Maryland request
your prayers and presence at the installation of
The Reverend Beth O'Callaghan
as Second Reactor of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church
and the celebration of new ministry

Saturday, November 4, 2017
at 11 O'clock in the morning.

Please Join us for a Reception following the service
at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church,
15575 Germantown Road,
Germantown, MD

The Right Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde,
Ninth Bishop of Washington, Presiding

By the Grace of God and the people consenting
The Right of Reverend Mariann Edgar Budde
Bishop of Washington will ordain to
the Sacred Order of Deacons
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

Diana Vivian Gustafson
And
Marilyn Hamilton Jenkins

Saturday, November 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.
at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul
3101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW
Washington, District of Columbia

Your prayer and presence are requested.
Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception to follow in the Cathedra's George Washington Bay

Men's Shelter Lunch Program

The Men's Shelter Lunch program provides bagged lunches for homeless men, assembled in the Undercroft Commons once a month. Supplies are donated by Ascension members. Depending on the season, we provide forty to eighty lunches a month. The next program is on November 19 at 10:15 a.m. Contact Edith at esekasi@gmail.com if you would like to help, or sign up at <http://bit.ly/1VAKEz8>.

Mobile Med

Every Tuesday, Mobile Med has agreed that we can close the waiting room at 1:00 p.m. We will still list a person for the 1:00 p.m. shift in case the day is particularly hot or rainy and we need to keep the waiting room open until 3:00 p.m. I will notify the "on call" 1:00 p.m. person that morning if they need to be there.

The 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. person will now close the Chapel at 1:00 p.m. I have put instructions for closing in the volunteer folder; you can also contact Jean Cohn if there are questions at spangle1@comcast.net or 240.372.3652.

Gaithersburg HELP

This organization provides emergency food and other support to needy families in Gaithersburg. Non-perishable food collected at Ascension every week, and during specific holiday in-gatherings, helps to stock the pantry. Donations may be brought to church at any time and left in the narthex. For more information, contact Melanie Mitchell at 301.519.1074 or melanie.mitchell@verizon.net

Ministerio Felicidad

Ascension members prepare lunches and send love and prayers to day laborers in the neighborhood of the church. Join Javier at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 23 in the church kitchen. If you have any questions, Contact him at ocampo@ascensionmd.org

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VESTRY MINUTES

October 22, 2017

PRESENT: The Rev. Randy Lord-Wilkinson, The Rev. Javier Garcia Ocampo, Betsy Hasegawa, Janet King, Rose Buck, Gordon Donnelly, Luis Pedron, Avin Lalmansingh, Gary McLaughlin, Meredith Horan, John Pruessner, Berenice Rodriguez. Absent: Zadinga Ogada.

The meeting opened at 1:30 with a Lambeth Bible Study, concluding at 1:53.

CONSENT AGENDA: Rose moved that the consent agenda be adopted as presented. Berenice seconded the motion, and it passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposal about streaming on our website. Before discussing this, an itemized proposal is needed. Topic was tabled until one or more proposals are received.

Children's Formation. After the second Sunday of this program year's Sunday school, Gordon said things are going well, and all the children from the first Sunday returned for the second session. He noted that no children from the Spanish-language congregation have attended. Javier will be asked to encourage their participation. The nursery is staffed by a paid nursery aide; adult non-staff volunteers should also be there. Randy reported that the physical situation in the nursery room is being upgraded. Furniture from the commons area has replaced the old stuff. For his Eagle Scout project, Matt Watson will paint the room, refurnish the cabinets, and conduct a toy drive.

Adult formation; the Rector's role. There is a parallel (with children's formation) adult formation class that meets in library while the children are in their formation. Randy would like to see another new track for adults, including speakers from other faith traditions.

Annual Giving update. Avin reported that we will kick the 8-week campaign off next Sunday, October 1. All the cards, letters and envelopes should be ready to go tomorrow; then the vestry will hold an "envelope stuffing" party. Randy will preach on Stewardship on Sunday. There will be a Sign-up Genius online for people to sign up to speak throughout the campaign. Vestry members agreed to directly contact others and ask them to speak. Betsy will do a visual of a vine for collecting both pledges and comment cards on "why I come to Ascension".

Treasurer Discernment. The person selected to succeed retiring Treasurer Howard Holland must be properly qualified. The vestry was asked to discern who that person might be. The job will have changed by the end of the year, with Lin prepared to take over much of the work.

One Ascension (1A) Sunday October 29; options for celebration. Janet has contacted previous 1A helpers to make plans. A possible theme is Halloween theme, with kids in costume, a parade, possibly a "trunk or treat", where the candy would be given out by attendees from their cars (giving the workers more time to prepare for the feast). Randy suggested an All Saints theme; a Day of the Dead theme was also proposed.

The final 1A Sunday in 2017, December 31, will be on New Year's Eve; the theme will be a New Year's Eve party.

Final cookbook update. The cookbook went to the printers on August 31st. The finished cookbooks will be available for sale at the October 29 1A luncheon.

Ascension House, other property rental. The rental of the first floor of Ascension House (AH) has been dropped from \$2,000/month to \$1,750. Other thoughts for AH included selling it, renting the entire house and/or renting parking spaces. Janet, John and Meredith will convene a small group to consider the sale possibility. If we did so, Javier would be given a rental subsidy. It was pointed out that since the building has been designated historical, a renter or buyer wouldn't be able to change or demolish it, without permission from the Historical District Commission.

A draft of Lauren Kingsland's brochure about renting the church or chapel for weddings was passed around. The Kentlands Museum is having a bridal exposition in October; the brochures will be there and will also be put on Ascension's online sites.

OPEN MIC

Luis brought up the subject of accounting for the many fundraisers that are being held and planned at Ascension. Further discussions will address how to add these funds to Ascension's accounting; one possibility is adding a line item in our budget to account for these and future funds.

Rose spoke about her concern about communications within the church. She brought up a couple of examples and said that we really need do better job of communicating events, assignments and other things. We need to start disseminating news, events, and reminders earlier and more carefully; we need to get information to Eleni earlier, and perhaps work up a reminder system. Randy said that we'd had a communication committee in the past, which could be re-established.

Gary touched on the financial town hall meeting held between the 9:00 and 11:15 services earlier in the day. He said the meeting went well, gave a true picture of our financial status, and that people are comfortable with Randy's becoming a bi-vocational priest. Betsy noted that we won't have saved enough by the end of 2017 to balance the budget, but said that further planned changes will make 2018 a better year financially, with no deficit. It was noted that in 2018, the diocese will only contribute \$10K toward Javier's income (it was \$20K for 2017). Betsy said she will have Howard come next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: At 4:02 p.m., Avin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Gary seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sari Stoddard
Clerk of the Vestry



Financial Update October 2, 2017 Budget Development and Implementation

We continue to work with the Rector and Wardens to implement changes to 2017 budget to reduce operating expenses and bring our income and expenses more closely into alignment. Our goal remains to narrow the gap between income and expenses during 2017 and achieve a balanced budget by mid-2018, if not sooner.

We will soon begin preparing a series of scenarios for Ascension's 2018 budget based on projected expenses for next year, along with projected income based on the progress of the pledge campaign. These scenarios will include estimates for basic operating costs, including upkeep of our facilities. These scenarios will also include estimates for personnel costs taking into consideration the latest in discussions about staffing arrangements for next year.

September Financials

Total income for September was \$40,247. Ascension received \$2,860 in plate receipts and \$29,703 in pledge income. Both are consistent with levels we usually see in September. Our Miscellaneous Unrestricted Income was \$3,174, and together with rental income of \$4,510, our September income was higher overall as a result.

For September, our total expenses were \$44,039. Most expense categories were at or below expected levels for the month. Our Salary & Benefits costs continue to reflect the changes made in the staffing of musicians for our Sunday services. General Office Expenses returned to normal levels after being much lower in August. Our Facilities expenses were somewhat higher than amounts we generally see at this time of year, but unusually so.

We had negative net income for September of \$3,792 based on the income and expenses figures just described. Year to date, we have income of \$424,244, against total expenses of \$429,645 creating a deficit of \$5,401 thus far for the year. Ascension's total income includes the gift we received earlier this year from the estate of Kathryn Brooke.

Finally, the Endowment Fund stands at \$295,147 as of September 30. The balance in the Fund continues to benefit from the largely positive trends in the stock market. Our Unrestricted Cash Reserves were at \$70,684 as of month's end. In addition, with the continued donations that we have received, we now have \$36,026 in the new Facilities Reserve Fund.



54 Pledges for the total of \$149,568

Thanks to those below who have pledged to the annual giving campaign:

- ◆ Ron & Jan Hauber
- ◆ Mary H Waldron
- ◆ Jake & Ophelia Yalley-Ogunro
- ◆ Christopher & Susan Ahalt
- ◆ James & Antoinette Babcock
- ◆ Roy Bevington & Connie Finch
- ◆ Levin B Broughton
- ◆ Jennie B Cargill
- ◆ Nancy Carman
- ◆ Jemima Carr
- ◆ Raymond & Doris Chin
- ◆ Don & Jean Cohn
- ◆ Wadia Dennis
- ◆ Margaret Donnellon
- ◆ Elaine T Dunn-Johnson
- ◆ Betsy Hasegawa
- ◆ Meredith Louise Horan
- ◆ Janet King + FRF
- ◆ Avin & Anika Lalmansingh
- ◆ Elizabeth Lennon
- ◆ Gary & Susan McLaughlin
- ◆ Janet M Rhoads
- ◆ Peggy Ruppel
- ◆ Laura Shay
- ◆ Gerlinda Somerville + FRF
- ◆ Fran Spina
- ◆ Sari Stoddard
- ◆ John & Kelly Ten Hagen
- ◆ Thomas & Dorothy Thiele
- ◆ Paul Whitmore
- ◆ William & Delores Finister
- ◆ Betty Knight
- ◆ Luis Pedron & Ruth Skowronski
- ◆ Monteath Petersen
- ◆ Hallie Porter
- ◆ Lavina & Stewart Williams
- ◆ Rose Buck
- ◆ Phyllis Eddy & Joseph Def-fenbaugh
- ◆ Gordon L Donnelly
- ◆ Lisa Murdock & Herald Douglas
- ◆ Thomas Hall + FRF
- ◆ Howard & Margaret Holland
- ◆ Curt Lindsay
- ◆ M Mackert
- ◆ Cynthia Perley
- ◆ Bernice Rodriguez
- ◆ Maria E Rodriguez
- ◆ Chris & Rachel Ruggeri
- ◆ Richard & Susan Snay
- ◆ Escobar Vergel
- ◆ Robert & Linda Waters
- ◆ Russell E Weber
- ◆ Natalie Lois Wilson
- ◆ Fe Wlotzko

December Ascendant

Please email Eleni Hailu by Wednesday, November 22, if you have anything for the December Ascendant at comm@ascensionmd.org. Thank you!



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Address Service Requested

"We are ambassadors who represent Christ." - 2 Corinthians 5:20

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Parish Staff

Rector	Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Assistant to the Rector	Javier García Ocampo
Minister of Music	Jerrold Tidwell
Parish Administrator	Lin Keene
Media Specialist	Eleni Hailu

Sunday Services

7:45 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
"Meditative" service, no music - Main Church
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
*Classic sacred music of the Church accompanied by Choir
and Organ—Main Church*
10:15 a.m.—Eucharist for Young Children and Families
Storytelling of the Gospel with children's songs—Chapel
11:00 a.m.—Eucharist in Spanish
Songs and prayers in Spanish—Chapel
11:15 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
*Modern Music and liturgy accompanied by
instrumental ensemble—Main Church*
5:00 p.m.—"Last Chance Church"—Chapel