

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Palm Sunday : 9 April A.D. 2017

Holy Week and Easter at Ascension



Wednesday, April 12

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae, a “Service of Darkness” - Main Church

Maundy Thursday, April 13

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar—Main Church

Good Friday, April 14

12:00 p.m. “Stations to Go” - The following Locations in Old Towne Gaithersburg:

1. The entrance to the main church
2. Gaithersburg Police Station
3. The bridge under 355
4. Wells - Robertson House
5. City Hall
6. The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen
7. The Hill at Bohrer Park
8. The Hospice
9. Ascension's Columbarium

Note: This is a bilingual Service

7:30 p.m. Prayer Book Liturgy—Main Church

Easter Eve, Saturday, April 15

7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil—Main Church

Easter Day, Sunday, April 16

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church
9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist—Main Church
11:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist—Main Church
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Spanish—Chapel
12:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children,
followed by an Easter Egg Hunt—Chapel

T-Shirts and Sweaters for Sale



We have T-shirts and sweaters for sale. Last day to order is Sunday. Don't miss out !!

- \$10 for T- Shirts

- \$25 for Sweatshirts

Order form: <http://bit.ly/2o6KFPJ>

TO OUR VISITORS, NEWCOMERS, AND SEEKERS

We thank you for joining us today and hope you will return often.

At Ascension, our mission is to become “ambassadors of Christ,” so we welcome you to this community of resident aliens. We invite you to fill out a welcome card (located in the rack at the ends of each pew).

TODAY AT ASCENSION

Preacher: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

Refreshments and conversation follow every service in the Narthex.

The Nursery is open today from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is in Room 2, in the rear hallway of the annex at the high school end of the building. Ask a welcome team member for directions.

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Godly Play

Faces of Easter VII

This week's Godly Play lesson, Faces of Easter VII, continues to help us prepare for the Mystery of Easter. We continue to move toward the Mystery of Easter by hearing the stories of Christ's journey toward the cross and resurrection. This week's presentation focuses on Christ's face on the cross and Christ's face on Easter.

A Joyful Path

The Members of a Joyful Path will be studying how we are a part of the community of life that includes all people. Lesson topics will be: What is family?; People in the Neighborhood; The New Tribe and No Boundaries. Please come and join us downstairs in Room 11 during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services



Yoga Classes

Randy's yoga class is every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in the Main Church.

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.

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.

Wednesday Morning Book Group

The Wednesday morning book discussion group is reading Krista Tippett's *Becoming Wise: An Inquiry into the Mystery and Art of Living*. From the author: "The discourse of our common life inclines towards despair. In my field of journalism, where we presume to write the first draft of history, we summon our deepest critical capacities for investigating what is inadequate, corrupt, catastrophic, and failing. The 'news' is defined as the extraordinary events of the day, but it is most often translated as the extraordinarily terrible events of the day. And in an immersive 24/7 news cycle, we internalize the deluge of bad news as the norm—the real truth of who we are and what we're up against as a species. But my work has shown me that spiritual geniuses of the everyday are everywhere. They are in the margins and do not have publicists. They are below the radar, which is broken." Finish the book for next Wednesday.

LIFE LONG LEARNING

The Listening Heart Community

The Listening Heart Community is Ascension's "monastery of the heart", an intentional group for seekers in all stages of their spiritual journey to explore Benedictine and other contemplative spirituality in community. We meet the first and third Monday of each month. Contact Lori Perine at lperine@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

Youth Group Schedule Spring 2017

- April 9 - No Youth Group due to Spring Break
- April 23 - Regular Meeting in the Undercroft
- April 30 - Youth Sunday: NO YOUTH GROUP BUT LOTS OF CHURCH TIME
- May 21 - Picnic at Hight Walkers'
- June 25—Philly Work Camp

Sunday Morning Small Group for Small Group Leaders

If you are interested in growing your faith and connecting with other Ascensionites, then join me for a small groups leader training. Small groups are a great way to develop your faith in the context of relationship. We will talk about how to form, participate and facilitate a small group. We will address best practices and a structure to start your group off with. Join me either after the 9:00 or 11:15 services in the Library, this morning, Jason Cutshall, jascut@me.com

Small Group for Families with Young Children

The small group for families with young children meets today at 11:15 am in the church library. We are currently discussing Brian McLaren's *We Make the Road by Walking*. If you have any questions, feel free to contact at sarahannear@gmail.com

Spanish Classes

Come and take part in Ascension's Spanish Class on Mondays from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Ascension House. You don't need to know Spanish to come, because we get together to learn and/or practice. For more information contact Javier at ocampoj@ascensionmd.org

New Book for Wednesday Morning Group

Starting on Wednesday, April 26, we will be reading Parker Palmer's *Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation*. From Amazon: "With wisdom, compassion, and gentle humor, Parker J. Palmer invites us to listen to the inner teacher and follow its leadings toward a sense of meaning and purpose. Telling stories from his own life and the lives of others who have made a difference, he shares insights gained from darkness and depression as well as fulfillment and joy, illuminating a pathway toward vocation for all who seek the true calling of their lives."

Music Program for Sunday School

On the last Sunday of the month please bring the 9:00 a.m. Sunday School's children to the white chapel by 9:50 a.m. and the 11/11:15 a.m. children to the choir room in the main church building at 11:30 a.m.

The music program will last no more than 10 minutes. If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at howarddhanson@gmail.com. - Howard Hanson

2017 Ascension Cookbook Update

Many, many thanks to everyone who has generously shared a recipe for the new Ascension cookbook. What started as a trickle has become a deluge! We know that the community's tremendous response is due to everyone who tapped someone's shoulder, stood up to speak in church or otherwise helped spread the word and drum up enthusiasm for our project. Nothing works like the personal touch, and we are so grateful for everyone's help!

Although we have moved on to cataloging all of the submissions, we are still accepting recipes. So if you have a treasured recipe you'd like to share, just send it our way. You can also send us recipes in Spanish. Our goal is to produce a bilingual cookbook that reflects who we are as a community. Feel free to contact Zadinga Ogada at z_zulu@msn.com with any questions or to forward a recipe.

Don't forget to mark your calendars with our next tasting event, taking place at the luncheon immediately following our "One Ascension Sunday Service" at 10:00 a.m. on April 30th, which this year is also Youth Sunday. We are very eager to actually taste your proffered creations and would be so pleased and honored if you would bring a dish to the luncheon. Just email Zadinga beforehand so we know what to expect.

We are very lucky to belong to such a dynamic community. Keep an eye out for more updates, and we'll see you April 30th!

Your Cookbook Committee, Janet, Rachel, Sari, Susan and Zadinga

"One Ascension/Youth Sunday"

Are you ready for April 30th, our first One Ascension Sunday? We are very fortunate to belong to a church that offers six different services each Sunday. With so many options, there is a service to fit every worship style. Nevertheless, one challenge of having so many services is that we sometimes do not know each other. We have the 7:45 early birds, the 9:00 regulars, the 10:15 families, and so forth.

We want to affirm that although we offer many services, we are one community. And that is why we are going to gather at 10 am on April 30th as One Ascension for one service in the main church. April 30th happens to be Youth Sunday, so the service will be designed and led by our Youth Group and accompanied by the Ascension Choir and 11:15 am ensemble! We will conclude with fellowship and feasting in the Undercroft. The luncheon will also mark the second tasting opportunity for the Ascension Cookbook project, so be sure to bring your appetite!

Let us know each other and see each other by coming together as One Ascension. See you April 30th at 10 am.

Easter Altar Flowers



If you would like to donate Easter flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please fill out a designated envelope (available in the Palm Sunday bulletin, on the table outside the office and in the Chapel), insert your check, and place it in the mailbox outside the office or in the offering plate by Maundy Thursday, April 13. The suggested donation is \$25.

Acolyte Training

At 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7 in the main church veteran acolyte Ray Chin (who serves at the 7:45 service nearly weekly) will conduct a training for both old and new acolytes. No age limits!

Easter Artwork and Filled Eggs

Forms are now available for children to submit artwork for the Easter Family Service worship leaflet. The service will take place on Easter Day, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. Forms are located in the Godly Play and Joyful Path Classrooms. There is a sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex to bring candy filled Easter eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt after the service.



CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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.

Mobile Med

We host the MobileMed van every Tuesday from 7:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Volunteers are assigned a 2 ½ hour shift each month. Duties include collecting basic patient information, answering questions and ensuring a safe, comfortable waiting area.

Our contact for Mobile Med is Jean Cohn 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

Lord's Table Soup Kitchen

There is an opportunity to serve at the soup kitchen on the first Saturday or third Monday each month at 1:00 pm (prep work) or 3:00 p.m. (serving) across the street at St. Martin's Church. Contact one of our experienced team leaders, Page Salazar (Saturdays, pagesalazar@ymail.com) or Jean Cohn (Mondays, spangle1@comcast.net). We can always use more volunteers!

Ministerio Felicidad

Every 4th Saturday Ascension members and 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, March 25 in the church kitchen.

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LEADERSHIP AT ASCENSION

Senior Warden: Betsy Hasegawa
Junior Warden: Janet King

Vestry:

2018: Berenice Rodriguez, Avin Lalmansingh,
Gary McLaughlin
2019: Rose Buck, Zadinga Ogada, John Pruessner
2020: Gordon Donnelly, Meredith Horan, Luis Pedrone
Sari Stoddard, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Howard Holland, *Treasurer*

Christian Formation for Children: Megan Didavi ~ Christian
Formation for Youth: Angie Hight-Walker ~ Facilities: Ted Be-
dell Finance: Howard Holland ~ Mission: Paul Boynton ~ Pas-
toral Care: Randy Lord-Wilkinson Personnel: Jean Cohn ~
Worship: Carleton MacDonald

Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Kristen Keating, Carleton MacDonald, Sue Snay
Alternate: Mardia Dennis

Cycles of Prayer

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for
Calvary Church, Washington
Church of the Atonement, Washington
Church of the Redeemer, Bethesda
African Palms

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

MONDAY, APRIL 10

11:30 p.m. Living with a Chronic Illness—Room 1
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library
6:00 p.m. Ensemble Rehearsal—Main Church
6:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 4
6:30 p.m. Spanish Class—Ascension House
7:00 p.m. Jr. Girl Scout Meeting—Room 6
7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

TUESDAY, APRIL 11

10:00 a.m. Yoga—Chapel
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Codependents Anonymous—Room 1
7:00 p.m. Stillwater Mindfulness Group—Chapel
8:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Book Group—Library
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae—Main Church
8:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous—Chapel

MAUDY THURSDAY, APRIL 13

4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel
7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist & Foot
Washing—Main Church

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 14

12:00 p.m. Bilingual Stations to Go—Starting at Ascension
1:00 p.m. Al Anon—Library
7:30 p.m. Prayer Book Liturgy

SATURDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Chapel
11:00 a.m. Al-Anon—Undercroft Commons
11:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter—Main Church

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Preacher: Randy Lord-Wilkinson
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church
9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist—Main Church
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Followed by an Easter Hunt—Chapel

Church Attendance	Mar. 19	Mar. 26	Apr. 2
7:45 a.m.	25	30	29
9:00 a.m.	92	92	103
10:15 a.m.	10	17	18
11:00 a.m. Spanish Service	62	60	—
11:15 am	49	51	97
11:30 a.m. At Sunrise	10	10	—
5:00 p.m.	12	12	13
Total:	260	263	260