

# WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: 13 August A.D. 2017*

## Recital at Ascension on Sunday, August 20 at 7:30 p.m.



Come and enjoy an evening of German, French and American classics, including works by J.S. Bach, Griffes, Burton, Varese, CPE Bach, and Hue performed by Cristian Dohler Rodas, on the flute; joined by Jerrold Tidwell and Janghyo Yoo on piano in the Main Church. This recital is free and open to the public, and there will be a reception afterwards in the lower atrium.

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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: Javier Ocampo

Refreshments and conversation follow every service in the downstairs in lower atrium.

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.

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### Tai Chi

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. Please come and join us.

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

### Education for Ministry (EFM) 2017-2018

In order for Ascension's Education for Ministry class to begin on or about September 12th, we need six people to have their registrations completed by August 25th. Peg Ruppel and David Mitchell renewed their mentor training in May, and now it's time to get the class registered. The \$375 tuition covers all books and materials.

If you want to explore your faith, the Bible, and the church more deeply, this is your chance. EFM is a distance learning program from the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee, visit <http://efm.sewanee.edu>).

Questions? Concerns? Please contact Peggy Ruppel (ph.301.377.0728; email [plr301@gmail.com](mailto:plr301@gmail.com)) or David Mitchell (ph. 240.454.1904; email [newlywed98@comcast.net](mailto:newlywed98@comcast.net)) for more information.

Thanks, everyone! Peg

### Spanish Class

There is no Spanish Class on August 14 and 21. We will resume the class on August 28. For more information contact Javier at [ocampo@ascensionmd.org](mailto:ocampo@ascensionmd.org)

### Children's Formation

Beginning September 17, 2017, Christian Formation (Sunday School) for children age 3 (and potty trained) through 5th grade will be held at 10:15 am (or immediately after the 9:00 am service) on the lower level of the main church building. Formation greeters/teachers will be stationed in the narthex to greet and assist newcomers. Classes will end before the start of the 11:00 am service. Adult classes are also offered during this time. These sessions will help us deepen our knowledge of the stories of the people of God and reflect on the meaning of these stories in our lives.

### Wednesday Book Group: CHRIST ACTUALLY: THE SON OF GOD FOR THE SECULAR AGE

On Wednesday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. the book group will begin to read and discuss James Carroll's learned, extended, and beautifully written CHRIST ACTUALLY: THE SON OF GOD FOR THE SECULAR AGE. This is actually [sic] cheapest in hard cover from Amazon at \$6.98.

The Amazon synopsis: "A New York Times bestselling and widely admired Catholic writer explores how we can retrieve transcendent faith in modern times. Critically acclaimed and bestselling author James Carroll has explored every aspect of Christianity, faith, and Jesus Christ except this central one: What can we believe about—and how can we believe in—Jesus in the

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twenty-first century in light of the Holocaust and other atrocities of the twentieth century and the drift from religion that followed?

### Invitation to "Walk with Me" film



The Stillwater Mindfulness Practice Group invites you to view — "Walk with Me: A Journey into Mindfulness Featuring THICH NHAT HANH" on September 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Germantown Stadium 14, 2000 Century Blvd. Germantown, MD.

For more information, visit <http://walkwithmefilm.com/> or to reserve your tickets [gather.us/s/20587](http://gather.us/s/20587)

## LIFE AT ASCENSION

### Adopt-a-Space at Ascension

Our worship and common spaces are sacramental in the sense that we rendezvous with God and one another in them. It is therefore meet and right that we tend them as the gift that they are. This sign-up lists most of the spaces we inhabit from week to week. They do get cleaned, but there's a lot of traffic in and out of our building and there are plenty of unclaimed artifacts to prove it!

This is an invitation for groups or individuals to "adopt-a-space" to declutter and re-order (where there is furniture).

I have assigned some groups to care for spaces with which they have a special relationship, such as the main church's sacristy, where the Altar Guild lives out its mission to prepare the holy of holies for each of to encounter at every service. Some spaces got claimed immediately, such as the Chapel nave and sacristy, by "regulars" at the 11:00o'clock service.

There are a few left! Won't you join in? Sign up by clicking this link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4caba82da75-adoptaspace>

### New Parish Administrator Position Filled

In keeping with Ascension's need to be financially conscious, the Vestry and I have elected to place our accountant on retainer for as-needed items which will save the church \$1,800 a month. In addition, we have combined the responsibilities of Bookkeeper and the old Parish Administrator positions into one position. Ascension needed to have a person who was able to do all aspects of the new position. After considerable prayer and thought, Lin Keene of Clarksburg has been hired as our new Parish Administrator. Lin has an accounting degree, some church experience, and is bilingual. - RAL

### Yard Sale & Car Wash- August 26

There will be a Yard Sale and Car Wash on Saturday, August 26, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have clothes that you want to donate, bring them to the office. Heavy items and furniture should be brought to the Ascension House Porch. Remember that you can bring your car to be washed. We also need help. If you are available, you are welcome to join us! For more information, please contact Javier at [ocampo@ascensionmd.org](mailto:ocampo@ascensionmd.org) or 202-903-6426

**Randy will be visiting relatives in Ohio this week, but will be back in town by Saturday. Javier will be on call while Randy is on the road.**

**Zumba at Ascension!**

Summer is here and is always a good opportunity to get in shape. For that reason, we will have Zumba classes at Ascension every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Undercroft Commons. Zumba is a dance fitness program created by Colombian dancer and choreographer Alberto "Beto" Perez during the 1990s. Zumba involves dance and aerobic movements performed to energetic music. The choreography incorporates hip-hop, soca, samba, salsa, merengue and mambo.

**Skywatching - Solar Eclipse Party**

The Gaithersburg Community Museum is hosting a free Solar Eclipse event at Observatory Park on Monday, August 21, 2017, from 1 to 4 p.m.

As always, stargazing events are weather permitting. Last minute announcements will be posted on the Museum's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/GaithersburgCommunityMuseum>. Also, please note that there are no restrooms available, and parking adjacent to Observatory Park is very limited. There will be overflow parking available in the St. Martin's field at the corner of DeSellum Avenue and Route 355, one block from the park.

For more information contact the Gaithersburg Community Museum: 301-258-6160 or [museum@gaitersburgmd.gov](mailto:museum@gaitersburgmd.gov)

**The Lunch Bunch at St. Nick's**

We meet on the third Tuesday of every month 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at St. Nick's. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. After a delicious potluck luncheon together, we will play Bingo with winners choosing from many interesting prizes on our prize table! Newcomers and guests do not have to bring food for the first time.

We are also encouraging everyone to bring at least one nonperishable, kid-friendly food item to add to St. Nick's Summer Food Drive. Many children are hungry this summer as school is out and there are no free breakfast and lunch programs. Let's help the Germantown HELP Food Pantry meet the higher demand for food!

Come prepared to shop at the St. Nick's Crafters' Table, too! We are featuring many handmade works of art and other interesting items. As was done last year, you may make a donation in any amount for any of the items and all proceeds will be donated to the Deibel-Mahan Fund at St. Nick's. You may make your donation in cash or, for tax purposes, by check with Deibel-Mahan Fund in the memo.

## 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. The next program is August 20 at 10:15 a.m. Contact Edith at [esekasi@gmail.com](mailto:esekasi@gmail.com) if you would like to help, or sign up at <http://bit.ly/1VAKEz8>.

**Help Provide School Supplies and Backpacks for Children in Need**

It is that time of year! Ascension is collecting school supplies to provide backpacks for students (kindergarten through 5th grade) at Summit Hall Elementary School, Gaithersburg as part of the Linkages to Learning Program. The purpose of this program is to improve the well-being of children and their families through collaborative delivery of school services that address social, economic, health, and emotional issues that interfere with the academic success of a child. Lists of supplies for each grade level are available in the narthex and on the website. Please take a list or share a list with a friend. A monetary donation of \$14 is welcome to help cover the cost of the backpacks. Please place monetary donations in the collection plate. Please include "for backpacks" on the memo line of the check. Please leave the supplies you are bringing in Room 1. On Sunday August 20, we will gather in Room 1 after the 9 am service to stuff the backpacks. All help will be appreciated. We can work together while we visit and get to know each other. Thank you for your support. For any question, contact Kristen Keating at [KristenKeating@westat.com](mailto:KristenKeating@westat.com)

**Mobile Med**

Every Tuesday, for (at least) the summer months, Mobile Med has agreed that we can close the waiting room at 1:00 p.m. We will still list a person for the 1p 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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, September 23 in the church kitchen. If you have any questions, Contact Javier at [ocampo@ascensionmd.org](mailto:ocampo@ascensionmd.org)

**Connecting College Students to Our EDOW Campus Ministers**

EDOW requests for names of college students in our parishes who will attend our local schools this fall. Whether entering freshmen or rising upperclassmen, they would love to know and support them. So, if you have students at any of the following, could you drop a note to Joey at [jrick@edow.org](mailto:jrick@edow.org) or to their respective campus ministers (listed below)? They would love to keep them connected to the our Episcopal chaplaincy and also to whatever parish is closest to them.

- American University, Carolyn Seaton, [cseaton14@gmail.com](mailto:cseaton14@gmail.com)
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- The University of Maryland, Kristen Pitts, [rev.kpitts@gmail.com](mailto:rev.kpitts@gmail.com)

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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 Pedron  
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  
St. Mary's Church  
St. Mary's Court  
St. Mary's County Scholarship Committee

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

### MONDAY, AUGUST 14

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1  
6:00 p.m. Ensemble Rehearsal—Main Church  
6:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 4

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting—Library  
6:00 p.m. Spanish Bible Study—Ascension House  
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, AUGUST 16

10:00 a.m. No Wednesday Morning Book Group  
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1  
7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1  
8:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous—Chapel

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

10:00 a.m. No Yoga  
4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Zumba—Undercroft Commons

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

1:00 p.m. Al Anon—Room 1  
6:00 p.m. Couples 12-Step Program—Room 1

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Al-Anon—Undercroft Commons  
11:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

**Preacher:** Randy Lord-Wilkinson  
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church  
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church  
10:15 a.m. Backpack Assembly—Room 1  
10:15 a.m. Service for Young Children—Chapel  
10:15 a.m. Men's Shelter Lunche Prep—Undercroft  
11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol—Chapel  
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church  
1:30 p.m. Maryland Uke Jam—Undercroft Commons  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Last Chance Church—  
Chapel  
7:30 p.m. Recital with Reception—Main Church and  
Lower Atrium

Attendance	July 23	July 30	August 6
7:45 a.m.	24		24
9:00 a.m.	52		66
10:15 a.m.	12	159	17
11:00 a.m. Spanish Service	42		33
11:15 am	51		69
5:00 p.m.	7		9
Total:	188	159	218