

# WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

*Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: 4 November A.D. 2018*

## Exodus 18:21

Moreover, look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens.

As soon as I turned 18, I became a regular voter in Mexico. I believed that it was one way to seek assistance for people who needed it, and good government for everyone. Of course, when I came to the United States I could no longer vote, no matter how strongly I felt about the matters at hand. All I could legally do was keep up with what was happening in Mexico, and exercise my right to vote by completing a ballot in the Mexican Embassy.

I look forward to the day when I can vote here—but until then, I urge you to exercise your right to vote. Remember, voting is a right that generations of Americans struggled to win—and people in other countries are still fighting for. Voting is your voice, and elected officials respond to voters preferences by awarding greater chunks of public resources to those whose voices they hear.

One of these days, I hope to see you at the polls. For now, do this to follow the admonition of Exodus. Choose men (and women) who are trustworthy!

Blessings,

Javier

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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 “Represent Jesus Christ Whatever We May be,” so we welcome you to this family 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: Eugene Wright

Refreshments and conversation follow every service in the lower atrium.

A place of peace for parents and a beginners Sunday School is available in Room 4.  
Please feel free to bring your child.

## LIFE LONG LEARNING

### A Joyful Path—10:00 a.m.

The members of A Joyful Path will make discoveries about Vietnamese Peace Activist Thich Nhat Hanh. He believed sharing his beliefs in practicing inner peace and mindfulness would bring peace to others and the world. Come join us in Room 2 during the 10 a.m. service.

### A Joyful Path—12:00 p.m.

Escuela Dominical Para Nin@s. The members of A Joyful Path at noon will learn about the most important source of our tradition- The Bible. We will learn about some sayings which are biblical and others attributed to the Bible which are not. Come join us at 12:00 pm. (noon) in Room 2.

### Godly Play

This week in Godly Play, we will study the “Ten Best Ways” to live, also known as the Ten Commandments. After Moses led the People of God out of Egypt to freedom, they could live where they wanted, be who they wanted, and do what they wanted. God provided divine guidance through Moses.

### Wednesday Morning Book Group

Ascension’s book group is discussing the book, “Sapiens: A Brief History of Humanity”, by Yuval Noah Harari. This book explores the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be “human”. We meet weekly at 10:00 a.m. in Ascension’s library on Wednesdays. All are welcome to join us. Please read Chapter 6 for this coming Wednesday.

### Spanish Class

Come and take part in Ascension’s Spanish Class on Mondays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 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 [ocampo@ascensionmd.org](mailto:ocampo@ascensionmd.org)

### Thursday Morning Yoga

Yoga classes are offered on Thursdays at 10:00 AM in Room 6, taught by Lucia Pires. The class is multilevel, with an emphasis on gentle yoga, and is appropriate for beginners. Props are offered, but the students are encouraged to bring their own yoga mats.

### Tai Chi

Tai Chi class is 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. Tai Chi will be cancelled any Thursday that schools are closed for bad weather this winter. Contact Claire Rosser at 301.275.0617 or [Cjrosser@aol.com](mailto:Cjrosser@aol.com) if you have any questions.

## LIFE AT ASCENSION

### Día de los Muertos



Today, at the 12:00 p.m. Service, we will be observing a Latin American tradition called the festival of “Día de los Muertos.” As is customary we will adorn the altar with pictures of departed loved ones, and offer our memories of them and their spiritual legacies to the Lord. The Altar will be placed in the Undercroft.

### Servant Keeper—We see the Change

Thank you for updating your information and becoming familiar with Ascension’s database, Servant Keeper. We can see the changes you’ve made to your addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses; we can also see that some of you have uploaded pictures of yourselves. This is amazing. Let me encourage you to continue to spread the word to others on how easy it is to get into the database and navigate it. I’m sure you’ve discovered how to see your contributions and print statements as needed. I hope you have found this to be a valuable tool and continue finding yourself entering the portal. If you have not had the opportunity to log into Servant Keeper or are having difficulties logging in, please let me know. If I can be of any assistance,

please feel free to contact me at [office@ascensionmd.org](mailto:office@ascensionmd.org) or stop by the office.

Lin Keene

### Thanksgiving Day Eucharist



**THANKSGIVING SERVICE** 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.

### How much do you know About Ascension Website?

Recently, we have found out that everyone is not aware of what is available on our website and we decided to start introducing some of the pages that are important for members one at a time.

Did you know you can pay your financial contribution online directly from our website? You will see the button when you scroll down on the Home page.

### Give to Church of the Ascension

We rely on your financial contributions to continue our mission in the church and the world.

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## Next Baptism Dates



There is a baptism today. If you want to be baptized or know someone who would like to be, please contact Javier at [ocampo@ascensionmd.org](mailto:ocampo@ascensionmd.org)

## Our Choir is Recruiting New Members!

A new and exciting musical opportunity awaits you! The Ascension Choir is currently recruiting new members. Singers of all ages, abilities, and voice parts are welcome to participate. If you're interested, come visit our weekly choir rehearsals on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Choir Room- no audition required and no strings attached.

We'd love to see you there! Questions? Contact Andrew Kullberg, [music@ascensionmd.org](mailto:music@ascensionmd.org)

## Attend a Concert to Support Gaithersburg HELP

Gaithersburg HELP and The National Christian Choir (NCC) are excited to announce "An Evening with The National Christian Choir," a live Performance Benefitting Gaithersburg HELP. The NCC presents music that touches the heart from a variety of sacred styles – gospel, contemporary praise music, traditional anthems, hymns, a cappella – all combining for one joyful, uplifting experience.

**When:** November 3rd, 2018

**Where:** Pathways Baptist Church, 200 W. Diamond Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

You may purchase tickets for \$15. Even if you are unable to attend, all proceeds go to benefit Gaithersburg HELP. Questions? Contact Andrew Kullberg, [music@ascensionmd.org](mailto:music@ascensionmd.org)

## Continuing the Collection of Items for ComfortCases

The inspiring sermon in September by Robert Scheer, founder of ComfortCases, has prompted many congregants to ask what more we can do to help this local non-profit organization bring dignity and hope to youth entering foster care. We will continue to have a bin in the narthex for collecting additional travel-sized toiletry items. Further information on ways to help the organization—from donating pajamas to helping pack comfort cases—can be found at [www.comfortcases.org](http://www.comfortcases.org). The organization is housed at 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 60, Rockville, MD 20850; phone: 202-253-0402.

## PLEDGE UPDATE AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2018



77 Pledges for the total of \$201,352.00 and 2 FRF donations for \$504

Thanks to those below who have pledged last week

- ◆ Peter & Kathy Wendolkowski
- ◆ Monica Koenig Caphart
- ◆ Adoma Gerty Baffoe
- ◆ Adeline Hedd-Williams
- ◆ Martha Lubet
- ◆ Swithin & Ama Kwamena-Poh
- ◆ Jacob & Sciou Broderick
- ◆ Enid Cole

## 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 11 at 9:30 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>.

## 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, November 24 in the church kitchen. If you have any questions, Contact Javier at [ocampo@ascensionmd.org](mailto:ocampo@ascensionmd.org)

## Montgomery Hospice

Montgomery Hospice is a nonprofit hospice that has been serving the residents of Montgomery County for 36 years. We provide professional end-of-life care in homes, extended care facilities and at Casey House, our acute care facility. We are looking for new volunteers. Our greatest need is for volunteers to visit patients. These volunteers provide companionship for patients, respite for family members, lavender oil hand massages, music by the bedside or help with practical matters. Many provide the gift of "presence" by simply being with a patient. All volunteers go through an application process.

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## LEADERSHIP AT ASCENSION

**Senior Warden:** Betsy Hasegawa  
**Junior Warden:** Janet King

### Vestry:

2019: Rose Buck, Zadinga Ogada, John Pruessner  
2020: Gordon Donnelly, Meredith Horan, Luis Pedron  
2021: Berenice Rodriguez, Robert Waters,  
Susan McLaughlin  
Sari Stoddard, *Clerk of the Vestry*  
Avin Lalmansingh, *Treasurer*

Christian Formation for Children: Megan Didavi ~ Christian  
Formation for Youth: Angie Hight-Walker ~  
Facilities: Ted Bedell ~ John Prussener  
Finance: Avin Lalmansingh ~ Mission: Paul Boynton ~  
Pastoral Care: Nan Hildebrand ~  
Personnel: Jean Cohn ~  
Worship: Gary McLaughlin, Curt Lindsay

### Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Mardia Dennis, Gary McLaughlin, Sue Snay  
Alternate: Fredy Diaz

## Cycles of Prayer

Prayers for those whose lives are closely linked with  
ours: Resolutions Committee of the Diocese

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

### Monday, November 5

- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1
- 6:00 p.m. Spanish Class—Ascension House
- 7:00 p.m. Listening Hearts Community—Library
- 7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1

### Tuesday, November 6

- 7:00 p.m. Stillwater Mindfulness Group—Chapel
- 7:30 p.m. Spanish Bible Study—Library
- 8:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1

### Wednesday, November 7

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Book Group—Library
- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1
- 7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
- 8:00 p.m. Gamblers’ Anonymous—Room 2

### Thursday, November 8

- 10:00 am. Yoga—Room 6
- 4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Room 6
- 6:30 p.m. Al Anon/Spanish—Room 1
- 6:30 p.m. Ensemble—Main Church
- 7:00 p.m. Girl Scout—Room 2
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

### Friday, November 9

- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1
- 9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 2
- 11:00 a.m. Al-Anon—Undercroft
- 11:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
- 12:00 p.m. Farrah Funeral—Main Church & Undercroft
- 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon/Spanish- Room 1

### Sunday, November 11

- Preacher:** Nan Hildebrand
- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist —Main Church
- 10:00 a.m. Bible School for 3+ year olds & under — Room 4
- 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist —Main Church
- 10:00 a.m. Godly Play—Room 6
- 9:00 a.m. Joyful Path—Room 2
- 12:00 p.m. Escuela Dominical Para Nin@s—Room 1
- 12:00 p.m. Eucaristia en Espanol—Main Church
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group —Undercroft

Attendance	October 14	October 21	October 28
8:00a.m.	26	27	21
10:00 a.m.	124	100	127
12:00p.m.	31	61	58
Total:	181	188	206