

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost: 28 October A.D. 2018

Garden Warriors--We Need You!!

When I first came here, I had a hard time understanding why people were so enthusiastic about Fall-- a funny word for a season, don't you think? But now I get it, summers here are so hot and humid that it's hard to do anything physical. Even to THINK about exertion gets the sweat glands going. So that's why I was so amazed and grateful at the number of you who came out for our first garden work party on July 7th. We trimmed bushes and trees, yanked out thousands of weeds, and consumed gallons of iced tea. At last the grounds were pretty again!

We had a much better idea of all that Fredy had quietly done for us, and definitely gotten an appreciation for the workout potential of yard work!

With all the rain and wind of the last month, the weeds took off on a massive growth spurt, twigs and branches fell off the trees, and leaves began to fall, too. The Church of the Ascension is starting to look a little neglected. So, I'd like to organize another work party--shorter, more focused and, if possible, even more friendly than the first. We can have cider and spicy cookies; you can bring your kids; or bring one of your neighbors to introduce them to Ascension.

I am putting Fredy in charge of deploying the troops so I think it will be efficient. In case you think that you are not fit enough for the challenge--think again! Everyone will be helpful and most welcome, and there will be age-appropriate tasks (think 4-94!) to be done. You may recall that last time I said that my father taught me that work done for the church is the path that leads to loving the church. I still believe that, but now I think even more strongly that working with other church members helps us to love them--and they us--in the way that Jesus intends. This is how we build our church, not just make it pretty!

Set aside Sunday, Nov. 10, from 10:00-2:00pm.

Please call or email Lin to let us know you are coming at 301 948-0122, or office@ascensionmd.org. We want to have enough cider and cookies for everyone!

Many Blessings,

Javier

Youth Group This Sunday October 28th!

All youth in sixth grade and above are encouraged to attend Ascension Youth Group this Sunday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the church undercroft. Dinner will be provided, then we have an interactive formation discussion and end with fun and exciting games--some with prizes! Please text Trevor with any questions. 301-920-4267.

Daylight Saving Time Ends November 3



Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 3. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

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: Javier Ocampo

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 Exodus, when Moses led the People of God out of slavery in Egypt through a parting in the Red Sea. This story helps evoke the People's experience of God's elusive presence.

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 Chapters 4 and 5 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

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 if you have any questions.

LIFE AT ASCENSION

Día de los Muertos

On November 4, 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.

Leslie Pool



Leslie Pool, the cherished partner of Bubba Pflantzbaum, has passed on due to complications related to cancer. She died peacefully shortly after noon on Tuesday, October 23 at Holy Cross Germantown hospital. Leslie was 64.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Easton L. Pool and Alice Winifred Pool, loving sister and sister-in-law of Stephen Mark Pool and Ana Pool, David W. Pool and Bonita Ann Pool and caring aunt of one niece and 3 nephews. She was a 1972 graduate of High Point High School in Beltsville. She worked as an administrative assistant for many years and recently volunteered as an English tutor. Her hobbies were singing, playing piano, and archaeology. She was a devoted worshiper of Jesus and a member of the Catholic Church. She will be dearly missed.

Friends may view Leslie's body at DeVol Funeral Home, 10 East Deer Park Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 2:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm.

A funeral mass for Leslie's ashes will be held at Mother Seton Catholic Church, 19951 Father Hurley Blvd. Germantown, Maryland at 1:00 pm on November 2, 2018.

Leslie's ashes will be interred at the Ascension Columbarium at a

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- ◆ That is all. It will be connected to your account and every time you want to shop and when you go to smile.amazon.com, your selection will be there and will track your purchases.

Just make sure you select the right "Church of Ascension" at Gaithersburg MD as below:

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Next Baptism Dates



The next baptism date will be November 4th. If you want to be baptized or know someone who would like to be, please contact Javier at ocampoj@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

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

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. The organization is housed at 15825 Shady Grove Road, Suite 60, Rockville, MD 20850; phone: 202-253-0402.

PLEDGE UPDATE AS OF OCTOBER 24, 2018



69 Pledges for the total of \$182,252.00 and 2 FRF donations for \$504

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

- ◆ Natalie Wilson
- ◆ Gayah W Fahnbulleh
- ◆ Ted & Kelly Bedell
- ◆ Winsome Palmer
- ◆ Lovetta Willie
- ◆ Robert & Linda Waters
- ◆ Florence Sasu
- ◆ Lavina & Stewart Williams
- ◆ Charles & Rimie Sicard
- ◆ Algernon Thomas
- ◆ Michele Wood & Steve Heinig
- ◆ Frank & Leslie S Sanya
- ◆ Mariopn Rice, Carlos Rice, & Alfenia Rice

Men's Shelter Lunch Program

The Men's Shelter Lunch program provides bagged lunches for homeless men, assembled in the Undercroft once a month. Supplies are donated by Ascension members. Depending on the season, we provide forty to eighty lunches a month. The next program will be November 18 at 9:30 a.m. Contact Edith at esekasi@gmail.com if you would like to help, or sign up at <http://bit.ly/>

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 ocampoj@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.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:



Muddy Branch
Alliance

Lands Green Waters Clean Initiative
presents a FREE

Butterfly Bird and Bay
Friendly Gardening Workshop

When: Saturday, November 3rd, 2-5PM

Where: 16 Kent Gardens Circle, Gaithersburg

We will discuss easy to implement, low cost, wildlife friendly gardening practices that also help reduce stormwater runoff and information on how to access rebates and resources to assist property owners and managers with installation of projects.



There will be plenty of Q & A time so bring your questions! Do you need help with plant selection, site planning, how to sign up for Rainscapes rewards? We'll help you!

If you sign up a week in advance and supply an address we will provide an aerial view of your property to help with project planning.

Reserve a spot early. The workshop is limited to the first 30 people who sign up. Drop-ins are welcome if space is available.

Sign up on-line here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/7rLmAR52Ow7KwMDo2>

For more information email: info@muddybranch.org

or call Project Manager, Lauren Hubbard at 631-764-6226

Funding for this workshop is provided by:

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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: All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase Parish
All Saints' Preschool, Chevy Chase
All Saints' Parish, Oakley
All Souls Memorial Church, All Souls Parish, DC
All Saints' Day (November 1)
Diocesan Confirmation Service (November 3) - Pray for
those who are being confirmed

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Monday, October 29

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

Tuesday, October 30

- 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, October 31

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Book Group—Library

- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1
- 7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
- 7:30 p.m. Worship Committee—Library
- 8:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous—Room 2

Thursday, November 1

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, November 2

- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1
- 8:00 p.m. Couples 12-Step Program—Library
- 8:00 p.m. Vigila de Todos los Santos—Undercroft

Saturday, November 3

- 9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 2
- 11:00 a.m. Al-Anon—Undercroft
- 11:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
- 6:30 p.m. Al-Anon/Spanish- Room 1

Sunday, November 4

- Preacher: Javier Ocampo
- 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
- 10:00 a.m. St. Barnabas—Chapel
- 12:00 p.m. Escuela Dominical Para Nin@s—Room 1
- 12:00 p.m. Eucaristia en Espanol—Main Church
- 12:00 p.m. Michael Martin Funderal—Chapel
- 12:30 p.m. Day of the Dead—Undercroft
- 12:30 p.m. Dia de los Muertos—Chapel/Undercroft
- 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting —Room 1

Attendance	October 7	October 14	October 21
8:00a.m.	28	26	27
10:00 a.m.	79	124	100
12:00p.m.	35	31	61
5:00 p.m.	32	—	—
Total:	174	181	188