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This Week at Ascension

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Frederick Buechner on Patriotism

"All 'isms' run out in the end, and good riddance to most of them. Patriotism for example.

"If patriots are people who stand by their country right or wrong, Germans who stood by Adolf Hitler and the Third Reich should be adequate proof that we've had enough of them.

Calendar Highlights

Friday, February 3

- 1:00 p.m. AI-Anon, Library
- 6:00 p.m. Couples 12-Step Program—Room 1
- 6:00 p.m. Movie Night— Undercroft Commons

Saturday, February 4

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

"If patriots are people who believe not only that anything they consider unpatriotic is wrong but that anything they consider wrong is unpatriotic, the late Senator Joseph McCarthy and his backers should be enough to make us avoid them like the plague.

"If patriots are people who believe things like 'Better Dead Than Red', they should be shown films of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945, respectively and then be taken off to the funny farm.

"The only patriots worth their salt are the ones who love their country enough to see that in a nuclear age it is not going to survive unless the world survives. True patriots are no longer champions of Democracy, Communism, or anything like that but champions of the Human Race. It is not the Homeland that they feel called on to defend at any cost but the planet Earth as Home. If in the interests of making sure we don't blow ourselves off the map once and for all, we end up relinquishing a measure of national sovereignty to some international body, so much the worse for national sovereignty.

"There is only one Sovereignty that matters ultimately, and it is of another sort altogether."

Sunday, February 5

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church
- 8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church
- 9:00 a.m.
& 11:00 a.m. Godly Play—Room 6
- 9:00 a.m.
& 11:00 a.m. Joyful Path—Room 11
- 10:15 a.m. Service for Families with Young Children—Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol - Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Family with Young Children Cell Group—Library
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church
- 1:30 p.m. NoMoCo Youth Leaders Meeting— Library
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist - Chapel

Monday, February 6

- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library
- 6:30 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 4
- 6:30 p.m. Spanish Class —Ascension House
- 7:00 p.m. Listening Hearts Community—Library

Tuesday, February 7

- 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. 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, February 8

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

Frederick Buechner (pronounced BEEK-ner) is an American writer and theologian. He is the author of more than thirty published books and has been an important source of inspiration and learning for many readers. His work encompasses many genres, including fiction, autobiography, essays, sermons, and other nonfiction. Buechner's books have been translated into twenty-seven languages for publication around the world. Buechner's writing has often been praised for its ability to inspire readers to see the grace in their daily lives.

Annual Meeting

Our annual parish meeting will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 5 in the Undercroft Commons. We'll begin with a potluck lunch.

Our primary business will be to elect new Vestry members and to have a time for shared reflection on the ministry and mission of Ascension.

Pictorial Directories are here! They are in a box on the table outside the Church Office. Priority is given to those who had portraits taken.

HEADLINERS

[Action in Montgomery \(AIM\) Rally on Thursday, February 9](#)
[St. Valentine's Party](#)
[Shrove Tuesday](#)
[Movie Night](#)
[New Cell Group on Ancestry.com](#)
[Annual Giving Campaign Extension](#)
[Wednesday Morning Book Group Reading Becoming Wise](#)

LIFELONG LEARNING

[A White Historian Confronts American Slavery](#)
[Cell Group for Families with Young Children](#)
[Thursday Afternoon Tai Chi Class](#)
[Yoga At Ascension](#)
[Listening Heart Community](#)
[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)
[Godly Play](#)
[A Joyful Path](#)

8:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous—
Chapel

Thursday, February 9

10:00 a.m. Yoga - Chapel

4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel

7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal—
Choir Room

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WORSHIP

[Worship Rosters, January-March](#)

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SERVICE

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PUBLICATIONS

[January Ascendant](#)

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Prayers

For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours:
Episcopal Relief and Development, Companion Diocese
Committee – Jerusalem, Committee on the Partnership with the
Province of Southern Africa

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Sandy, Debbie, Dotty, John, Joann, William, Margaret, Donna,
Peggy, Angela and Rache, Sarah, and Roz and all those who, in
this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any
other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our
country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and
their families.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love – as
advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope
for refugees and all affected by natural disasters, violence, and
war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended
Healing Prayer List.

Worship Leaders

Sunday, February 5

Preacher: Jason Cutshall

7:45 AM

Reader/Prayers: Leslie Sanya
Chalicians: Leslie Sanya
Healing Prayer: Janet King
Acolytes: Ron Hayden, Aidan Douglas
Welcome Team: Herald Douglas, Lisa Murdock
Altar Guild: Georgette Dennis
Hospitality Angel: Hawa Clemens

9:00 AM

Reader: Andrew Greene, Chris Ruggeri
Prayer: John Pruessner
Chalicians: Jake Yalley-Ogunro, Winsome Palmer
Healing Prayer: Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Acolytes: Paul Whitmore, Lisa Dickson
Welcome Team:: Esther Allotey-Taylor, Bev Stennett, Christine Kroma,
Josephine Clarke
Altar Guild: Ophelia Yalley-Ogunro, Esther Taylor, Joyce Bvumbe
Hospitality Angels: Dorett Sutherland

11:15 AM

Reader: Jason Cutshall
Healing Prayer: Sarah Rubin
Welcome Team: Alex Langley, Alice Padmore, Kendall Anderson
Altar Guild: Georgana Maines
Reader/Chalician: Laura Shay, Jason Cutshall
Eucharistic Visitors: Randy Lord-Wilkinson, Enid Cole
Song Leader: Sue Snay
Hospitality Angels: Aaron & Emma Boyce

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Flower Delivery: Esther Sawyer, Adoma Baffoe