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### Calendar Highlights

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#### Friday, June 16

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

#### Saturday, June 17

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

#### Sunday, June 18

- 7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church
- 8:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal —Choir Room
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church
- 10:15 a.m. Service for Young Children— Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Men's Shelter Lunches
- 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—Chapel

# This Week at Ascension

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## Cheap Grace

“Cheap grace means grace sold on the market like cheapjacks' wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. Grace is represented as the Church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessings with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits. Grace without price; grace without cost! The essence of grace, we suppose, is that the account has been paid in advance; and, because it has been paid, everything can be had for nothing. Since the cost was infinite, the possibilities of using and spending it are infinite. What would grace be if it were not cheap?...

"Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

"Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

"Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock.

## Monday, June 19

- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library  
**6:30 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. Listening Hearts  
Community— Library

## Tuesday, June 20

- 7:00 a.m. Mobile Med—Chapel  
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, June 21

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

## Thursday, June 22

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga—Chapel  
11:00 a.m. Episcopal Seeking  
Seniors—Asbury  
4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel  
6:00 p.m. Bariatric Support  
Group—Chapel

"Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: "ye were bought at a price," and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God."

— from Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship

## Know a Grad?

Help us celebrate their rites of passage. E-mail Eleni ([comm@ascensionmd.org](mailto:comm@ascensionmd.org)), if you know of someone graduating from high, middle, or elementary school, or finishing a degree.

## Got Glue?

And some clamps? Thank you ever so much, Gary McLaughlin, Pete Minderman, and Jim Utterback for performing first aid on the Chapel chairs. If any one else feels equipped to tighten up some loose chair legs, drop Randy a line (contact info on the back cover of this bulletin).

## Bible Treasure Hunt

Hi All!

Over the summer, I'm offering a bible treasure

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hunt series - basically a scavenger hunt for 7 boxes about one of the fruits of the spirit in a local park. I'm doing it in Olney because I have a core group of people who are interested here, so it's a good test location, plus parks are parks. So making a 20 minute drive to play at a park that has friends and good shade, isn't such a big deal. Here is the flyer. I would love if you would let your people know. Thanks so much!

In Christ,  
The Rev. Shivaun

### **HEADLINERS**

[Work Camp 2017](#)

[Education for Ministry 2017-2018](#)

[New Books for the Wednesday Morning Group](#)

[AIM Listening Session](#)

[Zumba Classes at Ascension!](#)

[Father's Day Food Drive](#)

[Yard Sale and Car Wash](#)

### **LIFELONG LEARNING**

[Thursday Afternoon Tai Chi Class](#)

[Listening Heart Community](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Yoga Class](#)

### **WORSHIP**

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### **CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

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### **LIFE AT ASCENSION**

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### **PUBLICATIONS**

[June Ascendant](#)  
[2017 Annual Report](#)  
[Together We Shine](#)

**Prayers** For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: St. Alban's Church, Washington and Iglesia San Albano, Pray for all fathers and those who have been as fathers to us.

**Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:** Sandy, Kirk, Sally, William, Margaret, Christine, David, Fran, Suzanne 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.

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### **Worship Leaders**

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**Sunday, June 18**

Preacher: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

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#### **7:45 AM**

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Reader/Prayers: Leslie Sanya  
Chalicians: Leslie Sanya, Edna Leake  
Healing Prayer: Meredith Horan  
Acolytes: Raymond Chin, Aidan Douglas  
Welcome Team: Frank Sanya, Florence Sirleaf  
Altar Guild: Mardia Dennis, Enid Cole  
Hospitality Angel: Enid Cole

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#### **9:00 AM**

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Reader: Gary McLaughlin, Susan McLaughlin  
Prayer: Gordon Donnelly  
Chalicians: Bob Waters, Sari Stoddard  
Healing Prayer: Susan McLaughlin

Acolytes: Alfred Wasikye, Gary McLaughlin, Paul Whitmore

Welcome Team: Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Kevin Blanc, Algernon Thomas

Altar Guild: TBA

Hospitality Angel: Betsy Balicao

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**11:15 AM**

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Reader: Laura Shay

Healing Prayer: Peg Ruppel

Welcome Team: Sciou Broderick, Peedy Terry, Emmanuel Nwankwo

Altar Guild: Georgana Maines

Chalicer: Christian Nwankwo, Rimie Sicard

Song Leader: Sue Snay

Hospitality Angel: Mary Layne-Brizan

Eucharistic Visitor: Jean Cohn

Flower Delivery: Hawa Clemens, Eliane Dunn-Johnson