



EPISCOPAL Church of the Ascension "We are ambassadors who represent Christ." – 2 Corinthians 5:20



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This Week at Ascension

Annual Meeting 2017

[Link to Service Leaflets for March 5](#)

[Link to Joey Rick's sermon "Seeing Things with Fresh Eyes"](#)

[Link to Randy's "The Ash Wednesday Sermon"](#)

[Link to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's Website](#)

The 2017 Ascension Annual Meeting will be Sunday, March 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the main church. Note the new time. This year, more than ever, it is vital for all able members to attend. There is an important message that must be heard.

As Vestry members have been sharing with you, the budget at Ascension has not been balanced. To repeat, in order to pay our bills we have been using approximately \$8000 every MONTH from our endowment. In addition to that, in order to cover the HVAC repairs and replacements we had to withdraw about \$60,000 more.

The vestry accepted this deficit budget knowing we could not continue doing so and planned a vigorous pledge campaign for 2016 while still supporting the missions that we all love. Based on results so far, however, it is clear that Ascension as we know it must change.

The goal of our Annual Giving Campaign remains \$500,000. Starting a pledge now or increasing what you are giving will help, but expenses have to be cut and the cuts must be significant.

Calendar Highlights

Friday, March 3

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

Saturday, March 4

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

COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO BE HEARD ON SUNDAY, MARCH 12, BETWEEN THE 9:00 A.M. AND 11:00/11:15 A.M. SERVICES IN THE MAIN CHURCH.

THE 11:00/11:15 SERVICES WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL THE MEETING IS OVER.

6:00 p.m. Pre-planning Meeting—
Undercroft Commons

Sunday, March 5

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—
Main Church
Choir
8:15 a.m. 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
10:15
a.m. Candidates'
Forum—
Undercroft
Commons
10:15 p.m. Sunday Morning
Small Group for
Small Group
Leaders-Library
11:00
a.m. Misa en
Español—Chapel
11:15
a.m. FWYC Small
Group—Library
11:15
a.m. Holy Eucharist —
Main Church
12:30
p.m. Candidates'
Forum —
Undercroft
Commons
12:30
p.m. Sunday Morning
Small Group for
Small Group
Leaders—Library
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist—
Chapel

HEADLINERS

[Call for Confirmation](#)
[Candidates Forum on Sunday, March 5](#)
[Ascension 2017 Cookbook](#)
[Wednesday Nights in Lent](#)
[Sunday Morning Cell Group for Cell Group Leaders](#)
[Celebrate Girl Scout Sunday at Ascension, March 12](#)
[Calling All Current Girl Scouts: Help Sell Cookies at Ascension](#)

LIFELONG LEARNING

[Wednesday Morning Book Group](#)
[Monthly Music Program](#)
[Small Group for Families with Young Children](#)
[Thursday Afternoon Tai Chi Class](#)
[Yoga At Ascension - New Yoga Time](#)
[Listening Heart Community](#)
[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)
[Godly Play](#)
[Youth Group Schedule Spring 2017](#)
[A Joyful Path](#)

Monday, March 6

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

WORSHIP

[Attention, Worship Leaders and would-be Worship Leaders!](#)
[Worship Rosters, January-March](#)

SERVICE

[Men's Shelter Sandwich Making](#)
[The Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)
[Gaithersburg HELP](#)
[Mobile Med](#)

Tuesday, March 7

10:00
a.m. Yoga - Chapel
11:00
a.m. Staff Meeting
6:00 p.m. Bible Study—
Ascension House
7:00 p.m. Codependents
Anonymous—

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

LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

Wednesday, March 8

10:00 a.m. Wednesday
Morning Book
Group—Library
1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library
6:00 p.m. Yoga—Chapel
6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer—
Chapel
7:00 p.m. Overeaters
Anonymous—
Room 1
7:00 p.m. Who Says So—
Library
8:00 p.m. Gamblers'
Anonymous—
Chapel

PUBLICATIONS

[February Ascendant](#)

[Together We Shine](#)

Prayers

For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: Non-Parochial Clergy of the Diocese, Washington Episcopal Clergy Association (WECA), Network of National Episcopal Clergy Associations (NNECA)

Thursday, March 9

4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Sandy, Monica, John, Joann, Diane, Dotty, Sarah, Wilma, Roz, Proscovia, and 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.

Worship Leaders

Sunday, March 5

Preacher: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

7:45 AM

Reader/Prayers: Jason Cutshall

[Link to our
Online Calendar](#)

Chalicians: David Burton, Leslie Sanya
Healing Prayer: Jason Cutshall
Acolytes: Ron Hayden, Aidan Douglas
Welcome Team: Wadai Dennis, Janet King
Altar Guild: Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis
Hospitality Angel: Peter Maroulis

9:00 AM

Reader: Chris Ruggeri, Carlton MacDonald
Prayer: John Pruessner
Chalicians: Jake Yalley-Ogunru, Winsome Palmer
Healing Prayer: Major Clemens
Acolytes: Bob Waters, Alfred Wasikye, Lisa Dickson
Welcome Team:: Esther Allotey-Taylor, Bev Stennett,
Christine Kroma, Josephine Clarks
Altar Guild: TBA
Hospitality Angel: Michelle Wood

11:15 AM

Reader: Alex Langley
Healing Prayer: Sarah Rubin
Welcome Team: Sciou Broderick, Peedy Terry, Emmanuel
Nwankwo
Altar Guild: Anika Lalmansingh, Avin Lalmansingh
Chalician: Anika Lalmansingh, Laura Shay
Song Leader: Alice Benson
Hospitality Angel: Penelope Cudjoe

Eucharistic
Visitors: Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Flower Delivery: Esther Sawyer, Adoma Baffoe



