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Calendar Highlights

Friday, September 29

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1

Saturday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—
Chapel

9:00 a.m. Service for Momo
Fahnbuellerh-Main Church
& Undercroft

11:00 a.m. Al-Anon — Undercroft
Commons

11:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—
Room 1

Sunday, October 1

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main
Church

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main
Church

10:15 a.m. Godly Play— Room 6

10:15 a.m. Joyful Path— Room 10

This Week at Ascension

Making Room at God's Table

Today marks the beginning of Ascension's Annual Giving Campaign to raise operating funds for our 2018 budget.

Over the last 135 years, Church of the Ascension has grown from a mission of Christ Church, Rockville, and become the dynamic parish that it is today. You could say that throughout our life as a community of faith, our vision has been to expand the room at God's table so that all may gather and find a place here to be nourished in faith, serve the world around us, and share the message of God's love.

The ways that we live into that vision are almost too numerous to count. We provide an of worship services, including one for Spanish speakers. We sponsor many outreach activities, including Mobile Med and Ministerio Felicidad, in our own buildings. Our members serve in the local soup kitchen at St. Martin's Church across the street, and nearly every month of the year we engage in missional activities such as the Linkages for Learning Backpack program and participating in Action in Montgomery projects. Many of us have marched in DC for the Sanctuary Movement and in support of DACA (deferred action for childhood arrivals).

We are committed to providing the best Christian education possible for our children and youth, together with the chance for our youth to contribute to mission activities each summer like the one sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania .

These programs are but a few that we offer. All have grown and flourished because of your generosity. Your commitment has made God's table ever larger and more welcoming. You've helped make it possible not only for us here at Ascension to know God's presence in our lives, but for so many others to know of God's presence in their lives, too.

During the 8 week campaign that commences today we invite you to reflect on the role Ascension plays in your life, the life of your family, and others close to you. Members of the Vestry will be on hand after each of today's services to answer any questions you may have about the campaign, current and future activities, and how your contributions make all the difference in what we can do.

You are invited to join them as they place their pledge cards in the baptismal font at the presentation of the gifts. Or, during the coming

- 10:15 a.m. Service for Young Children— Chapel**
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Class Group— Library**
- 11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol— Chapel**
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church**
- 1:30 p.m. NoMoCo Youth/ICC- Coping and Resiliency Workshopp for Teens— Undercroft**
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Last Chance Church — Chapel**

Monday, October 2

- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1**
- 6:00 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**
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal**

Tuesday, October 3

- 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**

Sundays of the campaign, you may place your pledge card in the font as you go forward to receive Communion.

If you don't currently pledge, we hope you will consider doing so. If you are already among the many who have pledged this year, we hope you will renew your pledge for 2018 and give prayerful consideration to increasing your pledge, if possible.

Faithfully,

The Clergy, Wardens and Vestry of Ascension

Ascension Youth Group Kicks off 2017-2018 Program!

Youth Group will begin on Sept 24th with a Cook-Out at the Hight Walkers @ [9701 Breckenridge Place](#) in Montgomery Village. Please arrive by 6:00 p.m. for games, food and fellowship which will end at 8:00 p.m. Meat, buns, and serving items will be provided. Please bring a dish or item to share.

All Youth in 6th grade and older are encouraged to participate in the Ascension Youth Program! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Sunday evenings of each month from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., typically in the Undercroft. We are one of the largest and most active Youth Programs in Montgomery County-so come and see what all the excitement is about! We have fun and serve others, especially during our annual Mission Trip which occurs every summer.

Text Angie [301.693.2399](tel:301.693.2399) with any questions.

Wednesday, October 4

- 10:00 a.m.** **Wednesday Morning
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—
Chapel

Thursday, October 5

- 10:00 a.m.** **Yoga-Chapel**
- 12:00 p.m.** **BP Mariann-Cleargy
Luncheon—Room 1**
- 4:00 p.m.** **Tai Chi—Chapel**
- 7:30 p.m.** **Zumba —Undercroft**

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

Lector Training

Seasoned lector Andrew Greene and Randy will hold a lector training after the 9:00 o'clock service on Sunday, October 22 in the main church. This is for current and new lectors.

Acolyte Training

Ray Chin will be offering a training for new and current acolytes after the 9 o'clock service on Sunday, October 15, in the main church.

Walk Maryland Day connection--Rockville

Marjorie is affiliated with the Diabetes Self Care Management Institute in Rockville and supports Diabetes Self Management Education and Diabetes Prevention Program classes around this community. Adriana is an America Walks fellow examining walkability in Rockville and has organized Aspen Hill community walk for Sunday, October 1st at 4:00 p.m. at Aspen Hill Library (meeting spot) [4407 Aspen Hill Rd, Rockville, MD 20854](#). For more information, please contact Adriana at: adriana_hochberg@yahoo.com

Movie Night: October 13

Everyone is welcome to meet up in the Undercroft on Friday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. to watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. A SignUp Genius will be circulated in advance.

HEADLINERS

[Autumn Party](#)

[Beth O'Callaghan](#)

[Blessing of the Beasts, Sunday, October 1](#)

[Episcopal Relief & Development: Hurricane & Earth Quake Relief](#)

[Coping and Resiliency Workshop for Teens](#)

[Ascension Youth Group Fall 2017 Schedule](#)

[Open Bethlehem - October 15](#)

LIFELONG LEARNING

[Wednesday Book Group: *Christ Actually: Reimagining Faith in the Modern Age*](#)

[A Joyful Path for Sunday](#)

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[Sunday Christian Formation Schedule Change](#)

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Prayers For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: St. Francis Church, Pray for human treatment of all of God's creatures, especially companion, rescue, and service animals

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Beth, Sue, Melanie, David, Fran, Mike, Dotty, Dorett, Ruthie, Russ, Suzanne, and all those who,

in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We give thanks for the life of Joann Glass Gertig, sister of Laurie Glass Yelle, in whose memory the altar flowers were given.

We thanks for the lives of Dean Johnsen, father of Terry Johnsen, and for Joseph Robert Ellison, who died lastweek. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

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 especially those living in the aftermath of the devastation caused by the earthquakes in Mexico and hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria in east Texas, the Gulf Coast of Florida, and the Caribbean in general, including Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.

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

Worship Leaders

Sunday, October 1

Preacher: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

7:45 AM

Reader/Prayers: Enid Cole

Chalicians: Sharon Hayden, Wadai Dennis

Healing Prayer: Lisa Murdock

Acolytes: Ron Hayden, Aidan Douglas

Welcome Team: Enid Cole, Janet King

Altar Guild: Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis

Hospitality Angel: Peter Maroulis

9:00 AM

Reader: Andrew Greene, Betsy Hasegawa

Prayer: John Pruessner

Chalicians: Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Sari Stoddard

Healing Prayer: Javier Ocampo

Acolytes: Manny Johnson, Nuelle Johnson,
Paul Whitmore

Welcome Team: Nii Armah Akuete, Ruby King,
Charles Dickson

Altar Guild: TBA

Hospitality Angels: Dorett Sutherland

11:15 AM

Reader: Anika Lalmansingh

Healing Prayer: Sarah Rubin

Welcome Team Sciou Broderick, Emmanuel
Nwankwo

Altar Guild: Georgana Maines

Chalicer: Avin Lalmansingh, Peg Ruppel

Song Leader: Alice Benson

Hospitality Angel: Georgana Maines

Eucharistic Visitor: Javier Sawyer

Flower Delivery: Esther Sawyer, Adoma Baffoe