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Calendar Highlights

Friday, September 8

10:00 a.m. Sandra Boynton Memorial Service—
Main Church

7:00 p.m. Rivera Mong - Thibadeau/Brian Main

Saturday, September 9

9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Chapel

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

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

1:00 p.m. Service of Rev. Ped Custer—Main
Church & Undercroft

7:00 p.m. Victor Researved—Undercroft

Sunday, September 10

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church

This Week at Ascension

You Are Accepted

“You are accepted!”...accepted by that which is greater than you and the name of which you do not know. Do not ask the name now, perhaps you will know it later. Do not try to do anything, do not perform anything, do not intend anything. Simply accept the fact that you are accepted. – Paul Tillich

New possibilities open up when we accept our dependence on God. These possibilities come to us from beyond ourselves. We can open ourselves to acceptance by being responsible for ourselves and staying faithful to our spiritual practices. We can't improve upon the message that we are accepted, nor can we nail it down. In fact, the very moment we try to impose our control over it, it begins to evaporate.

We can receive this message of acceptance only when we are humble and open to it. After learning to surrender, we are ready to yield to messages of acceptance.

I am grateful for the acceptance which has come my way.

- Anonymous

Town Hall Meeting

There will be a Town Hall Meeting about Ascension's finances as a follow up to the discussion at the Annual Meeting, at 10:15 a.m. September 24, in the main church.

10:15 a.m. Service for Young Children—Chapel

10:15 a.m. Ministry Fair—Undercroft

11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol—Chapel

11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Last Chance Church —Chapel

Monday, September 11

11:30 a.m. Living with a Chronic Illness—Room 1

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

Tuesday, September 12

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, September 13

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

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1

Fiesta de las Americas, September 17

In some Latin American countries, in September we celebrate our Independence. For this reason, the Spanish Congregation is organizing a party in the Undercroft Commons on Sunday, September 17, after the 11:00 a.m. service. We invite everyone to attend!

Save the Date

On October 07 we will hold a party in the Undercroft Commons as a fundraiser for Ascension. Tickets are on sale. If you need more information ask Javier or Berenice and Luis, members of the Vestry.

Attention all Worship Leaders (and those interested in becoming a worship leader)

I will be preparing the new worship roster for the months of October, November and December shortly; if you have any black-out dates for that period, or any changes specific to those months, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks, Sari Stoddard

Invitation to "Walk with Me" film

The Stillwater Mindfulness Practice Group invites you to view — "Walk with Me: A Journey into Mindfulness Featuring THICH

7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1

8:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous—Chapel

Thursday, September 14

10:00
a.m. Yoga-Chapel

4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel

7:30 p.m. Zumba —Undercroft Commons

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

NHAT HANH" on September 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Germantown Stadium 14, 2000 Century Blvd. Germantown, MD.

For more information, visit <http://walkwithmefilm.com/> or to reserve your tickets gather.us/s/20587

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Prayers For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: Church of Our Saviour, Brookland Parish Church of Our Saviour, Hillandale and Nuestro Salvador Diocesan Youth Ministry, Diocesan Young Adult Ministry

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Kirk, Sally, William, Sue, Margaret, Melanie, David King, David Parkerton, Olive, Laura, Mohamed, Fran, Bob, Suzanne, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We give thanks to Wadai Dennis for giving altar flowers in celebration of birthdays for Mardia Dennis on September 8 and Georgette Dennis on September 11.

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, September 10

Preacher: Rady Lord-Wilkinson

7:45 AM

Reader/Prayers: Leslie Sanya

Chalicians: Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis

Healing Prayer: Jean Cohn
Acolytes: Raymond Chin, Aidan Douglas
Welcome Team: Frank Sanya, Meredith Horan
Altar Guild: Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis
Hospitality Angel: Wadai Dennis

9:00 AM

Reader: Carleton MacDonald, Chris Ruggieri
Prayer: Sue Snay
Chalicians: Kristen Keating, Cynthia Perley
Healing Prayer: Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Acolytes: Kofi Kwamena-Poh, Roberta Taylor,
Monty Peterson
Welcome Team: Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Kevin Blanc,
Algernon Thomas
Altar Guild: TBA
Hospitality Angel: Robertine Urey

11:15 AM

Reader: Peedy Terry
Healing Prayer: Laura Shay
Welcome Team: Sciou Broderick, Peedy Terry,
Emmanuel Nwankwo
Altar Guild: Geogana Maines
Chalician: Christian Nwankwo, Rmie Sicard
Song Leader: Betsy Hasegawa
Hospitality Angel: Penelope Cudjoe
Eucharistic Visitor: Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Flower Delivery: Adoma Baffoe, Hawa Clemens

