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### Calendar Highlights

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#### Friday, September 15

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

#### Saturday, September 16

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

#### Sunday, September 17

- 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

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## Thich Nhat Hanh, the Renowned Buddhist Peacemaker, On Seeing Our Brothers and Sisters

"We need to rise above [dualistic choosing of sides] to look at a conflict the way a mother would who is watching her two children fighting. She seeks only their reconciliation.

'In order to fight each other, the chicks born from the same mother hen put colors on their faces.' This is a well-known Vietnamese saying. Putting colors on our own face is to make ourselves a stranger to our own brothers and sisters. We can only shoot others when they are strangers. Real efforts for reconciliation arise when we see with the eyes of compassion, and that ability comes when we see clearly the nature of interbeing and interpenetration of all beings.

"In our lives, we may be lucky enough to know someone whose love extends to animals and plants. We may also know people who, although they themselves live in a safe situation, realize that famine, disease, and oppression are destroying millions of people on Earth and look for ways to help those who suffer. They cannot forget the downtrodden, even amidst the pressures of their own lives. At least to some extent, these people have realized the interdependent nature of life. They know that the survival of the underdeveloped countries cannot be separated from the survival of the materially wealthy, technically advanced countries. The fate of each country is linked to the fate of all others.

"When will the chicks of the same mother hen remove the colors from their faces and recognize each other as brothers and sisters? The only way to end the danger is for each of us to do so, and to say to others, 'I am your brother.' 'I am your sister.' 'We are all humankind, and our life is one.'"

- 10:15 a.m. Service for Young Children— Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Men's Shelter Lunches
- 10:15 a.m. Fiesta de las Americas— Undercroft
- 11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol— Chapel
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church
- 1:30 p.m. Maryland Uke Jam— Undercroft
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Counselors Network Meeting— Library
- 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: Last Chance Church — Chapel

### Monday, September 18

- 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

### Tuesday, September 19

- 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

## 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!

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[Town Hall Meeting on Ascension Finances](#)

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

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8:30 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1

Wednesday, September 20

**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, September 21

**10:00 a.m. Yoga-Chapel**

**4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel**

**7:30 p.m. Zumba —Undercroft  
Commons**

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**Prayers** For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: St. Matthew's Church/San Mateo, Hyattsville St. Matthew's Day School, Hyattsville Remember and pray for all Jewish people during the holy days of Rosh Hashanah (September 20-22) and Yom Kippur (September 29-30). Pray for peace and benevolence among all nations, remembering especially the United Nations International Day of Peace (September 21)

**Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:**

Bethy, Sally, William, Sue, Margaret, Melanie, David, Mitchell, Mohamed, 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.

## **Worship Leaders**

**Sunday, September 17**

Preacher: Javier Ocampo

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**7:45 AM**

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Reader/Prayers: David Burton

Chalicians: David Burton, Sharon Hayden

Healing Prayer: Meredith Horan

Acolytes: Ron Hayden, Aidan Douglas

Welcome Team: Herald Douglas, Lisa Murdock

Altar Guild: Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis

Hospitality  
Angel: Hawa Clemens

**9:00 AM**

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Reader: Christian Simpson, Susan Ahalt

Prayer: Gordon Donnelly

Chalicians: Esther Tellu, Major Clemens

Healing Prayer: Paul Whitmore

Acolytes: Alfred Wasikye, Manny Johnson,  
Nuelle Johnson

Welcome Team: Esther Allotey-Taylor, Bev  
Stennett, Christine Kroma,  
Josephine Clarke

Altar Guild: TBA

Hospitality  
Angel: Marion Rice

**11:15 AM**

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Reader: Peg Ruppel

Healing Prayer: Alex Langley

Welcome Team Avin Lalmansingh, Karl Didavi,  
Clark Didavi

Altar Guild: Avin & Anika Lalmansingh

Chalician: Laura Shay, Georgana Maines

Song Leader: Sue Snay

Hospitality  
Angel:

Anthony Lalmansingh

Eucharistic  
Visitor:

Barb Mansfield

Flower Delivery:

Eliane Dunn-Johnson, Alice  
Padmore