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### Calendar Highlights

Friday, July 14

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library

Saturday, July 15

9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Chapel

11:00 a.m. Al-Anon—Undercroft Commons

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

Sunday, July 16

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church

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

## “The Great Turning”

Contemplation is no fantasy, make-believe, or daydream, but the flowering of patience and steady perseverance. When we look at the world today, we may well ask whether it can be transformed on the global or even personal level. Our hope lies in the fact that an authentic inner life is going to change the society that we live in, just as we allow it to change us. God seems to patiently participate with us and kindly invite us into a long-term process of growth. Love and life are infinite.

I know the situation in the world can seem dark today. We are seeing theological regression into fundamentalist religions which believe all issues can be resolved by an appeal to authority (hierarchy or Scripture) and so there is no need for an inner life of prayer. In the United States we have seen the rolling back of a compassionate economic system and the abandonment of our biblical responsibility for the poor, the sick, and refugees. Fear and anger seem to rule our politics and our churches. We see these same things in many parts of the world.

The negative forces are very strong, and the development of consciousness and love sometimes feels very weak. But a “Great Turning” is also happening, as believed and described in many ways by such people as Teilhard de Chardin, Thomas Berry, Joanna Macy, and David Korten. There is a deep relationship between the inner revolution of prayer and the transformation of social structures and social consciousness.

The Apostle Paul has a marvelous line: “where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (Romans 5:20). In so many places, there are signs of the Holy Spirit working at all levels of society. The church might well have done its work as leaven because much of this reform,

Monday, July 17

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, July 18

**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, July 19

**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

7:00 p.m. Annual Giving Campaign  
Meeting—Undercroft Commons

8:00 p.m. Gamblers' Anonymous—Chapel

Thursday, July 20

**10:00 a.m. Yoga—Chapel**

**4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel**

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

**Friday, June 2**

1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Library

enlightenment, compassion, and healing is now happening outside the bounds of organized religion. Only God gets the credit.

The toothpaste is out of the tube. There are enough people who know the big picture of Jesus' thrilling and alluring vision of the reign of God that this Great Turning cannot be stopped. There are enough people going on solid inner journeys that it is not merely ideological or theoretical anymore. This is a positive, nonviolent reformation from the inside, from the bottom up. The big questions are being answered at a peaceful and foundational level, with no need to oppose, deny, or reject. I sense the urgency of the Holy Spirit, with over seven billion humans on the planet. There is so much to love and so much suffering to share in and heal.

- Richard Rohr

## Baptism

Baptisms are being planned for August. Contact Randy or Javier if you would like to schedule one.

## 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?

- 6:00 p.m. Couples 12-Step Program—Room 1
- 6:30 p.m. **Movie Night—Undercroft Commons**

### Saturday, June 3

- 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 4

- 7:45 a.m. **Holy Eucharist—Main Church**
- 8:15 a.m. **Choir 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 Young Children— Chapel**
- 11:00 a.m. **Misa en Espanol— Chapel**
- 11:15 a.m. **Holy Eucharist—Main Church**
- 11:15 a.m. **Family with Young Children Small Group—Library**
- 5:00 p.m. **Holy Eucharist—Chapel**

### Monday, June 5

- 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
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal — Choir Room

### Tuesday, June 6

- 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

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).

## Graduations

Congratulations to Sarah Galaghar's Son, Jamie Gallagher, for graduating summa cum laude from UMBC on May 25 with a 4.0 GPA.

Congratulations to Paul Whitmore's grandson Dylan Bagarus for graduating from high school last month.

Congratulations to Raymond Chin's Son, PJ Chin, for graduating from Salisbury University with Bachelor Degree!

### HEADLINERS

[August Recital at Ascension - August 20](#)

[One Ascension—July 30](#)

[Help Provide School Supplies and Backpacks](#)

[Education for Ministry 2017-2018](#)

[Zumba at Ascension!](#)

[iRest Yoga Nidra](#)

[Help Select Ascension's Future Adventures](#)

[Yard Sale & Car Wash— August 12](#)

[Adopt-a-Space at Ascension](#)

[Coping & Resiliency Workshop for Teens](#)

## Wednesday, June 7

- 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 8

- 10:00 a.m. Yoga—Chapel**  
**4:00 p.m. Tai Chi—Chapel**

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## LIFELONG LEARNING

- [Wednesday Morning Book Group](#)  
[Thursday Afternoon Tai Chi Class](#)  
[Listening Heart Community](#)  
[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)  
[Yoga Class](#)

## WORSHIP

- [Worship Rosters, July-September](#)

## CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

- [Ministerio Felicidad](#)  
[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)  
[Gaithersburg HELP](#)  
[Mobile Med](#)

## LIFE AT ASCENSION

- [Prayer Request Updates](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

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

**Prayers** For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: Church of St. Mary Magdalene, St. Christopher's Church

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

Sandy, Peg, Kirk, Kathryn, Sally, William, Heather, Margaret, Karen, David, Olive, Fran, Ed, Bob, Suzanne, Nawal 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 4**

Preacher: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

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**7:45 AM**

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Reader/Prayers: Leslie Sanya  
Chalicians: Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis  
Healing Prayer: Janet King  
Acolytes: Raymond Chin, Aidan Douglas  
Welcome Team: Frank Sanya, Enid Cole  
Altar Guild: Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis  
Hospitality Angel: Hawa Clemens

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**9:00 AM**

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Reader: Sue Snay, Christian Simpson  
Prayer: Chris Ruggieri  
Chalicians: Sue Snay, Swithin Kwamena-Poh  
Healing Prayer: TBA  
Acolytes: Alfred Wasikye, Kofi Kwamena-Poh, Roberta Taylor  
Welcome Team: Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Kevin Blanc, Algernon Thomas  
Altar Guild: TBA  
Hospitality Angels: Dorett Sutherland

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**11:15 AM**

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Reader: Avin Lalmansingh  
Healing Prayer: Laura Shay  
Welcome Team: Avin Lalmansingh, Karl Didavi, Clark Didavi  
Altar Guild: Avin Lalmansingh, Anika Lalmansingh  
Chalician: Christian Nwankwo, Rimie Sicard  
Song Leader: Sue Snay  
Hospitality Angel: Anthony Lalmansingh

Eucharistic Visitor: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

Flower Delivery: Esther Sawyer, Adoma Baffoe