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Calendar Highlights

Friday, October 6

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

Saturday, October 7

- 9:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Chapel
- 11:00 a.m. Al-Anon — Undercroft Commons
- 11:00 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous—Room 1
- 6:00 p.m. **Autumn Party/Fund Raiser—Undercroft**

Sunday, October 8

- 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
- 10:15 a.m. Service for Young Children— Chapel
- 10:15 a.m. Adult Class Group— Library

This Week at Ascension

Radical Acceptance

If you want to find one true path to life, love and God, your best prospects lie in a radical openness to anything. When confronted with a choice in your journey, to discern where the Lord will lead you, clarity will come when you view all options with a balanced perspective. How many times have you heard: "I would not have chosen to go through what I did, but I am really blessed to be who I am today and know what I know now. I have God in my life." They might be talking about a serious illness or loss, or failure in their vocation, or even the crushing responsibility of leadership, power and wealth.

The idea is that if I am following where God is leading I will know greater freedom and feel more truly alive, regardless of the circumstances in which I may find myself.

Lord, my God,

When your love spilled over into creation

You thought of me.

I am from love, of love, for love.

Let my heart, O God, always recognize, cherish,

and enjoy your goodness in all of creation.

Direct all that is in me toward your praise.

Teach me reverence for every person, all things.

Energize me in your service.

Lord God, may nothing ever distract me

from your love, neither health nor sickness

wealth nor poverty, honor nor dishonor

long life nor short life.

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Youth Group—
Undercroft

Monday, October 9

- 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon—Room 1
- 6:00 p.m. Ensemble
Rehearsal—Main
Church
- 6:30 p.m. Overeaters
Anonymous—Room 4
- 7:00 p.m. Listening Hearts
Community—
Library
- 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal-
Choir Room

Tuesday, October 10

- 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, October 11

- 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

*May I never seek to choose to be other
than you intend or wish.*

- Joseph Tetlow, S.J.

May you find peace, in God's ongoing creation of you,
Randy

Ascension Youth Group- October 8 at 6:00 p.m.

We have a very special Youth Group this Sunday!! And we need EVERYONE to attend!

We are very blessed to host the local founder of **Comfort Cases**, Rob Scheer and his family to share their story and get you excited about our upcoming fall service project. <https://www.comfortcases.org/>

Rob has even appeared on Ellen!!

<https://www.ellentube.com/video/an-exceptional-pair-of-parents-meets-ellen.html>

PLEASE ATTEND!! We will also have dinner and games!!

We need some parents to provide dinner this week, please contact Angie at [301.693.2399](tel:301.693.2399) with any questions.

Thursday, October 12

10:00 a.m. Yoga-Chapel

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.

One Ascension Sunday : October 29

It is that time again to celebrate together. The theme for this luncheon after the 10:00 o'clock service is Fall Celebration. There will be a parade of Children dressed in their Halloween costumes to start off the celebration. Since it is also near All Saints Day, we are asking all who would like to bring a picture of a loved one who is deceased and share their story with those gathered. The Cookbooks should be available for sale, at \$10.00 each, they make an excellent holiday gift. Also one can purchase the Ascension t-shirt and/or sweatshirt, for yourself or as a gift. Please plan on bringing a fall dish to share. The committee will be making several Chili Dishes as a main course. Come one come all to join the fun.

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 has been emailed to everyone. We need 10 to make this happen.

Montgomery County Unity Walk

Opening Doors to Interfaith Understanding: Everyone is welcome to meet your neighbors, tour houses of worship and learn more about services our diverse faith communities offer.

WHEN: Sunday, October 8; 1:00 pm- Resource Fair, 2pm- Opening Ceremony, 2:30 pm Walk

WHERE: Chinmaya Mission Washington Regional Center, [46 Norwood Rd, Silver Spring, MD](#)

HEADLINERS

[Autumn Party](#)

[Beth O'Callaghan](#)

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

[Ascension Youth Group Fall 2017 Schedule](#)

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[Washington Community: Gracious and Courageous Conversations: Deepening Understanding About Race, Community, and Country](#)

LIFELONG LEARNING

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

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Prayers For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: Regional Assemblies and regional conveners of the Diocese, Pray for all Native Americans and Native American congregations. Pray for all victims of terrorism, war, and violence and for those who foster and perpetuate such acts

Pray for Comfort, Healing, Courage, and Hope:

Mike, Sally, William, Beth, Sue, Melanie, Fran, Mike, Ruthie, Russ, 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, especially those living in the aftermath of the devastation caused by the earthquakes in Mexico and hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, especially Puerto Rico, for those who died in Las Vegas, their loved ones, the shooter, and the first responders.

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

Worship Leaders

Sunday, October 8

Preacher: The Rev. Shivaun Wilkinson

7:45 AM

Reader/Prayers:	Leslie Sanya
Chalicians:	Leslie Sanya, Edna Leake
Healing Prayer:	Jean Cohn
Acolytes:	Raymond Chin, Aidan Douglas
Welcome Team:	Frank Sanya, Meredith Horan
Altar Guild:	Leslie Sanya, Wadai Dennis
Hospitality Angel:	David Burton

9:00 AM

Reader: Carleton MacDonald,
Susan McLaughlin

Prayer: Barb Mansfield

Chalicians: Cynthia Perley, Margaret
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Healing Prayer: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

Acolytes: Roberta Taylor, Gary
McLaughlin, Kofi
Kwamena-Poh

Welcome Team: Swithin Kwamena-Poh,
Kevin Blanc, Alegernon
Thomas

Altar Guild: Cynthia Perley

Hospitality Angels: Joyce Bvumbe

11:15 AM

Reader: Karl Didavi

Healing Prayer: Laura Shay

Welcome Team: Avin Lalmansingh, Karl
Didavi, Clark Didavi

Altar Guild: Laura Shay

Chalician: Christian Nwankwo,
Rimie Sicard

Song Leader: Betsy Hasegawa

Hospitality Angel: Pamela Novel

Eucharistic Visitor: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

Flower Delivery: Adoma Baffoe, Hawa
Clemens