



"We are ambassadors who represent Christ." – 2 Corinthians 5:20



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## Calendar Highlights

### Friday, July 7

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

### Saturday, July 8

- 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 9

- 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  
11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol—Chapel  
11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist—Main Church  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist—Chapel

### Monday, July 10

# This Week at Ascension

## “God is Not a Christian”

"I mean, God is not a Christian. God is not a Jew or a Muslim or a Hindu or Buddhist. All of those are human systems, which human beings have created to try to help us walk into the mystery of God. I honor my tradition. I walk through my tradition. But I don't think my tradition defines God. It only points me to God.

"You and I are emerging people, not fallen people. Our problem is not that we are born in sin, our problem is that we don't know how to yet achieve being fully human.

"The function of the Christ is not to rescue sinners, but to empower you and call you to be more deeply and fully human than you've ever realized there was the potential within you to be. Maybe salvation needs to be conveyed in terms of enhancing your humanity, rather than rescuing you from it.

"Life is a startling and wondrous experience, and eventually I think we're going to discover that God is unfolding through the life of our consciousness, in our self-consciousness."

- The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong  
Episcopal Bishop of Newark, *ret.*

- 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, July 11

- 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 12

- 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, July 13

- 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](#)

## 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?

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).

## Bible Treasure Hunt

Hi All!

Over the summer, I'm offering a bible treasure hunt series - basically a scavenger hunt for 7 boxes about one of the fruits of the spirit in a local park. I'm doing it in Olney because I have a core group of people who are interested here, so it's a good test location, plus parks are parks. So making a 20 minute drive to play at a park that has friends and good shade, isn't such a big deal. Here is the flyer. I would love if you would let your people know. Thanks so much!

In Christ,  
 The Rev. Shivaun

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[Zumba at Ascension!](#)

[iRest Yoga Nidra](#)  
[Sanctuary Church Town Hall Meeting on July 9](#)

### **LIFELONG LEARNING**

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### **WORSHIP**

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**Prayers** For Those Whose Lives are Closely Linked With Ours: All Faith Church, Charlotte Hall, Diocesan Committee on Human Resources, Canons and Staff of the Diocese of Washington, All Vestries, Parish Leaders and Staff Members

### **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 give thanks for the birth of Griffin Jacob Pappas, grandson of Roy and Connie Bevington, on June 22.

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, July 9**

Preacher: Randy Lord-Wilkinson

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### **7:45 AM**

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Reader/Prayers: Enid Cole  
Chalicians: Enid Cole, Edna Leake  
Healing Prayer: Lisa Murdock  
Acolytes: Ron Hayden, Aidan Douglas  
Welcome Team: Janet King, Wadai Dennis  
Altar Guild: Enid Cole, Mardia Dennis  
Hospitality: Wadai Dennis  
Angel:

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### **9:00 AM**

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Reader: Kristen Kealing, Barbara Mansfield  
Prayer: Susan McLaughlin  
Chalicians: Cynthia Perley, Major Clemens  
Healing Prayer: Randy Lord-Wilkinson  
Acolytes: Lisa Dickson, Gary McLaughlin, Monty Peterson  
Welcome Team: Nii Armah Akuete, Ruby King, Charles Dickson  
Altar Guild: TBA

Hospitality  
Angels: Ron & Jan Hauber

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**11:15 AM**

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Reader: Anne Brink

Healing Prayer: Sarah Rubin

Welcome Team: Sciou Broderick, Peedy Terry, Emmanuel  
Nwankwo

Altar Guild: Georgana Maines

Chalicerist: Avin Lalmansingh, Peg Ruppel

Song Leader: Alice Benson

Hospitality  
Angel: Penelope Cudjoe

Eucharistic  
Visitor: Javier Ocampo

Flower Delivery: Eliane Dunn-Johnson, Alice Padmore