

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany | February 4th, 2024

Upcoming Events

Pier 23 Tacos & Trivia | February 6th

Pier 23 will be meeting on Tuesday, February 6th at Ghost Train Brewing for Taco & Trivia Night from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Contact emilycollette@ascensionepiscopal.org to RSVP!

Pier 60 Mardi Gras Party | February 7th

Pier 60 is ready to let the good times roll! The Pier 60 Mardi Gras party will be held in Terrill Foyer at 10:00 a.m. on February 7th. RSVP in Realm or by contacting Jeannie Duke at jdjl2xs@gmail.com.

Preparing for Lent | February 11th

Join us Sunday morning, February 11th at 9:30 a.m. in the Sunshine Room as we focus on preparing for the season of Lent during our Adult Forum class.

EYC "Pal"entine's Preparation Party! | February 11th

Let's spread the love, EYC! In preparation for Shrove Tuesday's Pancake Dinner, EYC will meet on February 11th at 5:30 pm and dismiss at 7:00 pm. We will eat, hang out and prepare items and activities for our parishwide Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. Contact Callahan Thompson at youth@ascensionepiscopal.org to RSVP.

Episcopal Place Birthday Party | February 11th

Please consider volunteering to help us host the February Birthday Party for residents of Episcopal Place (low-income housing for seniors and persons with disabilities). In addition to volunteering time to help host the party, we also need decorations and baked goods. The party begins at 2:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm. Contact Kelly Burke at kellybo09@me.com to serve those whom Jesus loves!

Episcopal 101 Class | February - April

This series is for anyone new to the Episcopal Church or for anyone returning after time away from the church. We will meet on **Sundays at 4:00 pm beginning February 11th**. With the exceptions of March 24th & 31st (no meeting!), we will continue meeting each Sunday at 4:00 through April 7th. Attending five of the seven classes is required for anyone wishing to be confirmed or received when the bishop visits on April 14th. Childcare is available. The book accompanying this series, *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*, will be provided (one book per household). Please email the Rev. Jack Alvey (jack.alvey@ascensionepiscopal.org) to enroll.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner | EYC FUNDRAISER! | February 13th

Join us on Shrove Tuesday for a pancake dinner! There will be a pancake race, a children's parade, games, and King Cake amongst other festivities! The fun begins at 5:00 pm and we plan to wind down at 7:00 pm. The suggested donation is \$5.00 per person, or \$20 per family. We hope to see you there! All proceeds benefit Ascension's EYC (youth) program. Payments can be made at the event with cash, check or Venmo.

Men's Fireside Chat | February 13th

Join the men's group following the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for their monthly Fireside Chat (Dads of EYC'ers might consider helping flip pancakes with their youth). We will gather to reflect on the theology behind Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, and the season of Lent. As always, we will gather at 7:30 pm for fellowship and start our conversation around 8:00 pm. Newcomers are always welcome! Bring a chair, a friend, and a beverage of choice. Contact Martin Hoerner (mhoerner@gmail.com) for more information.

Ash Wednesday | February 14th

Please join us for the Imposition of Ashes with Holy Communion. Ash Wednesday Services will be held on Wednesday, February 14th at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. with communion at each service.

“Finding God in the Suburbs” | Sunday Adult Forum | February 18th - March 24th

Mark your calendars for our next Adult Forum Sunday series- “Finding God in the Suburbs.” Beginning February 18th, we will meet at 9:30 am on Sundays in the Sunshine Room as our Adult Forum kicks off a new series during Lent!

“Living Well Through Lent” | February 18th - March 24th

Join us for our “Living Well Through Lent” series, offered by our Wellness Center. Meetings will be held on Sundays at 4:00 pm (until 5:00 pm) in the McDowell Suite beginning February 18th and concluding March 24th. Register in Realm or contact Mary Beth Basu at marybethbasu@gmail.com. You can find the accompanying pamphlets for the series in Terrill Foyer.

Bon Voyage Concert | February 19th

Join us as we preview these choirs’ concerts for the Southern Division Convention of the American Choral Directors Association. The concert, featuring *The Northwestern State Chamber Choir* and *The Iron City Singers*, begins at 7:00 pm in the Nave.

Lenten Dinners | February 21st - March 20th (Wednesday nights)

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Dinners on Wednesday nights during... Lent! We will enjoy soup, salad and bread dinners with programming for all ages including nursery for our littlest ones. Adults will explore the various services of Holy Week. Our first session will feature our Rector’s *Reflections on Learning from London!*

NEWS & NOTES

Ascension’s Choir Needs YOU!

Ascension Choir will resume on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:00 pm in the choir room. We are open to all new singers and are in particular need of volunteer basses and altos. If you need more information, contact Mike Sparks at 205-999-6714 or mike.sparks@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Giving Hope | February

Each week, members of Ascension prepare 30-35 brown bag lunches and distribute them to the homeless in the Avondale neighborhood of Birmingham on Thursday mornings. During February, the goal of our Giving Hope Outreach is to stock the pantry shelves that serve this ministry. *You can help by donating peanut butter crackers, individual boxes of raisins, soft breakfast bars, 100% juice boxes/pouches, individual packages of treats, individual bags of chips, and cases of bottled water.* Please put your donations in the Giving Hope bin across from the church kitchen.

Signup to Serve!

Are you looking for a way to serve the hungry or homeless? Check out Sign-Up Central on our website. We have feeding programs that serve the hungry in Avondale, homeless women and children, and at-risk children in our Vestavia Hills schools. Contact Andrew Ault (asault@crimson.ua.edu) to learn more about our community outreach programs and how you can help us make Christ known by our love for all.

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