

# weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



**Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 17th, 2024**

## Upcoming Events

### **“Finding God in the Suburbs” | Sunday Adult Forum | February 18th - March 24th (Sunday mornings)**

Join us as we continue our Adult Forum series called “Finding God in the Suburbs.” We will continue to gather at 9:30 am on Sundays in the Sunshine Room during Lent.

### **Lenten Suppers Series | Exploring Holy Week | February 21st - March 20th (Wednesday nights)**

Join us for our Lenten Supper Series on Wednesday nights during... Lent! At 5:30 p.m., we gather to enjoy soup, salad, and bread. There will be a kid's plate option as well. Around 6:00 p.m. we will continue with **programming for all ages including nursery** for our littlest ones. Adults will explore the various services of Holy Week.

March 20 | Exploring the Easter Vigil | Beer Cheese Soup + Kid's Plate

### **Ascension Sunday Pot “Luck” Lunch | March 17th**

The entire congregation is to attend a potluck style lunch hosted by Pier 23 (20s/30s group) in Ware Hall. Bring your culinary creativity to the table by contributing a side, salad, or dessert – and earn extra points for incorporating the color green into your dish!

### **Women's Fellowship Dinner | March 19th from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

We will have dinner provided by the church in Ware Hall, and people are invited to BYOB. We will also have some time to share about our Lenten experience so far. Please RSVP to [emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org) by Sunday, March 17th.

### **Palm Crosses | March 23rd at 9:00 am**

Palm Sunday is fast approaching. The Altar Guild would like to invite you to join them on Saturday, March 23rd at 9:00am in Ware Hall to help make our 300 traditional crosses for Palm Sunday. There is an old saying, “Many hands make light work.” No experience necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Busbin at [sjbusbin@charter.net](mailto:sjbusbin@charter.net).

### **Holy Week & Easter Services**

Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday 8 am & 10:30 am

Thursday, March 28th - Maundy Thursday at 6 pm

Friday, March 29th - Good Friday 12 pm

Saturday, March 30th - Easter Vigil at 7 pm

Easter Sunday, March 31st at 9 am & 11 am

### **Easter Egg Hunt | March 31st at 10:00 am**

Join us for a fun Easter Egg Hunt in Terrill Foyer on Easter Sunday, age range : infants through 3rd grade.

### **Episcopal Place Gumbo Gala | April 13th**

Join us in supporting Episcopal Place by purchasing tickets to their Gumbo Gala at Ghost Train Brewing from 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm! If you'd like to be part of our Gumbo Gala team, please contact [emily.collete@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:emily.collete@ascensionepiscopal.org). To purchase tickets, visit [www.gumbogala.instagram.com](http://www.gumbogala.instagram.com).

### **Bishop's Visitation | April 14th**

Please make plans to welcome our diocesan bishop, The Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry, as she makes her annual visit to Ascension. She will preach, teach, baptize, confirm, and celebrate at both services. A reception following the 10:30 a.m. service will be held in Ware Hall to honor our confirmands.

### **On Golden Pond | April 21st**

Get your tickets now for an afternoon of local talent at Homewood Theater. The show starts at 2:30 pm and we have a limited number of tickets! Register in Realm or contact Kathy Lounsbury ([kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org)).

### **Food Truck Festival | May 9th**

Save the date and time! We will be hosting the annual Food Truck Festival on May 9th (Ascension Day) from 5:30 - 8:30 pm and the community is invited. There will be face painting and balloon animals for kids, several food trucks and music. Lots of family friendly fun!

## **NEWS & NOTES**

### **Coins for Change | March**

Giving Hope in March will be our annual Coins for Change campaign. This year's donations will be used to buy needed items for the seniors and adults with disabilities who are residents of Episcopal Place. Parishioners can pick up jars in Terrill Foyer beginning on Sunday, March 3rd and are asked to return them by the 31st. Bills and checks are also welcome.

### **Congratulations to our recent Education for Ministry (EfM) graduates!**

For the class of 2023, Holly Goettge is receiving her third certificate and Caralyn McDaniel her first. David Snow is receiving his third certificate for the class of 2022. A special thank you to Jim Busbin and Dick Lounsbury for being our EfM mentors for the last 17 years! Our 2024-2025 class will be forming over the coming summer and class will begin in mid-August. Please email Jim Busbin [jybusbin@charter.net](mailto:jybusbin@charter.net) to find out more.

### **Needed: A Flower Advisor**

Responsible for planting, maintaining and watering plants in the containers outside of Terrill Foyer and Ware Hall. Inside plants in Terrill foyer and Ware Hall will require routine maintenance. If interested, contact Susan Phillips at [susanjanephillips@gmail.com](mailto:susanjanephillips@gmail.com) for additional information.

### **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](mailto:mike.sparks@ascensionepiscopal.org).

### **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](mailto: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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