

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | October 19, 2025

Upcoming Events

Adult Formation | TODAY & November 2

Practicing Spiritual Practices | As part of the *Upon This Rock* campaign, Faith Formation for Adults (9:30 a.m.) will spend the coming weeks exploring, practicing, and reflecting on spiritual practices that help ground us in the faith of Christ. *October 19: The Examen* | *November 2: Lectio Divina*

Women's Ministry Book Swap | October 21

Join us on Tuesday, October 21st from 6:00-7:30 for a book swap! Bring a wrapped copy of one of your favorite books to recommend with a tag to mark its genre. Everyone will leave with a new book to take home, along with a list of all of our favorite book recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Collette, emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org.

October Soup Social | October 22

Join us for our October Soup Social on Wednesday, October 22,, from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM in Ware Hall. There's no cost to attend! It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy good food and great company. All are welcome, so feel free to invite a friend and warm up your afternoon with us! Contact Kathy Lounsbury at Lounsbury.k@icloud.com for questions.

Pier 60+ | October 24

Join us for a Hauntingly Nevermore night of food, fellowship and frights. Our theme is "Edgar Allen Poe" so be creative with a costume or wear Halloween colors. Prizes for best theme costumes! Hosted by Jeannie Duke and Jim Loop, find details and please RSVP via Realm. If you have any questions, please e-mail jdjl2xs@gmail.com.

Parish Picnic | October 26

Join us for our annual Parish Picnic at Wald Park Amphitheater! Outdoor worship begins at 10:30 AM, followed by lunch and fellowship. Bring your own meal or preorder a Newk's lunch box (\$15)—choose from Ham & Cheese, Turkey & Cheese, or Chicken Salad Wrap (includes chips and dessert). Please register by October 20 and indicate your lunch choice. After lunch, enjoy games, activities, and time together in the beauty of God's creation. 8:00 AM service will meet as usual; no breakfast or Sunday school. For help registering, email Christy Smith at christy.smith@ascensionepiscopal.org.

EYC goes to Beetlejuice | October 26

EYC is heading to the Virginia Samford Theatre on October 26th to see *Beetlejuice Jr.*—a spooky, hilarious twist on Tim Burton's cult classic and the hit Broadway musical. This high-energy show is packed with fun and perfect for all ages. The cost is \$25 per person, and RSVPs are due by October 13th. A payment link will be sent afterward. Please meet at the Virginia Samford Theatre (1116 26th Street South) at 6:45 PM, with pickup at 8:15 PM. Questions? E-mail Ashley Monachelli at ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org

Men's Breakfast | October 30

Join us for Men's Breakfast on Thursday, October 30th at 8:30 AM at The Abbey (131 41st St S, Birmingham). Enjoy fellowship and support Ascension's ministry. RSVP in Realm or contact Martin Hoerner to ensure enough breakfast for all. For questions, contact Martin at mhoerner@gmail.com.

Celebration Sunday | November 2

Celebration Sunday concludes our Upon This Rock annual giving campaign. During the Eucharist, our pledge cards will be placed on the Lord's Table, offering them to God as signs of gratitude and trust. These pledges will be consecrated for God's work and will help us plan faithfully for the year ahead.

All Souls' Sunday | November 2

On All Souls' Sunday, we remember and give thanks for the faithful departed, trusting in the promise that nothing - not even death - can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. During the Great Thanksgiving, we will name those who have died in the past year. If you would like a loved one remembered, please email the parish office by October 29.

Parish Workday | November 8

*Take note of the new date! Join us from 8:30 AM to Noon for a day of fellowship and service as we spruce up the church grounds! If you have specific indoor or kitchen concerns, or plan to attend, please contact Ann Nelson at annhnelson@bellsouth.net. Feel free to bring any lawn or garden equipment you have. Come for as long as you can – every bit helps!

Men's Retreat | November 21 - 23

Join us for a Men's Retreat at Camp McDowell, affectionately known as God's backyard. This will be a time for fellowship, fun, and reflection as we enjoy hikes, rocking chairs, football watching, and meaningful spiritual conversation. You may choose to stay one or two nights.. To find out more and register visit Realm or contact Martin Hoerner at mhoerner@gmail.com.

Parish Retreat | Save the Date

Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell January 2nd - 4th, 2026. Registration will go live in November.

News & Notes

EYC

Join us for EYC (6th-12 graders) this fall! Sunday's from 5:30 PM to 7:15 PM and dinner is provided. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun activities. Mark your calendars for our upcoming EYC dates - October 19; November 2, 9, & 30; December 7, 14 & 21. Please reach out to Sam Herman with any questions, youth@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Threads of Love | Fridays

Are you eager to master the art of knitting, crochet, or needlepoint? Perhaps you have a project waiting to be completed but need a supportive environment to make progress? Look no further! Join us as we gather for Threads of Love on Fridays starting September 26th from 1 - 3 pm in the Sunshine Room. Whether you're a seasoned crafter or just starting out, bring your project and enthusiasm. For more information please contact Marguerite Handlin at kinneym@bellsouth.net.

Shoe Us the Love

Ascension is hosting a shoe donation box for CASA of Jefferson County. Donate your gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too! Collected shoes not only raise funds for CASA, but they will also be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN! Questions? Contact Kelly Burke, kellybo09@me.com.

Giving Hope | October

Help The Abbey in Avondale by donating to this month's Giving Hope Outreach! We are collecting fish in pouches (like tuna or sardines), meat sticks (beef or turkey jerky), granola bars, trail mix, hand warmers, and men's and women's socks. Thank you for helping us share hope with our neighbors in need.

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A/V Guild Volunteers Needed!

The A/V Guild is looking for a few new recruits to help stream our Sunday services. Members would typically be responsible for one Sunday per month. You don't have to be a computer wiz to figure it out but some computer skills are required. This ministry helps connect people to the gospel who would otherwise not have access to church. Please reach out to Matt Hottle (matthewshotle@gmail.com) to find out more.

Breakfast Teams

Join a Breakfast Team! We're looking for team members (men and women) to help cook breakfast on a rotating basis every 4 weeks before Sunday School. Team leaders are already in place—we just need you! If you're interested or have questions, email Christy at christy.smith@ascensionepiscopal.org

The Abbey Volunteers

Every Thursday morning, members of the congregation distribute sack lunches for those experiencing hunger in Avondale. Members of the congregation also gather on Wednesday to pack these sack lunches. To learn more and sign up, visit Sign-Up Central or contact Ross Parker at rossparker@att.net.

First Light Volunteers

Every month, members of the congregation serve a hot meal to the women and children at First Light Shelter. We also need teams to cook and/or serve the meal. To learn more and sign up, visit Sign-Up Central or contact Caralyn McDaniel at caralynmcdaniel@gmail.com.