

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany | February 1, 2026

Episcopal Place Birthday Party | TODAY

We're excited for our Groundhog Day-themed birthday party at Episcopal Place. It will take place today from 1–3 PM. Volunteers are asked to arrive by 12 PM to help with setup. Please contact Kelly Burke at kellybo09@me.com to volunteer.

Casual Eucharist | TONIGHT

Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. in Ware Hall for a Casual Eucharist. Come as you are for an evening of worship and Holy Communion in a relaxed setting. Music will be led by Sam Herman and parish volunteers and will feature hymns and songs from *The Hymnal 1982*, *Alleluia III*, and other contemporary sources.

Pier 45 Gathering | February 7

(40's & 50's group) Pier 45 will gather for dinner on Saturday, February 7 at 6:00 PM. We'll be meeting at a restaurant (location TBD), so stay tuned for details!

Pier 23 Build-Your-Own Pizza Night | February 8

(20s/30s group) Join us on February 8th for a build-your-own pizza night at Ascension from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We'll provide the crust, cheese, and pizza sauce. Bring whatever you would like to drink and your favorite pizza topping to share with others. We'll also play games and have the Super Bowl on (for those who like sports, funny commercials, Bad Bunny, or all of the above). Contact Emily Collette, emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org or Andrew Ault, asault@crimson.ua.edu with any questions!

Ascension Men's Prayer Breakfast | February 12

Join other men from the parish at 8:15 a.m. for breakfast, prayer, and fellowship at First Watch at the Vestavia City Center. You can RSVP in Realm or let Martin Hoerner (mhoerner@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend. Invite your friends or neighbors!

Rock Solid Bible Club | February 11

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension invites children in grades 3–5 to join us after school from 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm as we build a strong foundation of faith. This spring, we'll explore stories of Jesus that teach us to trust Him and love others. Questions? Contact Ashley Monachelli, Director of Family Ministries: ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org

Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Jambalaya Supper | February 17

Join us on Shrove Tuesday for dinner! We'll have pancakes, bacon, and Jambalaya courtesy of Jeremy Downey from Bistro V! 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. All proceeds benefit Ascension's EYC (youth) program. Payments can be made at the event with cash, check or Venmo.

Ash Wednesday | February 18

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the 40 days of Lent. Services on Wednesday, February 18th at 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. will include the imposition of ashes and holy communion.

Lenten Supper Series

Join us for our Lenten Supper Series, with supper served at 5:30 p.m., followed by a speaker at 6:15 p.m. and concluding by 7:00 p.m. We look forward to hearing from a variety of voices throughout Lent: on **February 25**, Jenny Grant of Episcopal Relief & Development; **March 4**, Tracy Hipps of Christian Service Mission; **March 11**, Charles Scribner of Black Warrior Riverkeeper; and **March 18**, Kee Sloan speaks about Special Session.

Living Well through Lent | Sundays - February 22 - March 29

Each Sunday morning at 9:30 am during Lent, we will talk about “Cultivating Healing and Wholeness” in the Sunshine Room. The Living Compass daily readings and reflections will be our guide to discuss preparing for Easter in our Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind. You can also pick up a Living Compass booklet from the foyer to use at home during Lent. You’ll find daily readings, questions, Scripture, prayers, quotes, and contemplative practices to help you prepare for Easter. For more information, please reach out to Mary Beth Basu, marybethbasu@gmail.com.

Confirmation Sunday & Bishop’s Visit | March 1

Please join us in welcoming our diocesan bishop, The Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry, as she makes her annual visit to Ascension. During her visit, Bishop Curry will preach, teach, and preside at both services and will be with us for Confirmation. A reception honoring our confirmands will follow the 10:30 a.m. service in Ware Hall

News & Notes

Giving Hope February

For the month of February, we will be collecting donations for The Abbey (our friends in Avondale). They are especially in need of everyday personal care items and easy, protein-rich foods, including toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, extra-large Ziploc bags, canned fish or other canned meats, beef jerky sticks, trail mix, and protein bars. Thank you for helping support our neighbors in need.

What’s New in Faith Formation in 2026?

- **Rector’s Bible Study – *A Who’s Who of the Bible*** - Tuesdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Sunshine Room.
- **Adult Faith Formation – *Seven Signs in John’s Gospel*** - Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Ware Hall.
- **Women’s Bible Study** - Tuesdays at 12 p.m. in the Sunshine Room.

The Abbey Volunteers

Help pack lunches Wednesdays or distribute Thursdays in Avondale. Sign up in Sign-Up Central or contact rossparker@att.net.

First Light Volunteers

Serve a meal to women and children at First Light Shelter. Sign up in Sign-Up Central or contact caralynmcdaniel@gmail.com.

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.

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