

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Second Sunday in Lent | March 1, 2026

Confirmation Sunday & Bishop's Visit | TODAY

Please join us in welcoming The Rt. Rev. Glenda Curry as she makes her final visit to Ascension. A reception honoring our confirmands will follow the 10:30 a.m. service in Ware Hall.

Casual Church | 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.

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:

March 4, Tracy Higgs of Christian Service Mission (Chili & Salad + kids option)

March 11, Charles Scribner of Black Warrior Riverkeeper (Taco/Nacho Bar)

March 18, Kee Sloan speaks about Special Session (Pizza & Salad)

There will be programming for children, youth can join the adults. RSVPs appreciated via Realm.

Threads of Love | March 6

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 the first Friday of each month 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.

Living Well through Lent | Sundays during Lent

Each Sunday morning at 9:30 am during Lent, we will talk about "Cultivating Healing and Wholeness" in the Sunshine Room (February 22 in Ware Hall). 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.

Rock Solid Bible Club | March 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

Marcel Dupré's Stations of the Cross | March 13

On Friday, March 13 at 7:00 pm, join us for *Stations of the Cross*, featuring meditations on the poems of Paul Claudel with music by Marcel Dupré. Dr. Stephen Hamilton will serve as organist, with American Public Media announcer Michael Barone as reader. This presentation is a joint offering of the Church of the Ascension and the American Guild of Organists, funded in part by generous donations to the Special Music Fund.

Newcomer Coffee | March 15

If you are new or visiting we invite you to join us for the Newcomer Coffee in the Sunshine Room at 9:30 am. Please RSVP by emailing the Rev. Jack Alvey at jack.alvey@ascensionepiscopal.org. We hope to see you there!

Palm Cross Workshop | March 28

The Altar Guild would like to invite you to join them on Saturday, March 28th at 9:30 am 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.

News & Notes

AEDS Substitute Teacher

AEDS needs substitutes! If you are interested in being on our sub list contact Rebecca.
Rebecca.posey@ascensionepiscopal.org

Cursillo

Making plans and filling up your calendar for 2026? Consider going to Cursillo at Camp McDowell! Upcoming Cursillo weekends are : **April 9-12** (sign up by March 7), **May 28-31**, & **October 8-11**.

Cursillo weekends are Thursday evening-Sunday afternoon. Each retreat combines fun, friendship, study, worship and service in a beautiful setting. There is no cost to attend. Accommodations are hotel style, your choice of single or double, and delicious meals are provided. If you're interested or want to sign up, contact marybethbasu@gmail.com or Rebecca.p.posey@gmail.com

Sponsor Easter Flowers for \$40

Sign up to sponsor Easter Flowers to honor or remember a loved one by visiting Sign-Up Central either on our website or in the Foyer. Payment can be made at your earliest convenience via Realm, Venmo, or check to the church.

Giving Hope 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 and are asked to return them by Palm Sunday, March 29th. Bills and checks are also welcome.

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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