

weekly announcements

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



Third Sunday in Lent | March 8, 2026

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 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.

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. 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

Men’s Breakfast | March 12

Join us for a time of good food and fellowship at our next Men’s Breakfast! We’ll gather on Thursday, March 12th at 8:15 AM at First Watch in Vestavia. Please RSVP through Realm or by reaching out to Martin Hoerner at mhoerner@gmail.com.

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!

Ukrainian Easter Eggs | March 22

Join us on Sunday, March 22nd, at 1:00 p.m. for a Ukrainian Easter Egg workshop led by Martha Bains. We will gather in Ware Hall, learn some of the history of the craft, and have a chance to decorate our own eggs. The cost is \$5.00. Space is limited to twenty people. Register in Realm to attend, or email Kathy Lounsbury, kathyklounsbury@gmail.com

Men’s Fireside Chat | March 24

Join us for the men’s fireside chat from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. We will meet at Walker Sorrell’s house, please RSVP via Realm or e-mail Martin Hoener, mhoerner@gmail.com. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

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.

Pier 23 First Light Dinner | March 29

On March 29th, Pier 23 will serve dinner at the First Light shelter for women and children. We will meet at First Light at 5:30. Please email Emily Collette (emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org) or Andrew Ault (asault@crimson.ua.edu) to register.

Vestavia Hills Prayer Walk | March 29

On Palm Sunday, March 29th, members are invited to join us for a prayer walk during the Sunday school hour (9:30-10:15 a.m.). We will meet in the foyer and walk to three shopping centers along HWY 31 (Vestavia City Center), as well as the Plantation apartments behind the church. We will offer prayers for the people who live and work in these spaces. This is part of an initiative by the city of Vestavia Hills to cover the community in prayer during Holy Week. If you have any questions, please reach out to Emily Collette, emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Holy Week & Easter Services

March 29th, Palm Sunday - Liturgy of the Palms & Passion Reading at 8:00 am & 10:30 am

April 2nd, Maundy Thursday - Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing at 6:00 pm

April 3rd, Good Friday - Traditional Liturgy at 12:00 PM & Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm

April 4th, Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil at 7:30 pm

April 5th, Easter Sunday - Holy Eucharist at 9:00 am & 11:00 am and Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 am

News & Notes

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 | Coins for Change

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.

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