

# weekly announcements

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



**Palm Sunday | March 29, 2026**

## **Living Well through Lent | TODAY**

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. For more information, please reach out to Mary Beth Basu, [marybethbasu@gmail.com](mailto:marybethbasu@gmail.com).

## **Vestavia Hills Prayer Walk | TODAY**

On Palm Sunday, March 29th, members of all ages 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](mailto:emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org).

NOTE: Mary Beth Basu will continue her Living Well through Lent class in the Sunshine Room at 9:30 a.m. for those wishing to stay at Ascension.

## **Pier 23 First Light Dinner | TONIGHT**

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](mailto:emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org)) or Andrew Ault ([asault@crimson.ua.edu](mailto:asault@crimson.ua.edu)) to register.

## **Holy Week & Easter Services | March 29 - April 5**

March 29th, Palm Sunday - Liturgy of the Palms & Passion Reading at 8:00 am & 10:30 am. The 10:30 service will begin on the Ware Hall Patio for the Palm Procession - this year with a real, live donkey!

April 2nd, Maundy Thursday - Holy Eucharist with ritual foot washing (optional) and the solemn stripping of the altar 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. Both services will have Nursery care and Children's Chapel.

**Parish Workday | April 4** - Join us from 8:30 AM to Noon for a day of fellowship and service as we spruce up the church grounds! Please contact Ann Nelson at [annnelson@bellsouth.net](mailto:annnelson@bellsouth.net) if you have any questions! Feel free to bring any lawn or garden equipment you have. Come for as long as you can – every bit helps.

## **Sung Compline Service | April 8**

Ascension will offer a service of sung Compline on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Compline is a beautiful service meant to help us close out the day in prayer and worship. A potluck dinner will precede the service at 6:00 p.m. in Ware Hall. A main dish will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side or dessert to share. All are invited!

## **The Chosen | April 12 - May 10**

Join us for a new Adult Faith Formation series based on the popular television drama *The Chosen*, which brings the life of Jesus to the screen in a powerful way. We will gather in the Sunshine Room on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. to watch short clips from the series and reflect together as a class. All are welcome!

## **Gumbo Gala | April 18**

The 20th annual Gumbo Gala is April 18th at Cahaba Brewing Company! You can support Ascension's award-winning gumbo team in several ways. The gumbo prep team will meet at Ascension on Friday, April 17th to start assembling the gumbo, and the serving team will help on Saturday, April 18th at Cahaba Brewing. You can also support Ascension and Episcopal Place by attending Gumbo Gala on April 18th (and by voting for our gumbo, of course!). Please email Emily

([emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org)) if you would like to sign up for one or both of these teams or if you have any questions.

### **EYC Fresh Vibes Festival | April 26**

Join us for the EYC Fresh Vibes Festival on April 26 from 4–7 PM at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension! This event brings together EYC groups from across the Birmingham area for a fun afternoon filled with a cookout, ice cream bar, trivia, awards, and prizes. Come enjoy high-energy games, team challenges, music, and all the good vibes while spending time with friends and making some new ones. We can't wait to see you there! For more information reach out to Sam Herman at [youth@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:youth@ascensionepiscopal.org)

### **News & Notes**

#### **Medical Equipment Needed**

We need your help! Do you have medical equipment you would be willing to loan to fellow parishioners? We are in the process of creating a list of available items that can be borrowed as needed. A list of equipment and sign up sheet are located in the Terrill foyer. For additional information, contact Kathy Lounsbury at 205-516-9521 or [kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org).

#### **Daystar Counseling Speaking Event | April 28**

Join us on April 28 at 6 PM in Canterbury Center for a meaningful conversation with Sissy Goff and David Thomas of Daystar Counseling Ministries in Nashville. With more than 30 years of experience working with children and families, they will share practical wisdom and insights from their new book, *Capable: How to Teach Your Kids the Strengths, Skills, and Strategies to Build Resilience*. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Ashley Monachelli ([ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org))

#### **Camp Chaos VBS | June 15 - 18**

Are you ready for this summer to get a little... chaotic? Get ready for **Camp Chaos VBS!** This summer, children will spend a few days at a forest campsite—but watch out! Things are starting to get a little wild at Camp Chaos, but we will discover how Jesus is our peace in a chaotic world. Save the dates for VBS June 15 - 18, ages 4k - rising 5th grade welcome! Questions? Reach out to Ashley Monachelli ([ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:ashley.monachelli@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](mailto:marybethbasu@gmail.com) or [Rebecca.p.posey@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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