

weekly announcements

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



Seventh Sunday of Easter | May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday | TODAY

Celebrate *Ascension Sunday* today with Sunday School Olympics for all ages (9:30 - 10:15). After 10:30 church, we'll take our annual Parish Family Photo and then enjoy the end-of-the year cookout. The church will provide the main course (burgers & hotdogs). We just ask that you please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

May Soup Social | May 20

Join us for soup and fellowship, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Ware Hall. No cost—just come and enjoy! Tomato Basil is on the menu! Contact Kathy Lounsbury at lounsbury.k@icloud.com.

Pentecost Sunday | May 24

Celebrated 50 days after Easter, Pentecost marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the advent of the Church to carry out the work God gives us to do with and in the risen Christ. The congregation is invited to wear the color red to symbolize the presence and power of the Spirit. Additionally, those who can speak a foreign language are encouraged to help read our lesson from Acts. Please contact Brian Denton at briankdenton@gmail.com if you can help.

Men's Gathering | May 26

Join the men of Ascension for a casual evening of fellowship and fun on Tuesday, May 26th at Regions Field as we cheer on the Birmingham Barons. All are welcome—bring a friend and come enjoy a great night out at the ballpark! For game time, ticket details, and more information, please contact Martin Hoerner at mhoerner@gmail.com.

Casual Church | June 7

Join us Sunday, June 7th 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.

Men's Breakfast | June 11

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

Camp Chaos VBS | June 15–18

Get ready for Camp Chaos VBS! Children ages 4K–rising 5th grade will spend a fun-filled week discovering how Jesus is our peace in a chaotic world. To ask questions or to volunteer, please contact Ashley Monachelli at ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org. Registration is available on our website or via the QR code.



News & Notes

Giving Hope May

Let's make a difference by spreading joy through generosity. We're gearing up for our upcoming **Vacation Bible School** and we need your help. Please consider signing up to donate supplies via Amazon Wish List on our websites and a food sign up is in Terrill Foyer. Go to our website to find out more information and contact ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org with any questions.

Cursillo

Consider attending Cursillo at Camp McDowell. Upcoming weekends are **May 28–31 and October 8–11**. Each retreat includes worship, study, fellowship, and fun. There is no cost to attend. If you're interested, contact marybethbasu@gmail.com or Rebecca.p.posey@gmail.com.

Feeding Ministries

Volunteers are always needed for our feeding ministries. During the school year, help pack and distribute **weekend food packs** for local students. Year-round, **serve our neighbors in Avondale** through sack lunches and breakfast (in partnership with The Abbey), and help provide a monthly meal for the women and children at **First Light Shelter**. To get involved, contact The Rev. Emily Collette at emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org.

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