

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Fourth Sunday of Easter | May 11, 2025

Upcoming Events

EYC | TONIGHT

Join us tonight for Ascension EYC from 5:45 - 7:15 pm! Middle and high school students are welcome—bring a friend and be part of a community that is formed by the goodness and compassion of Jesus! Dinner will be provided. Contact Callahan Thompson for more information, callahan.thompson@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Living Compass Wellness Circle Small Group | May 6 - June 10

Join us for the Living Compass Wellness Circle starting May 6th through June 10th at 5:30 PM in the McDowell Suite. This six-week program combines education, spiritual guidance, and life coaching to empower you in making positive changes tailored to your needs. Contact Mary Beth Basu for more information, marybethbasu@gmail.com.

Pier 23 Gathering | May 13

Get ready for a fun evening of bowling at Vestavia Bowl on Tuesday, May 13th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person, which includes shoes and lane rental. Please RSVP to Andrew Ault, asault@crimson.ua.edu by May 7th to secure your spot!

Men's Soccer Outing | May 14th

Join other men from the parish to watch Birmingham Legion FC take on the Rhode Island FC at Protective Stadium. Kickoff is at 7:00 p.m. Grab a ticket at the gate or on Ticketmaster. We will meet in section 143. You can text or call Martin Hoerner if you need direction (205.249.8029). There won't be many in attendance so we'll be able to move around. Invite a friend!

"The Road Home" Concert | May 17

Join us for an inspiring evening with the Alabama Choral Society, under the direction of Dr. Melinda Doyle. Experience "The Road Home" on Saturday, May 17 at 7:00 PM. Don't miss this beautiful performance!"

End of Program Year Festivities | May 18

- **Senior Sunday** - We will celebrate our graduating high school seniors, and send them off into their next adventure with our prayers and support. Seniors: if you plan to attend school in the fall, please let Emily (emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org) or Callahan (callahan.thompson@ascensionepiscopal.org) know where you will be attending by May 11th.
- **Sunday School Olympics** - To mark the end of Sunday School before summer break, the adults and kids will face off in the first ever Sunday School Olympics at Ascension! We will gather in Ware Hall at 9:30 p.m. and compete in various games such as the Race to Jerusalem, Boarding Noah's Ark, David v. Goliath, and a Sword Drill to name a few.
- **End of Year Cookout**- Pier 45 will partner with the men of the parish to host a Sunday Lunch with an end of the year cookout lunch after 10:30 worship. Bring a side, salad, or dessert to share.

Men's Breakfast | May 22

Join other men from the parish at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast 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!

News & Notes

Event at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church | May 18

Join us at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church on Sunday, May 18th at 2:30 pm for a performance of Schubert's Mass No. 2 in G. This collaboration with the Red Door Arts Guild features the Saint Andrew's Choir, guest soloists Dr. Patrick Evans (baritone), Dr. Meg Jackson (soprano), and Caleb Clark (tenor), accompanied by Samford University's String Quartet. The concert, conducted by Cody Lawyer, will also include a special performance by the String Quartet.

An art show by Alabama artist Carolyn Goldsmith will be displayed in the Nave from May 18th through the end of June, open before and after the concert. A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated, and all are welcome. A reception for the musicians and artist will follow in Trinity Commons. We look forward to seeing you there!

Giving Hope May

In May, our Giving Hope Outreach will support The Abbey ministry by collecting essential items to make a meaningful difference. We are in need of wet wipes, socks, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, large ziplock bags, individual bags of chips, soft granola bars, peanut butter crackers, individually wrapped sweets (such as cookies, muffins, and Twinkies), and bottled water. Your contributions will help us provide vital support to those in need. Thank you for your generosity!

The Abbey Volunteers

Every Thursday morning, members of the congregation distribute sack lunches for those experiencing hunger in Avondale. Members of the congregation also gather on Wednesday to pack these sack lunches. To learn more and sign up, visit Sign-Up Central or contact Ross Parker at rossparker@att.net.

First Light Volunteers

Every month, members of the congregation serve a hot meal to the women and children at First Light Shelter. We also need teams to cook and/or serve the meal. To learn more and sign up, visit Sign-Up Central or contact Caralyn McDaniel at caralynmcdaniel@gmail.com.

Jr. High Summer Outreach

All rising 7-9th graders are invited to join the 2025 diocese-wide Jr. High Summer Outreach Event! We will gather at Camp McDowell to make and provide snacks and activities for a welcome party for Special Session campers as they arrive for their session at camp. Special Session is a camp for adults with disabilities that is staffed by high schoolers and college students. We will be staying in our own area of camp and will go over to Bethany Village on June 1 to set up a beach-themed welcome party for the campers as they arrive and we will provide snacks, activities, and arts and crafts! Before and after the party, we will get to know each other and have some fun participating in camp activities! The cost to attend is \$100 and financial assistance is available. Space is limited, so make sure to register early via our website (dioala.org/events-news). For questions or additional information, please contact Jen Manning (jmanning@dioala.org) or (256) 655-5460.



Ascension VBS: Arts Camp

Join us from June 16-19 for VBS: Arts Camp at Ascension! Children from 3k through 5th grade are invited to join us daily at Ascension from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our theme this year is Fruits of the Spirit. We'll be using creative outlets to explore how we can cultivate those fruits in our lives. It is free to attend, and families can register in Realm. Adults and youth from 6th grade and up are asked to consider volunteering during the week. Please email Mary Elaine (maryelainewilliamson@gmail.com) or Emily (emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org) if you can volunteer.

Rummage Sale | August 1 & 2

Save the date for the Ascension Rummage Sale! Details to follow.

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