

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 21, 2025

Upcoming Events

Club 345 | TODAY

Club 345 (3rd - 5th grade) will head out for some fun on Sunday, September 21! Following the 10:30 am service, we will walk to the City Center for lunch at Davenport's Pizza. Cost is \$5 per child, with pick-up back at the church at 1:00 p.m. Contact Ashley with any questions, ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Pier 23 Bowling Night | TODAY

Join Pier 23 (20s/30s group) for a bowling night on Sunday, September 23rd from at 3:30 pm. The cost is \$20/person, which includes two hours of bowling and shoe rentals (financial assistance is always available - please reach out to Emily for help). RSVP in Realm or by emailing Andrew Ault, asault@crimson.ua.edu.

Men's Breakfast | September 25

Join us for a time of good food and fellowship at our next Men's Breakfast! We'll gather on Thursday, September 25th at 8:15 AM at First Watch in Vestavia. Please RSVP through Realm or by reaching out to Martin Hoerner at mhoerner@gmail.com.

Threads of Love | Fridays starting September 26

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 Fridays starting September 26th 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.

Pier 45 Gathering | September 26

Join Pier 45 (40s/50s group) for a fun evening at the Hottle's home on Friday, September 26 at 6:30 PM. We'll enjoy great food and fellowship together. Please sign up in Realm to bring one of the following: appetizer, vegetable side dish, starch side dish or dessert. We can't wait to see you there! Contact Caroline Hottle for more information caroline.hottle@yahoo.com.

Youth Parent Meeting & Dinner | September 28

Parents of children in grades 6-12 are invited for dinner and a discussion led by The Rev. Jack Alvey on the joys and challenges of raising children through the lens of God's grace. We'll gather in Ware Hall during the normal EYC time frame (5:30-7:15). Please RSVP by Friday the 26th via Realm or to Ashley Monachelli at ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Blessing of the Animals | October 5

Join us in the garden as we have our annual blessing of the animals at 5 pm. We will also be collecting items for the Birmingham Humane Society. Items Needed: Dog Food, Unscented Non-Clumping Cat Litter, Cleaning Supplies, Large Dog Crates & Slip Leads.

Club 345 | October 5

On October 5th, Club 345 (third, fourth & fifth graders) will arrive at 4:45 to help collect supplies for Blessing of the Animals. After the service, they will join EYC & dinner is provided! Pick-up is at 7:15. Contact Ashley with any questions, ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Upon this Rock | Pier Group Gatherings

In lieu of Wednesday night programming, our *Upon This Rock* campaign will feature special gatherings targeted at our various Peer Groups (divided into "piers" based on ages). Please RSVP via Realm to the gathering you plan to attend (feel free to attend another gathering if you cannot attend with your pier). You may also email etanner1101@gmail.com to RSVP.

- Pier 60+ (ages 60+) | **October 5** from 11:45 - 12:45 | Main Dish: Beef Tenderloin Sliders

- Pier 34 & Pier 45 (30s/40s/50s) | **October 19** from 11:45 - 12:45 | Main Dish: Shrimp Boil*
* *non-shell fish options available; lunch and childcare provided for children*
- Pier 23 (20s/30s) | **October 19** from 5:30 - 7:00 | Main Dish: Burgers and Dogs

Parish Picnic | October 26

Come and enjoy a fun-filled morning at our annual **Parish Picnic**! We will begin with outdoor worship at 10:30 at the Amphitheater in Wald Park and have lunch together following. Bring your own lunch or make it easy by purchasing a lunch box from Newk's Deli for **\$15**. Lunch from Newk's will include: A sandwich or wrap, chips, and dessert. When registering, please indicate your lunch box selection (Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, or Chicken Salad Wrap).

Please register by October 20th.

Following lunch, we'll have games, activities, and plenty of fellowship. Bring your friends and family – everyone is welcome! Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. See you there! *Note: 8:00 AM WILL meet at church as always. There will be NO breakfast or Sunday school.*

Parish Retreat | Save the Date

Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell January 2nd - 4th, 2026.

News & Notes

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

Giving Hope | September

During the month of September, we will be supporting *Bundles of Hope* by collecting diapers of all sizes, including adult diapers, as well as wipes. Opened packages of diapers are also welcome and greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us give hope to families in need!

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.

A/V Guild Volunteers Needed!

The A/V Guild is looking for a few new recruits to help stream our Sunday services. Members would typically be responsible for one Sunday per month. You don't have to be a computer wiz to figure it out but some computer skills are required. This ministry helps connect people to the gospel who would otherwise not have access to church. Please reach out to Matt Hottle (matthewshottle@gmail.com) to find out more.

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