

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 28, 2025

Upcoming Events

Youth Parent Meeting & Dinner | TONIGHT

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). If you haven't already, RSVP to Ashley Monachelli at ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org.

EYC | TONIGHT

Join us for EYC this fall! Sunday's from 5:30 PM to 7:15 PM and dinner is provided. Bring a friend and enjoy an evening of fellowship and fun activities. Mark your calendars for our upcoming EYC dates - October 5 & 19; November 2, 9, & 30; December 7, 14 & 21.

Special Intergenerational Faith Formation Class | October 5

Join us as we kick off our annual giving campaign, *Upon This Rock!* Everyone will begin in their regular Faith Formation classrooms at 9:30 a.m., then gather together in Ware Hall to create prayer rocks as a church family.

Cahaba Chamber Chorale Concert | October 5

We welcome the Cahaba Chamber Chorale, Dr. Quint Harris, director for their second concert at Ascension. The choir will be joined by instrumental ensemble Bama Baroque in "BACHTOBERFEST." The concert is Sunday, October 5 at 3:00 PM in the Nave. The concert is free and all are welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors!

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 register 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 register.

- 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

October Soup Social | October 15

Join us for our September Soup Social on Wednesday, October 15, from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM in Ware Hall. There's no cost to attend! It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy good food and great company. All are welcome, so feel free to invite a friend and warm up your afternoon with us! Contact Kathy Lounsbury at Lounsbury.k@icloud.com for questions.

Parish Workday | October 18

Join us from 8:30 AM to Noon for a day of fellowship and service as we spruce up the church grounds! If you have

specific indoor or kitchen concerns, or plan to attend, please contact Ann Nelson at annhnelson@bellsouth.net. Feel free to bring any lawn or garden equipment you have. Come for as long as you can – every bit helps!

Women's Ministry Book Swap | October 21

Join us on Tuesday, October 21st from 6:00-7:30 for a book swap! Bring a wrapped copy of one of your favorite books to recommend with a tag to mark its genre. Everyone will leave with a new book to take home, along with a list of all of our favorite book recommendations. If you have any questions, please contact Emily Collette, emily.collette@ascensionepisopal.org.

Men's Fireside Chat | October 21

Join the men of Ascension for a Fireside Chat on Tuesday, October 21 at 7:30 PM on the Ware Hall Patio. Bring a chair, favorite beverage, and a chair. Contact Martin Hoerner for more information at mhoerner@gmail.com.

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

Threads of Love | Fridays

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.

Shoe Us the Love

Ascension is hosting a shoe donation box for CASA of Jefferson County. Donate your gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too! Collected shoes not only raise funds for CASA, but they will also be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN! Questions? Contact Kelly Burke, kellybo09@me.com.

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!

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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.

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

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.