



Spring Edition
April/May 2026

Ascension on the Mountain



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The Rev. Jack Alvey

As **Holy Week continues**, we are invited into the most significant and sacred journey of the Christian year. At the heart of this week is the Triduum (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday) when we walk with Jesus through his final acts of love.

On **Maundy Thursday**, Jesus shares a last meal with his disciples, washes their feet, and gives them a new commandment: to love one another as he has loved them. On **Good Friday**, we witness his betrayal, suffering, and crucifixion as we stand at the foot of the cross as he gives his life for the world. And on **Holy Saturday**, we keep watch in the stillness of waiting, as the Church gathers for the **Easter Vigil** while holding onto hope in the darkness as we await the promise of new life. But on the third day, everything changes.

On **Easter Sunday**, the tomb is empty. Christ is risen. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it. What appeared to be the end is revealed as the beginning of new life.

I hope you will join us in walking these holiest days together, a journey marked by love, sacrifice, silence, and, finally joy. Ultimately, I hope you discover your place within the great story of God's redeeming love.

Financial Summary - YTD FEBRUARY

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Pledge Income	\$ 136,605	\$ 127,927	\$ 8,678
Other Income	\$ 12,034	\$ 18,452	\$ (6,418)
Total Revenues	\$ 148,638	\$ 146,379	\$ 2,259
Personnel	\$ 77,616	\$ 96,578	\$ 18,962
Program	\$ 5,308	\$ 7,677	\$ 2,369
Outreach	\$ 14,894	\$ 16,266	\$ 1,372
Admin & Bldgs & Grounds	\$ 21,551	\$ 29,750	\$ 8,199
Total Disbursements	\$ 119,370	\$ 150,271	\$ 30,901
Net Surplus / (Deficit)	\$ 29,268	\$ (3,892)	\$ 33,160

2026 is off to a strong start in both revenue and expenses. However, the expense figures through February do not yet reflect the full picture. The national church has recently transitioned all billing to online payments, which has resulted in some temporary glitches related to pension and health insurance payments. As a result, the personnel line should be closer to \$88,000 for the first two months. Even with this adjustment, we remain under budget, as the 2026 budget included funding for a Parish Office Manager. We are grateful for your continued support.

Feb/March photo highlights



Casual Church



Rock Solid



Shrove Tuesday



Bishop's Visit/Confirmation



Episcopal Place Birthday Party



BIRTHDAYS & *Anniversaries*



April Birthdays

2 Lysa Jackson	14 Amy Ogiba
3 Scott Poehler	14 CJ Searcy
4 Jeff Lees	15 Caroline Mims
4 James Colvin	15 Blake Young
4 Frank Monachelli	16 Mary Beth Basu
5 Lauren Orr	16 Virginia Bennett
5 Brian Denton	20 Jack Houston
6 Ellen Knowles	21 Richard Graham
6 Alex Roberts	21 Del Wood
6 Abby Young	21 Zachary Grimes
8 Porter Hottle	22 Grace Thompson
8 Kelly Gould	22 Betty Jean Quattlebaum
8 Thomas Downey	22 Jason Nelson
9 Catharine McBrayer	23 Maria Wilson
10 Wyatt Morrow	23 Frank Hovey
10 Jeremy Downey	26 Sailor Thompson
11 Nathan Mann	26 Collier Young
12 Ron Rowell	27 Caleb Campbell
12 Mary Ross McBrayer	27 Anne Brisendine
13 Wyatt Banks	28 Mike Sparks
13 Virginia Mansour	29 Dutch Sparks
14 Ella Wiley	30 Nancy Skinner

April Anniversaries

- 14 Alex & Hunter Whitfield
- 20 Shannon & Joseph George
- 21 Jeannie Duke & Jim Loop
- 21 Christy & Rob Smith
- 26 Leah & CJ Searcy

May Birthdays

1 Jud Bringman	13 Kate Solomon
1 Frank Buck	13 Robert McDowell
1 Jacob Houston	15 Melissa Mitchell
1 Julia Ann Young	16 Jim Busbin
2 Doll Bennett	16 Bennett Parker
2 Ian Peters	16 Joel Morton
3 Sally Hoerner	18 Gaye Shields
3 Katie Carrie	18 Margaret Morrow
4 Alex Whitfield	21 Chris Lambert
4 Merry Michael Smith	22 Carlin Gregory
5 Christopher Lambert	26 Sarah Ireland
7 Charles Greene	27 Emily Tyree
8 Mike Eike	27 Robert Perry
8 Andrew Nelson	28 Christopher Morrow
8 Laura Vines	28 Tarver Bennett
9 Bailey Taylor	30 Orin Smith
9 Anastasia Tatom-Scharer	31 Katherine Barrow
11 Scott Graves	
11 Lucy Brisendine	

May Anniversaries

- 2 Emily Collette & Bartlee Linton
- 6 Virginia & Josh Bennett
- 10 Billye Ann & Mike Chase
- 11 Alex & Kelly Gould
- 11 Lysa & Sidey Jackson
- 12 Bailey & Daniel Taylor
- 16 Mary Beth & Sam Basu
- 17 Laura & Ryan Morgan
- 19 Helen & Devin Dolive
- 19 Catharine & David McBrayer
- 20 Sue & Jim Busbin
- 21 Haller Smith & Wesley Mansour
- 21 Merry Michael & Wyn Smith
- 22 Jessica & Shane Wiley
- 23 Amanda & Kyle Austin
- 25 Diane & Buddy Wheeler
- 27 Beth & Katie Chancellor
- 30 Jamie & Jack Alvey
- 30 Sheri & Brian Coffee



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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Holy Week & Easter

Palm Sunday March 29th 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.	Maundy Thursday April 2nd 6 p.m.	Good Friday April 3rd 12 p.m. & 6 p.m.
Easter Vigil April 4th Saturday at 7:30 p.m.	Easter Sunday April 5th 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.	



Service Times
8 am and 10:30 am, Sunday
Noon, Wednesday

u p c o m i n g e v e n t s



Maundy Thursday

April 2



Good Friday

April 3



Parish Workday

April 4



Easter Vigil

April 4



Easter Sunday & Egg Hunt

April 5



Rock Solid

April 8 / May 13



Men's Breakfast

April 9 & May 14



EYC

April 12, 19 & 26

May 3, 10 & 17



New Member Dinner

April 12



Soup Social

April 15 | May 20



Gumbo Gala

April 18



Pier 34 Gathering

April 19



Women's Ministry Gathering

April 21 | May 19



Men's Fireside Chat

April 28 | May TBD



Ascension Food Truck Festival

May 14



Sunday School Olympics

May 17



End of Year Cookout

May 17



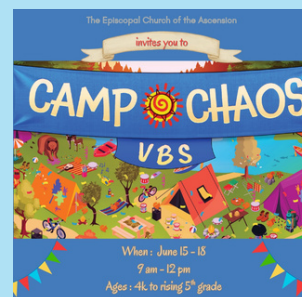
Pentecost

May 24



Memorial Day | Office Closed

May 25



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