



We believe in sharing love and grace with God and one another.



Ascension

Highlights What's Happening This Week

- Wednesday Night Live! – Wednesday, Sep 24 @ 5:15 PM

- The Word – Wednesday, Sep 24 @ 6:00 PM

- Men's Prayer Breakfast – Thursday, Sep 25 @ 7:00 AM

- Women's Bible Study – Thursday, Sep 25 @ 12:00 PM

From the Rector...

Not everyone can be a superhero, but Ryan certainly was.

Many of you knew Ryan Hall, one of our part-time Sextons. You may remember seeing him in the kitchen on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings, headphones on, faithfully working behind the scenes to make sure things were in order. He was quiet, steady, and always willing to lend a hand.

For me, Ryan was the Radar to my Colonel Potter—a reference to the old TV show *MASH*.^{*} Like Radar, Ryan often seemed to know what I needed before I even asked. He carried out every task with a gentle spirit and intentional care.

Ryan paid attention to the little things. He didn't just set out glasses; he arranged them so they looked welcoming. He found beauty in the ordinary, and in doing so, he made our common life together more graceful.

Last Tuesday, Ryan suffered a sudden stroke at home. His husband, Scott, was with him and immediately called 911. The ambulance arrived within minutes and rushed him to the ER, where doctors worked tirelessly to save him. But the bleeding in his brain was too



great, and within 48 hours it was clear Ryan would not survive.

Even in death, Ryan gave of himself. As an organ donor, he remained on life support until his heart could be matched with a recipient. That call finally came on Friday. A man in Georgia was in need and Ryan was a match. On Saturday, family and friends gathered with hospital staff on the fourth floor, lining the corridors for what is called an “Honor Walk” accompanying Ryan with prayers and tears as he was wheeled to the operating room.

The Honor Walk is when the organ donor is rolled from their room to the elevator which carries them down to the operating room and those who wish to pay tribute line the halls. It is a moment both heartbreaking and beautiful—a recognition that one person’s death can become another person’s life. That is what Ryan did—his death was not in vain. Instead, it brought healing and hope to another man and his family with the gift of a heart. Ryan’s kidneys were also viable for transplant to help other families.

Ryan loved superheroes—Marvel, DC Comics, and the like. In his death, Ryan joined their ranks.

Ryan wasn’t simply our co-worker, he was our friend. He was part of our church family and we will miss him dearly. Please keep Scott and Brett and Cara and all who loved Ryan in your prayers.

May Ryan’s soul rest in peace.

Light and Life,

Candice Frazer+

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P. S. If you would like to become a superhero too, consider organ donation. Talk with your family and make sure they know your wishes. When you renew your driver’s license make sure they add “Organ Donor” to your license.

GROW

In Trouble and In Wonder

The Gospel of St. Thomas

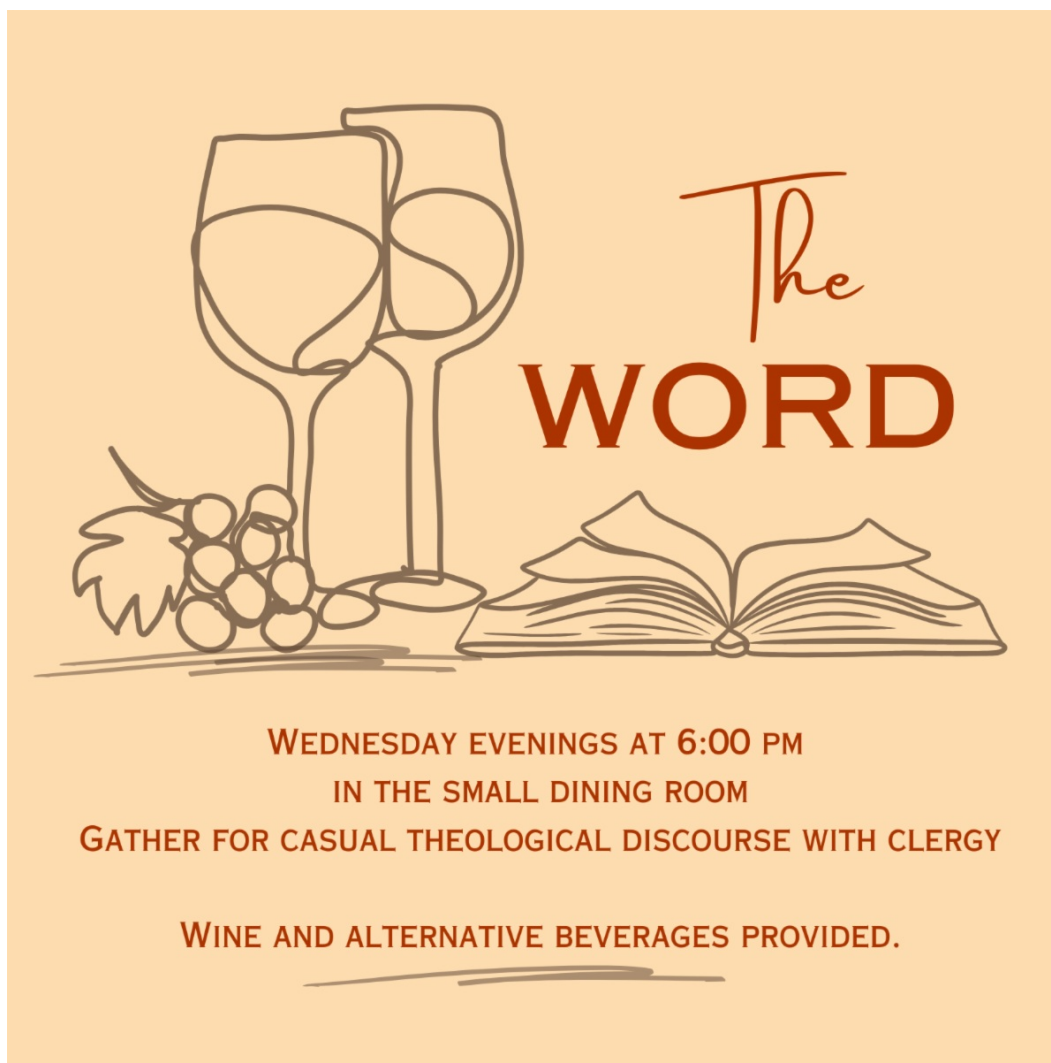
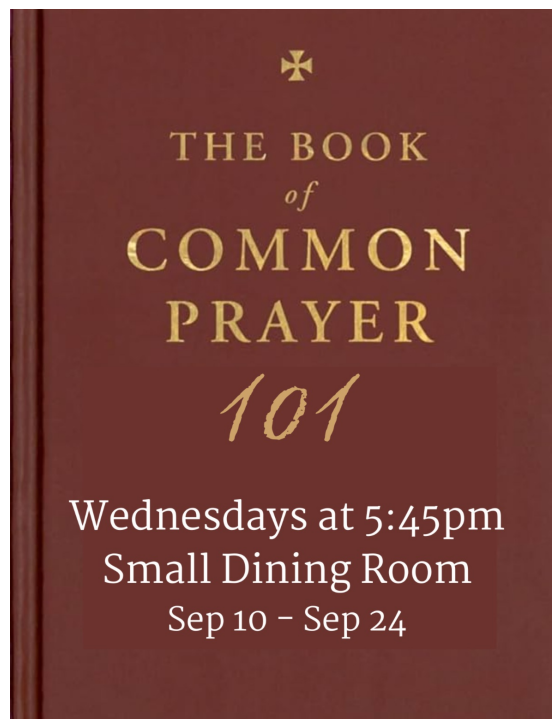
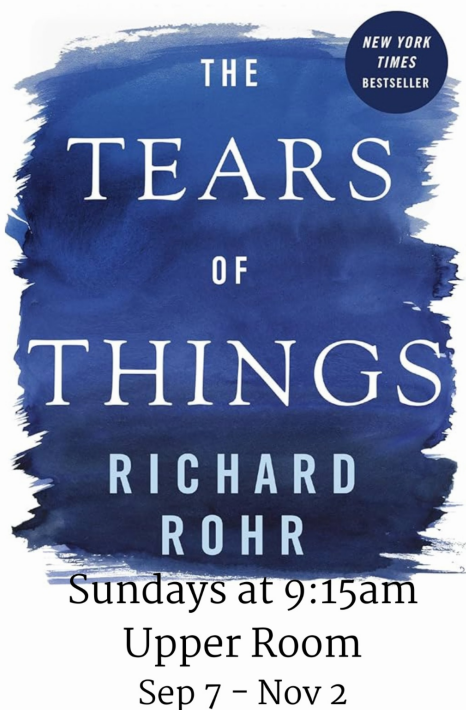
Thursdays - 12pm
Joshua Commons

Women’s Bible Study

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BELONGING

Men’s Prayer Breakfast

Thursdays at 7:00 AM
Ascension Hall
September 18 - November 20





THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION ART AND *Spirituality* WORKSHOP CROSS AND CURRENTS

Like boats upon the sea, we navigate the currents of life, journeying toward a deeper connection with the divine and each other. As Jesus taught his disciples about the challenging life of love, this workshop invites us to reflect on our own journeys as we travel through still and stormy waters.

MORE INFORMATION



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2025

9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY

EVENSONG AT 4:00 P.M.

VISIT WWW.COASCENSION.ORG

REGISTER HERE



SERVE

Food Box Saturday

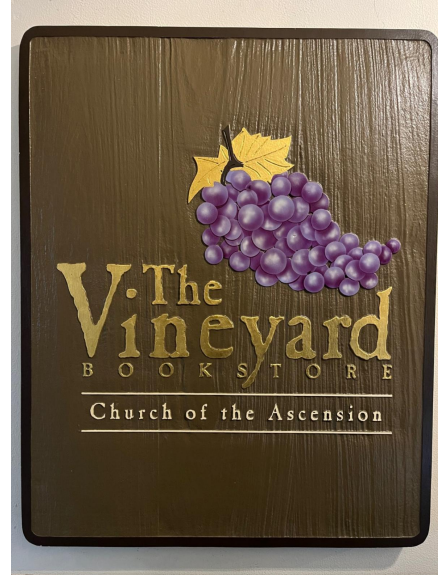
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:30 AM

HULL STREET PARKING LOT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!





Saturday Sidewalk Volunteer Needed!



Blow off leaves
and debris before
Sunday services!
Contact Will for
more info!



Cub Scout Pack 1

HELP SUPPORT THE SCOUTS!

Pack 1 Scouts will be selling popcorn
at Church of the Ascension
after the 10:30 am Service on:

September 14

September 21

September 28

Payment Options: cash, CC,
checks and Venmo

MENU

The Youth of Ascension are looking for members of the Parish who would be willing to provide supper for EYC. If you would be willing to feed our youth on a Sunday night please click the link below and sign up for a Sunday. Thank you!!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

WORSHIP

Sunday Morning Schedule

Rite I Service: 8:00 AM - Nave

Breakfast: 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM - Ascension Hall

Clergy Forum - 9:15 AM - Upper Room

Rite II Service: 10:30 AM - Nave

MORNING PRAYER

8:00 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY

LIVE ON



Children's Compline! Wednesday Nights!



Tell Out My Soul

A Special Note from Your Stewardship Committee

Your Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our theme for the 2025-2026 campaign: “Tell Out My Soul” – a call to consider all God has done for us, and to respond with joyful generosity. “Tell Out My Soul” reflects the giving heart of Mary and her willingness and eagerness to serve and remain faithful, even through the unknown.

We invite you to help us jumpstart our stewardship campaign as we head into summer. As this season arrives and we find time for rest, travel, and renewal, it’s important to remember that the life of our church continues – in worship, outreach, and care for our community.

Like many churches, we often see a dip in giving during the summer months, even as our ministries and expenses remain steady. If you are able to continue your current giving or make a gift during this season, it makes a meaningful difference and helps us stay strong and consistent in our work.

Summer gives us many opportunities to “tell out” to friends, family, and the community about the good work of Church of the Ascension. Your support helps ensure that our parish continues to be a place where that story is told boldly – in word, in service, and in love.

Thank you for being part of that witness.

Your Stewardship Committee

Attention Venmo Users



As electronic payments become more widely used we ask that anyone who uses Venmo to please add a short summary of what the payment is for in the description field. We now accept Venmo for Wednesday night dinner, Sunday morning breakfast, purchases in The Vineyard Bookstore, as well as for giving. This description will help us allocate the resources appropriately. Thanks!

CONNECT



Guest speaker:

*Sister
Monica Clare*



ST. JOHN'S, MONTGOMERY

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN DIOCESE OF ALABAMA

136TH ECW

Fall Conference

Session 1:

Friday, October 17, 2025

St. John's, Montgomery

10:00 Registration

11:00 Eucharist

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Tour of St. John's

2:00 ECW Meeting & Parish Sharing

*St. John's Bookstore Open

3:30-4:30 Break

Hotel Check In & Free Time

Hotel information :

Double Tree by Hilton

Montgomery Downtown

+1 (334) 245-2320

The code is: ECW

Session 2:

Friday night

Church of the Ascension, Montgomery

4:30 Arrival

5:00 Tour of Ascension

5:30 Keynote Speaker, Sister Monica Clare

6:30 ECW Welcome Reception

Wine, Hors d'oeuvres & Silent Auction

***Meet & Greet with Sister Monica Clare**

Session 3:

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Grace Church, Pike Road, Montgomery

8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:15 Tour of Grace Church

9:45 Tour of Gardens

11:00 Keynote Speaker, Sister Monica Clare

12:15 Box Lunch

***Optional Visit to Legacy Museum**

*Register
Now*



The Hospitality Committee is hosting the Diocese of Alabama ECW conference on Friday October 17th. Their keynote speaker is Sister Monica Clare (sistermonicaclare.com). She will speak at 5:30 in the nave followed by a wine and cheese in the Waldo Garden. All Ascension women are welcome. For more information call Virginia Humphrey at 334-324-1135.



You are cordially invited
to the Celebration of New Ministry for

The Reverend Andrew Scott Brislin
Rector of St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain, Mentone, Alabama

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Clergy: Red stoles
Reception to follow

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIVE

STAY CONNECTED AND JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

5:15
DINNER
ASCENSION HALL

5:45
THE WORD
SMALL DINING ROOM

6:00
YOUTH ACTIVITIES
3RD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM

6:00
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

6:00
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
LIBRARY

6:45
COMPLINE
4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

Dinner Menu:

Poppy Seed Chicken
Rice
Green Beans
Salad

\$8 per person or \$20 per family!



EPISCO PARTY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9
6:00 PM

HOSTED BY LOUIS & LANG CARDINAL

CONTACT THE CHURCH FOR MORE
INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS



YOUTH DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

DIO-OLYMPICS



SUNDAY OCTOBER 5, 2025

THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR DIO
DAY 2025 AND DIO-OLYMPICS.

WHERE: HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL CHURCH TRUSVILLE, AL

WHEN: SUNDAY OCTOBER 5TH 2-4 PM

WHO: ALL YOUTH GRADES 7-12

WHAT: GAMES, SNACKS, CRAFTS, AND MORE!

REGISTER: WWW.DIOALA.ORG

CONTACT: ALABAMAYOUTH@GMAIL.COM

WE WILL ALSO BE COLLECTING AN
OFFERING TO SUPPORT THE HANK POORE
FOUNDATION AS OUR DIO DAY MISSION.



Contact [NICK](#) to sign up! Robert Prescott and Christopher Turner will chaperone!

Opt-In for Text Notifications!



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PRAYER FOR THE ASCENSION

Almighty and everlasting Father, we stand in your presence, awed and silenced by your goodness and wisdom. We rejoice in the outpouring of your Spirit on the Ascension and our ministries. Help each of us to remember that we are walking in your sight, and that you are present with us at every moment. Through your Holy Spirit, guide us in our prayers and enable us to focus our thoughts on you, so that we may be filled with the knowledge of your will. Grant us the wisdom to ask what you would have us do; the strength and courage to carry out your work; and the grace to show our gratitude through good stewardship of your gracious gifts. We ask all things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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