



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



Ascension Highlights What's Happening This Week

- Wednesday Night Live! – Wednesday, Oct 1 @ 5:15 PM

- The Word – Wednesday, Oct 1 @ 6:00 PM

- Men's Prayer Breakfast – Thursday, Oct 2 @ 7:00 AM

- Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, Oct 5 @ 10:30 AM

From the Rector...

There's a bumper sticker that reads, "I would rather be at Camp McDowell." And while I dearly love the Church of the Ascension, today I have the joy of being at Camp McDowell, taking part in the Province IV Daughters of the King retreat as part of the clergy chaplain workshop. So, today, I would rather be at Camp McDowell!

It's always a gift to return to "Wonderful, Wonderful Camp McDowell," even if only for a day. It's a place to work, pray, and play—all day long. It's a chance to reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and perhaps most importantly, to breathe in the fresh air and the Holy Spirit in the heart of God's backyard.

I've been coming to Camp since before I was even an Episcopalian. Growing up Roman Catholic, I didn't have a church camp to attend. But in third grade, my best friend invited me to come with her to Camp, and the rest is history. I've returned to Camp McDowell nearly every year since I was nine years old.

There's something about this place that speaks to my soul. Whether sitting on the porch of a cabin overlooking the lake as an adult, or telling ghost stories about the Nauvoo Girl as a



child, Camp has always held a certain mystery and peace. Yes, snakes and scorpions exist here—but they're not what you think about. The brittle, anxious, non-linear, incomprehensible world fades into the background. Its dangers don't disappear, but they don't feel quite as loud or pressing. And maybe that's why Camp feels like such a refuge.

As a child, summer camp was filled with canoeing and hiking and jumping off the high dive. It was also the place where I made friends for life. I went to Loyola in New Orleans for undergrad and then transferred to the University of Alabama. There was never more than thirty people in my classes at Loyola. In my first day at Alabama, I walked into my biology lecture hall filled with more than two hundred people. I was immediately overwhelmed. But, within seconds I started hearing people calling my name. A group of my camp friends spotted me and waved me over to them. The anxiety melted away, I had found home.

As an adult, Steve and I attended Cursillo at Camp—a three-day spiritual retreat where lay leaders from across the diocese share the joys of Christian community and a Christ-centered life. Through that experience, we've made some of our dearest friends.

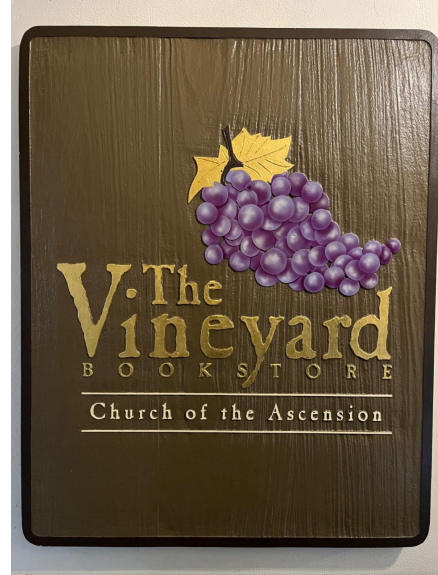
Now I get to go to Camp for all kinds of fun things like clergy conference, various workshops and retreats, and even as a member of the Department of Camp McDowell. It is always a wonderful, wonderful experience!

Jesus wandered the hills and countryside of Galilee, often teaching outdoors. I wonder if that's because it's simply easier to see God in nature—in the fields and flowers, lakes and trees. Not because God isn't in the church, or the streets and alleys of the city—but because in places like Camp McDowell, the distractions are fewer. Or at least, they're a lot more beautiful.

Light and Life,
Candice Frazer+

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SERVE



Saturday Sidewalk Volunteer Needed!

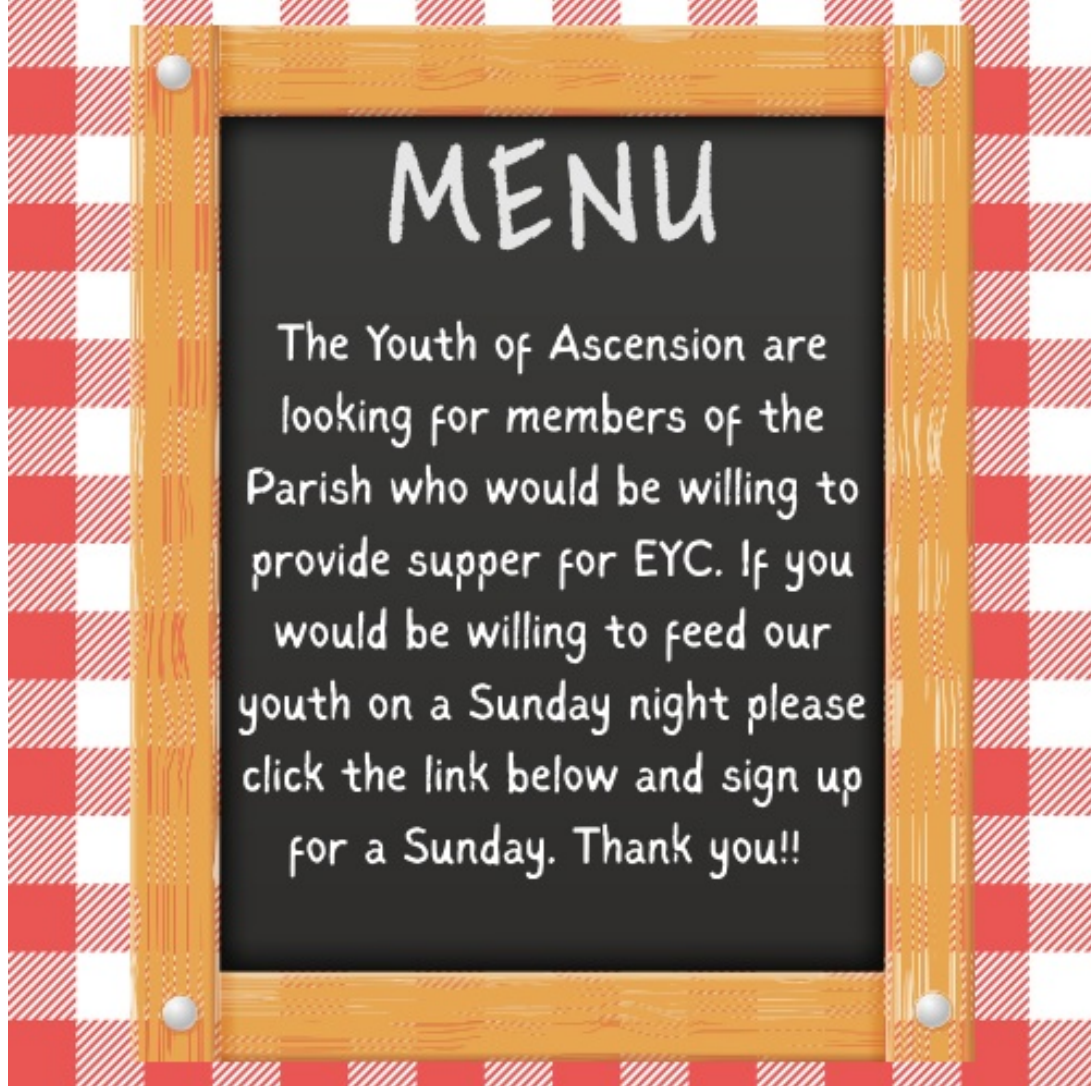


Blow off leaves
and debris before
Sunday services!
Contact Will for
more info!

Graphic Novels for New Beginnings



New Beginnings would like to create a library of graphic novels to circulate among our young friends who come for tutoring on Wednesday nights. If your family has graphic novels that need a new home, please leave them in the donation box outside the children's library on the third floor!



Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

**The Way, The Truth, and The Life Capital
Campaign Update!**

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
MONTGOMERY, AL



VIEW OF PROPOSED LABYRINTH GARDEN

COLE & COLE ARCHITECTS

**Demolition has begun on the abandoned property on Hull Street!
Soon we will be able to begin working to transform this into a beautiful
space for everyone in the Garden District to enjoy!**





WORSHIP

This Sunday!



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 5 - 10:30 AM

Sunday Morning Schedule

Rite I Service - 8:00 AM - Nave & Livestream

Breakfast - 8:30 AM - Ascension Hall

Adult Forum - 9:15 AM - Upper Room

EYC & Sunday School - 9:15 AM - 3rd Floor

Blessing of the Animals - 10:30 AM - Front Lawn



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



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.

Save the date: Oct. 14, Field Trip to
Peach Park and Pumpkin Patch in
Clanton. Cost is 10 dollars. Please
RSVP Fay to reserve your seat on the
bus or van. You are welcome to meet
us there. We will meet at Ascension at
11 am.



Ascensionaires



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:

Spaghetti
Garlic Bread
Salad

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



Bring a dish to share and beverages will be provided!

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.

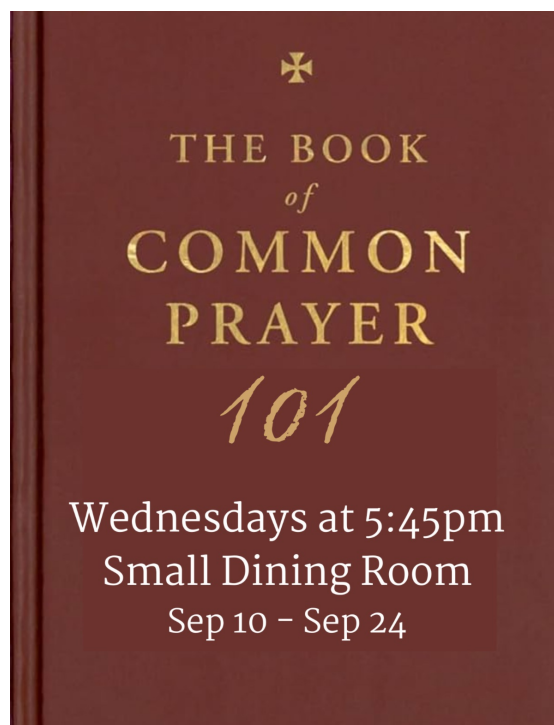
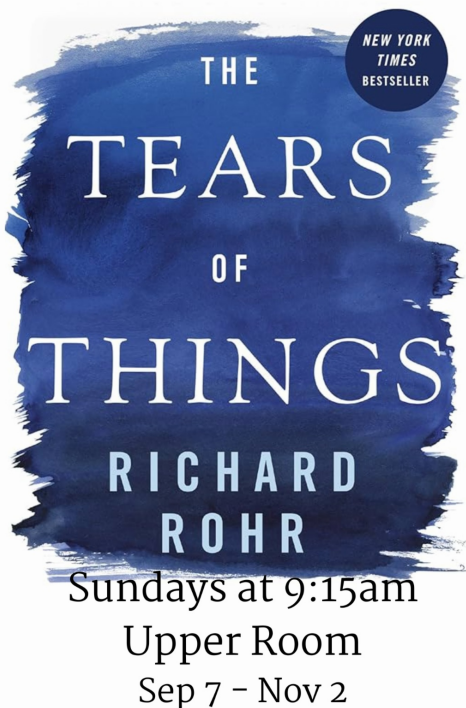
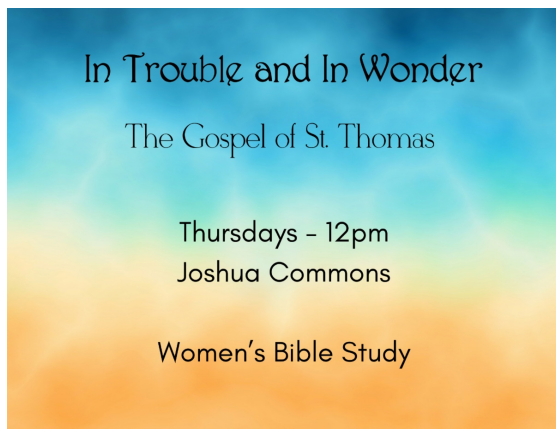


Contact [NICK](#) to sign up! Robert Prescott and Christopher Turner will chaperone!

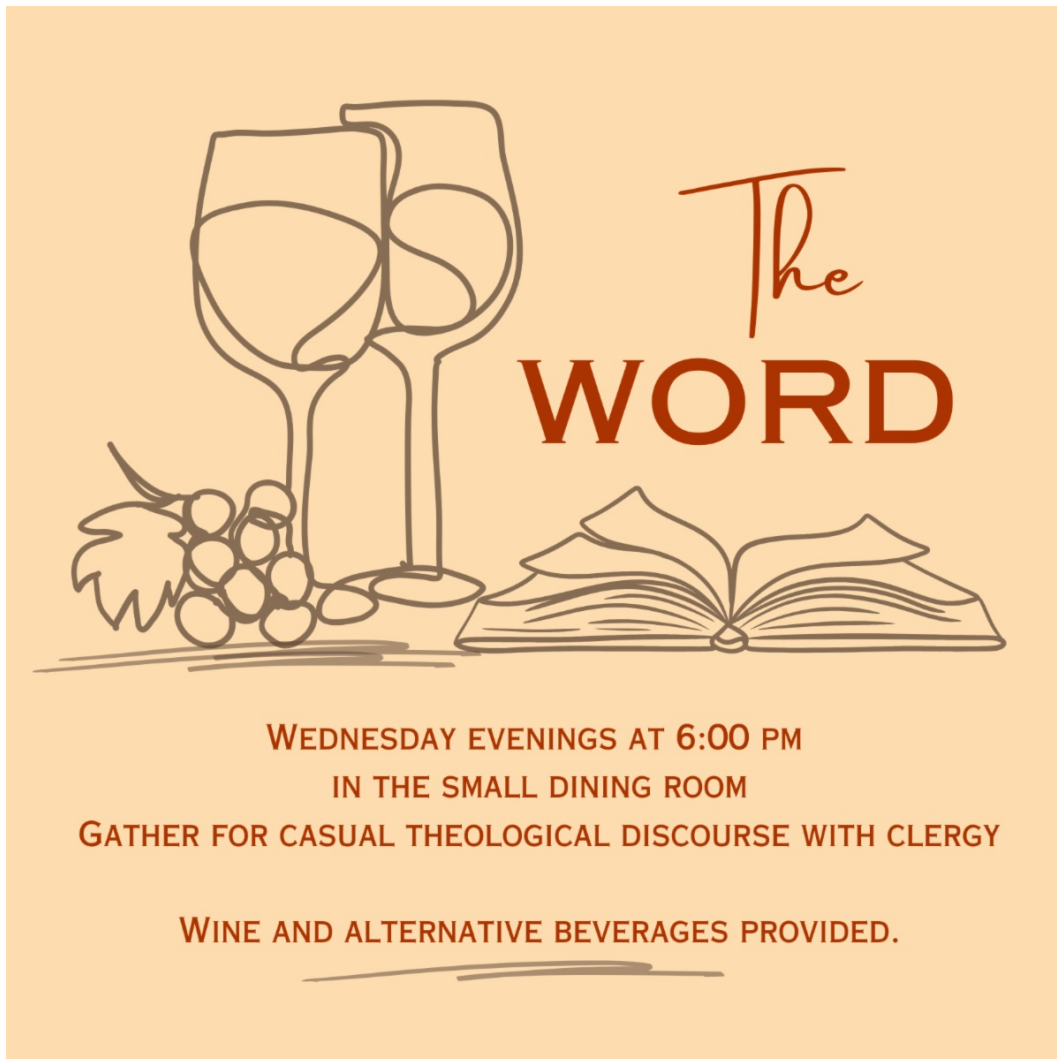
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GROW



BCP 101 extended one additional week!
Prophetic Conversations with the Rabbi will start
on October 8!





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



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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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