



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



Ascension

Highlights What's Happening This Week

- Men's Prayer Breakfast - Thursday, Nov 13 @ 7:00 AM

- Women's Bible Study - Thursday, Nov 13 @ 12:00 PM

- Community Coffee Hour - Friday, Nov 14 @ 8:00 AM

- Celebration Sunday - Sunday, Nov 16

From the Rector...

"Tell out my soul..." These words of Mary introduce Jesus to the world. They precede her *Magnificat*—the song she sings to Elizabeth as she recounts her encounter with Gabriel and the news that she will be the Christ-bearer. There is a ring of joy in these words—no complaints, no doubts, simply acceptance and hope. Mary doesn't say, "Let me tell you what happened to me," nor is she "telling off" anyone. Instead, she is *telling out*—proclaiming—from her soul.

In this moment, Mary decenters her ego and recenters her entire life and purpose on God and what God has called her to do. There is no hint of pride or self-importance. She doesn't say, "Can you believe what I get to do?" Yet she also doesn't deny her calling. The proclamation comes from her soul—the part of us most directly connected to God. Mary doesn't just listen to the still, small voice within; she gives that voice volume, proclaiming what God is doing through her for his purposes.

Mary reorients her life around God—even in the most humbling and humiliating of circumstances. To the world, she appears as an unwed, pregnant teenager who has betrayed her betrothed. Yet she is filled with joy, awe, and wonder as she shares this news with her cousin.



So often we struggle with our own sufferings and unmet desires, seeing them as curses rather than blessings. We can slip into a sense of victimhood, forgetting our agency and doubting our power to respond faithfully. And maybe, sometimes, our circumstances cannot change. But like Mary, we can change our perception of them.

Rather than getting trapped in the undesirable realities of her situation, Mary holds onto hope. She refuses to let fear or suffering dictate her story. Instead, she sings of possibility and grace. She looks to the future with trust rather than dread.

Mary's song reminds us that we cannot know what the future holds, but we can trust that God has purpose and plans for us. God promises that we will have all we need to do his redemptive, kingdom-building work in the world. He calls us to live faithfully, partnering with him and one another in that work.

At Ascension, we do that, in part, through our stewardship—joining together through pledges and offerings to make a difference in this world as we, like Mary, bear Christ to others. “Tell out my soul” is our stewardship theme this year, and as the campaign winds down, I am heartened by how many of you have responded with generosity and love for our Ascension family.

More than your pledges alone, it is your collective witness that inspires me. Together, we tell out our souls through every act of ministry and mission—volunteering with children, feeding neighbors, caring for one another, and bringing Christ's light to a broken and dark world. That is truly something worth singing about.

This Sunday is Celebration Sunday where we will gather all of our pledge cards together and bless them at the 10:30am Eucharist. The celebration continues after church with a feast of shrimp and grits, jambalaya, live music, games for the kids, and fellowship—an opportunity to TELL OUT OUR SOULS and proclaim all that God has done for us! I hope to see you there.

Light and Life,

Candice+

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WORSHIP

Sunday Morning Schedule

Celebration Sunday

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

Celebration Sunday Reception - Ascension Hall

This Sunday!

Celebration Sunday



**Tell Out
My Soul**

**Sunday,
November 16th**

This Sunday, November 16 we will consecrate our pledges at the 10:30 AM service and celebrate our life and work together immediately following with shrimp and grits, jambalaya, live music, and fun for the kids.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 23

4:30 pm



CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
TEMPLE BETH OR
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

ATTENTION ASCENSION LADIES!

Ascension is hosting this year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service with First United Methodist and Temple Beth Or on Sunday, November 23rd at 4:30 PM with a reception to follow in Ascension Hall. We expect 200-250 people so we will need lots of help! Contact Virginia Humphrey (334-324-1135) or Elizabeth Goodwyn (205-542-5778) if you would like to volunteer!

MORNING PRAYER

8:00 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY

LIVE ON





Children's Compline! Wednesday Nights! 6:50 PM in the Choir Loft and on Facebook Live!



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

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:

Taco Soup
Cheddar Potato Soup
Salad
Tortilla Chips

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

Host the Holy Family this Advent Season



Las Posadas

A special tradition comemmerating the journey of
Mary and Joseph before the birth of Jesus.



Scan the QR code to choose a night your family will receive the Holy Family. The stable, donkey, and Holy Family comes with The Night of Las Posadas by Tomie DePaola - an illustrated book that tells the story of Las Posadas.



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



The Journey Boats exhibit will remain through Advent!



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 6:00 p.m.

Clergy: Red stoles
Reception to follow

ASCENSIONAIRES: Save The Date
THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON
12 P.M. SMALL DINING ROOM
NOVEMBER 18TH, 2025



Contact [FAY](#) to sign up by November 14th. \$10 per person

Sunday, November 30th following the
10:30 service, in Ascension Hall.

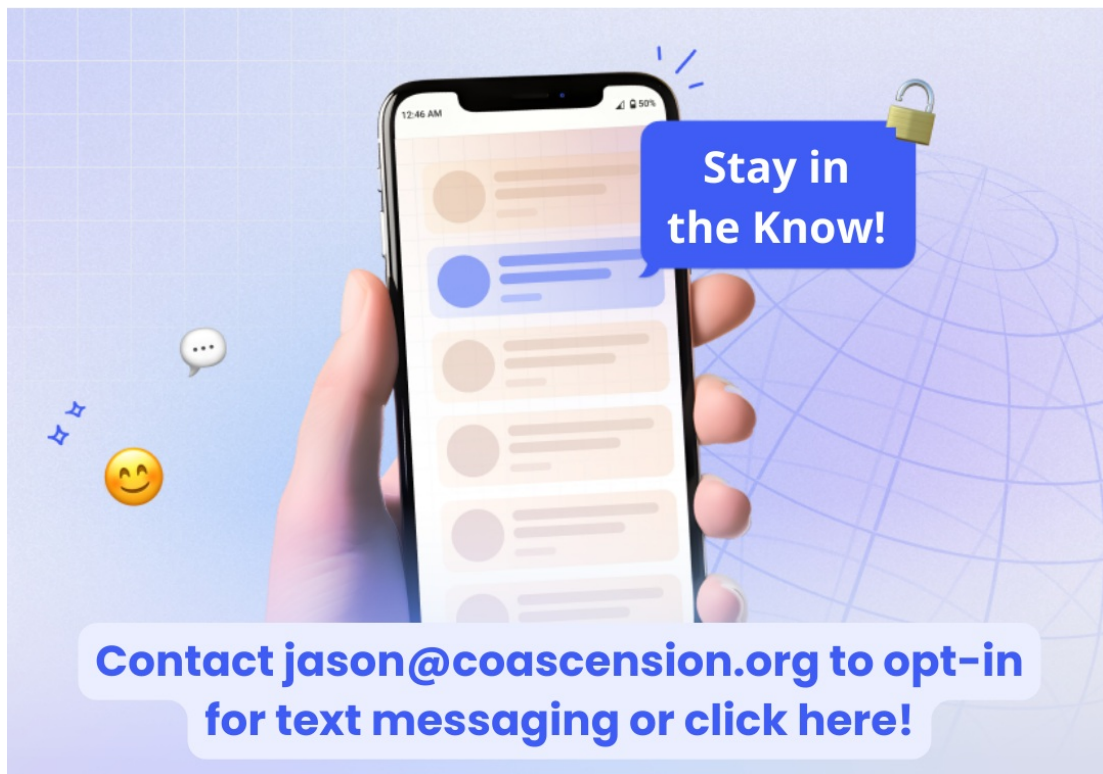


Summer Mission 2024 Team

Parish Advent Wreath Party & Soup Luncheon

*Dine in and carry out soup options will be
available.

Opt-In for Text Notifications!



GROW

In Trouble and In Wonder

The Gospel of St. Thomas

Thursdays - 12pm

Joshua Commons

Women's Bible Study

CHERISHED BELONGING

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursdays at 7:00 AM

Ascension Hall

September 18 - November 20

Into the Wardrobe: Discovering C.S. Lewis



Sundays at 9:15am

Upper Room

Nov 9 - Nov 23

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Christmas Pageant

PARENTS: Please complete the Christmas Pageant survey ASAP! If you would like for your child(ren) to participate, please contact Becky Taylor (beckytaylor@coascension.org) or Laura Mielke (laura@coascension.org)

NEW PAGEANT THIS YEAR!

**The Word is on a break and will return in
January 2026**



The WORD

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 PM
IN THE SMALL DINING ROOM
GATHER FOR CASUAL THEOLOGICAL DISCOURSE WITH CLERGY
WINE AND ALTERNATIVE BEVERAGES PROVIDED.

SERVE



Tell Out My Soul



Aid to Inmate Mothers helps women transition from incarceration as they work to rebuild their lives and reunite with their families. We are collecting:

- toiletry items
- new undergarments
- gift cards (Walmart, Target, CVS, Walgreens)
- make-up
- pajamas
- monetary donations by check or money order payable to Aid to Inmate Mothers

Help us kick off our stewardship campaign and bring these items in starting October 19th

SCOUT TROOP ONE

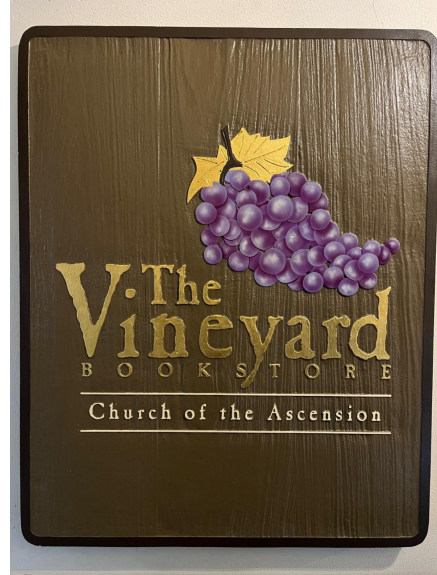


Christmas Trees



Fraser Fir Trees, Wreaths and Garland
Complimentary Delivery
Friday November 28th

Scan QR Code to Order



Saturday Sidewalk Volunteers Needed!



Blow off leaves and
debris before Sunday
services! Sign up below!





Double Duty! Advent, Food, and Music

If you are looking for a specific event that you can be part of to feed the hungry and prepare for a new birth of love in your heart, we have a great answer!

You invited to be on one of three teams who will cook soup for the Advent Recital lunches and for the Food Ministry. Grab two or three of your friends! Make a fun time to get together and cook an abundance of soup that will serve as lunch on Wednesdays in Advent, and then be passed on to MACOA or the food banks to meet the needs of those who are hungry.

Please contact Becky Taylor ASAP if you are interested and willing, or for questions. beckytaylor@coascension.org.

A photograph of a large stack of cardboard boxes of various sizes, piled up on a light-colored wooden floor. The boxes are brown and some have white tape. The background shows a white wall and a window with light-colored curtains.

Cardboard Boxes Needed!

We are in need of cardboard boxes for our Food Box Ministry for our distribution on November 22. Boxes strong enough to support 10 pounds of food such as those made for books or wine bottles are preferred! Boxes can be dropped off in either the office or Ascension Hall lobbies.

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!

PUMPKIN COLLECTION

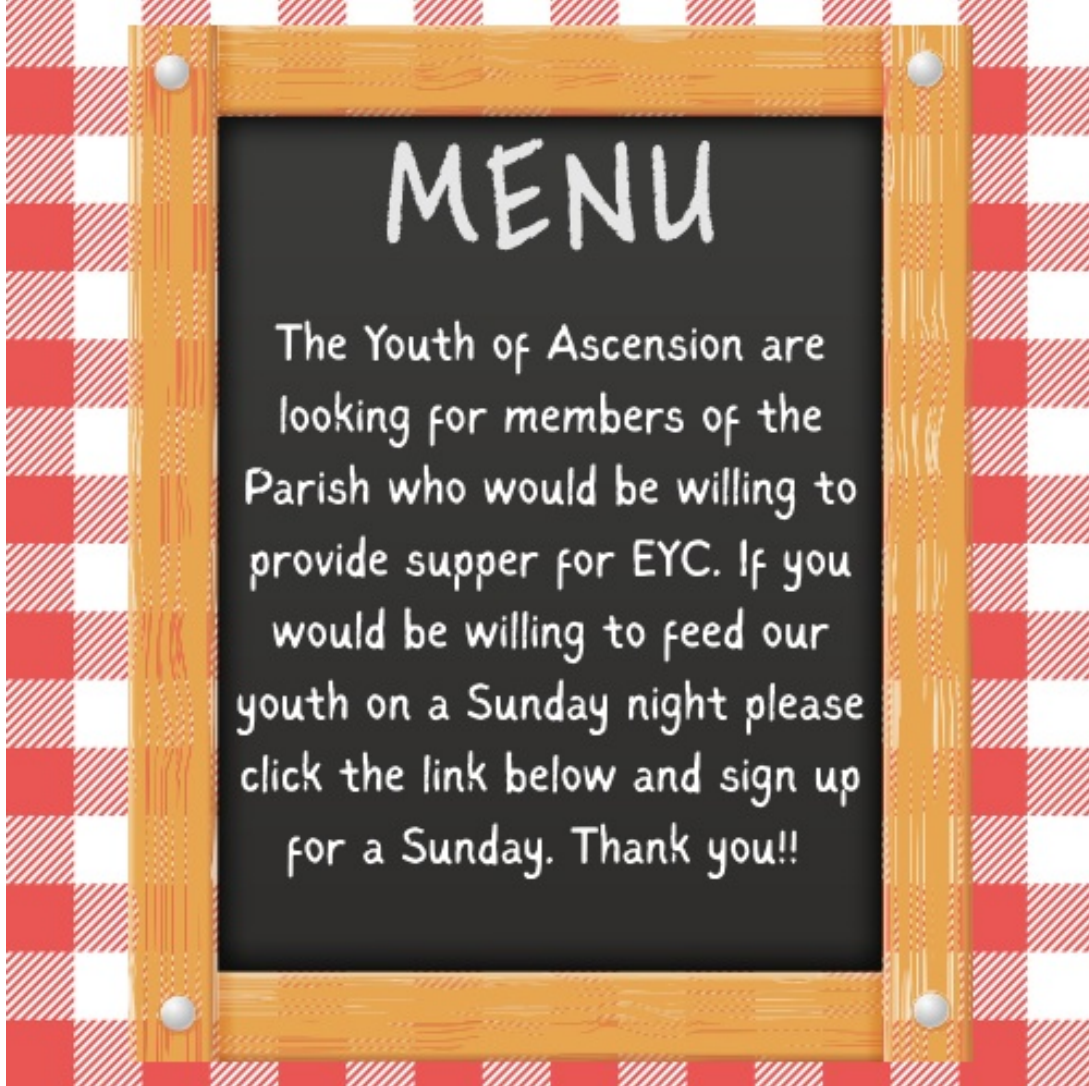
**WE ARE COLLECTING
NON-CARVED
PUMPKINS TO BE
USED AS DECORATION
AROUND THE CHURCH
AND FOR UPCOMING
SERVICES. IF
ANYONE HAS ANY
FIRM AND NON-
CARVED PUMPKINS
PLEASE PLACE THEM
IN THE FLOWER
ROOM!**





Frozen Meals Ministry

If you are interested in preparing or packaging meals contact [Candice](#) or [Will](#). More information to follow next week!



Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

Staff Directory

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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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