

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 20 @ 7:00 AM
- ADS Thanksgiving Program Friday, Nov 21 @ 11:00 AM
- Food Box Distribution Saturday, Nov 22 @ 9:00 AM
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Sunday, Nov 23 @ 4:30 PM

From the Rector...

Last month marked my seventh anniversary as Rector of this beloved community. I still vividly remember my first day here, when I gathered with the staff in the chapel to pray and celebrate Eucharist together. The Gospel passage I read that day was Luke 8:43-48—what some call the story of the "Hemorrhaging Woman." However, I believe it could be more fittingly titled *The Fringe of His Cloak*.

In the story, we meet a woman who has suffered from a chronic bleeding disorder for twelve long years. She has exhausted all her resources in search of a cure, yet nothing has worked. With her last bit of strength and hope,



she pushes through the crowd and reaches out to touch just the fringe of Jesus' cloak. In that moment, healing power flows from him, and her bleeding stops. When Jesus asks who has touched him, the woman admits her actions, and he responds, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

As I spoke with the staff on that first day, I shared a thought: If Ascension is like the cloak of Jesus, then we—each of us—are the fringe. We have a responsibility to serve as an entry point to the healing power of Christ. Our very presence was to be one in which people might find security, comfort, and peace, so that others might feel brave enough to

reach out and "touch" Jesus themselves. Seven years later, I still believe this is who we are and what we are called to be at the Church of the Ascension.

In a world that can often feel dark, brittle, and anxious, we are called to be a healing presence. Our role as Christians need not be complicated; it is simply to be a presence of comfort, hope, and peace. Jesus doesn't ask us to prove him to others—he simply asks us to show him to others. And sometimes, that means being nothing more than the fringe of his cloak—the place where those who are frightened or desperate—at the end of their hope—can turn and experience healing.

The word salvation comes from the same root as salvos, meaning healing—think of a healing salve applied to wounds. Understanding salvation as healing deepens our understanding of what it means to be the fringe of Jesus' cloak. We are called to be extensions of his healing power in the world, offering comfort and restoration to those who are suffering. To be the fringe of the cloak is to be willing to meet others with compassion and without judgment. It means being resilient and adaptable, offering encouragement to build one another up rather than tear each other down.

When I shared these words with the staff seven years ago, I was met with tears. There was much pain among us then, as there is in many places. But there has also been much healing, both within this community and beyond. Jesus calls us to participate in his healing work—not only here in the church, but in our homes and in the world. I pray that, as we move forward, we continue to be the fringe of his cloak, offering the healing touch of Christ to all who reach for it.

Light and Life,

Candice+

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WORSHIP



Christ the King Sunday November 23, 2025



To celebrate our King, all parishioners are encouraged to wear sequins, glitter, silver, and gold to Sunday School and Church!

This Sunday!



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! We still need soup chefs on Thursday afternoon and hostesses on Sunday afternoon!

NEW!

ADVENT 2025

TRAWICK-SCOTT ADVENT RECITAL SERIES

DECEMBER 3 ADONIS GONZALEZ, PIANO

12:05 PM CONTEMPLATIVE MUSIC FOR THE PIANO IS PERFORMED BY INTERNATIONALLY

ACCLAIMED PIANIST ADONIS GONZALEZ, PROFESSOR OF PIANO AT ALABAMA STATE

UNIVERSITY

DECEMBER 10 MICHAEL DELFIN, HARPSICORD

12:05 PM VERSATILE AND CELEBRATED EARLY MUSIC SPECIALIST AND PERFORMER OF

HISTORICAL AND MODERN KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS, MICHAEL DELFIN,

University of Alabama, presents music for harpsichord.

DECEMBER 17 ADVENT: SING OF HOPE

12:05 PM

The audience sing songs, hymns and spiritual songs of love, joy, and hope

TO A WEARY WORLD.

CHRISTMAS 2025

DECEMBER 4 MESSIAH SINGALONG

JOIN THE MONTGOMERY CHORALE, ORCHESTRA, AND SOLOISTS IN THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION NAVE IN A GROUP SINGALONG OF HANDEL'S IMMORTAL WORK

DECEMBER 19 BLUE CHRISTMAS 12:00 PM

SERVICE FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXPERIENCING GRIEF OR STRUGGLING WITH LOSS

DECEMBER 21 THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 9:15 AM

JOIN CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN ASCENSION HALL FOR A NEW TELLING OF THE CHRISTMAS STORY. INVITING LOVE TO BE BORN IN OUR HEARTS

DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY EUCHARIST 5:30 PM

CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST WITH THE ENTIRE FAMILY

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST 10:15 PM

THE ASCENSION CHOIR WILL OFFER ANTHEMS OF THE MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS BEGINNING AT 10:15 PM. EUCHARIST TO BEGIN AT 11:00 PM

DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS EUCHARIST 10:00 AM

This service will not have music

DECEMBER 28 CHRISTMAS LESSONS & CAROLS 10:30 AM

Hear the story of God's redemption with carols and anthems and lessons read by representatives of Ascension Ministries

JANUARY 6

Feast of the Epiphany Bonfire & Chili Cookoff

5:30 PM

CLOSE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH WORSHIP AROUND THE BONFIRE , AND JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT FOR THE ANNUAL ASCENSION CHILI COOKOFF







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 <u>please add a short summary of what the payment is for in the description field</u>. 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



STAY CONNECTED AND JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

THE WORD SMALL DINING ROOM

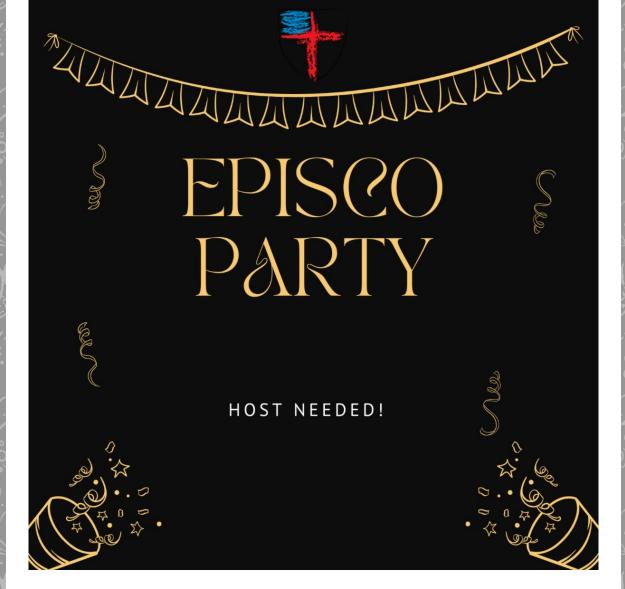
6:00
YOUTH ACTIVITIES
3RD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM
6:00
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

6:00 6:45
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY COMPLINE
LIBRARY 4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

Dinner Menu:

Bacon Cheeseburger Tot Casserole Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Salad Rolls

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



We are seeking a host for our Holiday Episcoparty. The available best dates in December are Thursday, Dec 4 and Thursday, Dec 11. We ask that the hosting home be decorated. Please contact the church office at 263-5529 if interested in hosting!

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 <u>The Night of Las Posadas</u> by Tomie DePaola - an illustrated book that tells the story of Las Posadas.

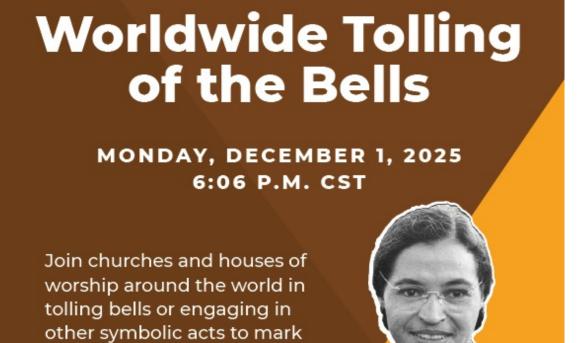


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ROSA PARKS & ELLA BAKER YOUTH

ROSA L. PARKS GALA AND AWARDS PROGRAM / 7:00PM

CALL TO ACTION SUMMIT



Volunteers needed to arrive at the church at 6:00 PM and ring the bells at 6:06 PM. Contact Candice to sign-up!

the 70th anniversary of Mrs. Rosa L. Parks' courageous

action at the exact

moment of her arrest.



THIS IS AN OPEN INVITATION FOR ALL WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A CURSILLO WEEKEND AND THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED A WEEKEND. PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT TO











THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Presents

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.

The Journey Boats exhibit will remain in the Nave through Advent!

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



Summer Mission 2024 Team

Parish Advent
Wreath Party

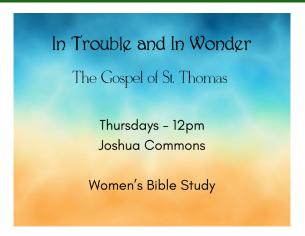
8-Soup

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

Opt-In for Text Notifications!



GROW



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 Word is on a break and will return in January 2026



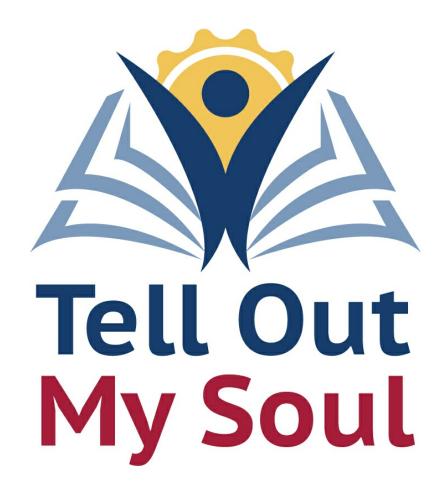
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 PM
IN THE SMALL DINING ROOM
GATHER FOR CASUAL THEOLOGICAL DISCOURSE WITH CLERGY

WINE AND ALTERNATIVE BEVERAGES PROVIDED.

SERVE

This Saturday! Volunteers Needed!







Last chance to donate is Wednesday, November 19th!



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 and ending November 19! Items can be dropped off in the office or Ascension Hall lobbies!











RAFFLE, RAFFLE

Ascension Day School is holding our annual Basket Raffle to help raise money for our sweet school! We have 5 AMAZING gift baskets that you can win, and we would love for our church family to take part.

BASKET THEMES

Family Fun Night
Coffee and Comfort
Wine and Cheese
Date Night
Christmas

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, and you may buy as many as you like. The winners will be drawn this Friday during our Thanksgiving Program. You do not have to be present to win!

If you would like to purchase a ticket please Venmo @ascensiondayschool with your name, number and which basket purchasing a raffle ticket for. If you do not have

Venmo, please email ads@coascension.org or call/text (334)557-9688.

Thank you for your support and for all you do for ADS and our children!!

Warmly, Murrey Zimmerman Ascension Day School

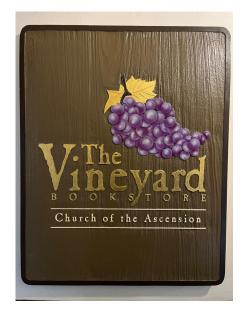




Fraser Fir Trees, Wreaths and Garland Complimentary Delivery Friday November 28th

Scan QR Code to Order





Saturday Sidewalk Volunteers Needed!





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.

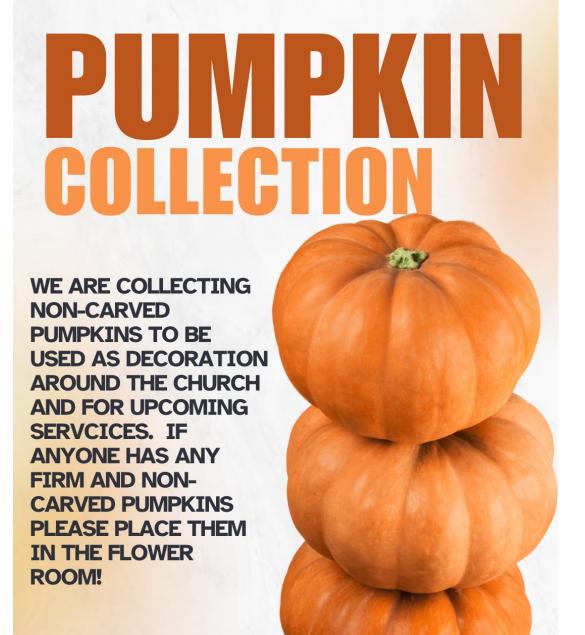


We are in need of cardboard boxes for our Food Box Ministry for our distribution on November 22. Boxes strong enough to support 10 pounds of food such as those made for books or wine bottles are preferred! Boxes can be dropped off in either the office or Ascension Hall lobbies.

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!





If you are interested in preparing or packaging meals contact <u>Candice</u> or <u>Will</u>. More information to follow next week!

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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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