

TODAY AT ASCENSION

Preachers: The Rev. Javier Garcia Ocampo

HOSPITALITY HOUR

Refreshments and conversation follow every service in the Narthex.

LIFE LONG LEARNING

Yoga Classes

Randy teaches yoga every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. These are gentle, entry level classes anyone may enjoy. No props are needed. There are some mats, blocks and blankets for those who want them. If you have your own mat, bring it to class. Wear loose fitting, comfortable clothing.

Wednesday Book Group: *Gilead*



The Wednesday Morning Book Group ("WAM") is reading the novel *Gilead*, by Marilynne Robinson. Here's a description of the book on Amazon: the book is "an intimate tale of three generations, from the Civil War to the 20th century: a story about fathers and sons and the spiritual battles that still rage at America's heart. In the words of *Kirkus*, it is a novel "as big as a nation, as quiet as thought, and moving as prayer. Matchless and towering." *Gilead* tells the story of America and will break your heart." It is available in multiple versions from Amazon.com: <http://amzn.to/24o1hVf>. Discussion of *Gilead* continues on Wednesday, June 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Read to page 81 for this week's discussion.

Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat is back!! Once again Hallowed Retreat Center, near Sugarloaf Mountain, will be the site of our gathering of the women of Ascension for renewal, fellowship and learning from Friday evening, August 19-21, 2016. **Registration forms are already available on the table outside the office.**

The planning committee welcomes suggestions for topics or activities, particularly if someone can share their expertise. Contact Ophelia Magnusen Yalley-Ogunru, opiemagz@gmail.com or Lauren Kingsland, Laurenkingsland@gmail.com.

The Listening Heart Community Sabbatical

The Listening Heart Community are currently on hiatus until Monday, June 20, when we will resume our regularly scheduled meetings. Contact Lori Perine at lperine@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to join us.

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Changing of the Guard!

Absorbed as she now is with her studies and discernment for the Sacred Order of Deacons, Enid Cole has resigned from the Vestry and as Senior Warden. We are most grateful for her 2+ years of leadership! She is a dynamic, colorful and compassionate ambassador of Christ. She is succeeded by Betsy Hasegawa, a veteran warden already, and Vestry member Janet King was selected by her partners in mission as the new Junior Warden, and Maria Estela Rodriguez is taking on a role on the Vestry.

Ascension Softball



The men's softball team play on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Playoffs will be July 25 & 30.

June 13 Ascension vs. Seneca Creek CC, Flower Hill Field
June 16 Ascension vs. St. Francis at Nike Field
June 20 Ascension vs. Gaithersburg Church of the Nazarene at Nike Field
June 27 Ascension vs. Journeys Crossing at Flower Hill Field

If you would like more information, contact Ted Bedell at tedbedell@comcast.net or 301.520.8449, or Bill Ward at William.ward@nrc.gov or 301.523.4088.

Ascension's Adventurers Seeking Ideas

Ascension's Adventure Team is seeking ideas for excursions/activities to undertake within the next 12 months or so. The excursions/activities may be recreational, educational, social, cultural, religious and/or just good fun. Please think outside of the box, we do not want to confine ourselves at this point in time.

All past activities have been half-day events, but full-day/multi-day events will also be considered.

Please email your suggestions to Richard Snay (rssnay@aol.com) by June 5, 2016. Richard will then compile a list and ask parishioners to vote so as to identify the most popular of the suggested options. P.S.: You are allowed to suggest redoing adventures that we previously enjoyed.

Summer Office Hours

During the months of June, July, and August, the church office hours will change. The office will be open Mondays-Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m., and on Fridays 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.



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Annual Picnic, Today



The annual parish picnic will be today at the Park Pavilion at Bohrer Park. As we have done for the last few years, there will be a bilingual service at 11:00 a.m., meaning that there will be no Spanish service at 11:00 in the Chapel, nor a Holy Eucharist in the Main Church at 11:15.

The picnic, a pot luck affair, follows. Bring a dish to share and your own drinks. All paper goods will be provided. Feel free to bring chairs and blankets. Sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4CABA82DA75-parish>

Final Choir Rehearsal

The choir will have their final rehearsal for this season on Thursday, June 9. They will resume rehearsals again on September 8.

Father's Day Food Drive

Honor your dads, living and departed, while helping others. Bring a bag of groceries to church before or on Father's Day, Sunday, June 19, for the food pantry at Gaithersburg HELP. Forms for dedication information are found on the welcome desk, in the Undercroft Commons, and in the Chapel. Letters of appreciation will be written to living fathers, and a list of all paternal honorees will be published. As always, we will give thanks for the ministry of fatherhood in the Prayers of the People at all services on the 19th.

Yard Sale and Car Wash

On Saturday, June 25 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Ascension will hold a yard sale and car wash to raise funds for the Church. If you have gently used clothes, house wares, furniture, books or any other items to donate for the yard sale, please put them on the Ascension House porch. Also, if you are able to help during the day of June 25, let Javier know at ocampo@ascensionmd.org.

Gisele Lachance to Retire as Nursery Director

After 20+ years of service, Gisele has decided to retire from her position at Ascension, effective June 26. Be sure to stop by the Nursery and thank her for an amazing run!

Engagement Ring Found

A women's engagement ring was found in the Main Church on Sunday, May 22. If it is yours, please contact the office with a description, so that we can get it back to it's owner at 301.948.0122.

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Work Camp 2016

Saturday, July 16- Friday, July 22

Where: Philadelphia City Camp/Episcopal Mission Center.

Cost: \$398

Go to: episcopalmissioncenter.org/summer-break.html

This is always a very rewarding experience for Youth and for the adult chaperones. The number of spots is limited but sufficient, and will be filled on a first come first served basis. There is room for 18 youth and 4 adults.

Please contact Angie to sign up or with any questions: angela.hightwalker@gmail.com. Make checks out to Church of the Ascension, with Work Camp in the subject line. **Please, leave the check with Kathy in the office, not in the plate or with Angie.**

Fundraisers are being organized by youth and their parents. Scholarships are available. See Angie or Randy.

Men's Shelter Lunch Program

The Men's Shelter Lunches program provides bagged lunches, assembled in the Undercroft Commons once a month. Supplies are donated by Ascension members. Depending on the season, we provide forty to eighty lunches a month.

Sign-up for contributions are through an online system and assembly occurs by those present after the 9:00 o'clock service on the third Sunday of the month. We will put lunches together Sunday, June 19. Contact Edith at esekasi@gmail.com if you would like to help, or sign up at <http://bit.ly/1VAKEz8>.

WORSHIP

Attention all Worship Leaders, and Those Interested in Becoming a Worship Leader

I am in the process of updating the list of worship leaders (chalcists, lectors/readers, welcome team members/ushers, acolytes and flower deliverers). If you would like to join in any capacity (we will train you) or change your status (add or delete a worship position), please email me asap.

I will also be preparing the new worship roster for the months of July, August, and September shortly; if there are any changes specific to those months, let me know that too. Many thanks! Sari Stoddard, sari.stoddard@verizon.net.

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LEADERSHIP AT ASCENSION

Senior Warden: Betsy Hasegawa
Junior Warden: Janet King

Vestry:

2017: Denise Lionetti, Najma Stubblefield, Paul Whitmore

2018: Maria Estela Rodriguez, Avin Lalmansingh, Gary McLaughlin

2019: Rose Buck, Zadinga Ogada, John Pruessner
Sari Stoddard, *Clerk of the Vestry*
Howard Holland, *Treasurer*

Christian Formation for Children: Zadinga Ogada ~ Christian
Formation for Youth: Angie Hight-Walker ~ Facilities: Ted
Bedell Finance: Howard Holland ~ Outreach: Paul Boynton ~
Pastoral Care: Randy Lord-Wilkinson Personnel: Jean Cohn ~
Worship: Carleton MacDonald

Delegates to Diocesan Convention:

Kristen Keating, Carleton MacDonald, Sue Snay
Alternate: Mardia Dennis

Cycles of Prayer

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Barnabas' Church of the Deaf, St. Barnabas' Church, Leeland, St. Barnabas' Church, Temple Hills, St. Columba's Church, St. Columba's Nursery School, Pray for those who are being ordained, Pray for all Muslims during the holy month of Ramadan (June 6-July 5)



THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

MONDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous - Room 1

TUESDAY, JUNE 7

6:30 pm Spanish Class—Ascension House
7:00 pm Codependents Anonymous—Room 1
Stillwater Mindfulness Group—Chapel
8:30 pm Al-Anon—Room 1

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

10:00 am Gilead Book Group—Library
7:00 pm Ensemble Rehearsal—Main Church
8:00 pm Gamblers' Anonymous—Chapel

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

10:00 am Yoga—Chapel
7:45 pm Choir Rehearsal—Choir Room

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 am Overeaters Anonymous - Room 1
11:00 am Al-Anon - Undercroft Commons
Overeaters Anonymous - Room 1

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson
7:45 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
9:00 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
10:15 am Service for Families with Young Children—Chapel
11:00 am Holy Eucharist in Spanish—Chapel
11:15 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
1:00 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting—Library
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist—Chapel

Church Attendance	May 15	May 22	May 29
7:45 a.m.	22	22	33
9:00 a.m.	103	99	91
10:15 a.m.	15	13	20
11:00 a.m.	41	59	35
Spanish Service			
11:15 am	35	42	49
11:30 a.m. At Sunrise	16	-	16
5:00 p.m.	15	15	15
Total:	247	250	259

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The Third Sunday after Pentecost: 5 June A.D. 2016

Keeping the Feast Redux

Well, it doesn't look like we will have an expanded narthex in the near future! Yet we seem to enjoy stuffing ourselves into the little foyer where the coffee and goodies are laid out every Sunday after the early liturgies.

The 11:15 Eucharist ends with the Peace. What I have noticed is that people linger in the nave for quite some time. There is really a lot of energy and animated conversation. I am thinking seriously of emulating what happens at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church in San Francisco (check out <http://www.saintgregorys.org>).

Known for its creative liturgies (seminarians and clergy make pilgrimages to the place), the "coffee hour" (they don't call it that and I don't know what they do call it) happens immediately after the Eucharist, with the altar being used as a table for the love feast repast!

I like this model a lot. First, the social connecting time happens in the same place as the liturgy. Strangers are easily greeted and assimilated. Moreover, it presents the love feast as a continuation of the Eucharist. And the menu varies from week to week as teams of members provide for the gathered (and no doubt hungry) faithful.

So don't be (too) shocked when - some time this summer perhaps - you see a procession of food and drink entering into the nave.

In the meantime, remember that we have a sign up for "keeping the feast" on a Sunday near your birthday after the service of your choice.

Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0a4caba82da75-keeping>

Randy

TO OUR VISITORS, NEWCOMERS, AND SEEKERS

We thank you for joining us today and hope you will return often.

At Ascension, our mission is to become "ambassadors of Christ," so we welcome you to this community of resident aliens. We invite you to fill out a welcome card (located in the rack at the ends of each pew).