

TODAY AT ASCENSION

Preachers: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson

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 15 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Read to page 115 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.

Education for Ministry

The Education for Ministry (EfM) group here at Ascension wrapped up a wonderful year of exploring our faith. We are now signing people up for the coming year. If you are interested, or just have some questions, call David Mitchell at 240.454.1904."

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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.

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.

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 ocampoj@ascensionmd.org or sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094caaae29aafb6-carwash>

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Diana's Last Sunday

Sunday, June 26 is our last Sunday with seminarian Diana Gustafson. Let's celebrate her time here at Ascension at 12:30 p.m. in the Undercroft Commons.

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!

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.

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.

Prayer Request Policy

The term for a prayer request is four weeks, infinitely renewable. The regular Sunday prayer list is for parishioners and their families, including extended family members. The weekday list used by the staff, called the "extended prayer list," is for coworkers, friends, and so on. When you see a name missing that you think should be included in the Prayers of the People and the list in the bulletins, say their names at service, preferably out loud, then fill out a new prayer request form, found on the desk under the bulletin board in the Narthex, and the table near the Chapel door. - Randy

Game Night Work Camp Fundraiser June 24



A game night is being planned for Friday, June 24 to raise money for Work Camp. We will start at 6:30 p.m. and finish at 9:00. There will be games, including BINGO and a movie. Admission is free, but we will sell food, tickets to play bingo and a 50/50 raffle.

We will need lots of youth volunteers. Please contact Megan Didavi if you will be able to help out at mdi-davi@gmail.com.

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.**

There will be a special offering on Sunday, June 26 to raise money for Work Camp. Please give generously if you can!

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>.

INTERFAITH

Iftar Dinner

The Rumi Forum is once again organizing Ramadan Iftar dinners. These dinners are dedicated to; peace building within our community, strengthening bonds of friendship and cooperation for common goals of human family.

This season of dinners will be held between June 6th and July 7th, hosted by Turkish American Community. For questions please email: mehmet@rumiforum.org.

If you like to join an Iftar Dinner at ATFA Cultural Centers in Rockville or Baltimore go to following registration form: <http://goo.gl/forms/8azyofG7Sk>. Allow us a day to reach you back for confirmation. If you don't get confirmation email after a day, please email mehmet@rumiforum.org

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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 All Faith
Church, Charlotte Hall, and Christ Church, Durham

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

MONDAY, JUNE 13

- 11:30 am Living with Serious Illness Group—Room 1
6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous - Room 1
7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting—Library

TUESDAY, JUNE 14

- 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 15

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 16

- 10:00 am Yoga—Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 17

- 6:00 pm Couples in Recovery—Room 1

SATURDAY, JUNE 18

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-Wilkinson
Father's Day

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
9:00 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
10:15 am Service for Families with Young Children—
Chapel
Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation—Undercroft
Commons
11:00 am Holy Eucharist in Spanish—Chapel
11:15 am Holy Eucharist—Main Church
1:30 pm Maryland Uke Jam—Undercroft Commons
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist—Chapel

Church Attendance	May 22	May 29	June 5
7:45 a.m.	22	33	25
9:00 a.m.	99	91	80
10:15 a.m.	13	20	10
11:00 a.m. Spanish Service	59	35	Picnic: 73
11:15 am	42	49	
11:30 a.m. At Sunrise	-	16	-
5:00 p.m.	15	15	10
Total:	250	259	198

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: 12 June A.D. 2016

Learning to See

I would have never seen my own white privilege if I had not been forced outside of my dominant white culture by travel, by working in the jail, by hearing stories from counselees, and frankly, by making a complete fool of myself in so many social settings--most of which I had the freedom to avoid! And so recognition was slow in coming. I am not only white, but I am male, overeducated, clergy (from cleros, the separated ones), a Catholic celibate, healthy, and American. I profited from white privilege on so many fronts that I had to misread the situation many, many times before I began to feel what others feel and see what others could clearly see. Many must have just rolled their eyes and hopefully forgiven me! Education about white privilege is the best doorway to help those of us who think we are not racists to recognize that structurally and often unconsciously we still are. Our easy advancement was too often at the cost of others not advancing at all.

Power never surrenders without a fight. If your entire life has been to live unquestioned in your position of power--a power that was culturally given to you, but you think you earned--there is almost no way you will give it up without major failure, suffering, humiliation, or defeat. The trouble is we cannot program that. All we can do is stop shoring up our power by our de facto idolization of money, possessions, power positions, superficial entertainment, the idolization of celebrities and athletes, and the war economy. All of these depend on our common enthrallment with being on top. As long as we really want to be on top and would do the same privileged things if we could get there, there will never be an actual love of equality, true freedom, or the Gospel. This challenges all of us to change and not just those folks who temporarily are "on the top."

Jesus' basic justice agenda was simple living, humility, and love of neighbor. We all have to live this way ourselves. From that position, God can do God's work rather easily.

- Richard Rohr

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).