

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. The book is available in multiple versions from Amazon.com: <http://amzn.to/24o1hVf>. Discussion of *Gilead* continues on Wednesday, June 22 at 10:00 a.m. in the Library. Read to page 154 for this week's discussion.

Women's Retreat

The Women's Retreat is back!! Once again Hallowood 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

The Listening Heart Community is Ascension's "monastery of the heart", an intentional group for seekers in all stages of their spiritual journey to explore Benedictine and other contemplative spirituality in community. This fall and winter, we will be praying with the writings and teachings of Thomas Merton, the American mystic and Trappist monk, in observance of the centennial of his birth.

We meet the first and third Monday of each month. Contact Lori Perine at lperine@gmail.com if you 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, contact David Mitchell at 240.454.1904, or newlywed98@comcast.net.

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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 by today, 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.

Ascension Softball

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

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 Choir

On June 12, the Ascension Choir finished its regular season at the 9:00 service, but some of the members will continue to sing every other week during the summer on June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, and August 21.

On these dates anyone interesting in singing for the 9:00 service can meet in the choir room at 8:15 am. Jerrold will select music based on how many are there at that time. If you have been thinking about singing with the choir, you are most welcome, and this is a great opportunity to try it out without further commitment. Just show up on one or more of the Sundays. Being able to read music is helpful but not required.

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

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Diana's Last Sunday

Next 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!

Blood Pressure Screenings

Next Sunday, June 26, there will be blood pressure screenings after each service in Room 1.

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.

Office Volunteers

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help out with various tasks around the office. If you are available and would like to help out, contact Kathy at office@ascensionmd.org, or call 301.948.0122 during office hours. Thank you.

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.

Worship Rosters

Worship rosters for July, August, and September have been emailed out. There are also hard copies available on the table outside the office and in the chapel.

Game Night Work Camp Fundraiser June 24



A game night is 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, a silent auction, 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 today. Contact Edith at esekasi@gmail.com if you would like to help, or sign up at <http://bit.ly/1VAKEz8>.

INTERFAITH

Iftar Dinner: June 25 at 8:00 p.m.

The Rumi Forum is once again organizing Ramadan Iftar dinners. This 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. **Randy is going to the June 25 dinner and hopes you will join him.**

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 St. Alban's
Church, Washington and Iglesia San Albano, Pray for all
Fathers and those who have been as Fathers to Us

THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

MONDAY, JUNE 20

6:30 pm Overeaters Anonymous - Room 1
7:00 pm Listening Heart Community—Library

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

10:00 am Yoga—Chapel
11:00 am Episcopal Seeking Seniors—Asbury
6:00 pm Bariatric Support Group—Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

6:30 pm Game Night Work Camp Fundraiser,
Undercroft Commons

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

9:00 am Yard Sale & Car Wash—Ascension House
Overeaters Anonymous - Room 1
11:00 am AI-Anon - Undercroft Commons
Overeaters Anonymous - Room 1

SUNDAY, JUNE 26

Preacher: Ms. Diana Gustafson

Blood Pressure Screenings after each Service in Room 1

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
1:30 pm Vestry Meeting—Room 1
5:00 pm Holy Eucharist—Chapel

Church Attendance	May 29	June 5	June 12
7:45 a.m.	33	25	33
9:00 a.m.	91	80	85
10:15 a.m.	20	10	18
11:00 a.m. Spanish Service	35	Picnic: 73	40
11:15 am	49		34
11:30 a.m. At Sunrise	16	-	12
5:00 p.m.	15	10	20
Total:	259	198	242

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: 19 June A.D. 2016

Seeing God

"I believe God is for every single one of us, regardless of our beliefs or perspectives or actions or failures or mistakes or sins or opinions about whether God exists or not. I believe that God wants us each to flourish and thrive in this world here and now as we become more and more everything we can possible be. In talking about the forness of God, I want you to see how many of the dominant theological systems of thought that insist God is angry and hateful and just waiting to judge us unless we do or say or perform or believe the right things actually make people miserable and plague them with all kinds of new stresses and anxieties, never more so than when they actually start believing that God is rally like that. I want you to see the radical, refreshing, revolutionary forness that is at the heart of Jesus's message about God as it informs and transforms your entire life..."

"When I talk about God, I'm not talking about a divine being who is behind, trying to drag us back to a primitive, barbaric, regressive, prescientific age when we believed Earth was flat and the center of the universe. I believe that God isn't backward-focused-opposed to reason, liberation, and progress - but instead is pulling us and calling us and drawing all of humanity forward - as God always has—into greater and greater peace, love, justice, connection, honesty, compassion, and joy. I want you to see how the God we see at work in the Bible is actually ahead of people, tribes, and cultures as God always has been. Far too many people in our world have come to see God as back there, primitive, not-that-intelligent, dragging everything backward to where it used to be. I don't understand God to be stuck back there, and I want you to experience this pull forward as a vital, active reality in your day-to-day life as you see just what God has been up to all along with every single one of us."

Rob Bell, *What we Talk About When we Talk About God*

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).