



# This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for June 14](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon "Koinonia" from June 7.](#)

[Link to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington's Website](#)

## Calendar Highlights

### Saturday, June 13

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Undercroft Commons

11am Memorial for Jane Liverman, Main Church

11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons

11am Overeaters

Anonymous, Ascension House

### Sunday, June 14

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

9am ESOL Class, Room 1

10:15am Holy Eucharist for Families with Young Children, Chapel

10:15 am Choir Practice, Choir Room

11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel

11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

12:30pm Broadhurst Architects' Presentation, Undercroft Commons

1pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting, Library

## Renovation: Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Have we collected all the money we need?**  
NO. Not even close. Money collection comes after lots of discussions and a feasibility study to determine how much money is reasonable for Ascension.
- 2. Is it worth discussing, or is this a done deal?**  
Very worth discussing. The renovation (or architecture) committee decided to hire an architecture firm to make pictures of what is possible, based on needs for Ascension identified by the committee. The firm of Broadhurst and Associates has created drawings that are hanging up now. They have asked a construction firm, O'Neill Construction, to figure out how much it all might cost. Beyond these steps, no firm decisions have been made.
- 3. Why are we discussing it at all? Why did it come up in the first place?**  
Accessibility, flexibility, visibility! These are principal points identified as needing improvement at Ascension. Accessibility: to allow everyone to approach the altar, sing in the choir, easily attend social events, and so on. Flexibility: to allow relatively quick adjustments in the sanctuary that will accommodate needs of different services. Visibility: To support all of the above by making it easy to see what's going on inside and how to get there.
- 4. Is it true the pews will be removed? Where will the musicians and choir be?**  
Yes, the idea is to remove the pews in order to support the goals of accessibility, flexibility, and visibility. What will happen to them, however, is wide open to discussion. The chairs that would replace them have kneelers attached. Musicians will have flexibility, too and their exact placement will be determined according to the needs of each service and acoustics.
- 5. What will happen to the needlepoint kneelers, and the brass plaques that represent loving donations of**

5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

**Monday, June 15**

1pm Lord's Table Soup  
Kitchen, St. Martin's

6:30pm Ascension Softball  
vs. Seneca Creek CC, Flower  
Hill Field

6:30pm Overeaters  
Anonymous, Undercroft  
Commons

7pm Listening Heart  
Community, Library

**Tuesday, June 16**

9:30am Staff Meeting,  
Library

6pm Spanish Bible Study,  
Room 3

7pm Still Water Mindfulness  
Practice, Chapel

8:30pm AI-Anon, Ascension  
House

**Wednesday, June 17**

10am *The Portable Jung*  
Book Group, Library

7pm Codependents  
Anonymous, Ascension House

8pm Gamblers Anonymous,  
Ascension House

**Thursday, June 18**

11am Yoga, Chapel

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

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## Worship Leaders

Sunday, June 14

Preacher: Ms. Barb Mansfield

*Flower Delivery:* Eliane Dunn-  
Johnson, Shirley Allen

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Leslie  
Sanya, *Chalicians:* Enid Cole, Sharon  
Hayden, *Healing Prayer:* Janet  
King, *Acolytes:* Ron Hayden,  
Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas,  
*Welcome Team:* Frank Sanya, Wadai  
Dennis, *Altar Guild:* Enid Cole,  
Mardia Dennis

9:00 AM *Readers:* Gary McLaughlin,  
Sue Snay, *Prayers:* Stephanie  
Mitchell, *Chalicians:* Esther Tellu,

time and treasure from parishioners?

The Vestry is already talking about how we can conserve these cherished contributions made over the years, including forming a committee expressly for this purpose. Whatever happens, all agree that these items must be conserved and not hidden away.

6. **How much have we paid out so far?**

Broadhurst and Associates have been paid \$22,500 for their visits, evaluations and drawings. We have hired a consultant to advise how to approach a Capital Campaign, once ideas from the congregation at large have been received.

7. **What are those hula hoops hanging from the ceiling? Lights!**

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### Announcements

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### HEADLINERS

[Broadhurst Architect Presentation, June 14](#)

[Father's Day Food Drive](#)

### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Christian Formation Summer Break](#)

[The Portable Jung](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

### WORSHIP

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### SERVICE

[Work Camp 2015](#)

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)

[Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

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[Ascension's Cancer Support Group](#)

Margaret Tellu, *Healing Prayer*:  
TBA, *Acolytes*: Kofi Dickson, Lisa  
Dickson, Kofi Kwamena-Poh,  
*Welcome Team*: Nii Armah Akuete,  
Ruby King, Charles Dickson, *Altar  
Guild*: Shirley Allen, Sari Stoddard

11:15 AM *Reader*: Sarah Rubin,  
*Chalicians*: Alice Benson, Kirk Fitch,  
*Healing Prayer*: Laura Shay,  
*Welcome Team*: Pete Minderman,  
Sciou Broderick, *Altar Guild*: Laura  
Shay, Lynne Shaer

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher*: Christine  
Yankus-Eng

*Eucharistic Visitors*: Meredith  
Horan, Peg Ruppel

## LIFE AT ASCENSION

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[Ascension Softball Schedule](#)

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## THE ASCENDANT NEWSLETTER

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### Prayers

FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:  
Pray for all Muslims during the holy month of Ramadan  
(June 18 - July 17)

PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:  
Rameses, Lee, Peg, Jackson, Nan, Susan, Julia, Gary, Nancy,  
Peg, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, Ryan, and all those who, in this  
transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any  
other adversity.

We pray for peace in the world and all who are serving our  
country here and abroad, especially those in harm's way, and  
their families. For all people affected by natural disasters,  
violence, and war.

We pray for all special intentions, and those on our extended  
Healing Prayer List.

ALTAR FLOWERS:  
Given by Janet King, in loving memory of Jacquelynn M. King.

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