



# This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for  
November 8](#)

[Link to Ms. Enid Cole's  
Sermon "Calling Out" from  
November 1.](#)

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

## Calendar Highlights

**Friday, November 6**  
6pm Movie Nigh, Undercroft  
Commons

**Saturday, November 7**  
9am Overeaters Anonymous,  
Undercroft Commons  
11am AI-Anon, Undercroft  
Commons  
11am Overeaters  
Anonymous, Chapel

**Sunday, November 8**  
7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main  
Church  
8:15am Choir Rehearsal,  
Choir Room  
9am Holy Eucharist, Main  
Church  
9am Godly Play, Room 6  
9am Joyful Path, Room 11  
9am ESOL Class, Room 1  
10:15am Holy Eucharist for  
Families with Young  
Children, Chapel  
11am Holy Eucharist in  
Spanish, Chapel  
11am Godly Play, Room 6  
11am Joyful Path, Room 11

## Two Pennies

Stewardship was not a word that I grew up with, but globalization is making it a more popular word. I came into the Episcopal Church through the Haitian community, and in my community we used the phrase "obligation missionnaire" (missionary obligation), not stewardship, to talk about our support of the Church. My perspective on the story is a little different from many sermons that I have heard. Step back from reading this passage from a dominant point of view where the Pharisees, scribes, and persons with economic status hold all the power. From the widow's perspective, we see the simplicity of the act. She put in her coins because it was part of her ritual, the way she relates to her God. She fulfilled her obligation but not to have a relationship with God or to fulfill the law as the Pharisees might do. In the early Church, in the new covenant under Christ, we are called to share of what we have for the betterment of the community and to grow the church of Jesus Christ. Under the new covenant we share what we have in order to have a relationship with the entire community. The widow did not give of her surplus. She did not give for tax credit or recognition. The widow shared what she had. Our "obligation missionnaire" is about sharing, whether it is two pennies or several billions. By sharing we stay engaged with each other and our community. As members of the Christian community it is our "missionary obligation" to share, not give. God did not give to a small group the fruits of creation for us to amass and distribute. God gave all of creation to all of us as stewards. God shared with us His being. We are created in the image of God. God shared His Son Jesus with us. God remains engaged in our lives. Do not give but share with pride whatever you have. That is the power of the widow. The widow was proud of her two pennies, and her commitment and engagement with her entire community. Maybe this is the self-giving act that Jesus wanted his disciples to see.

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11:15am Holy Eucharist,  
Main Church  
1pm Cottage Meeting,  
Library  
5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
6pm Youth Group,  
Undercroft Commons

**Monday, November 9**  
6:30pm Overeaters  
Anonymous, Undercroft  
Commons  
7pm Girl Scouts, Room 6

**Tuesday, November 10**  
9:30am Staff Meeting,  
Library  
7pm Spanish Bible Study,  
Ascension House  
7pm Still Water Mindfulness  
Practice, Chapel  
7pm Codependents  
Anonymous, Room 1  
8:30pm AI-Anon, Room 1

**Wednesday, November 11**  
*Veteran's Day, Office Closed*  
10am No Book Group  
6:30pm No Yoga  
7pm No Spanish Class,  
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,  
Chapel

**Thursday, November 12**  
10am Yoga, Chapel  
7:45pm Choir Rehearsal,  
Choir Room

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

## Worship Leaders

**Sunday, November 8**  
Preacher: Ms. Diana Gustafson

*Flower Delivery:* Esther Sawyer,  
Adoma Baffoe

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Jean  
Cohn, *Chalicians:* Wadai Dennis,  
Edna Leake, *Healing Prayer:* Janet  
King, *Acolytes:* Raymond Chin,  
Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas,  
*Welcome Team:* Jean Cohn, Don  
Cohn, *Altar Guild:* Enid Cole, Mardia  
Dennis

*interpreter for the judicial system and a supply priest for congregations in her area.*

### Reflection Questions:

- How do you understand your "obligation missionary?"
- Do you think of your offering of financial support as "giving" or "sharing"? What is the difference?
- Does sharing your financial gifts strengthen your commitment to the community?

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### Announcements

(click for more info)

#### HEADLINERS

[Cottage Meeting, Sunday](#)

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)

[Annual Giving Campaign Update with Annual Giving Form](#)

[Child First Montgomery](#)

[Housewarming for Javier](#)

[Action in Montgomery, December 9](#)

#### CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Godly Play, November 8](#)

[A Joyful Path, November 8](#)

[Youth Group/Formation, November 8](#)

[New Book for Wednesday Morning Book Group](#)

[Spirituality 101](#)

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

#### WORSHIP

[Thanksgiving Day Eucharist](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

[Worship Rosters, October - December](#)

#### SERVICE

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

9:00 AM *Readers:* Andrew Greene, Diana Gustafson, *Prayers:* Betsy Hasegawa, *Chalicians:* Kate Siberine, Margaret Tellu, *Healing Prayer:* Major Clemens, *Acolytes:* Kofi Kwamena-Poh, Stacy Taylor, Alfred Wasikye, *Welcome Team:* Kevin Blanc, Algernon Thomas, *Altar Guild:* Margaret Joseph, Dorett Sutheland

11:15 AM *Reader:* Avin Lalmansingh, *Chalicians:* Anika Lalmansingh, Avin Lalmansingh, *Healing Prayer:* Sarah Rubin, *Welcome Team:* Alex Langley, Alice Padmore, *Altar Guild:* Georgana Maines

5:00 PM *Reader/Usher:* Diana Gustafson

Eucharistic Visitors: Barb Mansfield

[Ascension's Cancer Support Group](#)

[Lord's Table Soup Kitchen](#)

## LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Movie Night, November 6](#)

[Ascension's Adventure Group to Visit Antietam](#)

[Nursery Volunteers Needed](#)

[Keeping the Feast](#)

[Spanish Classes](#)

[ESOL Classes](#)

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

[November Ascendant](#)

[Together We Shine](#)

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## Prayers

### FOR THOSE WHOSE LIVES ARE CLOSELY LINKED WITH OURS:

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for all military veterans, Pray for all military chaplains, military personnel and their families, The Resolutions Committee of the Diocese.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Church of the Holy Trinity - Hollidaysburg

### PRAY FOR COMFORT, HEALING, COURAGE, AND HOPE:

Barbara, Peg, Hollis, Susan, Johnetta, Doris, Marcia, Nancy, Janet, Lou, Fran, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

We pray for Ascension's Minister of Music Discernment Team.

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.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love - as advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of hope for Syrians and all those displaced by war and violence.

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

**ALTAR FLOWERS:**

Given by Jake and Ophelia Yalley-Ogunro, in celebration of  
Theophilus Robert Yalley-Ogunro's 70th birthday.

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