

# EPISCOPAL Church of the Ascension



## This Week at Ascension

[Link to the Bulletins for June 19](#)

[Link to Randy's Sermon "Learning to See" from June 12.](#)

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

### Calendar Highlights

**Saturday, June 18**

9am Overeaters Anonymous, Room 1

11am AI-Anon, Undercroft Commons

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**Sunday, June 19**

*Father's Day*

7:45am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

9am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

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

10:15am Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation, Undercroft Commons

11am Holy Eucharist in Spanish, Chapel

11:15am Holy Eucharist, Main Church

1:30pm Maryland Uke Jam, Undercroft Commons

5pm Holy Eucharist, Chapel

**Monday, June 20**

### 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 possibly be. In talking about the *formess* 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 *formess* 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*

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**Announcements**  
(click for more info)

6:30pm Overeaters  
Anonymous, Room 1  
7pm Listening Heart  
Community, Library

#### Tuesday, June 21

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

#### Wednesday, June 22

10am *Gilead* Book Group,  
Library  
7pm Ensemble Rehearsal,  
Main Church  
8pm Gamblers Anonymous,  
Chapel

#### Thursday, June 23

10am Yoga, Chapel  
11am Episcopal Seeking  
Seniors, Asbury  
6pm Bariatric Support Group,  
Chapel

[Link to our Online Calendar](#)

## Worship Leaders

Sunday, June 19

Preacher: (The Rev.) Randy Lord-  
Wilkinson

*Flower Delivery:* Alice Padmore,  
Esther Sawyer

7:45 AM *Reader/Prayers:* Diana  
Gustafson, *Chalicians:* Leslie Sanya,  
Edna Leake, *Healing Prayer:* Jean  
Cohn, *Acolytes:* Raymond Chin,  
Jackson Douglas, Aidan Douglas,  
*Welcome Team:* Frank Sanya, Wadai  
Dennis, *Altar Guild:* Georgette  
Dennis

9:00 AM, *Readers:* Andrew Greene,  
Christian Simpson, *Prayers:* Susan  
McLaughlin, *Chalicians:* Margaret  
Tellu, Dotty Pfadenhauer, *Healing  
Prayer:* Randy Lord-Wilkinson,  
*Acolytes:* Alfred Wasikye, Kayleigh  
Yankie, Sam Mendimasa, *Welcome  
Team:* Swithin Kwamena-Poh, Kevin  
Blanc, Algernon Thomas, *Altar  
Guild:* Ophelia Yalley-Ogunro,

## HEADLINERS

[Father's Day Food Drive](#)

[Game Night Work Camp Fundraiser, June 24](#)

[Church Yard Sale and Car Wash, June 25](#)

[Work Camp, 2016](#)

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

[Yoga at Ascension](#)

[Wednesday Morning Book Group: \*Gilead\*](#)

[Women's Retreat - with Registration Form](#)

[Education for Ministry, Fall 2016](#)

[Listening Heart Community at Ascension](#)

[Still Water Mindfulness Practice Group](#)

## WORSHIP

[Ascension Choir](#)

[Worship Rosters, July-September](#)

[Bulletins for Tablets Link](#)

## SERVICE

[Men's Shelter Lunch Preparation](#)

[Gaithersburg HELP](#)

## LIFE AT ASCENSION

[Ascension Softball](#)

[Summer Office Hours](#)

[Iftar Dinner: June 25 at 8:00 p.m.](#)

[Living with Serious Illness Group](#)

[Keeping the Feast](#)

[Prayer Request Updates](#)

## PUBLICATIONS

[Link to the Annual Report and the Vestry Candidate Questionnaire](#)

[June Ascendant](#)

[Together We Shine](#)

Esther Taylor, Sari Stoddard

11:15 AM *Reader*: Page Salazar,  
*Chalicians*: Anika Lalmansingh, Peg  
Ruppel, *Healing Prayer*: Alex  
Langley, *Welcome Team*: Page  
Salazar, Karl Didavi, *Altar Guild*:  
Georgana Maines

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

*Eucharistic Visitors*: Barb  
Mansfield, Kate Foley

## Prayers

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

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

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

Carol, Helen, Helen, Sarah, Peg, Lea Ann, Nancy, Janet, Lou,  
Fran, Toshi, 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.

Equip us and empower us to be witnesses to your love - as  
advocates and as servants, as ministers of welcome and of  
hope for all 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 Nancy Carman, in loving memory of her father,  
William Thomas.

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