

Ascension on the Mountain Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Month of May/ Rector's News
- ◆ Shop and Swap for adults and children
- ◆ VBS
- ◆ Sawyerville Swim Suits and Prayer Partners
- ◆ No Covered Dish Lunch
- ◆ AEK Mother's Day Tea

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Rector's News for the Month of May

All,

We have a full and busy month coming up, beginning with **Our annual parish picnic** on Sunday, May 7th after the 10:00 service. Please plan to join us; bring family, friends and neighbors. Once again we will have Bob Carr's famous Boston Butt, and I'll be grilling special bräts. There will be hot dogs and chips for the children. Back by popular demand will be the bounce house, Tootle Lou the face-painting clown, and the EYC will have special games, activities and prizes for the children. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. The sign-up list will be in Terrill Foyer. This is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends, make new ones, and celebrate the wonderful community of Ascension.

Our annual Youth Sunday is May 7th. Youth 3rd – 12th grade are invited to serve as ushers, readers, or in other ways during the service. Please contact Mary Beth at 907-0916 if you would like to serve!"

And on the 7th the ECW will have a shopping event for the children for the special ladies in their lives. See page 2 ECW News section for details. Plus United Thank Offering Ingathering, UTO, all 3 services.

Mark your calendar and join us for "An Evening in Parish", The ECW Silent Auction/Church Party fund raiser on May 13th with set up on the 12th. Tickets are now on sale—\$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Food, music, dancing, photo booth, and the silent auction. Something for everyone regardless of age, and childcare will be available. Items for the silent auction are needed such as jewelry, "experiences", gift certificates to restaurants, donations of your time and talents (babysitting, car detailing, food preparation), goodie baskets, original artwork, etc. Supper Clubs are asked to assist by bringing appetizers? Tax deduction letters and receipts are in the church office for you to give to donors. If you have a questions about a donation, please contact Jeannie Duke (639-1220) or Mary Beth Basu (907-0916).

May 14 - Sunday School Recognition during 10 o'clock service; all children ages 3K - 5th grade will be recognized for their participation in Sunday School for the 2016-2017 school year.

Beginning May 21 - Summer Sunday School (Ages 3K through 5th grades) will meet in Ware Hall for music, Bible stories, and crafts beginning at 9:15am. 4th and 5th graders will attend 10 o'clock worship, 3K - 3rd grade will continue with Children's Chapel and join families for communion in "big church." Our director Amanda Austin is looking for volunteers (3 to 4 a week) to teach/lead Sunday school each week together. She has a Sign Up Genius ready to go, and feels if folks volunteered two or three times during the summer, "we should have it covered."

Also on May 21st the ECW will hold its Spring General Meeting with the annual Swap and Shop event. See page 2 ECW News for details.

And last but not least is the 4th Sunday, May 28, simplified service at 10 to accommodate all the members of our parish from the youngest to the oldest. Everything from sermon to music is simplified and shortened to make our worship together more accessible. Everyone is encouraged to participate and become a part of our worship of God. Hopefully this time together will give us an opportunity to experience worship in new ways that could lead to an additional worship service in the future. A simple breakfast is served from 8:45 to 9:30 for those who wish to come a little early before the service.

Peace,

ECW News



SPRING SHOP & SWAP

You're invited to a two-part gift swap! Here's how it works:

April 23 – May 2

Donate gift(s) (new or like-new) that a woman would love, valued between \$5 and 10\$ (scarves, candles, scented lotions, candles, picture frames, etc.). Donation boxes will be

in the old EYC room downstairs with a sign-in sheet to indicate how many gifts you donated.

May 7 – just in time for Mother's Day!

The children of our parish will shop for the special women in their lives during regular Sunday school time. Each child may choose one gift. Wrapping services will be offered, and Dads and other shopping partners are welcome.

May 21

ECW General Meeting, 11:15am, along with

the women's portion of the shop and swap! Light refreshments will be served. Those who plan to shop will receive a ticket for every item you donated, less one for the children's shop. Any items not purchased with tickets will be available for purchase at \$5 each (remaining items will be donated).

Questions? Contact Chris Lambert at lambertcw@att.net or 205.212.0585.

Christian Formation News

VBS Online Registration is Live - <https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myChurch/?id=38522>

Who Is My Neighbor?

Enjoy crafts, drama, movement, & music as we explore Christ's call to us – to love our neighbor!

June 12-15,

Time: 5:00pm-8:00pm

Supper provided!

Arts Camp Sunday June 18



May 7, 9:15am
Children of the Parish



The ECW invites you to Shop for the special lady in your life on May 7 during Sunday School.

You may choose one gift.

The ECW will be happy to wrap your gift for you.

Dads and other shopping partners are welcome.



AND Christian Formation at 9:15am on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th Sundays for Pre-school through 5th Grade. See page 1 for Recognition Sunday and the Summer Sunday School schedule.

Always feel free to bring a friend to Sunday School and VBS.

Christian Formation Director:
Amanda Austin, 205-601-3723 or amanda.austin23@gmail.com

EYC/Youth News

Many thanks to you EYC for hosting the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The children who attended had a great time.

Sunday, May 7 – Ascension Picnic! And Youth Sunday – please let a leader know if you want to read during the service or usher!

Saturday, May 13 – providing child care at the Silent Auction, 6:30 – 8:30 pm at Church.

Sunday, May 21 – Meditation/Guided Prayer session as we head into exams. Meet at Church at 3:30 pm.

Wednesday night fellowship each week at 5:00pm, and

Christian formation on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.

Contacts:

Mary Beth, mbhmann@gmail.com

Olivia, pres877@aol.com

Jane-Ellen, janesherrod86@hotmail.com

Do you have a high school senior graduating this Spring? Please let the parish office know.

Parish Life News

Keep watching your newsletters and bulletins for more events for the Ascension Young at Heart as well as the 2nd Sunday Series.

Eileen Epstein, Chairman/Parish Life Committee

✠Palm Crosses. Several folks gathered on April 8th to make the palm crosses we wore on Palm Sunday and the ones we gave away to shut-ins. Many, many thanks to Melanie Fay Johnson, Carolyn Eike, Dee Anne Poehler and friend, Laura Barnes, Lyn McGuffey, Martha Oyston, Sue Busbin, and Lillie May, Danielle Barnes, & Allen Barnes. Having the young folks helping assures that this tradition at the Ascension will be carried on in the years to come.



Congratulations to the Ascension Filers, winners this year of 3rd Place Spirit Award at the Annual Gumbo Gala Fund Raiser to support extra services for the residents of Episcopal Place. You're a great team and we are so proud of you. Thank you John Wilson, Bob Carr, Mike and Carolyn Eike, Roger Etherington, Jane-Ellen Shumate, Jeannie Duke, Jim Loop, Mike Sparks, Mary-Beth Basu, Martha Oyston, John and Mary Anne Hornbuckle, Charles and Sandra Bernhard and Holly Goettge. We also thank all who made monetary contributions to offset the cost of the supplies for our gumbo. If you would like to help contributions are still being accepted.

Again, a huge thank you to our Palm Cross makers and our Gumbo Filers. You are awesome!

Outreach, Inreach



Sawyer ville This year we have been asked to collect, by no later than May 15, 25 1-piece women's bathing suits size medium and 25 1-piece women's bathing suits size large. The Sawyer ville collection "box" will be made available soon.

*The Ascension Ministry Fair has been postponed until the Sunday School kick-Off Sunday, August 20, 2017. In the meantime if you are looking for ministries in which to serve (other than the ones below) contact the parish office for a "list."

Would you like to give?

If you are looking for a convenient way to give to the church you might be interested in services of Tithe.ly. You can make a gift one-time or set up your pledge as a recurring payment all through their secure services. Create your account, link your credit card or bank account, and you are set up to give to the Ascension.

<http://ascensionepiscopal.org/giving/>.

You can also download Tithe.ly from the Apple app store or
Download Tithe.ly from Google Play Store

10 Prayer Partners for session

1 of Sawyer ville. This entails writing 1 letter each day for 4 days. Each day has a theme.

Day 1 trust;

Day 2 listen;

Day 3 pray;

Day 4 love & serve

The letters are due on May 22. Please let me know that you would like to be involved in this service project. I have instructions available.

Thanks so much,
Martha Oyston 527-5195

More Ministries of the Parish

Acolytes. ncaltrider@charter.net.

Open to youngsters grades 3 through 12 and adults. Contact Mrs. Caltrider, 823-5345, if interested in serving.



The Altar Guild. There will be an Altar Guild work day on Saturday, April 15 at 9:00 am. We should be finished no later than 11:00 am if we have lots of helping hands. Thank you so much! Sue

Choir. Ascension Choir Wednesday Rehearsals at 7:00pm. Warm-up on Sunday s 9:30am. All are welcome!
mike.sparks@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Ushers. David Snow Chair, 970-4181 to volunteer for one or more Sundays.

Flower Guild. Teams of 2 or 3 are scheduled for each Sunday to purchase and arrange the flowers for the service. If you would like to be a member of the Guild please contact Paula Vance, 482-1713.

LEM's (Lay Eucharistic Ministers). fathersdhood@gmail.com and/or Ben Chastain, BBChastain@att.net

Pastoral Care Team. Mary Anne Hornbuckle, 529-2884 or mahornbu@charter.net.

Welcoming Committee. Contact Mary Beth Mann for details.
mbhmann@gmail.com

Freezer Ministry. Contact Jan Ennis to help. 822-7593.



In place of the Covered Dish Lunch in May we will have the annual parish picnic on the 7th. Every -one is invited. Sign the list in Terrill Foyer and plan to bring a side dish.

Brown Bag Bible Study Mondays at 11am. Bring a sandwich. Beverages and dessert provided.

Thursday 8am Bible Study led by the Rector. Class does not meet on holidays.

Transfer of Membership(s)? Call the parish office, 822-3480. We can help.



The Intercessory Prayer Guild. Contact the parish office if you like to be a member of this guild. One or more persons comes once a week to read in the "blue book" the prayers and the names /initials of those requesting prayer.



Knitwits. New members are always welcome. Contact Marguerite Handlin for more info., 822-3621.



Cursillo, a worldwide movement of the Christian Church provides individuals who are already active in their Parish with an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. If you need information about Cursillo please contact Sharon Linton, slinton@otelco.net &/or (205) 617-9526.

AEK and MDO

The annual AEK Mother's Day Tea and Art Show will be held Thursday, May 11th at 9:45 am in Ware Hall. Please stop by and see many priceless masterpieces created by the children!

Kindergarten Graduation and the last day of school is Friday, May 19th. Thank you all for supporting us in so many ways during this school year!

From Our Treasurer

Please remember our "Dollars for Outreach" program. All dollar bills and loose change deposited in the collection plate go to our outreach efforts. Please help – we have so many great outreach projects that need some funding.

Financial Reports and minutes of Vestry meetings may be found in the blue notebook in the parish office.

–Len Skelton, Treas.

Links you might find useful:

<http://dioala.org>

<http://www.campmcdowell.com>

<http://satucket.com/lectionary/>

<http://bible.oremus.org>

www.ascensionkindergarten.com

www.cursillo.dioala.org/

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 Contact us ascensiondioala@gmail.com
 Phone us 205-822-3480 Fax us 205-822-9866
 Give to us <http://ascensionepiscopeal.org/giving/>
 Worship with us on Sundays — 7:30am, 10:00am, or 5:00pm
 Christian Formation, 9:15am • Cursillo Reunion, 9:15am

Special Dates 2017

- National Day of Prayer, May 4, 2017
- Annual Church Picnic, May 7
- ECW Silent Auction/Church Party, May 13
(Set up on the 12th)
- Mother's Day & Recognition Sunday, May 14, 2017
- Armed Forces Day, May 20, 2017
- ECW General Meeting and Swap and Shop, May 21
- 1st Day of Summer Sunday School
- Victoria Day (Canada), May 22, 2017
- Ascension Day, May 25, 2017
- Memorial Day, May 29, 2017



BRING A FRIEND
TO CHURCH!
TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!
TO THE PICNIC!

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Frank Buck, 1st | Adam Snow, 7th | Jim Busbin, 16th | Carlin Gregory, 22nd |
| Judson Bringman, 1st | Michael Eike, 8th | Cale Coggins, 17th | Nita Morris, 28th |
| Jordan Williams, 4th | Rachel Snow, 9th | David Clyburn, 18th | Lorraine Nelson, 30th |
| Christopher Lambert, 5th | Sara Johnston, 10th | Jason Causey, 19th | Wendi W. Stanley, 30th |
| Nicole W. Tullo, 6th | Scott Graves, 11th | Chris Lambert, 21st | |
| Andrew Brown, 7th | Michelle Zimmerman, 14th | Matthew Smith, 22nd | Lori and Rich Manak, 31st |

We depend on you to add the names to the calendar in the parish office of those whose birthdays and anniversaries you wish remembered. 2017 Calendar in parish office.



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Beginning ... and beginning

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life! -Newsletter *Newsletter*, May 2017

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Please bring canned food on the 28th

Lectionary Links for Sundays in May, 2017

www.lectionarypage.net/

The Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7

[Acts 2:42-47](#); [1 Peter 2:19-25](#)
[John 10:1-10](#); [Psalm 23](#)

The Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 14

[Acts 7:55-60](#); [1 Peter 2:2-10](#)
[John 14:1-14](#); [Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16](#)

The Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 21

[Acts 17:22-31](#); [1 Peter 3:13-22](#)
[John 14:15-21](#); [Psalm 66:7-18](#)

The Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 28

[Acts 1:6-14](#); [1 Peter 4:12-14](#); [5:6-11](#)
[John 17:1-11](#); [Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36](#)

Collect for The Ascension

Almighty and Eternal God, you call us together as the Ascension family and bind us in Christian love and witness. So focus our hearts and minds upon Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and guide us to know your Holy Spirit in the life of our parish, that we may realize that our similarities are greater than our differences. Help us to recognize your image in all people as we work together as one body in Christ to the glory of your Kingdom now and forever. *Amen.*

Sunday Service Personnel

May 7, 2017.

LEMs: Busbin LaGrone, Duke
Altar: Epstein-E. Smith- Sharp-Stringfellow-Snoddy- Skelton.

Flowers: Chase, Goettge, Skelton
Acolytes:

May 14, 2017.

LEMs: Chastain Wilson, Jones
Altar: McGuffey/Haberstroh/Poarch/Vance/Hartley

Flowers: J. Ennis, Woodson
Acolytes:

May 21, 2017.

LEMs: Oyston Denton-Epstein
Altar: Busbin-Chase-Oyston-Goettge
Flowers: Stringfellow, Bernhard
Acolytes:

May 28, 2017

LEMs: Lounsbury Carter, Loop
Altar: Eike-Higgenbotham-Johnson-Thompson-Everett
Flowers: Haberstroh, Johnson
Acolytes: