

Announcements for 18 June 2017

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The Church of the Ascension is a Eucharistically-centered Christian community committed to sharing the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, outreach, and personal example.

Sunday

Summer schedule starts today. Christian Education takes a summer hiatus and resumes on September 10, and our late service moves to 10:00 AM.

Confirmation Class: There will be confirmation classes on Sundays beginning today and ending July 30 immediately following the 10:00 service.

Ice Cream: Would you like to put smiles on the faces of children of all ages? Please sign up to serve ice cream after the 10:00 service this summer. We will be providing the ice cream. Next week in honor of Father's Day we will have an ice cream bar. During the following weeks of summer we will be serving cones to all.

Coming Up

Summer Pick-up Choir: June 25, July 23, and August 27 are the dates for summer pickup choir. What is pickup choir? An opportunity to sing the anthem with others who like to sing. The only requirements are that you arrive that morning at 9:15 to learn the anthem. You may sit with your family in the congregation and then come up at the proper time. No robes! Emailing Ginny Chilton would be helpful but not required: gchilton@ascension-norfolk.org No prior choir experience is necessary. Join us!

Vacation Bible School: Summer is just around the corner and Talbot Park Baptist and Ascension are working together to host "Maker Fun Factory" VBS. The fun will take place at Ascension July 10th -14th from 9am -12pm. At Maker Fun Factory children will discover that God made each of us for a purpose! VBS will be filled with incredible Bible learning experiences, science fun, games, music, and standout activities to help faith flow into real life.

For more information, contact Lynn Farlin at lfarlin@ascension-norfolk.org or at 423-6715. To register a child to participate (age 4 – rising 5th graders) or to volunteer to help with the program please visit: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/atp>

Book Study: The Divine Dance -- continuing the conversation of the Trinity offered by Stewart's sermon on the 11th. Wirt Shinault and Sally Miller would like to invite anyone interested to meet on Wednesdays in July from 7 pm to 9 pm at Sally's home, 145 Sir Oliver Road. We will show a DVD by Father Richard Rohr on the Trinity and his book The Divine Dance with a discussion to follow. If you are interested please call Sally. We think Father Rohr's teaching on the Trinity will offer a lively discussion. Please join us!!!

Mission

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Warning: A flock of pink flamingos may be migrating to your yard! The flamingos are helping our mission trip team raise some funds for our upcoming trip to work with the Appalachian Service Project. Consider flocking a friend's yard: small flock of ten flamingos is \$15 and a large flock of twenty flamingos is \$30. Of course, if you want your yard to remain flock free we will happily sell you anti-flock insurance! Order forms can be found on the bulletin board near Cox Garden.

Invest in Ascension's Mission Team: You can invest in our mission trip team and become a sponsor. The cost to sponsor a missionary is \$75. Sponsors will be assigned to individual missionaries who will keep their sponsors apprised of their mission trip experience. Please place your sponsorship in an envelope marked "Attention Courtney Wheeler." Sponsors will also be invited to attend our "Dessert Night Thank You" to see photos of the trip and hear the mission trip team talk about their experiences.

Purchase a Mission Trip Work Crew: For a limited time our missionaries will be teamed up into work crews of four – five people. The work crew will complete 2 hours of work for whatever you need (within reason) for a suggested fee of \$90. That's at least eight hours of labor for \$90! If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact Susan Meredith.

Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST): Churches in Norfolk band together and provide the homeless a warm place to spend the night and receive hot meals during the winter months for a week at each church.

NEST is coming!!! (We do not have our dates yet but we are asking for a January date.) We will again team with Talbot Park Baptist Church and use their much larger facilities.

Chuck Beers is heading the overall effort this year, trying to replace the great team of the last several years led by Joy Martin and Nancy Long. Bob Motley will be assisting Chuck and Laura Brower will be the point of contact for TPBC.

There will be many opportunities to contribute and participate. The NEST team leaders from the past several years have agreed to continue and they are all from TPBC; so there is an opportunity to partner and learn with "proven" and experienced leaders while sharing the future responsibilities with TPBC. Teams are Bus, Registration, Kitchen, Morning Duty, and Supplies. Procedures and "history" are well established so leadership will be easy.

Ascension will be responsible to provide 3 complete dinners and three breakfasts (we need precooked casseroles for breakfasts). Other opportunities include Evening Shelter Manager (overnight on site manager). We will be use the same online signup system for individuals to participate; each time slot and area will be clear on the website.

We will be collecting toiletries and cash/gift cards for our guests in the future.

As soon as we lock in our week we will let everyone know in order to block your calendar for this important ministry. Any questions??? Please contact Chuck and Bob Thanks.

Just for Fun and Fellowship

ROMEO'S & JULIET'S: Together again! Join the "retired old men" and "just us ladies" on Friday, June 30 at 11:30 AM at Mack's Barge (4300 Colley Avenue). Please RSVP to Bill Willey, Donna Killmon, or Suzi Montagna.

Info at a Glance

Baby Grand Piano: After evaluating proposals from Organist/Choirmaster Ginny Chilton and prompted by a very generous first gift of \$5300, the Vestry authorized the purchase of the baby grand piano in the sanctuary at a total cost of \$13,000. It received its first public performance on Pentecost. Already, Ascension has received an additional \$3000 in gifts toward the purchase, making the church's obligation now just under \$5000.

With virtually no advertising, we are 63% toward our goal (or 55 of the 88 keys on the piano). If you are so moved, please consider a gift to the church for the piano. The next installment payment is due September 1, and it would be great to have the piano fully funded by that date.

Altar Flowers: There is an opening for Altar Flowers in the middle of October. If you would be interested in taking that spot, please let Nellwyn in the office know. They are \$50.00.