

Announcements for 6 August 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.

Coming Up

GET READY FOR ANOTHER JUNK-IT! Been wondering what to do with all of that GOOD JUNK that's lying around your house, yard or garage?

Well, here's your solution: Beginning after 5:00pm on THURSDAY, August 10th through Saturday morning August 12th, bring your good, clean, usable, saleable junk into Rose Hall and leave it with one of the Special Projects ladies (Linda Fannon, Roni Porfert, Kate Rhea, et al) who will price and display it for our BIG indoor garage sale on Saturday August 12th. THEN... come in on Saturday morning beginning 8:00 am (or after service on Sunday) and SHOP, SHOP, SHOP! FINALLY, stay after service on Sunday, August 13th to help box up the leftovers for donation and pick-up on Monday morning. *** Please note that due to limited storage space and coordination with Day School activity, items cannot be brought in or left prior to 5:00 pm on Thursday August 10th ***

Previous JUNK-It proceeds have assisted with NEST meals, updating lighting in the choir loft and refurbishing the lounge, as well as contributing toward our General Fund obligations.

It's a fun way to give back. Look forward to seeing you there!

Conversations of the Heart: At the retreat in June, the Vestry made a plan to work on a common theme for the year. CONVERSATION is the theme, and it includes our hopes of engaging in deep conversation both by giving people proper skills and also the opportunities to have conversations with each other. As we shared at the Vestry chat in July, we are excited to begin our journey with a program called Conversations of the Heart. Congregation members will meet in small groups at the homes of vestry and staff members to enjoy dessert and engage in meaningful conversation. The initial topic will be this question: "What breaks your heart?" inviting folks to speak about where they feel most called to by God to respond to the needs of the world. We hope that as we hear where our passions are, we can begin to plan what we at Ascension do, either in specific parish-wide projects or by joining people with the same passions together to find a way to respond to those needs. We look forward to having engaging conversations and would like to keep the groups small to allow for more intimate interaction. We hope that you will choose one of the following dates and locations that works best for you; each meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Thursday, Aug 24 Susan and Bob Motley

Wednesday, Aug 30 Susan Meredith

Thursday, Sept 7 Donna Killmon

Tuesday, Sept 12 Courtney and Mark Wheeler

Wednesday, Sept 13 Lana and Richard Butler

Monday, Sept 18 Jane and Sam Webster

Please RSVP your choice to Courtney Wheeler

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

Dayschool help: We are erecting a shade structure in the playground on August 12. We could use your help. We will start at 9:30 and later serve lunch. If you can put in some time, please let the Dayschool know: dayschool@ascension-norfolk.org, dbaker@ascension-norfolk.org or 351-0566.

Info at a Glance

Stewart will be out of the office Wednesday through Saturday. If you have a pastoral emergency, please get in touch with the office or either Warden: Susan Meredith or Bill Willey.

VBS Video: Ginny posted a video on the church's Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/AscensionEpiscopalVA/> , and it is also on the church's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXWXxWgl6ZA>.

Nursery Workers needed: The nursery is in need of workers who could be available from 7:45 to 12:15 (summer 11:15) two Sundays a month. It is a paid position. Background check is required along with completion of Safe Church training. If you are interested, please let Lynn Farlin know.

Around the Diocese and Elsewhere

Science, Religion, and Evolving Faith: Starting Sunday, September 24, Steve Hansen will lead a discussion group looking at a new image of God and humanity in light of evolutionary understanding. Although not a book group, there is recommended reading to help facilitate discussion. It will meet at Lynnhaven Colony Congregational Church, 2217 W Great Neck Road, Virginia Beach, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. For more info, get in touch with Nellwyn. There is also info on the bulletin board.

Tidewater Ultreya: Then next Cursillo Ultreya will be September 21 at St. Christopher's in Portsmouth. Starting at 7:30 PM, we will gather, sing, hear testimony, and fellowship with a snack after the service. All are welcome, even if you have not made a Cursillo weekend. Info is on the bulletin board.