

## Announcements for 11 February 2018

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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.

### Today

**Adult Forum:** Join us as we continue the series based on Old Testament scholar Peter Enn's book For the Bible Tells me So. This week's session: Jesus is bigger than the Bible. Join us in the lounge at 9:30.

**Alternate adult class:** Patti Glowatsky is leading an Animate series on exploring the Bible. "The curriculum is intended to help adults to have an engaging, nuanced, hopeful, and positive relationship with the sacred texts of the Bible. Built on centrist Protestant theology, it's not too liberal or too conservative. The sessions are thoughtful, edgy, and present interesting ideas." We meet in the rear conference room in the Christian Education wing.

**Soup For Sale:** \$7 per quart. Soups available: chicken and dumplings, split pea, pasta Faggioli, bean with pulled pork, meatball, and ham and black-eyed peas. See Kate Rhea or Roni Porfert. Soup is great for busy weeknights! And if there are soup makers out there who want to add to the sale larder, see the same ladies.

### This Week

**Book Club:** meets tomorrow (Monday 12<sup>th</sup>) at 6:30 PM at the home of Chuck and Susan Beers (info last week was wrong). The book is KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON by David Grann. If you are interested in the book club, let Jane Hedgecock know.

**Pancakes:** Hard to imagine, but the Pancake supper is this Tuesday (Feb. 13) from 6-7 PM. This event will satisfy your pancake cravings and help support our mission trip team. We will serve pancakes, assorted toppings, sausage and baked apples. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 5 and under. All proceeds go to help EYC fund our summer mission trip to Appalachia. Hope you can join us!

**Ash Wednesday** services are this Wednesday (February 14) at noon and 7:15 PM in the church. Both services will be the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist, but the later service will have music. Join us at either service to begin a holy Lenten season.

**Thursday mornings:** The Women's Bible study group will be starting a new series call "The Quest – An Excursion Toward Intimacy With God" by Beth Moore. We will begin the study on February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Contact Lynn Farlin if you want to participate so she can get a book for you.

## Coming Up

**Lenten offerings:** Who better to speak a word of truth and hope to a world in deep hurt and despair, than we, the Body of Christ? Because we believe that the church has an important role in building the kinds of communities in which people minister to each other in sometimes desperate need, James Medley--Rector of Good Shepherd--and I are joining together to teach SoulShop, a series of lessons designed to give people the resources they need to respond to suicidal desperation. Please come and learn some skills that might save someone's life. A simple direct question might be all it takes to open the door that allows you to reach out and guide a friend or relative to the help they need to get through.

Lenten Wednesday 5:30-7. Dinner provided. Good Shepherd hosts the first on February 21

We host the second on February 28

Good Shepherd March 7

Ascension March 14

Good Shepherd March 21

## Mission

**Save The Date: NEST is February 21-28.** THANK YOU! THANK YOU!! The collection of hats, gloves, and scarves for the upcoming NEST week has been great. We still need about 10 more scarves and hats, adult size in order to be able to offer each one of our guests a replacement. Please drop off your donations in the white basket in the Narthex. The NEST team would be very grateful. Thank you so much.

NEST (Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team) is a citywide outreach to our homeless population. Participating churches provide food and a warm dry place to spend the night out of the elements. Ascension will team with Talbot Park Baptist Church during this week.

There is an online signup at <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2054570/false#/invitation> for all available positions. ONLY 33% OF THE SLOTS REMAIN TO BE FILLED. We especially need folks for registration and bus team. If you have any problems with the website, please contact the church office or Chuck Beers. If there are any questions or information needed, please contact Chuck Beers or Bob Motley. Thank you.

**BE A NEST DONOR:** We are responsible for several meals and you can help. Below is a list of food items that would allow you to play an important part of this wonderful service we at Ascension provide.

1. 5 bags of 140 frozen pre-cooked meatballs (per bag) for a wonderful meal of spaghetti and meatballs. You can get these at Costco and Sam's and they cost \$16.99 for each bag. (5 donors needed)
2. 3 bags of 6 heads of Romaine lettuce per bag, cheap at club stores. (1 donor needed)
3. 6 loaves of unsliced French bread. (1 donor needed - Fr. bread at Walmart - 99 cents a loaf)
4. 2 family size pans (9X13) of brownies in foil pans (2 donors needed)
5. 2 (9X13) iced sheet cakes in foil pans (2 donors needed)

With your help we can provide this wonderful meal for the 60 people we are expecting.

If shopping is not something you enjoy, I would be more than happy to take monetary donations and do the necessary shopping. This spaghetti meal will be on Thursday, February 22, and the food needs to be at church by Monday, February 19. Please put meatballs in the freezer, lettuce in fridge, and bread on the kitchen counter. The desserts need to be at church by Wednesday, February 21, and put on the counter.

Thanks so much!!! Your help is greatly appreciated by all. If you are willing to help out with this very worthwhile project, please contact Sally Todd. PLEASE, PLEASE make sure you contact me and only me!!!! (Ascension is also responsible for 12 double recipe breakfast casseroles. I will personally be contacting people to help out with these. Please say "Yes"!!)

**Sydney's Angels** -- Cary and Ray Cross' granddaughter Sydney has been diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. Sydney's mother Emily has formed a support group called "Sydney's Angels." We are forming a group called "Sydney's Ascension Angels." If you are interested in becoming a part of this group you would do any or all of the following: pray for Sydney, send her a card from time to time, do a MS walk, raise or donate money for the MS foundation. We want her to know she has our love flowing her way as she deals with MS. If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex where the Angel Bear is sitting on the table. You may call or email Donna Killmon or Sally Miller with any questions or suggestions.

### **Just for Fun and Fellowship**

**JULIET's** (Just Us Ladies Interested In Eating Together) will dine at the Founder's Inn on February 23. We will carpool from the church. Meet in the parking lot here at 11:00. They REQUIRE RSVP, so if you plan to go, please let Suzi Montagna or Donna Killmon know.

### **Around the Diocese and Elsewhere**

**Chanco 50th Anniversary Celebration:** Join us at Chanco on the James May 4-6 and celebrate with us Chanco's half century birthday! This golden anniversary of Chanco's ministry will celebrate 50 years of camp programs and many years of Cursillo, EYC, Happening, and retreats. We have been working for almost a year to plan the BEST anniversary celebration possible! Reunite with old friends, experience archery, ropes, water activities, hayrides, campfires, live music, a pool-side luau and more.

This event is expected to sell out quickly for Chanco's retreat lodges, so don't wait - click <https://chanco.org/join-us-for-chancos-50th-anniversary-may-4-6-2018/> for more info and registration. Questions? Contact us at [hospitality@chanco.org](mailto:hospitality@chanco.org) or 889-724-2626. We can't wait to see you back in Chanco's magical forest where "friends are friends forever."