

Announcements for October 7, 2018

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Sunday

We welcome Bishop James "Jay" Magness and his wife Carolyn this morning, and we welcome the Reverend Genevieve Nelson as the deacon assisting the Bishop. Genevieve is also here as a representative for Good Shepherd's confirmands. Congratulations to those Ascensionites joining the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement: Robert Baird, Brian Beasley, Julie Beasley, Bobbi-Jo Colucci, William Hall, Tracy Hess, Kristan Huddle, Matthew Huddle, and Miles Tate. Good Shepherd's confirmands are Virginia Maddox Chandler and Graham Anderson Webb. There will be fellowship in Rose Hall after the service.

Name tags: There are so many new faces who have joined our community that we need to wear our name tags! In order to make sure everybody has one, new tags are available in the Narthex. Please drop it in the basket when you recycle your bulletins so you don't forget and take it home, or if you remember, please hang it back up. Thank you.

Parents: Each week a children's bulletin is available. You will also find assorted children's prayer books in the rack that your child is free to use during the service. Please return them to the rack after the service. Check out our new family seating in the front of the sanctuary!

Christian Formation: We are pleased to offer two choices for our adults. Both classes are open to all.

Adult Formation in the small conference room: We will read and discuss the article: "In the Christian Faith, what issues are truly worth debating?" Next Sunday, both adult classes will meet in Rose Hall to hear our speaker, Juji Bea Li, who will talk about her experience as a transgender woman.

Adult Formation in the lounge: Bishop James "Jay" Magness will talk about his tenure as the Suffragan Bishop of the Armed Forces and Federal Ministries.

Our Stewardship Campaign: Look for your pledge card to arrive in the mail soon and plan to attend one of three opportunities to enjoy fellowship, dessert, and a brief presentation on Ascension's finances led by Chuck Beers, head of the finance committee. The first of these is scheduled at the Motleys Wednesday October 17, the second will be Monday, October 22 at Ann McMellin's home, and the third will be Tuesday, October 30, at Donna Killmon's home. Hope you can join us!

Coming Up

Next Sunday: Join us outside for our annual Blessing of the Animals service at 11:00 next Sunday. If you want to bring your pets to Sunday School, please do!

Adult Formation: The entire schedule for the rest of the season of Pentecost is posted on the bulletin board and on the church online calendar. Take a look to see what will be offered through autumn.

Trunk or Treat: What is Trunk or Treat? It is an opportunity for fellowship as well as a safe place for children to trick or treat. This year we will be holding our first ever event. Sign up with Patti Glowatsky (pglowatsky@ascension-norfolk.org) if you want to include your vehicle. Decorate it, and be here from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on October 31. You provide the ambiance and the treats. Have fun! Be scared! Be safe!

Women's Bible Study: This fall we will be doing a study called Stepping Up: A Journey Through the Psalms of Ascent by Beth Moore. We welcome all who can join us on Thursdays at 10 am. If you are interested please contact Patti Glowatsky so she can order your book pglowatsky@ascension-norfolk.org

Online Bible Study: The online Bible Study continues on Mondays from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. We use a Lectionary-based curriculum, Feasting on the Word and use Zoom, a platform designed for online meetings. Study and reflect on Scripture from the comfort of your home. The link for the class will be posted on Facebook and will be sent by email. Join us!

Family choir: On Thursdays, children ages 3 – elementary school with an accompanying adult are welcome to do music and stay for fellowship on the playground. We do a mix of active, popular Christian music and more traditional songs that are sung on Sunday mornings. We meet in the choir room from 4:30 to 5:00. If you are interested, let Ginny know: gchilton@ascension-norfolk.org

Book Group: The Talbot Park Baptist, Royster Presbyterian, and Ascension Book Group meets Wednesdays from 10-11 AM. We are reading Where Your Treasure Is: Psalms that Summon You from Self to Community by Eugene Peterson. Peterson is concerned with the "unselfing" of our self-preoccupied, self-bound society through the action of praying together with other believers.

Mission

"THE SHIRT OFF YOUR BACK, PLEASE"!!! Your Vestry Outreach Commission will be collecting fall and winter clothing during the month of October. You are invited to look through your closets and place any clothing items that no longer bring you joy into bags to be dropped off in the Narthex the next three Sundays. The clothing will go to the Ladies Career Closet at TPBC or The Closet at Advent Episcopal Church. All clothing should be clean and in good shape. (No shoes, please.) The "closets" are especially in need of work/career type clothing and sweaters, jackets and coats. Children's clothing is needed, as well. Further questions may be directed to Lana Butler or Courtney Wheeler. Thank you.

Food Pantry: HARK THE HERALD!!! A BIG BLUE BARREL!!! The Food Pantry is ready to begin collecting food items for our annual Thanksgiving turkey baskets. Please place donations in the new blue barrel located in the Narthex. We welcome gifts of Thanksgiving related foods such as canned fruits and vegetables, boxes of stuffing, packages of dried mashed potatoes, and anything cranberry, etc. (No glass or breakables, please.) We also like to add extras such as cereal, chunky soups, canned meats and juice. Thank you for thinking of those in need in our community. We hope that bringing a can or box of food to church to share with our Food Pantry guests will become a generous habit for us all.

Just for Fun and Fellowship

Roy's ROMEO's (Retired Old Men Eating Out) This month Roy's ROMEOs will meet for lunch on Monday October 8th 2018 at 11:30AM at The Royal Garden Chinese Restaurant in the Ocean View Shopping Center, which is right across Ocean View Ave from OV Park. Please come and join us for good food, fun and fellowship.

JULIET's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) will meet at the church at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 26 to carpool to Wickers in Chesapeake. We will be there at 11:30. RSVP to Donna Killmon or Suzi Montagna.

Info at a Glance

The Flower guild is always looking for folks who enjoy designing the flower arrangements on the altar. You would work with a buddy on a rotating schedule. If you are interested or want more information, please speak with Sarah Munford.

Military Board: Since our military board was out of date and nobody has volunteered to keep it up-to-date, we will take it down. To all of you who have served, we thank you.

Prayer Chain: We have a Prayer Request email list that goes out when folks ask for prayer. If you would be interested in having your name on this list, please let Nellwyn in the office know and she will add you.

Email issues: For some reason, the church email bounces back when sent to a domain connected with Apple (iCloud, mac, me). Our IT guy suggests it is a compatibility issue. Cox has no idea. Constant Contact is not sure (but it is not a consistent thing with Constant Contact). This is not only for group emails, but individual emails as well. Please send me another email address to put in my address book if you have an Apple address. That is the only workaround I have found. Thanks.

Wonderful Free Books: The Risser Memorial Library has been cleared of worn and outdated books. There is a table of available books for you to take. Also please go into the library and look at what is there for you to read. There is a sign-out book; please return your selection when you are finished.

Around the Diocese & Elsewhere

ECW (Episcopal Church Women): will meet on Saturday, October 20 at St. Cyprians in Hampton. The Province III President, Beblon Parks, will be the keynote speaker, and we will say good-bye to Bishop Hollerith. To register, contact Tia Morings at 757-650-8809 mornings1@gmail.com by October 6. More info is on the bulletin board.

Hurricane info: The Bishops from the Carolinas have sent a letter about hurricane damages and relief. They ask us to donate to the Hurricane fund at Episcopal Relief and Development and to add your name to the ready to serve database being built. To read the letter and have the available links, go here: <https://bit.ly/2NNFOSY> or please click: [Episcopal Relief and Development](#).