

Announcements for November 4, 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.

Sunday

Today, we celebrate All Saints Day which was Thursday, November 1. All Saints is a feast on which we celebrate the ways we are knit together with saints past and present into the mystical Body of Christ through baptism. Before the service we invite you to light a candle to commemorate the saints in your life, be they dead or living. That light will burn throughout the service to remind us of the light of Christ made known through the lives and love of his saints. During the prayers of the people that are included within the Eucharistic prayer, you will hear the names of those saints among us who have died this past year. We give thanks for their lives and legacies!

Stewardship moment: This Sunday we all get a little extra time as we Fall Back to Eastern Standard Time - enjoy! Your Vestry appreciates your time and attention to the Stewardship information we have shared with you over the past few weeks. We hope that you will place your Pledge Card in the Offering Plate this Sunday, November 4th. (Ushers will have extra pledge cards if you need one.) We will take your Pledges and turn them into a Budget and a Plan for 2019 and then share that plan with you. If you have or need additional information, please get in touch with a Vestry member! Please join us after the 11 o'clock service. Along with our lunch, we will have a small celebration to thank everyone for participating - listening - questioning - sharing your stories - volunteering - pledging!

Adult Formation: Adult Forum small conference room: The Bible Project. YHWH/Lord -- Adonai, Yahweh, Jehovah...God seems to have many names, what am I supposed to call Her/Him? This video is a journey into the different names Jews and Christians have referred to their Creator through the centuries and more importantly, why. Join us at 9:30 in the small conference room.

Adult Formation in the lounge: A grateful day: Brother David Steindl-Rast and listening to our stories of gratitude.

Confirmation

Confirmation: Bishop Magness will be here for confirmation this Thursday evening, November 8, at 7:00 PM. We have a group of people who are looking forward to being confirmed and received. Let's come out in order to support them and also to welcome the Bishop. **There will be babysitting available.**

Coming Up

Adult Formation in the small conference room: We continue with the Bible project.

Adult Formation in the lounge: For Veteran's Day: stories from the troops. Listen to what various members of Ascension have to say about their experiences in the Armed Forces.

ASCENSION AT THE VIRGINIA CHORALE HOLIDAY CONCERT: Saturday, December 1, 7:30 PM, at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Norfolk. The Chorale offers a discount for groups of 10 or more - \$10 per person. For tickets, contact Sam Webster; you must provide the payment to Sam. Or contact the Virginia Chorale office, 627-8375, info@vachorale.org. Gather for holiday cheer **before** the concert, any time after 5 pm, at Jane and Sam Webster's home. Bring a heavy hors d'oeuvre/dessert to share and BYOB.

Mission

Food Pantry Turkey Tradition: It has been our tradition for many years to distribute turkeys with a bag of food to families in need. Even though our pantry will not officially reopen until January, we are still going to give away turkeys as an outreach project. We plan to distribute turkeys on November 13 and 15 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM. The funds to purchase turkeys have been generously donated already. You can help our turkey drive by contributing items to go with the turkeys. We especially need boxes of stuffing and mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and yams. Please place your food gifts in the big blue barrel in the front of the church. Thank you.

Info at a Glance

Veteran's Day closure: The office and dayschool will be closed Monday, November 12, in observance of Veteran's Day.

October Vestry notes:

- Finances are close with a \$3770 deficit so far this year.
- Annual financial audit approved/submitted to Diocese
- Pam Evens elected to Day School Board
- Oct 24 Tai Chi demo in Rose Hall
- Food Pantry is ready to be inspected next week and then on-line training can begin
- Vestry discussed how to improve communications in the parish
- Stewardship Campaign is on track

Help Wanted: Chuck Beers, Junior Warden, is looking for a person to assist with disaster preparedness for the church. It is administrative work to assure we are following protocols established by the national church and to prepare the church for hurricanes, storms etc.

Emails (again!): As a result of spammers, Cox Communications is working to correct issues that they are having with Gmail. They also know about issues with Microsoft domains (such as Outlook/Live). I have also had bouncebacks from MSN and Yahoo here in the office. Of course, Apple domains have not been working for some time. Cox support suggested getting in touch with Google. (Ha ha) I guess we need to be aware that things are not running as smoothly as we have experienced in times past. If you send an email and don't hear back, or you are expecting an email from someone here at the church and don't get it, follow up. Delivery is happening, but not consistently.

Around the Diocese and Elsewhere

Bishop search: A Listening Session has been setup for November 18, 2018, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. at Grace Episcopal Church, 1400 East Brambleton Avenue. Your comments are very important to us. Everyone is welcome to attend.