

## Announcements for December 2, 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

**Adult Formation in the Lounge:** Rev. Anita Mitchell on December 2 will facilitate *The Kingdom of God*. "Is it at the Second Coming of Jesus?" Come join us at 9:30 and learn the different views on when the Kingdom appears.

**Calling all church Children and Youth!** The Christmas pageant this year will be held on SATURDAY DECEMBER 22 at 4:00 PM. If you are interested in participating there will be a meeting TODAY at 1:30 in the lounge.

**Salvation Army Christmas Stockings!** If you picked up a stocking, thank you! Once you've filled it with goodies, please staple the header over the top to secure the goodies inside the stocking. Place the filled stocking back in the Christmas collection bin in the Narthex at church no later than today.

**Book Fair: Deadline to order is today.** The church and dayschool are holding a faith based book fair. There is a fabulous selection of both kids and adult books. Please make your order today if have not already. We will receive 20% of the proceeds after \$200 to enhance our new children's library! If you have any questions or recommendations please feel free to ask Patti Glowatsky and then submit your orders to her mailbox across from the church office. Please make checks payable to Church of the Ascension and write Book Fair in the memo.

### Formation

**Next Sunday -- Inter-Generational Sunday School Activity Dec. 9:** We will meet all together in Rose Hall and break into groups to create a massive Nativity Scene out of LEGOS which will remain on display through the season! This is a great opportunity for all ages to come together and share with each other what the advent season is all about.

**There are Advent devotionals in the Narthex.**

**This Advent season** we will be holding a worship series for all ages in Rose Hall on Thursdays from 5:30 - 6:30 with a potluck dinner to follow starting continuing this week through December 20. (This week, December 6, we will meet in the Chapel and eat in the conference room.) Help everyone celebrate the birth of Jesus--God with us--as we use this "God with Us" Family Advent Worship Series. Each week family members will come together to worship in an informal setting. We continue to learn that in Jesus, God is with us as our Shepherd, our Living Branch, and our Guide.

The order of service each week includes the lighting of the Advent wreath, hymns, special responses, prayers, a message for children and adults, a family craft project, and discussion questions for a family conversation. Please consider joining us in this special time of waiting. This programming will be in place of the Wednesday night Advent programs.

### Info at a Glance

**A calendar of seasonal events** is in the Narthex for you to pick up. Please note: on Sunday, December 23, we will hold one service that morning. A long-time and very beloved member of Ascension, Gertrude Batts, passed away in Louisa on June 16. Close friends and family will be here during the holidays, and so we will observe the last Sunday of Advent with a memorial service to her at 10:00 AM. After the service, we will decorate the church and have a simple lunch. Please put this special time on your calendar to remember Gertrude and to prepare for Christmas.

**Poinsettias:** The deadline to order them is Friday, December 14. There are order forms in the Narthex.

**Pastoral Care:** If you would like to donate small Christmas gifts for our homebound parishioners, please get them to the office by December 14. There are 10 baskets that we make up. Thank you.

**Emails (again!):** We are still having issues with Gmail, Outlook, some private domains. 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 usually happening, but not consistently.

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

**ROMEO's & JULIET's** (retired old men eating out & just us ladies interested in eating together): We will meet on Monday, December 10 at 11:30 at Mack's Barge. All are welcome.