

Announcements for March 17, 2019

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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

Today is prayer & healing Sunday and Food Pantry Sunday.

We want to know what you think: As you know, for some time now Patti Glowatsky and I have been experimenting with a number of things to more fully include and welcome children in all aspects of our life together at Ascension. One of those changes has been the "Pray Ground," an area that allows children to learn through play the way we worship as well as provides child-friendly ties to what adults are hearing. Throughout this process we have invited people to give feedback and input about how we can make the experience work for everyone in worship. We have fine-tuned along the way, but we still need your input to make things work better. We invite you to join us for a conversation on what is working and what is not at 12:30 today in the lounge. If you cannot make the discussion, please feel free to talk with either me or Patti about your ideas. Thank you!--Stewart

Adult Formation

In the rear conference room: Half-truths with Adam Hamilton. "God helps those who help themselves. Cleanliness is next to godliness." Things we think are Biblical but really aren't. All are welcome.

In the lounge: Forgiveness is a central tenet of our faith. We will continue to explore how the call to forgiveness and reconciliation is an invitation to costly and radical change.

Women's Bible Study: A new Women's Bible Study will be starting Thursday March 21 at 10 AM in the conference room. We will be using Melissa Spoelstra's First Corinthians: Living Love When We Disagree. We would love for you to join us and even bring a friend. The participant book is available on Amazon or you can contact Patti Glowatsky at pglowatsky@ascension-norfolk.org and she can order one for you. Hope to see you there!

Lent

Lenten Programming: This Thursday, March 21, we continue our Lenten programming at 5:30 PM. There will be a Family program running concurrently with an Adult program, and adults are invited to participate in either one. This week, the children will make pretzels and talk about the significance of the pretzel from the early 4th century tradition, and we will hear the parable of the Kingdom of Heaven is like unleavened bread. The adults will be sharing stories in accordance with Bishop Curry's Beloved Community. We will all meet in Rose Hall to eat a potluck meal at 6:15 PM.

Flower Guild: As is the tradition in many parishes, we do not have flowers on the altar during Lent. Each week we will represent the spare quality of the season of Lent with an offering on the retable. This week we see vases of sand that symbolize the desert, wilderness, and spiritual drought.

Mission

Sydney's Ascensions Angels invite anyone in the congregation to join us for the Multiple Sclerosis Walk around MacArthur Mall on Sunday, April 7th. Sydney Ruloph is Raymond and Cary Cross's granddaughter. We support her with notes, prayers, and participation in raising money for MS research and treatment. For more information please contact Sally Miller.

EYC and Youth

The 2019 Mission Trip will be the week of July 28-Aug 3 through Appalachia Service Project. The group will be travelling to West Virginia to do home improvements. If you are interested in more information, please contact Patti Glowatsky.

The EYC Spring Schedule is Posted on the Bulletin board as you go down the ramp towards Rose Hall. If you are interested and wish to be added to the email group or just want more information on EYC (Episcopal Youth community) please contact Patti Glowatsky.

Info at a Glance

The Audit of the 2018 church funds will be on April 6 at 9:00 AM. If you are interested and have not been contacted by Chuck Beers, please let him know that you would like to help. It will take about 2 hours and will help the church save about \$8000 in audit fees. No experience is needed. If interested, contact Chuck Beers.

Grounds clean up: If numbers aren't your thing, the Ascension Spring Grounds & Gardens Work Days will be Friday April 5 and Saturday April 6 from 9:00 - until. If you have a few hours to help on either day (or both), please come out and help us to clean up and beautify Ascension's grounds for Easter. Please bring your yard/garden tools, as the church has a limited supply of them. Lunch will be provided on both days.

Just for Fun and Fellowship

JULIET's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together) will meet on March 29 at 11:30 at Cogan's on Colley Avenue. Please RSVP to Donna Killmon or Suzi Montagna.