

Announcements for June 9 & 16, 2019

Sunday June 9: Pentecost celebration at 10:00 in the church; picnic afterwards outside. Wear **RED!**

June 9, Picnic: Bring a side dish to share: hot dogs and hamburgers will be 50 cents each, and drinks will be provided. As always, helping hands are needed. If you can help with setup or cleanup, please get in touch with Jane Webster.

June 16, Today, we begin our regular summer schedule – 8:00 and 10:00 Holy Eucharist, no Christian Formation

June 16, Pickup choir today: What is pickup choir? An opportunity to sing the anthem with others who like to sing. The only requirements are that you arrive that morning at 9:15 to learn the anthem. You may sit with your family in the congregation and then come up at the proper time. No robes! Emailing Ginny Chilton would be helpful but not required: gchilton@ascension-norfolk.org No prior choir experience is necessary. Join us!

Upcoming schedule

Wine Sunday: Our wine coffers are getting lower. Please bring a bottle of **Taylor Port** to put in the basket in the Narthex. Thank you.

Ginny's last Sunday will be June 23. Please join us after the second service to say farewell.

Our new organist: A cradle Episcopalian, Cody Mead is a native of Northeastern Pennsylvania, and has been Director of Music at historic St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church (site of the wedding of President John F. Kennedy and Jacqueline Bouvier) in Newport, RI for the past six years. Cody began his professional career as a church musician at age 16, and has studied organ, voice, and conducting at the Eastman School of Music, and extensively with some of the leading coaches in New England. At St. Mary's Church, Cody developed a robust and growing music program, including a multi-generational choral program with three choirs. For four years, Cody served as organ teacher for the Bloomsburg Preparatory School of Music in Bloomsburg, PA. Cody has performed publicly throughout the East Coast and Midwest United States. As a conductor and accompanist, Cody has worked with a variety of professional choirs throughout New England, including Collegium Ancora, the Ecclesia Consort of New England, and Ensemble Altera, as well as singers from many of the nation's leading opera houses and Broadway. As a teacher, Cody has maintained a robust studio of private voice students and has served as the resident music director of the Newport Children's Theatre for four years. Cody is thrilled to be joining the faith community at Ascension later this summer!

Block Party! Ascension is hosting a Block Party as a way to come together and meet our neighbors. We will have food trucks, games, music, activities and fun! The first of what we hope will be three parties will be Thursday, June 27th from 5:30-7:30. We need your help! We'll need volunteers to help set up and take down tables and games, and people who will be hosts directing people to the bathrooms, etc. Please talk with Sarah Munford, Ann McMellin or Susan Motley if you can help.

Formation

Sacred Ground begins July 1!

Sacred Ground is a video based, race dialog series that focuses on the challenges that swirl around race and racism, as well as the difficult and transformative dialogue we need to have with each other about them. It invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that have brought us to today, and to do so in a personal way, reflecting on family histories and stories as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story.

It holds the vision of beloved community as a guiding star – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another's pain and seek one another's flourishing. The dialogs will be held on the first and third Mondays from 7:00-8:30. A link to the videos and assigned reading will be emailed before each session and, should you prefer to watch the approximately 1 ½ hours of video with others, we will view the videos the Sunday prior to each evening session in the Large Conference room after church. Anyone who is interested may join us for that.

Those who want to know more we invite you to a preview of the course on Sunday, June 23 at 9 a.m. See Stewart if you are interested in attending.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Ascension again this year with the continued partnership of Talbot Park Baptist. This year's theme is "Water All Around the World." The dates are July 8-12 from 9am until noon. Registration for participants and volunteers can be done online here - <https://vbspro.events/p/coa-tpb> or through www.ascension-norfolk.org. You can also contact Patti Glowatsky (<mailto:pglowatsky@ascension-norfolk.org>) (423-6715) if you would like a printed registration form. We have a wish list of items: Blue and green crepe paper (all shades), Blue and green vinyl tablecloths (all shades), 5 gallon water bottles, 1 gallon water jugs, Potting soil, Wooden clothespins (100), Newspaper, Magazines, Canning jar rings (30), Individually wrapped candy (no chocolate or nuts), Anything related to Ghana, Haiti, Cuba, Mexico or Honduras (plane tickets, travel brochures, posters, etc..)

Labyrinth: There will be labyrinth walks after church on Sundays July 14 and August 11. In addition, there will be opportunities to walk the labyrinth on the evenings of June 27, July 18, and August 15.

Mission

Food Pantry Sunday: On the third Sunday of the month, we are reminded to make a special contribution to our Food Pantry outreach. There is a basket in the Narthex for your donations.

Arthur Bynum: **Date Change** For several years, Arthur Bynum was a part of our church community—first as a worshiper, and then homebound. He died on May 19 at the Consulate. There will be a service for him here on Tuesday, June 18, at 1:00 PM. Donations for Altmeyer Funeral Home's costs are very much appreciated. Please make your checks out to the Rector's Discretionary Fund "Arthur."

Invest in Ascension's Mission Team: You can invest in our mission trip team and become a sponsor. The cost to sponsor a missionary is \$75. Sponsors will be assigned to individual missionaries who will keep their sponsors apprised of their mission trip experience. Please place your sponsorship in an envelope marked "Attention Courtney Wheeler." Sponsors will also be invited to attend our "Dessert Night Thank You" to see photos of the trip and hear the mission trip team talk about their experiences.

Purchase a Mission Trip Work Crew: For a limited time, our missionaries will be teamed up into work crews of four people. The work crew will complete 2 hours of work for whatever you need (within reason) for a suggested fee of \$90. That's at least eight hours of labor for \$90! If you are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, please contact Patti Glowatsky at pglowatsky@ascension-norfolk.org or 423-6715.

Red Cross Blood Drive: Since volunteers to handle the blood drive were few and far between, and since this is important to our community, Nellwyn has stepped up to do the planning and administration. However, on the day of the drive—which is SATURDAY, AUGUST 3—she will need folks to be here. She is still getting the particulars, but when the time comes for volunteers to cover shifts, please say "yes" when she calls on you. Meanwhile, save the date: August 3.

Info at a Glance

From the Finance office: There was a note "For Arthur" torn off a bulletin and in the offering, but we cannot determine where it came from or the amount. If you were the one who made this donation, could you kindly email finance@ascension-norfolk.org and let them know it was you and how much you wanted to contribute? Thank you.

Sunday Summer Fellowship: As we travel and enjoy the sun and outdoors during the summer, the post-church lunch on Sundays may not always be laid out on the table. Summer Sundays are low-key. Some Sundays, we might have cookies, and some Sundays, perhaps just coffee. We do have, however, a signup sheet on the bulletin board for Sundays from June 16th through September 1st. If you would like to take a turn and provide some simple snacks such as chips and dip, veggies and hummus, fresh fruit, please put your name down. Everyone will thank you!