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Church of the Ascension

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FROM REV. VINCENT BLACK



Beloved People of God,

In response to the numerous mass shootings and the rising acts of violence across our nation and around the world it is important for us to stay grounded in our commitment to love God and our neighbors and continue steadfastly to proclaim by our words and actions that God's love is for everyone, no exceptions. As a means of helping us to help each other I will offer two classes beginning the first week in August and ending the first week in October using the book, *Whom Shall I Fear?*

Urgent Questions for Christians in an Age of Violence. The book is written by the Rev. Rosalind Hughes, an Episcopal priest here in our diocese.

Rosalind describes the book in these words, "This book takes seriously the challenges of our times, especially those presented by gun violence, and addresses them through the transformative lens of the Gospel. "Do not be conformed to this world," writes Paul in Romans 12:2, "but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God." *Whom Shall I fear?* recognizes the particular mission of the church in our communities, and equips congregations to respond to the needs of the moment without incurring unintended consequences to our gospel values, should we fail to put Jesus first. Beginning with the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Body of Christ, the book concludes that the most effective way to promote the safety of our congregations and communities is to pray and act to change the landscape of violence that surrounds us – bringing low the mountainous obstacles and filling in the valleys of shadows.

There will be one class offered by Zoom on Wednesdays 6-7:30pm, August 3rd-October 5th, and one in-person on Thursdays 6-7:30pm, August 4th-October 6th. Please make every effort to participate in one of these classes. If you are unable to join one of the classes but are committed to reading the book that is also an option. The books and classes are free. Simply call or sign up in the office and specify which option you are committing to.

In our prayer for the Church of the Ascension we commit to growing in our own knowledge and love of God as well as striving to follow and imitate Jesus. We do this as a community of faith and we help each other and learn together.

FROM SUSAN O'DONNELL, SENIOR WARDEN



JULY 2022 MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Dear Parishioners of Church of the Ascension,

Summer is here with beautiful, sunny days, and warm temperatures. We are all trying to make the most of these idyllic days. How appropriate that synonyms of idyllic are HEAVENLY, PEACEFUL and PASTORAL. All these words emanate from CHRIST OUR LORD. If you have not had a chance, I hope you can join the 8 o'clockers for an idyllic Sunday worship service in our HEAVENLY PASTORAL west garden. It is truly filled with GOD'S PEACE, LOVE AND GRACE.

July brings us to Frankfurter Fridays. On our first Frankfurter Friday on July 14th at 6:30pm (set-up at 6pm) come and meet Cindy Marx, our ward 4 councilwoman in Lakewood who is our neighbor on Grace Ave. She, like you, is interested in developing and growing in relationship to our community. Come and sit on our beautiful front yard, bring a friend, enjoy a grilled sandwich, talk with each other, and play a yard game. It's summer. It's summer at Ascension.

FROM SUSAN O'DONNELL, SENIOR WARDEN

NEXT I have shifted into FUNdraising mode. Car Show planning has begun. We are gearing up for the Car Show on September 11th, rain date scheduled for September 18th. We have already advertised for free in Cruisin' Times, car enthusiasts know this publication well, and Bill Rice is busy working on flyers for us. The Car Show is a fun venue. It uses our park-like grounds with our three parking lots granted to us nearly 150 years ago in what is now land locked Lakewood. We are learning to bring this beautiful property to the community. It brings in car enthusiasts but also serves as a community attraction for those living around us. It is an opportunity to bring those we do not already know to the Gospel and to Ascension.

Bill Wofford has already offered to run our mission table to provide information about our church. Maybe you would like to join him.

Fundraising is just that. Raising funds for our church: worship and its mission. We host three community meals each month, 10 AA meetings each week, and have a Shawl Ministry that knits and crochets shawls for individuals in the midst of life changes. These missions have real costs. Help me and let's work together to Fun-draise for Ascension. Our pledges and grants for the diocese are the fundamentals to our lean budget. And our budget is still not balanced. Grants do not sustain a church forever. As part of our faith mission and commitment to church life we need to fundraise in our community. Last year we made \$2,000.00 dollars at the Car Show with 21 show cars. Maybe this year we can pray for three thousand dollars. Importantly, the Car Show doesn't just make us money, but it brings our church to those all around us and does it in such a compassionate way that we make friends and make a monetary profit for our church as well.

Please help Ascension by donating your time, talents, and treasures:

Donate a Raffle Basket. We need about ten. Our guests loved them last year. And I mean they loved them.

Donate one to five lbs. of ground beef. Shopping at GFS and Costco or neighborhood grocery sales saves the church money on food costs, but we are still paying retail prices. Donate ground beef. It can be frozen until we use it. Use your talent to cook the ground beef and turn it into sloppy joe's using Ann Beyer's classic recipe. Five of us cook five lbs. of ground beef using a shared recipe and whallah, we have all the sloppy joes needed for the Car Show. We need 25 lbs of sloppy joes. Five people, following the same recipe is all we need to turn out those 25 lbs. That is double what I prepared last year. Donations will help us increase our revenues with food. Soda, cookies, water, paper goods are all items that would save the church money as it shops for the Car Show with a profit in mind.

Donate money toward our advertising budget. Printed flyers, yard signs and T-shirts are expensive. Again, it helps our bottom line.

Someone said to me last year at Father Vincent and Roger's open house over the Christmas holidays.....How can you make money at a car show? So let me explain.....making money at any church event is an enormous challenge. Personally, it costs John and myself about seventy dollars to buy what I need for the cookie walk. John and I bake and donate the items to church. As a church and a parishioner there are costs to running a fundraiser. The church, like you, usually pays retail prices for most everything. We need copies at Staples, and we pay.....they could care less that we are a church. There is no discount. Making a profit at any church event is challenging. Personally, I believe it cannot be done without some donations.

The Car Show offers a unique opportunity in land-locked Lakewood. The day of the show, aside from the snack bar, it requires little set-up. In other words, little man/woman power to get-it up and running. We can do it with four tables and a dozen chairs. It requires two volunteers to register and accept payments from car show participants. It requires someone to run the music and speaker. It requires someone to host the raffle basket sales, and someone to host the fifty-fifty raffle sales and from the rest of us it requires our love and interest in those around us. Restating, it is a simple way to fun-draise. Last year many of our senior parishioners stayed the day for the car show, despite the blistery weather conditions. It was just fun. No other way to say it. Dr. Staley and Dom Sgambellone (Joe's young son) and friends stayed the day at the car show. It met the interests of both age groups, young and old. They toured our beautiful church, visited with friends and neighbors, and heard wonderful stories from the car collectors themselves. What a beautiful way to meet our church, Church of the Ascension.

FROM SUSAN O'DONNELL, SENIOR WARDEN

We offer our property (we USE the property granted to us nearly 150 years ago by our past church families and the Diocese). We provide a snack bar, music, raffles, a mission table, and we are off and running at the Car Show. As in the classic baseball movie, "build it and they will come".

Consider helping us with the bottom line----keeping what few costs we have down, by making a donation.

Sign-up sheets will be in the office on August first. Donations can be made at any time. And PLEASE talk to me. I am listening. With that I wish you an idyllic (PASTORAL, PEACEFUL AND HEAVENLY) July.

Walking together with YOU in Faith,
Susan O'Donnell

Noon day prayer Tuesdays At 12:12pm via conference call

On Tuesdays there will be a conference call enabling you to call in and join Father Vincent and other members of our Ascension community for:

- Noonday Prayer (10 minutes),
- A reflection from Forward Day by Day (5 minutes),
- Time for us to check-in with each other (20 minutes),
- Time to ask questions and exchange information (10 minutes),
- Prayer for the Church of the Ascension.

This will give everyone access to our priest and allow us to continue together in prayer and fellowship.

**We will start noonday prayer promptly at 12:12 and end just before 1pm.
Please do not call in before 12:05pm.**

You can call in for all or part of the time.

We will use the Book of Common Prayer pp. 103-107.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

Use *6 to mute and un-mute yourself when trying to talk.

Ascension Permanent Zoom Meeting Link

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82605560985?pwd=NUZPYmp5bFpSQXEzVGZEOXpjOExaQT09>

Meeting ID: 826 0556 0985

Passcode: ascension

Tap for cell phone to call automatically:

+13017158592,,82605560985#,,,,*786753522# US (Washington DC)

Or Dial

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC)

Meeting ID: 826 0556 0985

Passcode: 786753522

Church of the Ascension Policies Concerning COVID-19 Updated on February 20, 2022

Masks and social distancing are encouraged but not required inside the building for those fully vaccinated. Anyone who wants to wear a mask for continued protection as well as anyone unvaccinated or who has respiratory issues or concerns is highly encouraged to wear a mask.

Everyone is expected to continue washing hands thoroughly as well as sanitizing all chairs, handles, switches, and surfaces.

We continue to sanitize the building by fumigation monthly.

Community meal organizers are to strictly follow safety policies and cleaning practices.

Groups may serve coffee and other refreshments. Cleaning practices are to be strictly followed.

All participants are encouraged to sing along with both pre-recorded and live singing.

We will continue to offer the peace without moving from our places through a bow or gesture rather than through a hug or handshake allowing people to maintain their personal space.

We will continue to stand for communion until further notice.

No one should receive from the chalice if they are uncomfortable and/or unsafe to do so. We believe in the doctrine of concomitance which means one receives the full benefit of the sacrament whether they receive one or both forms of bread and wine.

A BOOK STUDY

Our bishop is encouraging every congregation to offer a book study of our colleague the Rev. Rosalind Hughes's excellent book, Whom Shall I Fear? Urgent Questions for Christians in an Age of Violence.

He will reimburse any congregation for the cost of the books.

Father Vincent will offer two free 10 week classes, one on Zoom and one in-person.

Anyone interested in participating in either the zoom class or the in-person class and/or committed to reading the book please call or sign up in the office by July 17th so that we can order the appropriate number of books.

Zoom class will be on Wednesdays 6-7:30pm: Wednesday August 3rd-October 5th.

In-person class will be on Thursdays 6-7:30pm: Thursday August 4th-October 6th.

DO YOU HAVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT SPIRES?

Do you have something you would like to see in an upcoming issue of the Spires?

Please submit your items by the 18th of the month to danielvanah16@gmail.com

God loves you. No exceptions.®

8:00 AM OUTDOOR SERVICE

Weather permitting, 8am Holy Eucharist will be in the West Garden in July, and August.
Please bring your own chair if possible.

SUNDAY 10:30AM SERVICE

The entire service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am on
The Church of the Ascension Facebook page
facebook.com/pg/ascensionlakewood/videos/,
and at www.ascension-lakewood.org.

DAVID MAPES FUNERAL

The funeral for David Mapes is July 7, 11am, at
St Luke's Episcopal Church --
11519 Wilson Mills Rd, Chardon.
Service will be followed by internment at the
columbarium behind the church, and then a reception

PARISH SURVEY

A parish sur mailed out on Wednesday June 22. It is a reflective survey
focusing on our parish prayer. Please plan to spend about 30 minutes on the survey
in prayer, reflection, and response. If you did not receive it please call the office to
update your email. It is very important that everyone repond.
Please complete your survey by July 10.

SUMMER CAMP SAVE THE DATES

Camp for incoming 2nd through 12th graders will be offered each camp week beginning
Sunday afternoon through Friday afternoon. Camp will be offered the weeks of June 19 and 26
and July 3, 10, 17, and 24. Interested camp counselors or program staff can reach out to
[Whayne Hougland](mailto:Whayne.Hougland), Transitional Director, and must be available June 11 - July 30.
Registration is open at www.bellwetherfarm.com/register.

GARDEN & YARD CLEANUP

Saturday, July 2nd, 9am

Please join us for a garden & yard clean-up at 9am.

Note for your calendar: garden and yard clean-ups are the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 am. Many hands make light work!

Frankfurter Friday 2022 Schedule



Join us and the community for free grilled hotdogs and hamburgers in July and August.

Food, Games and Conversation

Frankfurter Fridays: Outside, on the Front Lawn at Church of the Ascension.

Fridays at 6:30pm.

Set-up at 6:00pm.

July 15th

July 29th

August 12th

August 26th

See You There

Church of the Ascension 2nd Annual Car Show

Sunday September 11th.

Rain Date Sunday September 18th.



Car Collectors Welcome.

Trophies, Food, Raffle Baskets,

50/50 Raffle and Music

Welcoming the community to
Church of the Ascension

2022 FUNDRAISING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

Frankfurter Friday: Location, Outside, Front Lawn

Fridays July 15th

Fridays July 29th

Fridays August 12th

Fridays August 26th

Car Show: Location, Outside, Church Grounds

Sunday, September 11th

Rain date, Sunday the 18th

October Trunk or Treat: Location: Outside, Church Parking Lot

Sunday, October 30th, following Sunday Service

Cookie Walk: Location, Inside, Strom Hall

Saturday December 10th

Cookies and Cocoa: Location: Outside, Front Lawn

Sunday, December 11th, Dusk, Caroling and Cocoa

Left over Cookie Walk Cookies pre-boxed for sale.



July 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 9 am - Yard & Garden Cleanup |
| 3 8 am- Outdoor Service 10:30 am- Service | 4 <i>Independence Day</i> | 5 5:30 pm - Trials for Hope Meal 12:12 pm- Noon day prayer via conference call | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 8 am- Outdoor Service 10:30 am- Service | 11 | 12 12:12 pm- Noon day prayer via conference call | 13 | 14 5:30 pm - Community Meal | 15 6:30 pm Frankfurter Friday (Setup at 6:00 pm) | 16 |
| 17 8 am- Outdoor Service 10:30 am- Service | 18 | 19 12:12 pm- Noon day prayer via conference call | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24/31 8 am- Outdoor Service 10:30 am- Service | 25 5:30 pm - Trials for Hope Meal | 26 12:12 pm- Noon day prayer via conference call | 27 | 28 | 29 6:30 pm Frankfurter Friday (Setup at 6:00 pm) | 30 |

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

July 01: Andrea Schlosser
July 05: Joe Hildebrandt
July 06: Alivia Welfley
July 11: Nigel Cook
July 13: Doris McQuiston
July 18: Javier DeJesus
July 20: Lauren Dockery
July 24: Matthew Marcella
July 26: Joseph Spada
July 30: Vivian Christ
July 31: Mason Vincent Kidwell



ANNIVERSARIES

July 10: Jennifer & Joseph Spada
July 17: Christine & Owen Jones
July 19: Leah & Alexander DeJesus
July 22: Anna & Noah Sutterisch
July 31: Rincy & Frances Isaacs
July 31: Derek & Mark Lewallen

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FINANCIAL OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

Please mail in your pledges/financial offerings so we can continue with the ministries of the church as well as meet our financial obligations.

USE YOUR SMART PHONE TO SCAN THE CODE BELOW



Or visit: ascension-lakewood.org where you can make a one time donation or set up continuing donations. Please join us in helping to keep The Church of the Ascension strong and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.