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Church of the Ascension

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I just had the privilege and responsibility of serving as one of four clergy deputies to The 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church. There were also four lay deputies. It was held in Louisville, Kentucky. During our time together we elected a new presiding bishop, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, who will begin the nine year term on November 1st, the feast of All Saints. You can read more about our Presiding Bishop-elect here.



<https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2024/06/26/breaking-sean-rowe-elected-28th-presiding-bishop-will-begin-nine-year-term-nov-1/>

This was Bishop Anne's first General Convention in the House of Bishop's and it was wonderful spending time with her and hearing her perspective. Bishop Mark and Bishop Arthur were also there and we were able to celebrate Bishop Arthur's 89th birthday with him.

There were many other important things that occurred at General Convention and I will share some of them with you in the weeks to come. For now I invite you to enjoy the photos and prepare questions for me that you can ask during our upcoming conversations.

It is an honor to serve as your priest and as a priest from the Diocese of Ohio.



INFORMATION FOR LIVE STREAMED WORSHIP

The service is streamed live each Sunday at 10:30am on The Church of the Ascension website:

<https://ascension-lakewood.org/> and on YouTube: <https://tinyurl.com/4rs872e2>.

Previous services and featured choir videos on YouTube at: <https://tinyurl.com/3c336j6n>.

JOE SGAMBELLONE, SENIOR WARDEN

Summer is in full swing and I hope you're enjoying it. July marks the start of one of our most popular activities, Frankfurter Fridays. This social event, now in its 6 year, gives us a chance to bond with the neighbors and any else who wanders in. We have a core group of people who come every time we have it, along with many others who come occasionally. It's always fun to come together with people inside and outside the parish and get to know our neighbors. We can always use more hands at Frankfurter Friday to help set up, grill, and take down. We'll have sign-up sheets if you'd like to help. I hope to see you there.

Frankfurter Friday wasn't necessarily designed to be a formal "outreach", like our community meals program, but it certainly does fit the bill. Community outreach gives us the opportunity to live out our faith in practical ways, making a tangible difference in the lives of others. Our efforts, large and small, demonstrate our commitment to compassion and social justice. The people of COTA have created a welcoming and dynamic environment that everyone can share in. Through our efforts, we embody the values of love, compassion, and justice, and make a positive difference in the world.

In the coming months we'll be talking about a very important event - COTA's 150th anniversary! It's hard to imagine what life was like in 1875, but horse drawn carriages were still in wide use and electricity was relatively unknown. We will have many opportunities to celebrate this milestone in 2025. Stay tuned for more information.

CLARKE MORTENSEN

If you happen to walk in the west garden or on the sidewalk in front of the church, you may see the green dog poop bag stations. These are nothing new, as they were installed last spring, but the signs on them are recent! One of my very last projects at Ascension was establishing a partnership between the church and Pet's General Store. They have given us a substantial discount on their bags in exchange for advertisement. This partnership will allow us to keep the stations stocked at a low cost, while also supporting a local, family-owned business.

The purpose of the dog bag stations is twofold: first, to help keep our garden areas clean! And second, they signal to passers-by that people from the community are free and welcome to walk, bring their dogs, and enjoy our space. Engaging with our community involves both reaching out and inviting in, and even small things like these can serve to welcome people in.

8:00 AM OUTDOOR SERVICE

Weather permitting, 8am Holy Eucharist will be in the West Garden in June, July, and August.

Please bring your own chair if possible



MANY HANDS

.....host the many organizations that use our facilities every week.





GREGORY SENT, ARCHIVIST

Love Thy Neighbor Part 2

The following houses and people were all neighbors at one time of the Church of the Ascension and all had a connection to our parish. Many of their stories are part of our history, which has never been written and for posterity will now be explained. Unfortunately, not one of the homes in this month's article have survived what some people call progress.



13105 Detroit - Cotabish House – The Cotabish family moved to Lakewood in 1892. Sabina Cotabish, widow with eight children moved near Ascension, where she and her children would stay together for many decades building homes near each other or living as adults together. At the corner of Cohasset Avenue and Detroit was the house of Nelson Cotabish, a sales manager of National Carbon Company who was later Mayor of Lakewood (first mayor of Lakewood as a city- formerly hamlet and then village). Because of his appreciation of architecture and natural beauty, he chose to name Cohasset Avenue after the New England city of Cohasset, Massachusetts. The Cotabish family was at an Ascension wedding

in 1910 for John R. Cotabish, brother of Nelson Cotabish. The daughter of Nelson Cotabish, Vida, is found in multiple articles about fundraisers for Ascension. Her infamous dance skills were used at events to raise money for the new church prior to 1916. The Cotabish home was located where one finds Drug Mart today.



13205 Detroit- Weaver House – William P. Weaver and his wife Ella Tuttle Weaver lived with their three children and Ella's mother, Mary Tuttle, at 13205 Detroit. The three-generation household was all involved with the Church of the Ascension. Mary Tuttle and her daughter were both very involved with fundraising for the church and were often found in the society columns of the papers for their philanthropic deeds. Both of Ella and William P. Weaver's children married at Ascension. In 1904 three generations of this family are found on a marriage record for the wedding of Gertrude Weaver to John Crider. Her parents and grandmother were listed as witnesses. Their other child Orrin married Madeline Killius in 1919 at Ascension. In 1918, when the new brick church was completed, parishioners were able to see and enjoy the beautiful altar rail in the chapel which was donated by Ella Weaver in memory of her mother, who passed away in 1910. Gertrude Weaver Crider and her husband John built a beautiful home on the Lake here in Lakewood and continued for many years to be part of the Ascension community. The Norton family later sold their home to the Saxton family, which they used as their residence. The Saxtons later had the house torn down to use the space for parking for their funeral home, which was next door.



Ella Tuttle Weaver



Gertrude Weaver Crider



13215 Detroit - Norton House- This house was built in 1908 for Joseph Norton and his family. This brick house was designed by architect H. A. Cone and had an approximate building cost of \$18,000 at the time. Joseph Norton and his brother-in-law, founded the Theurer-Norton Provision Company which was one of the largest meat packing companies in Cleveland. Both the Norton family and the Theurer families for generations were connected to the Church of the Ascension. Baptisms, weddings and funerals of their families are found in our records. The Theurer family is also responsible for

several stained-glass windows. This house was sold by the Norton family to the Saxton family in 1924 when it would become known as the Saxton Funeral Home.

Frank Saxton and his wife Eva Coe Saxton purchased the Norton house, which provided a beautiful and dignified setting for funerals. The beautiful stained-glass windows, organ and fine woodwork made for elegant parlors for many services. With a funeral home directly across the street from the church, it was almost understood that most of the parish used Saxton Funeral Home for their family members. Likewise, the Saxton family was very active in the Ascension community. Eva Coe, who came from a family of piano builders, was classically trained and was often found walking across the street to Ascension to play at memorial services at the church or to fill in at a moment's notice if the church's organist was unavailable. Frank and Eva's son Edward and his wife Harlene, known as "Harkie" were members of Ascension, where he served on vestry for years. Their sons Harlan and Ed Saxton both were part of the Ascension community as acolytes and later both married at the church. The Saxton family later sold the funeral home, which became a car dealership and later demolished for the building of the store one finds in that location today.



13315 Detroit- Foran House- As one crosses over Clarence Avenue, which was named for Clarence Nicholson, one finds today the immense facility called Ennis Court. If one looks at the picture of the Foran House, which stood in the same location, perhaps some of the architectural elements were inspiration for the design for the nursing home. Martin Ambrose Foran, a veteran of the Civil War, later became an attorney in Cleveland in the 1880s. He later served three terms as a Congressman from 1883 to 1888, when he returned to Cleveland and continued practicing law. As a widower with children, Martin married Emma Kenney in 1893. Not only did the Foran family become part of

the community at Ascension but Emma is found in the society pages of the Plain Dealer as a patroness in 1902 at a charity party where all proceeds were given to the church. In 1910, while living at 13315 Detroit, Martin was elected as a judge of common pleas, a position he enjoyed until his death in 1921. The house was later torn down for the building of a nursing home.

The next house would be the Nicholson House on Detroit, which has a long historic connection to the Church of the Ascension. The house and the family's connections to the church will be described in the Spires article in August.

THE GENERAL CONVENTION

Father Vincent is a Deputy to The General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

The General Convention is the governing body of [The Episcopal Church](#). Every three years it meets as a bicameral legislature composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese.

There are two legislative Houses of the General Convention: the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops. Each of the two Houses has a presiding officer: the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies. When there is a joint meeting of the two Houses, the Presiding Bishop has the right to preside.

The House of Deputies is composed of deputations elected from each diocese of The Episcopal Church; from Navajoland; from the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe; and from Liberia (which has seat and voice). Deputations may include up to four clergy and four lay members. Members of the Official Youth Presence also have a seat and voice in the House of Deputies.

The House of Bishops is composed of every bishop of The Episcopal Church with jurisdiction; every bishop coadjutor; every bishop suffragan; every assistant bishop; and every bishop "who by reason of advanced age or bodily infirmity, or who, under an election to an office created by the General Convention, or for reasons of mission strategy determined by action of the General Convention or the House of Bishops, has resigned a jurisdiction."

The General Convention acts through the adoption of resolutions. A resolution becomes an Act of Convention only after both Houses adopt it in the same form and at the same General Convention meeting.

SUMMER CAMP AT BELLWETHER

Bellwether Farm Camp is a small, inclusive week-long camp that values physical and spiritual wellness, connection to the land, and community. With about 40 campers per week, our days are spent in activities that vary from cooking and farming to archery and canoeing to hiking and field games- and lots of nature-based art! Campers are organized by cabins, with 8 near-peers and two counselors. Campers participate with their cabins in most activities, and gather with the whole camp for meals, daily assemblies, and some after-dinner all-camp activities (like the talent show!) We strive to make Bellwether Camp a fun and inclusive place for all identities and energies, including extroverts and introverts alike. For more information go to bellwetherfarm.com/camps/summer-camps.

July 7-9 - Mini Camp

July 7-12 - Summer Camp (Grades 3-9)

July 14-16 - Mini Camp

July 14-19 - Summer Camp (Grades 3-9)

July 21-23 - Mini Camp

July 21-26 - Summer Camp (Grades 3-9)

ASCENSION NIGHT OUT

Join us on **Wednesday, July 17th at 6:00 pm** at the Harp Irish Pub and Restaurant for Ascension Night Out. The Harp is located at 4408 Detroit Ave. in Cleveland and their website is <http://www.the-harp.com/index.html>

Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we can sit on the patio and enjoy a view of Lake Erie. Please RSVP to Jim in the office by Sunday, July 14th by calling 216-521-8727 or emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org

ASCENSION YOUNG/SH ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Meets in Ascension Hall Every First and Third Sunday 5pm-7pm.

Just like the group name says, this is all about fellowship. Come get together to spend time in community with your fellow parishioners aged 18+. We will play board games, watch movies, engage in conversation, and more as we grow closer together and strengthen our bonds as friends and siblings in Christ.

CENTERING PRAYER

We meet every Thursdays at noon from 12-12:45 in Ascension Hall.
For mor information ask Father Vincent or call Jim in the office.

FRANKFURTER FRIDAY

July 12th & 26th

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship on the front lawn
Set-up is at 6:00pm. Grilling from 6:30 – 7:30pm.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION COOKBOOK

A SLICE OF LAKEWOOD AND ASCENSION HISTORY

Our church is blessed to have in our archive's cookbooks from approximately 2000, 1975, 1940s and the remnants of a cookbook from circa 1904 along with a variety of hand-written or typed recipes from a variety of times in our church's history.

Our 150th anniversary committee is hoping to compile these recipes and add to the collection new recipes from our current parishioners, who are now part of our church's history. We would like to create a book and include some biographies, pictures and stories to give a taste of the history of Ascension and the pioneer families of Lakewood along with their recipes.

Please consider being part of this historical collection. Please email any recipes to Gregory Sent at deutschmeister@hotmail.com and include your name.

I was thrilled to find out that The Galion Historical Society was willing to share a hand-written recipe from their collection so that Mary Scranton Bradford would be remembered and honored in our book.

SACRED MOMENTS

A COLLECTION OF 150 YEARS OF WEDDINGS AND BAPTISMS

In June and July of 2025, Church of the Ascension will have an exhibit of wedding and baptismal gowns on display for our parishioners and the community to enjoy. Do you have a gown you would be willing to have part of the exhibit?

You might be part of Church of the Ascension but you have your mother's or grandmother's gown. Could it also be part of the exhibit? Absolutely! Share your family's history and sacred moments with us.

We are also looking for pictures for a slideshow during the exhibit. Please let us scan your wedding or baptisms for a show that represents 150 years!

Please contact Gregory Sent at deutschmeister@hotmail.com or at 216-570-4424.

The wedding photograph shown is of Suzanne Hutchinson and Donald W. Milestone, who were married at Church of the Ascension on June 26, 1948. Her wedding dress was inspired by the dress Queen Elizabeth wore at her wedding in 1947. Church of Ascension will have the honor of having this dress on display at our Sacred Moments Exhibit.





July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 5 pm - Trials for Hope Meal 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	3	4 12 - 12:45 pm Centering Prayer <i>Independence Day</i>	5	6 9 am - Yard Cleanup
7 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service 5-7pm - Youngish Adult Fellowship	8	9 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	10	11 12 - 12:45 pm Centering Prayer 5 pm - Community meal	12 6:30 pm Frankfurter Friday (Setup at 6:00 pm)	13
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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.

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.

ASCENSION QUILT SQUARES

The Ascension quilt squares that are being embroidered need to be completed and turned into the church office by August 15th.

CANNING JARS NEEDED

The canning season is soon upon us for the jams and pickles to be sold at the Christmas Market. Please bring any canning jars you want to donate to the church office or give to Gregory Sent.

COLLECTING CLOTHES

Collecting Clothes for St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Box is outside the office. Please only clean and lightly worn clothing. Highly needed are seasonal men's and children's items.

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

July 01: Andrea Schlosser
July 05: Joe Hildebrandt
July 06: Alivia Welfley
July 10: Aaron Beatty
July 10: Douglas Damron
July 11: Nigel Cook
July 18: Javier DeJesus

BIRTHDAYS

July 19: Ashland Putnam
July 20: Lauren Dockery
July 24: Matthew Marcella
July 26: Joseph Spada
July 30: Vivian Christ
July 31: Mason Kidwell

ANNIVERSARIES

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

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