

Church of the Ascension

September 1, 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30am

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“S” indicates service music found at the front of the hymnal

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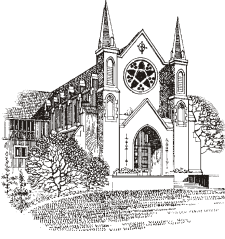
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Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30am
Expansive language

Please note that in our liturgy when we refer to God we cannot adequately verbalize the magnitude and comprehensiveness of God's diversity and are always limited by our use of language. We acknowledge that although Jesus was born into history as a man, neither God the Father nor God the Holy Spirit were embodied with human sex. Although our language is often not all inclusive we believe God always is. God made human beings in God's own image with complexity and diversity. Thank you for sharing your diversity and complexity with us as we worship God together.

The Liturgy of the Word

When the Voluntary begins, please maintain prayerful silence.

Voluntary: *Truro*

Franklin D. Ashdown

Opening Hymn: **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates** **H436**
Tune: *Truro*

*1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;
behold, the King of glory waits!
The King of kings is drawing near;
the Savior of the world is here.*

*2 O blest the land, the city blest,
where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes
to whom this King of triumph comes!*

*3 Fling wide the portals of your heart;
make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ,
adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

*4 Redeemer, come! I open wide
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!
Let me thy inner presence feel:
thy grace and love in me reveal.*

*5 So come, my Sovereign; enter in!
Let new and nobler life begin;
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,
until the glorious crown be won.*

Welcome / Invitation to Sunday School

Opening Acclamation (*The people standing*)

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious and undivided Trinity.
People *And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.*

Song of Praise: **Glory to God (*Gloria in Excelsis*)** **S280**

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.*

*Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

The Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true
religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit
of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

People sit for the reading of the lessons

A Reading from Deuteronomy

4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: Now, Israel, in light of all that, listen to the regulations
and the case laws that I am teaching you to follow, so that you may
live, enter, and possess the land that the Lord, your ancestors' God, is
giving to you. Don't add anything to the word that I am commanding
you, and don't take anything away from it. Instead, keep the
commands of the Lord your God that I am commanding all of you.

Keep them faithfully because that will show your wisdom and insight
to the nations who will hear about all these regulations. They will say,
"Surely this great nation is a wise and insightful people!" After all, is
there any great nation that has gods as close to it as the Lord our God
is close to us whenever we call to him? Or does any great nation have
regulations and case laws as righteous as all this Instruction that I am
setting before you today?

But be on guard and watch yourselves closely so that you don't forget
the things your eyes saw and so they never leave your mind as long as
you live. Teach them to your children and your grandchildren.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 15 (*spoken*)

Who can live in your tent, Lord?

Who can dwell on your holy mountain?

- ² *The person who
lives free of blame,
does what is right,
and speaks the truth sincerely;*
- ³ who does no damage with their talk,
does no harm to a friend,
doesn't insult a neighbor;
- ⁴ *someone who despises
those who act wickedly,
but who honors those
who honor the Lord;
someone who keeps their promise even when it hurts;*
- ⁵ someone who doesn't lend money with interest,
who won't accept a bribe against any innocent person.
- Whoever does these things will never stumble.

A Reading from James

1:17-27

Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.

Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness. Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you.

You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

If those who claim devotion to God don't control what they say, they mislead themselves. Their devotion is worthless. True devotion, the kind that is pure and faultless before God the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their difficulties and to keep the world from contaminating us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

The people stand

Sequence Hymn Lord Jesus, think on me

H641 vs 1&2

Tune: Southwell

***1 Lord Jesus, think on me,
and purge away my sin;
from harmful passions set me free,
and make me pure within.***

***2 Lord Jesus, think on me,
with care and woe oppressed;
let me thy loving servant be,
and taste thy promised rest.***

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
 according to **Mark**

7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

People say: ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

The Pharisees and some legal experts from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus. They saw some of his disciples eating food with unclean hands. (They were eating without first ritually purifying their hands through washing. The Pharisees and all the Jews don't eat without first washing their hands carefully. This is a way of observing the rules handed down by the elders. Upon returning from the marketplace, they don't eat without first immersing themselves. They observe many other rules that have been handed down, such as the washing of cups, jugs, pans, and sleeping mats.) So the Pharisees and legal experts asked Jesus, "Why are your disciples not living according to the rules handed down by the elders but instead eat food with ritually unclean hands?"

He replied, “Isaiah really knew what he was talking about when he prophesied about you hypocrites. He wrote,

*This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far away from me.
Their worship of me is empty
since they teach instructions that are human words.*

You ignore God’s commandment while holding on to rules created by humans and handed down to you.”

Then Jesus called the crowd again and said, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing outside of a person can enter and contaminate a person in God’s sight; rather, the things that come out of a person contaminate the person.”

“It’s from the inside, from the human heart, that evil thoughts come: sexual sins, thefts, murders, adultery, greed, evil actions, deceit, unrestrained immorality, envy, insults, arrogance, and foolishness. All these evil things come from the inside and contaminate a person in God’s sight.”

Presider The Gospel of our Savior.
People: ***Praise to you, O Christ.***

Hymn **Lord Jesus, think on me**

H641 vs 3&4
Tune: Southwell

***3 Lord Jesus, think on me,
nor let me go astray;
through darkness and perplexity
point thou the heavenly way.***

***4 Lord Jesus, think on me,
that, when the flood is passed,
I may the eternal brightness see,
and share thy joy at last.***

The people sit

The Sermon

Rev. Vincent Black

“The Creeds are statements of our basic beliefs about God” (BCP 851).

We say these words as a gathered community to affirm our belief in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all creation, as the source of life and holiness. God has blessed humanity with relationships and community which are part of God’s own essence as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We do not say these words as some sort of litmus test but as an invitation to wrestle with the mystery and complexity of God with generations of Christians who have gone before us and with generations who will come after us.

*We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

Stand or kneel as the Holy Spirit leads.

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Gracious God, loving parent to all your children, according to the riches of your glory please grant that we may be strengthened in our inner being with power through your Holy Spirit. May Jesus dwell in our hearts through faith as we are being rooted and grounded in love. May we have the power to comprehend the breadth and length, and height and depth of that love, and that in knowing the love of Jesus which surpasses knowledge, we may be filled with the fullness of you, our God. Amen.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Anne, our Bishop; Vincent, our rector; Clarke, our seminarian; Sean, our Presiding Bishop elect; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

In the Diocese of Ohio, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Lakewood, and for the Northeast Mission Area: St. Peter's Church, Ashtabula; St. Martin's Church, Chagrin Falls; St. Luke's Church, Chardon; Church of the Epiphany, Euclid; St. Christopher's by the River Church, Gates Mills; and Christ Church, Geneva;

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation (especially... *the names on the long-term prayer list are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O Sovereign God;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom (especially... *the names of the recently deceased are read*).

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Gracious God, loving parent to all your children, according to the riches of your glory please grant that those we love, those we find it hard to love, and those we find it hard to forgive may be strengthened in their inner being with power through your Holy

Spirit. May Jesus dwell in their hearts through faith as they are being rooted and grounded in love. May they have the power to comprehend the breadth and length, and height and depth of that love, and that in knowing the love of Jesus which surpasses knowledge, they may be filled with the fullness of you, our God. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Presider and People

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

The Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and People greet one another
with a wave, bow, or appropriate gesture.*

For those celebrating birthdays

Alisha Conway

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Announcements

The presider asks visitors to fill out the information at the bottom of page 2, then highlights the announcements.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn I Have Decided to Follow Jesus L136
Indian Folk melody

*I I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
I have decided to follow Jesus,
No turning back, no turning back!*

***2 Though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow,
Though no one join me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back!***

***3 The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back!***

All stand

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Offerings

The gifts of the people are brought forward at this time, including bread, wine and alms, as the congregation sings the Presentation Hymn.

Presentation Hymn: The Doxology

H380 v. 3

Tune: Old 100th

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

Presider May God be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

The Presider proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

S130

Presider and People

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

The people stand or kneel and the Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People (spoken)

***We remember Christ's death,
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the

Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, the mother of Jesus, and with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Presider continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

BCP 364

People and Presider

***Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.***

Give us this day our daily bread.

***And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.***

***And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.***

***For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.***

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept

Refrain:

***The disciples knew the Lord Jesus,
in the breaking of the bread.***

- 1. The bread which we break, alleluia,
is the communion of the body of Christ.***

Refrain

- 2. One body are we, alleluia,
for though many we share one bread.***

Refrain

The Invitation to Communion

BCP 364

Presider says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All people are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children of all ages are included in this invitation.

The presider invites those not receiving the sacrament to make a spiritual communion, led by the reader.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Music: Let Us Break Bread

H325

Tune: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees;*

[Refrain:]

*when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees; (Refrain)*

*Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees; (Refrain)*

Postcommunion Music: I Bind unto Myself Today

H370, vs 6

Tune: *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

*6 Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

After Communion, the Presider says

Let us pray.

Postcommunion Prayer *(said by all, standing)*

BCP 366

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the

work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

H334

Tune: Sicilian Mariners

*1 Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, thy love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace:
O refresh us, O refresh us,
traveling through this wilderness.*

*2 Thanks we give and adoration
for thy Gospel's joyful sound:
may the fruits of thy salvation
in our hearts and lives abound:
ever faithful, ever faithful
to thy truth may we be found;*

*3 so that when thy love shall call us,
Savior, from the world away,
fear of death shall not appall us,
glad thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with thee in endless day.*

Presider Let us pray.

*Good and gracious God,
we pray for all who have yet to know of your love and mercy.
May the Church of the Ascension
be so inspired by your Holy Spirit
that it may serve as a beacon of hope
and a witness to the gospel for all people.*

*Grant that we may continually grow
in our own knowledge and love of you
as we strive to use all that we have, and all that we are
to follow and imitate your beloved son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Voluntary: *Sicilian Mariners*

Gordon Young

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We hope you will join us in Ascension Hall for some refreshments and conversation. Ascension Hall is located on this level through the chapel and at the end of the hallway.

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The Ministers of the Liturgy

Presider: Rev. Vincent Black

Music Director and Organist: Jon Peterson

Acolytes: Jan Bednarski, Terri Schade, & Seth Clemens

Readers: Corky Thacker and John Carlson

Spiritual Eucharist Reader: Corky Thacker

Chalice Bearers: Jan Bednarski & Terri Schade

Ushers: Jeff Sommer and Joe Sgambellone

Sunday School: Jenny Christ

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The flowers on the chapel altar are given to the glory of God
in memory of Marilyn and Clarence Watters.

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**Please keep these people in your prayers
today and all week long:**

Our Spiritual Leaders:

+Michael -our Presiding Bishop; +Sean -our Presiding
Bishop elect; +Anne -our Bishop; Vincent+ -our Rector;
Clarke -our seminarian

Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Tena Allen
Ruby Begley
Teddi Black
Adam Brow
Shirley Champion
John Carlson
Megan DeVito
Kyle Dusenbury
Barbara Faux
Spencer Faux
Stephanie Foster
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Martin family
David Morrell
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Jonathon Newlands
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Frank Vanah
Tim Vanah
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Diane Welfley
John Welfley
Bill Wofford

Those We Know in the Military

Sydney Kline

Jason Strater

The Departed

Philip Bethea
Marilyn Little

Linda Seward

The Weekly Prayer List

The weekly prayer list is used for those who need extra prayers due to illness or a particular challenge or hardship. For those wanting to add or remove people from the prayer list, please call the office.

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The Church of the Ascension strong
and able to meet the needs of an ever-changing world.

Remembering Past Parishioners

Celebrating 150 years of ministry

1875 - 2025



Marilyn Jane Wasley Watters (1927-2013)
and Clarence Albert Watters (1922-2014)

Marilyn J. Wasley was born January 24, 1927 in East Liverpool, Ohio to William C. Wasley and Nettie L. Haustman Wasley. Clarence and Marilyn had two children: John and Laura. In his youth, Clarence fought in World War II as a U.S. Marine sergeant receiving the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. Clarence was among the first to hit the beaches of Saipan. After serving 33 months in the Pacific during the war, Clarence and Marilyn married at Church of the Ascension on June 29, 1946. Rev. John R. Pattie performed the ceremony. After the war, Clarence was for 25 years a Cleveland Police Detective. Clarence was a proud member of VFW and a Mason. Marilyn and Clarence lived to enjoy their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Marilyn Jane Wasley Watters passed away September 28, 2013 at the age of 86. Months later, Clarence A. Watters followed his wife, passing away on June 8, 2014 at the age of 92. Both Marilyn and Clarence had their funeral services at Church of the Ascension. They are buried at Lakewood Park Cemetery.

Marilyn and Clarence were both very active parishioners. In fact, if there was something happening at the church it was unusual if

Marilyn wasn't helping. Clarence is remembered by parishioners for his kindness as he ushered many Sundays. On the Sunday before Memorial Day, one would see Clarence wearing his uniform with pride along with a few other veterans. Clarence was often at church helping Marilyn with her many projects, supporting her passion to serve Ascension in any way she could. Marilyn served on vestry for years. She was often found working with Joyce Knapp in the gardens on Ascension's grounds making sure that everything was just right. Marilyn was very involved with ECW (Episcopal Church Women), which met in the Guild Room. She took much pride in the room and made sure items in the room were cared for and handled with respect. When Marilyn took on a project, she worked toward her goals with vigor. When Jon Peterson approached the vestry to raise money to restore and enhance the organ, Marilyn Watters headed a committee to fundraise for this endeavor. Spaghetti dinners, fish fries during Lent, themed dinners, silent auctions and the patio stones in the west garden all were fundraisers from her committee that raised approximately \$175,000 needed for the restoration. Marilyn and Clarence Watters were both beloved members of Ascension and their devotion to the church will not be forgotten.

Submitted by Gregory Sent, Archivist

Collecting School Supplies

We are once again collecting school supplies for our neighbor Garfield Middle School.

School supplies needed:

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| -pencils | -notebook paper |
| -Glue sticks | -pencil sharpener |
| -headphones/earbuds | -2 inch binders |
| -colored pencils | -backpacks |
| -one subject notebooks | -highlighters |
| -two pocket folders | -erasers |
| -pencil pouch | |

This is the last day to collect supplies.

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.

Bible Study resumes

Bible Study resumes on **September 8th from 9:15-10**,
with the Letter to the Ephesians.

Shawl Ministry

The Shawl Ministry next meets on Wednesday, **September 4th, from 1-3 pm**. We will continue to meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Delivery Help Needed! People wanted to help deliver shawls. This task is getting to be too much for the ladies – we need some help!

Contact Mary Staley at (216) 527-4186

Garden and Yard Cleanup

Please join us on **September 7th, 9 to noon** to help us clean up the yard and garden. Many hands make light work. Please help!

The Afternoon Guild

Will gather on **September 11th at 12:30** for a planning meeting and brown bag lunch. Susan will provide soup for your enjoyment. This is an open group so we hope you'll join us. Craft meetings, health meetings, lunches out etc. Come and join us!

RSVP to Margie at bach2schol@hotmail.com
or 440-476-8450 (text only)!

Ascension Night Out:

Please join us on Wednesday, **September 18th, at 6:00 pm** at Red Robin, 3190 W. 210th St., Fairview Park. You can check out their menu at [Family Friendly Burger Restaurant | Red Robin](#).

Please RSVP to Jim in the office by Sunday, September 15th, either by emailing Secretary@Ascension-Lakewood.org or by calling 216-521-8727.

Pet Blessing and Memorial

There will be a Blessing of the Animals and pet memorial service on Saturday, **September 28th, at 10:00 am** in the West Garden. All live pets are to be caged or leashed. Stuffed animals welcome as well!

If you intend to have the remains of your pets spread in the holy circle, please call the church secretary at 216-521-8727 by Tuesday, September 24th.

Memorial offerings may be made to support our garden fund.

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.

Noonday prayer

Tuesdays at 12:12pm via conference call

**We will start 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.

Dial-in number: (425) 436-6300

Access code: 593523#

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

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

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>.

Office Hours

Office Hours are: 9am – 1:30pm, Tuesday - Thursday

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