

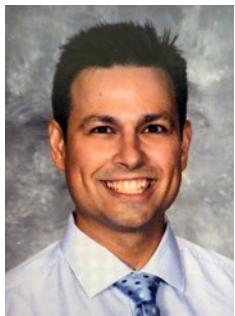


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# Church of the Ascension

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## GREGORY SENT, SENIOR WARDEN



Hello! This is my first chance to introduce myself as the new Senior Warden of Church of the Ascension. I am incredibly honored and humbled to have been voted into this position. I pray that with God's help and the guidance of our parish, we together will make this an amazing year.

For those of you who might not know me, my name is Gregory Sent and I have been part of Church of the Ascension since my baptism here in 1975. I grew up in the parish attending Sunday School, was confirmed here and was for many years an acolyte with my older brother. My husband, Daniel Vanah, and I were married here in 2016 in front of the same altar as my parents. Our three children were all baptized here and are active members.

This is my sixth year on vestry and last year I was involved with a variety of activities to celebrate the 150th year of our church. I truly hope to use all that I have and all that I am to serve this community.

As is tradition, the annual report, which was written by our former Senior Warden Joe Sgambellone, is shown below.

## JOE SGAMBELLONE



### THE ANNUAL REPORT

#### *Church of the Ascension: Celebrating 150 Years of Grace, Gratitude, and Good Company*

##### **Introduction**

This, our Sesquicentennial year, marked 150 years of faith, fellowship (and occasionally praying extra hard for the elevator to make it another Sunday). We honored the past without losing sight of the present and drew inspiration from the past to invest in the future. It was a year of hard work, pageantry, open doors, and sowing love.

While most of the year was focused on our rich history, we also held onto our newer traditions. Favorites like the Car Show and Frankfurter Friday brought in people from all over the area, while our celebratory events brought people from all around the country.

Through all the fanfare, we stayed true to ourselves: if you were hungry, we fed you; if you were new, we welcomed you; if you were curious, we invited you to dig deeper.

We remained a parish that is focused on following Jesus's words and actions. We are a community working to live faithfully and justly in a complex world, grounded in gratitude. We seek to live and act from our best selves.

##### **Growth and Ministry**

We continued to grow as more people filled our pews. Our average in-person church attendance was up to 81 people (up from 78 last year). It comes as no surprise that again this year our largest attended service was



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## THE ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUE

Easter, with 142 attending. We continued to offer two services: 8am (Rite I) and 10:30am (Rite II) as well as other services throughout the year.

We continued to offer our services on YouTube. Views on that platform continue to rise. I don't have exact figures, but we have more subscribers and the comments seem more active.

If you know anyone "Church shopping", please invite them for a visit. There is nothing like a personal invitation, so reach out. It can't hurt to ask.

Keeping the church available physically and spiritually takes a lot of people. A host of people work in concert to bring our services to life. From people you see, like readers, ushers, and choir members, to people behind the scenes creating and printing the bulletins (looking at you John Mohlar), or making the service available online, or arranging flowers on the altar, to people, like those in Alter Guild, who are busy before, during, and after the service.

Our spacious grounds and buildings are a wonderful gift from the past and we have a variety of ways we enjoy them, but they carry with them responsibility. Every year brings new adventures in building and grounds maintenance. We were spared any new storm-related damage but did spend part of the year on finishing touches after a tree-wrenching storm last year. We also fixed the roof on the kitchen, and attended to various other problems. Speaking of the kitchen, thank you to everyone who not only cooks, but also takes time to clean it well. I can't talk about the kitchen without acknowledging all the work that Susan O'Donnell and her crew has done throughout the year to keep the kitchen sparkling.

In this age of declining support from government agencies, we continued to do our best to supply meals to people in need. We still received food from the Cleveland Food Bank, but we lost one of our monthly meals.

We continue to rely on a steady stream of helpers from our neighbor St. Eds. The young men primarily help with community meals and our monthly grounds clean-up, but can also be found helping at our events. They have saved us countless hours and made what we do easier.

### What We Do

Along with our regular events, we had a slew of activities to celebrate our 150th anniversary. We kicked off events in this special year with our Valentines Tea, returning in full regalia; hats tilted just so, gowns swishing elegantly, hand-painted settings, delightful conversations, and scones with perfect crumb. The event reminds us of the importance of connections and the power of transformation. It was joy-filled, elegant, and delicious – three themes that kept surfacing all year.

Our faith community continued to connect beyond our own parish. To wit, sharing Ash Wednesday services: St. Peter's welcomed anyone who preferred an early-afternoon celebration, and we invited members of their parish to join us in the evening. A true win-win. We will continue this same schedule this year.

As a thoughtful community, we have an appreciation for history, and March kicked off our lecture series with two engaging talks from local scholars. Dr. Robert Shimp from the Lakewood Historical Society and Rev. Dr. Brian Wilbert, archivist at Trinity Cathedral, wove rich tales of how our church fit into the early days of the city as well as the early days of the diocese.

We also restarted a long dormant tradition with a Lenten Fish Fry, with delicious results, and launched yoga after the 10:30am service. No matter your ability level, I think we all found out that prayer can be breathed and your body can also invite the Spirit.

A church is a place where we join together in community to celebrate milestones. We watch each other grow and grow older, celebrating along the way. The Sacred Moments Exhibit allowed us a moment to pause and look at the living history of the church; at those who celebrated before us and at our own celebrations. It truly was a show-stopper, filled with wedding dresses, baptismal gowns, and clerical vestments spanning the Victorian era to today. It was a living memorial to the power of community and tradition. The exhibit was tastefully done and would not have looked out of place at a museum.

We also welcomed Lakewood High School student Eva Wischhusen who spoke about Henry Wood Elliott, a pioneering conservationist with roots at Ascension. This international figure's daughter was married at COTA and her gown was on display too.

## THE ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUE

Our Ascension Day celebration took on extra significance as we welcomed back a group that, as young adults, were discerning their next steps with us. From that group, five were ordained into the priesthood. The hall was again filled with joyous activity as we joined together in conversation, laughter, and food.

As summer got underway, Strom Hall bloomed once again with the Forest City Rose Society's annual show, filling the hall with beautiful petals and delicate fragrances. Once the judging was finished, everyone was able to take home their favorites. It was interesting watching who picked what – so many different types of roses and people had strong opinions about what they liked and why.

Our celebrations hit their peak on the last weekend in July, when visitors from across the country joined us on the North Coast for a full slate of programs including lectures, a luncheon at the Historical Society, and enough activity to completely fill the weekend.

And of course, no Ascension summer would be complete without Frankfurter Friday, because some traditions are simply too delicious to mess with. As always, we held two gatherings in July and two in August, with the second July event providing the perfect kickoff to our anniversary crescendo weekend.

That particular Friday was a study in joyful multitasking. Inside the church, Jennifer Cauffield and Jeff Hutchinson presented "Rise & Fall: The Hutchinson Family of Lakewood and Their Role on the Great Lakes," spotlighting a family whose influence on Great Lakes history, and on our parish rolls, runs fathoms deep. Meanwhile, outside, the unmistakable aroma of grilled frankfurters drew a growing crowd.

By the time the lecture wrapped up, both groups merged into one wonderfully oversized gathering. Watching so many people – longtime members, newcomers, and out-of-town guests chat, laugh, and rub elbows was pure joy. For many visitors, it was their first taste (no pun intended) of what Frankfurter Friday means to our church and to the wider community. The evening was, quite simply, delightful. It was a perfect blend of history, hospitality, and hot dogs.

On Saturday, the Historical Society treated us to a special tour of the Oldest Stone House, which also served as home to early Ascensionites and is a Lakewood museum. In an act of good will, our own Greg Sent, with countless hours of research behind him, found portraits of these early pioneers – portraits the Historical Society didn't have. We had them framed and gifted them, and they found a permanent home in The Old Stone House.

A quick word about the Lakewood Historical Society. That group was a truly wonderful partner during our anniversary year and helped us in so many ways, from garment loans for the Sacred Hours exhibit, to lectures, and more. They brought a perspective from outside the church that helped us to understand our shared, wider history.

In the afternoon, we gathered at The Nicholson House for more history and hospitality. In that grand house and were treated to more pictures and stories about pioneering people settling the land where our church sits.

We hardly had a moment to change clothes as we were back at Ascension for our Festive Banquet. The evening kicked off with presentations in the Nave, including endearing stories, a touching video, and a proclamation from our councilperson commemorating our 150 years of service to the city. We then went and filled Strom Hall with more stories, joy and good cheer. Such a fun night!

On Sunday, we wrapped up the weekend with a packed, Spirit-filled service presided over by Bishop Anne Jolly. Her heart-felt sermon and presence served as a reminder that we are an important part of a wider faith community. The church was full and the music and songs rang out. If you were there, you felt it: we were celebrating not just the number of years, but a living legacy.

Tradition kept rolling on with the 5th Annual Car Show, now an institution with more cars, more neighbors, and more raffle baskets than ever. Between that and Frankfurter Fridays, August proved what Father Vincent often said: "You can't love your neighbor if you don't know your neighbor." When we open up our grounds, we invite everyone in. It's who we are.

As summer transitioned to fall, we blessed our pet friends (live and stuffed). Trinity Cathedral marked our year with an Evensong. Our stone, wood, and stained glass resonated with centuries-old prayer, their voices transporting us again to a past that helped bring us to where we are today. It was a beautiful evening.

## THE ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUE

Amid the music and the milestones, we heard startling news: Father Vincent Black accepted a new call. We prayed, gave thanks, and remembered that grief and gratitude can share the same pew. Then we did what Ascension does: we gathered together. In style.

This time we took over the Hildebrandt building for a Masquerade Party fundraiser. It was a raucous dose of joy despite the sobering announcement. We were able to step out, step into new clothes, and dance! It was great fun.

In a final, thrilling announcement, Father Vincent shared that we met our \$150,000 Legacy Campaign goal. This incredible milestone allowed us to fix the Strom Hall kitchen roof, add funds to our Facilities Upkeep endowment, and complete our magnificent pipe organ.

In November, the Christmas Market returned to warm cheers and early shoppers. We said goodbye to Fr. Vincent and bid him a fond farewell, thankful for the spirit of God he shared, the wisdom of how to live in community, and his example of ever-present compassion. Our Thanksgiving Day worship and dinner filled Strom Hall with community and conversation.

The Cookie Walk and Bazaar was once again a hub of activity as people got their favorite cookies, centerpieces and other goods. The Lessons and Carols service was well-attended, as was the dinner afterward. For the second year in a row, we had to cancel Carols and Cocoa due to weather. We hope to continue next year.

In another nod to the past, Ascensionites showed up in force to be part of the Boar's Head Festival, making up 15% of the cast of this millennia-year-old Christmas Pageant. If you haven't been, it's a beautiful ceremony.

We got to know the people and families on whose shoulders we stand with short weekly biographies. They built and improved this church and plowed the way for us, and it's our turn to continue making the church what we want it to be. We enjoy our new traditions

### Looking Ahead

The search committee will soon begin the challenging work of calling our next priest. They face meaningful conversations and difficult decisions, and they will need your partnership along the way. To guide their work, they'll be offering opportunities to listen to the parish as a whole.

Please make every effort to attend one of these sessions and share your perspective. While it may feel easier to pull a committee member aside for a oneonone chat, the formal listening sessions ensure that every voice is heard by the full group and that your input is included in the overall conversation.

We're in the final stages of putting together the church calendar and will be sharing it soon. As you know, these events require a great deal of planning and hands-on work. If we want to continue offering the activities that make our parish so vibrant, we need more people to get involved.

One event in particular needs new leadership: the Car Show. It's not only one of our most beloved traditions, but also the largest event we host that brings visitors from beyond our parish community. Organizing it is a significant undertaking, and Susan, after years of dedicated service, would like to step back to focus on other areas.

We're looking for someone, or even a small team, to take the reins. If you're interested in helping carry this important tradition forward, please reach out to Susan to learn more.

Work is already underway on the elevator replacement. The work is expected to take anywhere between two and three months. We have a lift chair installed by the Sacristy door for anyone who needs it. Stay tuned for more information as we sort out the details.

### In Closing

Turning 150 didn't make us older so much as clearer: clearer about who we are and what we are called to be. We learned (again) that food and music are ministries. That history is best honored by serving the present. That infrastructure, like elevators and roofs and organs, isn't glamorous until someone can access worship more easily, feel dry in a storm, or be carried by a hymn. Then it becomes holy.

## THE ANNUAL REPORT CONTINUE

We discovered that community is our core competency. We connect easily to familiar faces and newcomers, to longtime members and onetime visitors. We say yes to helping, yes to hosting, and yes to laughing. We are navigating transition with grace, we celebrate generously, and give sacrificially.

I'll end this recap with maybe the best metaphor for our church as we move steadily into the next 150 years. We will soon be organizing a youth group (middle & high school students) who want to go deeper in their faith. At the same time, there is a group of expecting parents and parents of little ones who are restarting the nursery, proving once again that the future arrives in car seats!

Together, these two groups, one discovering their path forward and the other just beginning theirs, paint a picture of where we are as a parish. No matter where you are in your journey, you are not alone. We all stand on foundations built by the pioneers before us. We lean on their wisdom, faith, and even the institutions they left us. And now we have the privilege of forging our own paths forward, and leaving something of ourselves behind.

**Joe Sgambellone**  
Former Senior Warden

## CLARKE MORTENSEN, SEMINARIAN

These days, our voices as Christians are more important than ever. Especially when we see so many awful things being done by people who wear big crosses and pray loudly, we ought to think about how we represent Jesus to the world. With that in mind, I'd like to share a snippet from a sermon I gave recently at my internship parish on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord.

*In baptism, Jesus shows us what we can have if we follow his example. First, Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his public ministry, just as baptism is the beginning of our Christian lives, when we are ordained into the ministry that all Christians are called to. We call this "the priesthood of all believers," meaning that ministry isn't reserved for people who wear collars and vestments. If you're baptized, then you are a minister, called to follow Jesus and serve God's people. There are different ways of doing this, which is why we have laypeople, deacons, priests, and bishops, but none of us is more of a minister than anyone else, because we are all baptized into the same calling to follow Jesus—the same calling to seek and serve Christ in all persons. This isn't just a nice idea we recite in the baptismal covenant; it's our Christian duty. If someone claims to be a "committed Christian" shortly after murdering a defenseless mother in her car, then whatever they are committed to is not our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The grace of baptism comes with obligations, and we will all have to give an account for how we have ministered and how we have represented Christ to the world. When that time comes, will we be able to say that we have spread that grace to others? Or will we have attached Christ's name to death?*

## VESTRY MEMBERS

Senior Warden, Gregory Sent  
Junior Warden, Rob Theibert

Adam Clemens  
Alex DeJesus  
Kiera Dodd

Susan Hankey  
Joe Sgambellone

## PARISH PRIEST SEARCH COMMITTEE

Aaron Beatty  
Becca Bretz  
John Carlson  
Jenny Christ

Cara Clemens  
Keira Dodd  
Derek Lewallan  
John O'Donnell

Domenico Sgambellone  
Corky Thacker

# GREGORY SENT, ARCHIVIST

## Rose window above the altar-

The Rose window found above the altar was designed and installed by Winterich Co. at the end of the rectorship of Rev. Braun. According to their company, it is the largest artificially lighted window they have designed. Around the time of its installation, the rood beam was dismantled and repurposed as to not block the view of the new window. A plaque on the side of the altar lists those for whom the window is remembered.

### The plaque reads:

The Sanctuary Rose  
Window  
August 30, 1987  
In Loving Memory Of

Howard L. Barkdull  
Eloise K. Barkdull  
John N. Barkdull  
Elsie K. Barkdull  
Viola H. Charles  
Stuart G. Cole  
Katherine B. Dombey  
William M. Green II  
Louise F. Gregory  
Marion Griffith  
Spencer R. Griffith  
Frank E. Higgins  
Frances W. Jackson  
Ann S. Johnson  
Nicholas Kaczor  
James R. McCallum  
J. Roberta McCallum  
Dorothy Parker  
Marian H. Sessions  
W. Lewis G. Winter  
Amy M. Wright



## CAROLYN L. FARRELL FOUNDATION

### Volunteer Spotlight: *Janis Carlson*

We recognize Volunteer Janis Carlson for her care and devotion to the Foundation and each of its participants. Janis shares her kindness and empathy in all she provides.

Janis and her husband John attended programs with their dear and wonderful daughter Jennifer. After Jennifer's passing, Janis wanted to remain connected to the Foundation and we are most grateful.

Janis grew up in Toronto, Ontario, Canada and came to the United States as a young adult. Janis and her husband raised Jennifer and two sons in Buffalo, New York and moved to Cleveland several years ago. Janis and John have five grandchildren ages 14 - 20.

Janis shares: "From the first time I came to the Foundation with my daughter, I felt the presence of God working in this place. Everyone was so welcoming and the programs of music and art were so much fun! After a short time off, I knew this is where my heart was and I wanted to volunteer."

Thanks you for all you do individually and for the benefit of all. *Janis Carlson*



# PRESIDING BISHOP SEAN ROWE: SUPPORT EMERGENCY MIGRATION MINISTRY

Feast of John Chrysostom  
Jan. 27, 2026

Dear people of God in The Episcopal Church:

As the situation in the United States grows more fraught, The Episcopal Church is working to find new ways to care for God's people in our immigrant communities. Many of you have asked how you can help.

Please join me in making a generous donation that will allow us to provide emergency funding for ministry with migrants. Your gift will allow us to rush financial support to dioceses that are loving and caring for immigrants in these difficult times.

Last week, we sent funds to our siblings in the Episcopal Church in Minnesota to support Casa Maria, a place for vulnerable neighbors to receive food and clothing and network with others. Your gift will help support ministries like this across The Episcopal Church.

As we approach the season of Lent, I will invite us all into a season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as we turn toward Christ's ministry of justice, reconciliation, and love during divisive times. Please watch for these invitations in the coming days.

About 1,500 years ago, John Chrysostom, whose feast we celebrate today, had his own share of trouble with the forces of this world. In a famous homily, he said, "If Christ is with me, whom shall I fear? Though the waves and the sea and the anger of princes are roused against me, they are less to me than a spider's web."

The anger of princes is raging around us, but Christ is with us, and God is calling us into the waves. **Please give as you are able** and pray for the witness of the church in these times, and for a hedge of protection around the people we serve who live in fear.

Yours in Christ,

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The Most Rev. Sean Rowe  
Presiding Bishop  
The Episcopal Church

## SHAWL MINISTRY

**Do to the elevator construction the Shawl Ministry  
will not meet in February**

## THE AFTERNOON GUILD

**Wednesday, February 11th at 12:30pm**

We will have our luncheon starting with sandwiches and I need volunteers to bring either salad, soup or dessert, please let me know if can help.

At 1:15pm, we will have a program entitled "**Young at heART**" to be presented by Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA). While we create a piece of art, we will learn about some of the offerings of their agency!

**In order to do the art, I NEED to have a reservation. Please let me know by February 6th if you are coming and/or if you would like to help. Please text me at 440-476-8450 .**

## ASCENSION NIGHT OUT

**The third Wednesday in February is Ash Wednesday.**

**As a result, Ascension Night Out will be canceled for February.**

**We will resume in March on Wednesday, March 18th.**

**Thank you, and we look forward to being together again soon.**

## AN INVITATION

**The Plant-Based Supper Club will meet on  
Thursday, February 5th from 6:30 to 8:30 in Ascension Hall.**

Sponsored by the Esselstyn Family Foundation, the Supper Club is part of a grassroots effort to inform the public about the health benefits of a plant-based diet. A highly respected surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn has conducted research showing that a plant-based diet can halt and even reverse heart disease, even in patients with the severest disease. This is the research cited by Bill Clinton as a major factor in his personal dietary changes.

To learn more, come to the dinner and enjoy the food. You'll be glad you did.

**If interested, please contact Rob Stuart at (216)513-5078. All are welcome.**

# Introducing a new way to get your Contribution Statement and view the Church Directory via the IconCMO Member Portal

## What is IconCMO and How Does It Help Our Church?

IconCMO is a database that keeps financial records and member information for our Church. It facilitates the use of this database by Ascension's administrative staff to communicate with parishioners and maintain its financial records using a fund accounting methodology.

### As a Church member, you can:

- review and edit your own information in the database,
- view and communicate with other church members — an online church directory,
- view or print out your donation statement at any time,
- and see what groups you are in.

### Our church staff can:

- edit or view any record based on their security level,
- add donations, pledges, members, groups, and attendance,
- review church accounting books or payroll,
- communicate via mass email or text messaging to the entire church or certain groups,
- and more...

## What Do I Need To Get Started?

Please request 'Member Access Credentials' (MAC) from the Church Administrator Jim Weiss [Jim.Weiss@ascension-lakewood.org](mailto:Jim.Weiss@ascension-lakewood.org), the Treasurer Rincy Isaacs [risaacs@ascension-lakewood.net](mailto:risaacs@ascension-lakewood.net), or Aaron Beatty [aaron@ascension-lakewood.net](mailto:aaron@ascension-lakewood.net). This is a required first step.

You will receive an email from the Church Administrator with a [clickable link](#), and your username and temporary password. Please click on the link to login and change your password. You may be required to enter the Church's phone number; if so, type 216-521-8727. You may also change your username to one that you prefer instead of the assigned random number. Save these credentials for future use.

## How Do I Access Icon With A Web Browser?

Go to [Icon CMO](#) on your browser. You will need to enter the Church's phone number (216-521-8727) and your saved credentials.

## Can I Use My Mobile Device?

Yes! Our church members can have access to the church directory at their fingertips. Check out the church software app in the iOS App Store or Google's Play Store below or look up 'iconcmo' in the app store for your device.



Please download the app to your device

After you have received the MAC, open the IconCMO app and log in through the church software app using your credentials

## Can I See My Own Donations or Print Them?

Yes! No more waiting for donation statements to arrive via pony express mail for tax time. Our church members can print their statements right from the member portal. Our church members can verify that all their donations are recorded by the church instead of waiting until the end of the year. *Please note that the donations via Vanco (Credit Card or Debit Card) are updated usually by the 7th of every month for the previous month.*

## What Else Can I Do?

The Member Portal helps church members in many ways to connect to the church and its members. Members are also able to update their own information (except for their picture). This leads to greater reliability of information as congregational members monitor their own profiles. Check out what is available below!

### Key church member features

- See and edit/update your personal information.
- Review what groups each individual belongs to.
- Review your contributions history and print a statement.
- Save the church time and money from mailing statements.
- Browse the online church directory.



Sample Screen

## 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>.

## MONTHLY PICK-UP YOUTH CHOIR

On the second Sunday of each month, from September through May, all children are welcome to join our monthly pick-up Youth Choir and sing a song for the 10:30 am service offertory.

Margie will prepare the kids during the first part of the service and they will then offer

that song as an Offertory Anthem the same day. Please send me a note

[bach2schol@hotmail.com](mailto:bach2schol@hotmail.com) if your child is interested in joining our group! All are welcome!

## ALTAR GUILD

Have you ever wondered about the beautiful arrangements and preparations that make our services so special? Our Altar Guild plays a vital role in creating a sacred space. We're looking for new members! If you'd like to learn more about what we do and how you can join this ministry, please contact Derek Lewallen at 440-821-6266. We need members to help with both 8 am and 10:30 am services.

## EVENING PRAYER IN CHURCH

Wednesdays, 7-7:30pm, in the nave.

## EUCARISTIC VISIT

If you are unable to attend church and would like to request Holy Communion to be brought to you please contact the Parish Administrator 216-521-8727 [Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org](mailto:Jim.Weiss@Ascension-Lakewood.org)



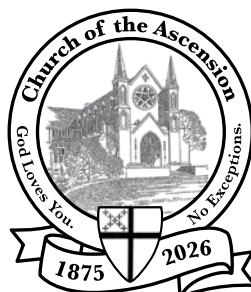
## MANY HANDS

### BOAR'S HEAD 2025

Church of the Ascension was well represented at this year's festival. It is always an amazing way to end the celebration of Christ's birth every year. We have every hope of duplicating and increasing our participation this year. Please consider enjoying this event, either as a participant or a spectator. Rehearsal: Sunday afternoon, December 27, 2026 Two Performances: Saturday afternoon, January 2, 2027



## Something Olde



### ~The Magi~

## Something New



## 150TH ANNIVERSARY HISTORY BOOK AVAILABLE!

Get a history of the 150 years of Church of the Ascension!

**Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.**

## 150TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK AVAILABLE!

150th Anniversary Cookbooks: A Slice of History with photos, recipes, and biographies spanning the years!

**Now available for a minimum donation of \$20.00.**

## SENUICENTENNIAL MEMORABILIA

Make sure to get your anniversary mementos for sale outside the parish office.

Items include bags, ornaments, mugs, and magnets. Limited supply.

**ALL PURCHASES AND DONATIONS CAN BE  
MADE VIA THE FOLLOWING QR CODE:**



# February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service 5-7pm - Youngish Adult Fellowship	2	3 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	4 7 pm - Evening prayer in the nave	5 6:30-8:30pm - The Plant-Based Supper Club 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	6	7 9am -12 pm- Yard Clean Up
8 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service	9	10 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	11 12:30 pm - Afternoon Guild in Ascension Hall 7 pm - Evening prayer in the nave	12 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	13	14 <i>Valentine's Day</i>
15 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service 5-7pm - Youngish Adult Fellowship	16 <i>Presidents Day</i>	17 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	18 7 pm - Ash Wednesday Service <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	19 5 pm - Finance Committee Meeting 7 pm - Vestry Meeting 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	20	21
22 8 am- Service 10:30 am- Service	23	24 12:12 pm - Noon day prayer via conference call	25 7 pm - Evening prayer in the nave	26 7-8:30 pm - Choir Rehearsal	27	28

## SUPPLY PRIEST SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

**1st:** Canon Aaron Gerlach    **8th:** Fr. Peter Faass    **15th:** Canon Aaron Gerlach  
**18th:** Fr. Peter Faass - 7 pm Ash Wednesday Service    **22nd:** Fr. Peter Faass

## 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](http://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 YOUNGISH 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.

## DANIEL VANAH, EDITOR

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

Please submit your items by the 18th of the month to [danielvanah16@gmail.com](mailto:danielvanah16@gmail.com)

## 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.

## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



### BIRTHDAYS

**February 06:** Mara Ashby

**February 08:** Bruno Sgambellone

**February 15:** Alexandra Mills

**February 20:** Rincy Isaacs

**February 20:** Robert Theibert

**February 22:** William Spada

**February 23:** Andrew Joseph (AJ) Kidwell