

Announcements for October 18, 2020

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The Church of the Ascension is a Eucharistically-centered Christian community committed to sharing the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching, fellowship, outreach, and personal example.

Your Vestry is here to serve you:

Debra Griggs , Senior Warden
Anji Harris , Junior Warden
Chuck Beers ,Finance
Chester Long
Ann McMellin , Outreach
Melvin Phillips , Liturgy/Worship
Harry Porfert , Fellowship
Phillip Todd ,Pastoral Care liaison

Today

Our 10:00 a.m. outside, in-person service will occur at the Labyrinth. If the weather is rainy or wet, the service is cancelled. A printable bulletin is available in your Sunday morning email.

We ask you to bring the following items:

- Chairs and blankets—spaces will be marked for places to sit.
- Prayer books or bulletins printed from home or downloaded to a mobile device.
- Masks are required for all ages three and up. We will have some available if you forget yours.

Instead of hugs or touches, we encourage waving, air kisses, bowing, nodding, etc.

If you have been sick in the last two weeks, or have been exposed to someone who is sick, please join us online for worship at 8:30 AM (or later at your convenience).

We will still be streaming on Facebook Live.

The offering will be collected with a plate in a designated area.

(Thank you to those who are considering or have already set up automated giving.)

Our worship schedule and location will change on November 1, All Saint's Day. At 10:00 a.m. there will be an in-person, in-church service. At that service Eucharist in the form of bread only –no wine—will be available for those who feel comfortable receiving it. Others may pray the prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Formation, Fellowship and Fun

Vocation: Connecting with God's Call. We are a people called and sent by Jesus to be his light in the world. Join us online for a four-week study on what that might look like for each of us.

We will meet Wednesdays at 7 p.m. from October 28-November 18. Find us on Zoom.

Topic: Vocation -- Connecting with God's call

Time: Oct 28, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Please call the Church office for zoom information 757 423-6715

Centering Prayer: We meet at 6:45 Tuesday mornings on Zoom for one hour. Our meeting involves reading a book a chapter at a time. We are currently reading "Interior Castle" by St. Teresa of Avila, a 16th Century mystic. We have 20 minutes of silent prayer followed by a discussion of the reading. You are invited to join us at any time. Please call/write Sally Miller.

Women's Bible Study: We will watch a video, read the scripture passages and discuss the questions together. I recommend joining the meeting early in case you have any issues connecting. I hope to see everyone Thursday at 10:00 AM! If you are not on the email group, please contact Susan Meredith.

JULIET's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together): We will meet for lunch on Friday, October 30, at 11:30 at Surf Rider in East Beach. You MUST RSVP to Donna Killmon. Don't forget your masks!

Mission

OUTREACH REPORT - AUGUST 2020

FIRST- THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELP!!!!

SECOND - A BIG THANK YOU TO NELLWYN!! She always gets the word out when we have something going on. AND A BIG THANK YOU TO PATTI! She always is way ahead of me and Great at getting the work done!!! They are both leaving some big shoes to fill!!!

Food Pantry: We were able to give our Food Panty Families some fresh vegetables this summer. Though the garden was not as large or productive as we would have hoped, the vegetables were enjoyed and appreciated.

The garden is being prepared for the planting of Collards for this fall. If you would like to help with the collards or are interested in working on a Food Pantry Garden next summer, please let Jane Hedgecock know! We will continue to collect your monetary donations and our most needed and requested items and update the list as needed.

School Supplies: Thanks to all for the wonderful response to our School Supply Drive for The Mission of the Holy Spirit. A big hand also to Patti Glowatsky who helped in every part of this Drive and was instrumental in getting the work done!

The needs of the Mission Families is great during this crazy time. They will continue to need school supplies throughout the year. They are also in need of Toiletries and Hygiene supplies. Norfolk Schools do have a free breakfast and lunch program during the virtual learning. I am not sure how many families are able to pick them up. I will be checking in with Keith Josey on a regular basis so we can anticipate the needs of these children and families.

The Homeless: The Catholic Worker Organization continues their outreach to the Homeless as the season changes, their needs will grow - socks, toiletries, rain ponchos, hand warmers -I will be reaching out to NEST to see what plans are being made to shelter the Homeless during winter this year.

The Salvation Army has reached out to see if we are interested in putting together Stockings and or Angel Tree Gifts this year. I worked in their warehouse last year and was VERY IMPRESSED with the amount of thought and work that goes into these programs. COVID OR NO COVID CHRISTMAS WILL COME! I have some ideas and would like to put a team together - commit to what we can do - and get started soon!!!

Outreach: The Catholic Worker has requested help with their Homeless Outreach. They serve Breakfast on the Street at 7:00 AM every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. They can use the following: Ground Coffee, Family Size Tea Bags, Iced Tea Mix, Peanut butter, Jam or Preserves, Rice, Pasta, Beans, Quinoa, Spaghetti & Sauce, Chunky soups, Mac & Cheese, Liquid Dish Soap, Laundry Detergent Pods, Socks, Washcloths, Adult Size Rain Ponchos. There will be a bin at the service to collect items. If you want to make a financial contribution, you may send it to The Catholic Worker 1321 West 38th Street, Norfolk 23508 or for more info call 757-423-5420.

Info at a Glance

PRAYER CHAIN: if you would like to be added to the prayer chain emails, please contact the office Office@ascension-norfolk.org

A Shout Out and a Nudge from Your Stewardship Team Yikes! While our stewardship campaign for 2021 is set to kick off in early October, we are approximately \$5,000 behind in pledged giving for 2020. Please check your records and help if you can. Bob and Susan Motley

Automated giving: Please keep us in mind during this time. We are still paying our staff, and our expenses are ongoing. Now is a great time to set up bill pay with your bank. For many banks, this is a free service, and it helps the church with steady cash flow when things like vacations, holidays, or pandemics hit. You don't have to do anything after the initial setup; you even save a stamp every month. This automates your giving and gives us an idea what to expect each week.

Church Directory: The link to the church directory is <https://ascension-norfolk.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Directory-September-2020.pdf>

Dayschool

Ascension "Elementary" School: The Dayschool has set up a classroom with teachers overseeing remote learning for Norfolk Public School students. There is a spot open on Tuesdays and Thursdays for the K-2 age group. If you would be interested in having your student "attend" NPS here at Ascension, please get in touch with Mark Hattler at Dayschool@ascension-norfolk.org. The cost is \$385.00 per month and runs until November 6 which is the end of the first grading period. What we do at that point depends on the decisions of the Norfolk Public Schools. You would be responsible for all supplies and equipment for your student; we provide the space and supervision.

Ascension Dayschool: The Day School continues to re-open in stages. In order to reduce the chance of bringing infection into the building, please do not enter the building unless you must. In addition, please do not go into Rose Hall for any reason, and please use the handicapped restroom next door to the offices rather than those that the children sometimes use in the hallway across from Rose Hall.

Around the Diocese and Elsewhere

Episcopal Disaster and Relief welcomes donations in response to the fires, floods and storms. To go directly to the donation page, click [here](#)

Prayer

We pray for our Bishop Susan Haynes and the Diocese of Southern Virginia as we embark on ministry together during this very challenging time.

In Our Prayers: Mason Beers, Margaret Daly, Jimmy Fields, Peggy Hackett, Barbara Jones, Doug Knight, Don Miller, Megan Miller, Cecilia Osteen, Marian Parsons, Shana Paul, Sydney Ruloph, Diane Shephard, Chuck Steinbruck, Nancy Whitman & Judy Wirt

Note: For folks not directly connected to the church, names will be in the bulletin for three weeks.

For those celebrating birthdays: 20 Bob Motley; 23 Sophia Paul

For those celebrating anniversaries: 20 Brian and Julia Beasley

Pastoral Care: Suzy Montagna

Lay reader & Intercessor: Anji Harris and Jane Hedgecock.

Altar Guild: Michael Murphy

The church's calendar is available at <https://73961520.view-events.com/calendar/73961520>

Vestry norms: With God's help we will —

- Be rooted in God's love for each of us and the world.
- Be clear about our mission, have an action plan, and identify milestones by which we move toward it.
- Be transparent about results and share results and information with the church.
- **Clarity of communications to the Parish. -- new**
- Be accountable and responsible to each other and as a whole for our work together.
- Ask "What went well; what can we do better?"
- Be respectful.
- Agree to disagree, but work toward consensus and broad buy-in.
- The Vestry works together to make decisions on behalf of the whole church. When a decision is made, that is the decision of the Vestry as a whole. We will not take disagreements to the congregation.
- Listen with our hearts as well as our heads.
- Be curious, asking probing questions to better understand situations and each other's perspectives.
- Think big and outside the box.
- Participate, each and every one of us.
- When communicating especially by email, make sure that the whole Vestry is included.
- Our consultant is Beverley Buston and her email is bgbuston@gmail.com