

Announcements for March 22, 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.

Message from the Diocese

Under the direction of our Bishop, church activities will be suspended until March 26. The Dayschool will be closed (after Gov. Northam's announcement closing all public schools). The Food Pantry will remain open with precautions to keep people a safe distance apart, so that those in need may still be fed. During this time, the office will remain open during regular hours. The church calendar has the most up-to-date information, so if you are not sure, go there: <https://73961520.view-events.com/calendar/73961520>

Or, if you have any questions, please feel free to call the office at 423-6715 or email nbeamon@ascension-norfolk.org.

As soon as we hear updated information from Bishop Haynes, we will let you know (3-19).

Electronic 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. Also, we do have a donate button on the website, but PayPal does take a percentage of your donation (bill pay does not). We won't turn it away, however, if that is what you would like to do. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sunday

Our 11:00 service will be on Facebook Live only. To participate, go to the Ascension Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/AscensionEpiscopalVA/>, scroll down to VIDEOS, and when Stewart comes online, it will pop up. She will be leading Morning Prayer. A printable bulletin is available for download [here](#).

Formation

NT Wright Adult Forum will meet at 9:30 via ZOOM. **Join the Zoom Meeting** <https://zoom.us/j/220772782> Meeting ID: 220 772 782

Formation: Patti will have emailed you information for the Godly Play class and CONNECT class to be viewed online if your children are registered for Sunday school. There will also be a Zoom class for the youth's Les Misérables study Sunday evenings. If you are not getting her emails but want to be included or have any other questions, please email her at pglowatsky@ascension-norfolk.org.

Women's Bible Study: If you are interested in joining the women's Bible study via ZOOM on Thursdays, March 19 & 26 at 10:00 AM, please email Patti at pglowatsky@ascension-norfolk.org to request the link.

Lenten study: The Grace of Les Misérables by Matt Rawle. Although we are not meeting at the church, we ARE meeting virtually. Richard Jones will be teaching the class online via ZOOM. Here is the information: **Join the Zoom Meeting** <https://zoom.us/j/7690420328> Meeting ID: 769 042 0328

We will continue Wednesday, **March 25 at 6:00 PM**. Each session is a video and discussion, and we will end promptly at 7:30 PM. If you would like to mull over the questions ahead of time, please let Nellwyn in the office know and she will send them to you. We will meet virtually on March 25; we will reassess for April 1, and possibly together we will view the movie on Sunday evening, April 5.

Mission

Mission Trip: Registration is now open for our trip the week of July 19-25. Any youth grades 9-12 are welcome to join us as long as they fulfill the requirements. The deadline is April 15. If you would like registration forms or have questions, please contact Patti Glowatsky at pglowatsky@ascension-norfolk.org. Thank you! Be on the lookout for fundraising and sponsorship opportunities coming soon!

Food Pantry Looking for Gardeners: The Food Pantry is preparing for gardening season. Plans are to subdivide part of the garden into smaller plots of about 8 by 10 feet each. This idea has been tried by the Food Pantry at Royster Presbyterian with great results. (You can see their garden on the Brackenridge side of their church.) Please call or email Lana Butler if you have an interest in claiming a garden plot. Of course, it is expected that the produce grown will go to our pantry clients in need. Thank you, Lana Butler

Stewardship in action: the grounds cleanup will be on March 27 and March 28 from 9:00 to 4:00-ish. We will be mowing, edging, trimming bushes, weeding, mulching, and dandelion picking. Join us to spiff up the grounds for Easter. Lunch will be provided.

Info at a Glance

Audit team: We need about one hour of your time on Saturday, April 4 starting at 8:30AM. Doug Thompson has developed "cookbook" work sheets to verify the correct flow and recording of the church's money. It is very easy, and no financial skill is required. We just need to do it to meet requirements and avoid a \$8000 CPA fee for an audit. Can you join us, and if you know of anyone else that would be interested, please have them contact me—Chuck Beers.

Just for Fun and Fellowship

Postponed to April: JULIET's (Just Us Ladies Interested in Eating Together): will meet on Friday, March 27 at 11:30 at Orapax on Redgate Avenue.