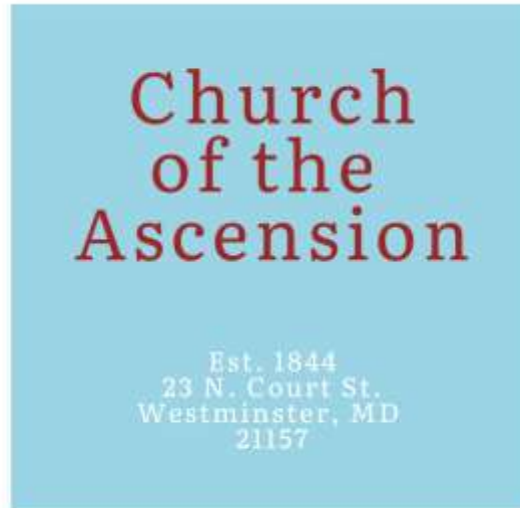


# Ascension Extension

*Ascension is called to be a family of faith so reflecting the life of Christ,  
that we draw all people to him.*

May 2022

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## ***“Going Home”***

*by the Rev. F. Allan Weatherholt, Jr.*

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*“In my Father’s house are many rooms . . .”*

*-- Jesus to His Disciples at the Last Supper, St. John 14:2*

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It happens periodically when I make visits to our shut-ins in area Nursing Homes, and it is always so heart-wrenching. It happened to me again a month or so before Easter. Rev’d Anne and many of our Clergy friends and associates report having had this same heart-wrenching experience.

It happens like this: a resident of the Nursing Home, seeing from my collar that I am a member of the Clergy, will say, **“Father (or Pastor), please take me home. Take me home!”** Very often these persons will grasp my hand or stretch out their arms and plead – plead tearfully for me to take them home. Sometimes the plea comes from our own parishioners. Sometimes it comes from a resident who does not even know me personally but, recognizing that I am one of the Clergy, makes this piercing plea. How very, very sad it is not to be able to do as they ask.

Home – we all long to be there. Those who must spend their final days in Nursing Facilities would give almost anything to be home again. No matter how wonderful a vacation trip might be, it’s always great to come home. What is more comforting than to come home and unwind after a tiring, stressful workday? And, if we are serious about our

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## **June Ascension Extension**

Please share articles and information to be included by **Monday, May 23.**  
[ascensioncommunication@gmail.com](mailto:ascensioncommunication@gmail.com)

## **Church Office Hours**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00 am -3:00 pm

**The Church Office will be closed  
on Monday, May 30.**

Christian faith, our prayer lives in our homes help to transform our houses into “**havens of blessing and peace**” (**Prayer Book, page 431**).

Our Lord Jesus knew all about home. His Blessed Mother Mary and His earthly Father Joseph provided him with a very loving and God-centered home in His early years in Nazareth. Later, when He began His ministry, Jesus gave up the comfort, safety and peace of His own home for the sake of His great mission. He relied on the hospitality of friends and strangers who welcomed Him into their own homes as He traveled about, preaching, teaching and healing.

But Jesus never forgot that loving home of His childhood. Even more, He never forgot the loving Heavenly home from which He came before He was on this earth! So, just before He suffered His saving death for us on the Cross, He made us a promise. At the Last Supper, among His final words to His disciples (and us!) were these:

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*“In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” [St. John 14:2-3]*

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**These Great 50 Days of Easter – this joyful Eastertide** – this is the Season when we especially celebrate that wonderful promise. The Risen Jesus – our Easter Lord – is preparing a place for each of us. It is a Heavenly home, lovingly made ready by the One who loves us the most. And when our earthly homes can no longer serve us, when our earthly bodies can no longer house us, we have a Heavenly home awaiting our arrival!

Each time we go home, each time we embrace our loved ones, each time we gather in fellowship around a table of food in our homes, we should remember. These wonderful moments are foretastes – previews -- of the even more wonderful moments that await us. They await us in that Heavenly home which Jesus is preparing for you, for me, for each of us who are His.

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!** May this joyful Eastertide remind us of our Heavenly home!

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**Confirmation and Reception with Bishop Ihloff is scheduled for Sunday morning, May 22, during the 10:15 am service.**

Fr. Allan is preparing a class of several adults and young people to present to our Assisting Bishop. The Bishop will meet with our Vestry that morning, and, after the service, we will host lunch and fellowship in honor of the Bishop, our Confirmands and their families.

This is a red-letter day on our Parish calendar, meaning it is a day not to be missed!

Confirmation

## Fr. Allan’s Office Hours

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
Day Off: Monday  
*except in times of pastoral need or emergency*

email: revfaweatherholt@aol.com  
phone: 301-491-6888

## May Worship

### May 1

#### **Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am H.E. Rite I, Stone Church  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am H.E. Rite II, Holy Cross Hall  
Children’s Church  
4:00 pm Evensong and Organ  
Concert, Stone Church

### May 8

#### **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

#### **Mother’s Day**

8:00 am H.E. Rite I, Stone Church  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am H.E. Rite II, Holy Cross Hall

### May 15

#### **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am H.E. Rite I, Stone Church  
10:15 am H.E. Rite II, Holy Cross Hall  
Children’s Church

### May 22

#### **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

#### **Rogation Sunday**

8:00 am H.E. Rite I, Stone Church  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:15 am H.E. Rite II, Holy Cross Hall  
Confirmation with The Right  
Rev. Robert W. Ihloff,  
Assisting Bishop of MD

### May 29

#### **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

#### **Feast of the Ascension**

8:00 am H.E. Rite I, Stone Church  
10:15 am H.E. Rite II, Holy Cross Hall

## Memorial Evensong and Organ Concert



**On Sunday, May 1, at 4:00 pm**, Ascension will hold a service of Evensong (sung Evening Prayer) in the Stone Church in memory of parishioners who have passed away during the past several years.

**The service will be played and directed by David Kreider**, who served as Organist and Choir Director of Ascension for over 30 years. Dr. Kreider will direct a choir of volunteers who will sing the beautiful canticles, responses, and hymns of this traditional Anglican Service.

**The worship service will be followed by an organ concert played by Daniel Weatherholt**, son of our Interim Rector and Organist and Director of Music at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Poolesville.

Daniel Weatherholt is currently a candidate for the Master of Sacred Music Degree at the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. His program will include compositions by J.S. Bach, James Pethel, and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Please invite your friends and neighbors to hear Daniel's inspiring recital on the fine organ in our beautiful, historic Stone Church.

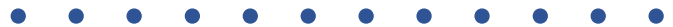
A reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow the Service and Recital.

## A Career in Law Enforcement?

Young men and women who may be interested in working in law enforcement – either as a sworn police officer or a civilian employee – have a special opportunity this summer.

**The Maryland State Police will offer a two-day seminar, July 29-30**, at their Training Academy in nearby Sykesville. Attendees will learn about fitness and defensive tactics, police communications, digital forensics, cybersecurity and many other aspects of police work. Troopers and civilian employees from various State Police units will be present to share information about their specialties. Lodging and meals will be provided on the campus of the MSP Academy.

Learn more from Fr. Allan, who is a retired Maryland State Police Chaplain.



**The Bishop's Appeal** is a yearly offering invited by our Diocese to support a number of special ministries of the Church in Maryland. These range from the Sutton Scholars High School Enrichment Program to the Episcopal Chaplaincy at Johns Hopkins Hospital.



A colorful brochure outlining each of the worthwhile ministries funded is available at the back of the Stone Church and Holy Cross Hall. We hope that a number of Ascension's members will support this annual effort with a thoughtful gift to God's work beyond our own community. Thank you!

Those wishing to give using a check should make their check payable to the Bishop's Annual Ministries Appeal, and mail it to:

The Episcopal Diocese of Maryland  
4 E. University Pkwy.  
Baltimore, MD 21218

**Worship Assistants: May 2022****Sign Up!!!**

	Usher(s)	Lector	Acolyte	Chalicians	Worship Slides
<b>May 1</b> 8:00 am			David Kreider		
<b>May 1</b> 10:15 am		Betsy Reinders	Jennie Grabill	Betsy Reinders/	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden
<b>May 8</b> 8:00 am					
<b>May 8</b> 10:15 am		Buck Lyon-Vaiden			Jill Horn
<b>May 15</b> 8:00 am					
<b>May 15</b> 10:15 am		Adelaide McIntyre			Lynn Lyon-Vaiden
<b>May 22</b> 8:00 am					
<b>May 22</b> 10:15 am					Jill Horn
<b>May 29</b> 8:00 am					
<b>May 29</b> 10:15 am					

### St. Martha's Guild Needs New Members

**Please consider joining our ministry.** How does St. Martha's Guild serve the Church? We consider ourselves to be the 'Rector's Guild.' We support the Rector in his/her endeavors. We work at the Rector's direction serving as his/her hostesses at receptions and contribute to members of our church who are involved in religious studies and missions.

Our members have a variety of talents and strengths we draw on. We work as a group with friendly hearts...no specific skills or talents are required. We meet the first Sunday of the month, September through June, after the 10:15 am service.

If God is calling you to share your faith, time and talents with us, or if you need more information about our ministry, please contact Cathy Reese.

### United Thank Offering

Thank you from St. Martha's Guild for your participation in the United Thank Offering outreach program and for committing to practice gratitude.



**If you have not yet returned your UTO box, please bring it to the church office.**



## Ascension Youth Ministries Summer Programs

### Free Summer Programs

As we return to normal operations, we'd like to bring back single-day, specialized programs for youth in our church and the community.

In the past, volunteers have shared their skills in cake decorating, sports (soccer, ultimate Frisbee), and various other activities.

**We desperately need more parishioners to sign up to host a one-day, 2-hour day camp this summer.**



**Currently, we only have 2 programs on the calendar.** Please email Kim Weschler ASAP if you are interested, and she will reply with available dates.

[summer@ascensionwestminster.com](mailto:summer@ascensionwestminster.com)



### Vacation Bible School

**Coming This Summer!**

**Vacation Bible School**

**June 27-July 1**

**9:00 am-12:00 pm**

For children who have completed Kindergarten through 7<sup>th</sup> grade



Come join us in ancient Athens, where you will explore what life was like for the Apostle Paul on his dangerous journey to share the truth. You will create cool projects in the Marketplace, laugh as you play Bible-times games, visit with Paul, and eat some interesting new food. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

Do you have children, grandchildren, friends, or neighbors that would be interested in joining us?  
Pass the word!

Contact Kim Weschler  
(Summer Programs Coordinator)

[summer@ascensionwestminster.com](mailto:summer@ascensionwestminster.com)

## Outreach Easter Candy Sale

The Outreach Committee thanks everyone who contributed to the fantastic success of our very first Easter Candy sale.

We look forward to making this an annual spring event.



## Outreach: Yard Work May 21st

The Outreach Committee is preparing to help some church families with yard work. **May 21st** is our first planned day to help.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pam White.



## Annual Church Picnic: June 5

The Fellowship Committee invites everyone to join us on June 5 following the 10:15 am service for our Annual Church Picnic (for the first time since before the pandemic!)

Tables will be in the front courtyard if weather permits; in the case of bad weather, we will move into the Fellowship Hall.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Vegan burgers, and drinks will be provided. **Please bring a side dish or dessert and come wearing Red** as we celebrate Pentecost that day!

In lieu of selling tickets, we will provide a donation basket the day of the event (Suggested donation: \$2/Adult, \$1/Child \$5 family maximum).

The Fellowship Committee hopes to see everyone there! **Please RSVP by May 27.**

### Church Picnic RSVP

LET'S HAVE A PICNIC!

# Annual Church Picnic

**Sunday, June 5 after the 10:15 am service  
(Rain or Shine)**

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Vegan burgers, and drinks will be provided.

**Please bring a side dish or dessert.**

**Suggested donation:**  
\$2/adult \$1/child (\$5 max/family)

**RSVP BY MAY 27**

The Fellowship Committee thanks everyone who came out to make the April 24 breakfast a success! We are happy to announce that we will host a second breakfast on **July 31 at 9:00 am**. Mark your calendar and invite your friends!

The 1844 Shoppe is having a **Green Dot Sale** through May 21. All price stickers with a green dot are 25% off.



Our **Back Bargain Area** is open again with 50% off items on the shelves.



We will hold a **Storewide Sale** on Memorial Day Weekend (Friday, May 27 and Saturday, May 28) which will include a "She-Shed" sale.

We request donations of **Women's Fashion Accessories:** Hats, Belts, Handbags, Scarves, Hair Clips and Jewelry.

**Donations may be placed in the Holy Cross Hall vestibule closet on the shelf units by May 16.**

Women's fashion accessories will be included.



Come to the 1844 Shoppe's  
**Storewide Sale**  
Friday, May 27  
Saturday, May 28  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm  
23 North Court Street  
Westminster, MD 21157  
410-848-3251

## Men's Fellowship Day 2022

**May 14, 2022**

10:00 am – 7:00 pm

### “Reconnect, Regather, Restore.”

Join men from throughout the dioceses of Maryland and Washington for a day retreat designed to grow relationships with God and neighbor. Featuring keynote speaker, the Rev. Rick Larabee, joyful music, home-cooked meals, fellowship, and more!

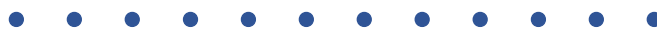
**The Rev. Rick Larabee** will offer this year's keynote sessions, celebrating a return to gathering at Claggett, in churches, and elsewhere in our lives.

Explore where God has been at work in the last years, and where God is moving now.

### Day Retreat Participation:

2 meals and continental breakfast: **\$70**

[Register](#)



The Vestry		
Vestry/Officers	Term Ends	Ministry Liaison
Rev. Allan Weatherholt		Interim Rector
Bryan Lance, Sr. Warden	January 2023	Finance
Titus Mataban, Jr. Warden	January 2024	Buildings and Grounds
Nancy Starnier, Treasurer	January 2022	Finance
Susan Considine, Registrar	January 2023	Worship/Altar Guild
Rick Reinders	January 2025	Finance
Ron Cox	January 2023	Finance
Donna Hansen	January 2023	Outreach
David Kreider	January 2023	Worship
Jill Horn	January 2024	Outreach
Katie Corbin	January 2024	Discipleship
Jackie Weschler	January 2024	Membership
Jennie Grabill	January 2025	Altar Guild
Luke Gore	January 2025	Buildings and Grounds
Deb Howard	January 2025	Outreach



## Christian Education

### Adult Education with Fr. Allan

Through May 22, our Sunday morning Adult Class will study **"The Sacramental Rites of the Church."**

We will look at the two Great Sacraments -- Baptism and the Holy Eucharist.

We will also spend at least one session each on the other Sacraments: Confirmation, Ordination, Holy Matrimony, Reconciliation of a Penitent, and Unction.

Fr. Allan will lead us, and **we meet each Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.**

Coffee is available. We invite you to join us!



### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets at church, from **9:30 am until 11:00 am**. Everyone is welcome! [Please contact Bill Sears if you plan to attend,](#) or if you have any questions.

Bible Study will meet on these dates:

- May 3 and 17
- June 7 and 21
- July 5 and 19

**The next 6 sessions will center around a discussion of the book and DVD by Lee Strobel, "The Case for Christ."** The author, describing himself as a skeptic and atheist, investigates the evidence for Jesus' life and ministry. Ultimately, he finds the truth and comes to full faith in Jesus.

### Thursday Night Bible Study

May 5 – June 9 at 7:00 pm

#### **"The Life of Paul"**

In this 6-week visual Bible study, discover how Paul went from being a persecutor of Christians to being the greatest Christian missionary of all time.

Please contact Lynn Lyon-Vaiden for additional information.

## Church Staff

Rev. F. Allan Weatherholt, Jr. Interim Rector

Ann Fariss Parish Administrator

Lynn Lyon-Vaiden Handbell Choir Director  
Communications Associate

Mary Butler Organist/Choir Director

Donna Parker Praise and Youth Ensemble  
Director

Wes Ward Director of Children and  
Youth Ministries

Kim Weschler Summer Programs  
Coordinator

Reagan Dunn Digital Ministry Associate

Suzanne Walter Nursery Attendant

Donald Chepko Night Sexton

## Book Sale: September 9-10

Are you wondering what to do with all those old tapes, books and CD's? Bring them to church!!



**Outreach will hold a BOOK SALE on Friday, September 9 and Saturday, September 10**

**All proceeds will go to Outreach ministries!!**

We will accept any and all types of books. So gather up your old best sellers, history books, cookbooks, and children's books. Bring them to the church vestibule or the Church Office.

For more information, contact Melissa Leahy at [melissazleahy@gmail.com](mailto:melissazleahy@gmail.com) or 410-218-9914.

Thank you! ♥

Dear Ascension Family:

I am humbled and very grateful to each of you for all the love and support that you have shown me during my recovery from a broken collarbone.

The prayers, cards, calls, texts, emails, offers of help, and meals are a true reflection of God's love at work among our church family.

Your prayers and friendship have made such a difference. I want you to know that. I am truly blessed.

With much love and gratitude,

Sandy White



### *Upcoming Events and Opportunities*

#### MAY

<b>Memorial Evensong and Organ Concert</b>	<b>May 1</b>
<b>Mother's Day</b>	<b>May 8</b>
<b>Men's Fellowship Day at Claggett Center</b>	<b>May 14</b>
<b>Outreach Committee: Yard Work</b>	<b>May 21</b>
<b>Confirmation</b> with The Right Rev. Robert W. Ihloff, Assisting Bishop of MD	<b>May 22</b>
<b>1844 Shoppe Storewide Sale</b>	<b>May 27 and May 28</b>
<b>Feast of the Ascension</b>	<b>May 29</b>

#### JUNE

<b>Annual Church Picnic</b> (RSVP by May 27.)	<b>June 5</b>
<b>Father's Day</b>	<b>June 19</b>
<b>Vacation Bible School</b>	<b>June 27 – July 1</b>

#### JULY

<b>Fellowship Breakfast</b>	<b>July 31</b>
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## Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet

May is a month when Ascension collects non-food items for Shepherd's Staff to assist individuals and families in Carroll County who cannot afford to purchase everyday necessities. **Please place donated items in the box at the entrance to Holy Cross Hall or the Stone Church.**

### Items Needed:

Deodorant  
Diapers  
Dish Soap  
Multi-purpose Cleaner  
Disposable Gloves

Disinfecting Spray  
Disinfecting Wipes  
Hand Sanitizer  
Laundry Detergent  
Paper Towels

Shampoo  
Toilet Paper  
Trash Bags  
Ziploc Bags



## Church of the Ascension

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