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Ascension Extension | June 2023

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

“Confirmation 2023”

by the Rev. F. Allan Weatherholt, Jr.

In the course of their Christian development, those Baptized at an early age are expected, when they are ready and have been duly prepared, to make a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism and to receive the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

Those Baptized as adults, unless Baptized with laying on of hands by a Bishop, are also expected to make a public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their Baptism in the presence of a Bishop and to receive the laying on of hands.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 412

The words above, from our Prayer Book, remind us of the great spiritual importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Since early Lent, five persons from Ascension have been meeting with me after the 10:15 a.m. service for instruction and preparation for this faith commitment. We are now preparing to present them to the Bishop in a special Diocesan service on June 11.

It has been my privilege and pleasure to prepare these five fine persons to Confirm their faith in our Lord and their commitment to the Episcopal Church. We hope you will support them by prayerfully attending the **3:00 p.m.** service with the Bishop at the **Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore**, on the afternoon of **Sunday, June 11**. Congratulations and God's continued blessings to each of them!

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July Ascension Extension

Please share articles and information to be included by

Wednesday, June 21

ascensioncommunication@gmail.com

Church Office Hours

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

We applaud our five 2023 Confirmands.

James A.	James was born in Rockville, MD and is the Director of Video Production at MGH (an advertising agency). He enjoys making crocheted toys and gifts and is a Freemason at Door to Virtue Lodge in Westminster.
Calvin B.	Calvin was born in Brinkley, Arkansas, but grew up in Davenport, Iowa. He is the retired President of Coppin State University, Baltimore, where he served for many years. He was previously Associate Professor of Social Psychology at St. Louis University. Calvin's wife, Gretta, died a few years ago. They are the parents of four grown children and have four grandchildren. Calvin is an avid reader and enjoys both American and English literature, history and political science. He is an active member of Ascension's Book Club and enjoys both Sunday Adult Education and our Tuesday Bible Study.
Alex C.	Alex is a ninth grader at Winter's Mill High School, where he is active in the school's music programs. At Ascension, he is part of our Praise Ensemble, singing with the group and playing his trumpet. He also serves as an Acolyte. In addition, Alex enjoys playing tennis.
James C.	James is an eleventh grader at Winter's Mill High School, where he is active in the school's music programs. He is part of Ascension's Praise Ensemble, both as a singer and a string bass player. Like his younger brother, he also serves as an Acolyte. Outside of school, James enjoys hiking.
Maddox S.	Maddox is a tenth grader at Winter's Mill High School, where he is active in several athletic programs, including soccer and running. At Ascension, he greatly enjoys singing with our Praise Ensemble. Maddox will participate in the June 2023 DreamBuilders Mission Trip to Kentucky. In his free time, Maddox loves hiking and riding his bicycle.

Fr. Allan's Office Hours

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

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June Worship

June 4

First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

8:00 am H.E. Rite I, Stone Church
9:00 am Sunday School
Adult Education
10:15 am H.E. Rite II, Holy Cross Hall
DreamBuilders Commissioning
Graduate & Confirmand Recognition
12:00 pm Church Picnic

June 11

Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am H.E. Rite I, Stone Church
9:00 am Adult Education
10:15 am H.E. Rite II, Holy Cross Hall
3:00 pm Confirmation at Cathedral of the Incarnation, Baltimore

June 18

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

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

June 25

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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



Come join us on **June 4 at 12:00 noon** as we celebrate our Confirmands and our 2023 Graduates! We are so proud of all their hard work! **Please bring a side dish.** (Main dish, drinks and dessert will be provided.) A mobile ice cream truck from **The Cow** will visit our picnic! Weather permitting, we will be in the Front Courtyard. In case of rain, we'll gather in the Fellowship Hall. **To indicate your attendance and choose your main course, [please click on the image above](#) or call the Church Office at 410-848-3251.**

Wear your Ascension T-shirt to the Church Picnic!

There are still red and blue ones available in adult and youth sizes. The cost is \$10. They are available from Ann Fariss in the Church Office, and shirts can be purchased at the picnic!



Recently Departed



We extend the love, prayers and sympathy of our Ascension family to parishioner Terri Wilhelm in the passing of her husband, **Michael "Mike" Wilhelm.** Mike entered the Larger Life on Sunday, May 28, after a long battle with cancer. He was at home and under Hospice care. Both Fr. Allan and our retired Rector, Fr. Ron Fisher, had visited and prayed with him in recent days.

A memorial service is planned for Friday, June 16, at 1:00 p.m. at the Westminster American Legion, Post 31, 2 Sycamore Street, Westminster.

This will be a short, simple service with Fr. Allan officiating and, if available, Fr. Ron participating. A family member will offer a eulogy, and food and fellowship will follow the brief service.

Cards and notes may be sent to:
Mrs. Terri Wilhelm
518 South Hills Court
Westminster, MD 21158

We also extend the love, prayers and sympathy of our Church family to the family of parishioner **Elizabeth Heagy**, who entered the Larger Life on Tuesday, May 30. Elizabeth had been ill with cancer and was under hospice care in Brightview Assisted Living. Fr. Allan had visited and prayed with Elizabeth. The family hopes to plan a Memorial Service for Elizabeth at Ascension at a later date.



Cards and notes of sympathy may be sent to her husband and children:
Mr. John Heagy
Brightview Assisted Living
505 High Acre Drive – Apt. 223
Westminster, MD 21157

Worship Assistants: June 2023					
	Usher(s)	Lector	Acolyte(s)	Chalichists	Worship Slides
June 4 8:00 am	Nancy Starner	Roberta Wilhelm	Charlie Aler		
June 4 10:15 am	1. 2.	Buck Lyon-Vaiden	1. Jennie Grabill 2. 3.	1. Melissa Leahy 2. Bobbie Gooding 3. Ellen Anderson 4.	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden
June 11 8:00 am	Donald & Janice Hobart	Donna Hansen	David Kreider		
June 11 10:15 am	1. Ron Cox 2. Gary Lang	Roberta Gore	1. 2. 3.	1. Melissa Leahy 2. Helen Lang 3. Bobbie Gooding 4.	Jeanne Cox
June 18 8:00 am	Donald & Janice Hobart	Ann Cox			
June 18 10:15 am	1. 2.	Betsy Reinders	1. 2. 3.	1. Bobbie Gooding 2. 3. 4.	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden
June 25 8:00 am	Beverly Baker	Roberta Wilhelm	David Kreider		
June 25 10:15 am	1. David Anderson 2. Ellen Anderson	Liz Lowe	1. 2. 3.	1. Helen Lang 2. Bobbie Gooding 3. 4.	

The Adult Ensemble shares music during the 10:15 a.m. worship service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month and other special occasions. During the summer vacation season, we are especially looking for additional singers.

Our rehearsals are usually scheduled on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings before the worship service. This is a great opportunity to serve with a limited time commitment. For more information, please contact Mary Butler at 410-239-6109 or mbutler500@aol.com.

Baptisms

We are aware of several Baptisms "pending" within our church family. If you or someone in your family is in need of Baptism, we hope you will contact Fr. Allan or the Church Office to make plans. Baptisms are normally part of the Sunday service but may also be arranged privately.

A Piano is a gift to Ascension from parishioners Donna and Joe Parker. This is a very generous gift of a gently-used Baldwin Baby Grand Piano. It has been placed in Holy Cross Hall and will be available for use by both our Adult Ensemble and our Praise Ensemble. Thank you, Donna and Joe, for enhancing our music ministry in this wonderful way!

Coffee Hour Volunteers: Thank You!!

June 25	Handbell Choir	August 13	Buildings and Grounds Cmte.
July 2	St. James' Guild	August 20	St. Martha's Guild
July 9	Praise Ensemble	August 27	Memorials Committee
July 16		September 3	Altar Guild
July 23	Thursday Night Bible Study	September 10	Children & Youth Committee
July 30	Pins and Needles	September 17	Mistletoe Mart
August 6	Outreach Committee	September 24	Vestry

A Power Point Projector is a gift to the Parish from The Revs. Anne and Allan Weatherholt. This is something the Church did not have and is a very useful tool in educational presentations and at other special times. The projector is brand new. Thank you, Rev. Anne and Fr. Allan!

1844 Shoppe

During June, the Shoppe would like to focus on outdoor items and "Dad Day" stuff. From tools to pool toys, lawn ornaments, etc., help us fill the Shoppe with some new inventory. If you have anything to donate, please contact Cheryl Vecera (cherylvecera@gmail.com)

Book Club

On **Wednesday, June 28th**, the Book Club will review *Her Hidden Genius* by Marie Benedict. Her "powerful new novel shines light on a woman who sacrificed her life to discover the nature of our very own DNA - Katherine Franklin."

All are welcome to join us at 12:00 pm in the Guild Room. Please send book suggestions to Cheryl Vecera. (cherylvecera@gmail.com)

St. James' Guild: Thank You!

St. James' Guild thanks each and every one of you who helped to provide a beautiful memorial luncheon to celebrate the life of Meg Edleman on May 21. The St. James' Ministry to our grieving family and friends would not happen without you.

Thank you, prayer warriors. Thank you, quick responders to the request for help with Fellowship Hall set up. Thank you to those who made and/or provided delicious salads, side dishes, desserts. Thank you to those who worked in the kitchen to prepare platters, put out place settings, wash/dry dishes and put them away and packed away food. Thank you to those who took home tablecloths to wash (*Please remember to bring them back within 7-10 days.*), took down tables and stacked chairs. Thank you for the fellowship of sharing stories, a laugh and a hug. Thank you for your grace and understanding when we seem to be overwhelmed.

May God grant you blessings.

Jill Horn & Sandy White

Adult Education

Adult Education with Fr. Allan meets most **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall. We are nearing the conclusion of our year-long study of St. Matthew's Gospel – the appointed Gospel for 'Year A' of our Lectionary. We plan to continue to meet over the summer when Fr. Allan will offer "**Episcopal 101**" – a light-hearted course on some basics of the Episcopal Church. The class will include information which even "seasoned" Episcopalians may not know! All are welcome!



Tuesday Morning Bible Study recently studied the 7 letters from Jesus to the 7 churches in Asia Minor in the book of Revelation. When the group meets on **June 6**, it will study Revelation 4 and 5 to switch from an earthly view of the 7 churches to a view of worship in heaven. **Meetings are in Room 202 from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.** Please contact Bill Sears (redrock2@verizon.net) for questions or additional information.



Thursday Night Bible Study: Radical Acts

A five-week study of Acts 1 – 12

June 29 - July 27 at 7:00 pm (In-Person and via Zoom).

In this study, you will see the fire of the Holy Spirit erupting through the lives of believers. You will discover who the Holy Spirit is and His intended role in your life. You will get fired up for adventure as you follow Jesus daily.



Contact: Lynn Lyon-Vaiden (lynn.lyonvaiden@gmail.com)

Cost: FREE - There is no book to purchase. Bible study materials will be provided to participants.

Lesson 1 (June 29): Getting Fired Up for Adventure (Acts 1)

Lesson 2 (July 6): A Fiery Beginning (Acts 2:1 - 5:11)

Lesson 3 (July 13): Pride and Prejudice (Acts 5:12 - Acts 7)

Lesson 4 (July 20): Radical Transforming Power (Acts 8 - Acts 9)

Lesson 5 (July 27): The God of the Unexpected (Acts 10 - Acts 12)

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Children and Youth Ministries



Children and Youth Ministry Schedule June 2023

June 4	9:00 am - Sunday School (Explorations Class) Children's Chapel during the 10:15 am service
June 11	Children's Chapel during the 10:15 am service
June 18 Father's Day	Children's Chapel during the 10:15 am service 6:00 pm - Book Club
June 25	Children's Chapel during the 10:15 service

Roberta Gore is leading a **Book Club for High School Youth**. The book is *Black* by Ted Dekker. Meetings will be held on selected Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm in Room 209:

- June 18
- July 23

Pizza and drinks are included. Please contact Roberta Gore if your youth will attend (ncdramadamsel@gmail.com).



Free Summer Programs will begin on July 10. Programs will be offered every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday through August 4.

Registration for Free Summer Programs closed on May 31. Click on the image for a schedule of events/programs.



Summer Program Volunteers are needed!
Please click on the image to sign up to volunteer.



A Pentecost Story by Merle Martin

While recently shopping at the Goodwill Store in Thurmont, MD, I saw the most beautiful picture of a lamb. The eyes drew me in and reminded me of all the lessons that could be shared during Children's Chapel. The picture was too high for me to reach, so I asked the manager to help me. I told him about our church and our Children's Chapel.

Our conversation flowed easily about Jesus, our Good Shepherd, and those who believe are His sheep and hear His voice. I paid for my items and left the store. **The receipt listed all of the items I bought -- except for the price of the beautiful picture. It was a free gift!**

I shared the story during Children's Chapel on May 28 when I showed the children the picture of the lamb.



The voice of the Holy Spirit is free and allows us to share the love of Jesus with others.

Happy Pentecost--every day!

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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY
DURING OUR
FREE SUMMER
PROGRAMS.**



SCHEDULE:

Ice Age	July 14
Tangled	July 21
Moana	July 28
Robin Hood	August 4
Mary Poppins Returns	August 11
Drama Camp	August 18
Performance of <i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	
Nanny McPhee	August 25

**LIGHT SNACKS
PROVIDED. FEEL
FREE TO BRING
FOOD OR DRINK.**

Potluck Dinner:
August 18 at 6:00 pm

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Themed Potluck Lunches

The Fellowship Committee will host potluck themed lunches every **third Friday of the month at 12:00pm starting on April 21!** Join us for a fun time of food and community! Show off your cooking skills with a different theme each month. Plates, flatware, etc. will be provided.

Month/Date	Theme	Description
June 16	Stuff It	Bring a dish with anything that you can stuff.
July 21	Vegetable	Bring a dish that includes a vegetable.

Click on the image below to RSVP for the June or July lunch.

Bring your favorite dish to a themed lunch, every 3rd Friday at noon.

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Fellowship Hall

POTLUCK LUNCH
REGISTER ONLINE AND
BRING A FRIEND

JUNE 16 STUFF IT
Bring anything you can stuff.

JULY 21 VEGETABLE
Bring a dish that must contain a vegetable, even desserts and drinks.

SEPTEMBER 15 RESTAURANT RE-CREATION
Bring a dish that re-creates a dish from your favorite restaurant.

OCTOBER 20 HOT POT/CROCK POT
Bring a dish served in a hot pot, slow cooker or crock pot.

NOVEMBER 17 ASCENSION'S COOKBOOK
Bring any dish from Ascension's cookbook

DECEMBER 15 RED AND GREEN
Bring a dish that is red or green and shows your holiday spirit.

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The Vestry		
Vestry/Officers	Term Ends	Ministry Liaison
Rev. Allan Weatherholt		Interim Rector
Donna Hansen, Sr. Warden	2024	Finance/Mistletoe Mart
Joe Parker, Jr. Warden	2026	Buildings and Grounds
Nancy Stamer, Treasurer	2024	Finance
Jackie Weschler, Registrar	2024	Fellowship/Children & Youth
Jill Horn	2024	Outreach/Altar Guild
Katie Corbin	2024	Children & Youth
Carrie Goff	2024	Children & Youth/Altar Guild
Jennie Grabill	2025	Outreach/Altar Guild
Luke Gore	2025	Buildings and Grounds
Deb Howard	2025	Outreach/Children & Youth
Rick Reinders	2025	Finance and Memorials
Beverly Baker	2026	St. Martha's Guild/Mistletoe Mart
Liz Lowe	2026	St. Martha's Guild/St. James Guild/Altar Guild
Roberta Wilhelm	2026	Buildings and Grounds

Year-to-Date Income and Expenses through April 30, 2023		
	Actual Year-to-Date	Budgeted Year-to-Date
Income:		
General Giving	\$ 77,976.01	\$ 61,214.64
Fundraisers	\$ 1,639.12	\$ 4,878.68
Rental	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 5,700.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 800.08	\$ 2,508.00
Total Income	\$ 86,115.21	\$ 74,301.32
Expenses:		
Staff and Staff Support	\$ 40,939.63	\$ 40,386.42
Buildings and Grounds	\$ 46,146.91	\$ 36,101.69
Diocese of MD	\$ 11,302.68	\$ 11,302.68
Office/Business Expenses	\$ 4,014.30	\$ 16,678.33
Ministries/Worship	\$ 7,803.94	\$ 8,560.00
Total Expenses	\$ 110,207.46	\$ 113,029.12
Net Income	\$ (24,092.25)	\$ (38,727.80)

Church Staff	
Rev. F. Allan Weatherholt, Jr.	Interim Rector
Ann Fariss	Parish Administrator
Lynn Lyon-Vaiden	Communications Associate/Handbell Choir Director
Mary Butler	Organist/Adult Ensemble Director
Donna Parker	Organist/Praise Ensemble Director
Reagan Dunn	Digital Ministry Associate
Suzanne Walter	Nursery Attendant
Donald Chepko	Night Sexton

News from the Diocese of Maryland

Bishop Coadjutor-elect Carrie Schofield-Broadbent

has received the necessary canonical consents from the Larger Church to certify her March 25 election. **She will be**

Consecrated on Saturday, September 16, at 11:00 a.m. at Washington National Cathedral.

The service will be open to all who wish to attend. Bishop-elect Carrie was here in the Diocese for the Annual Clergy Conference on May 7-9 at Claggett Diocesan Center. Bishop-elect Carrie will officially join our Diocesan staff and begin working with Bishop Sutton on July 1.



On Wednesday, June 14, an Open House Farewell Reception will be held for our Assisting Bishop, Robert W. Ihloff, and wife Nancy.

This will be from **5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Diocesan**

Center, 4 East University Parkway, Baltimore.

Bishop Ihloff served as 13th Bishop of Maryland from 1995 to 2007. In his retirement, he has been our Assisting Bishop for the past few years. All are welcome to attend this celebration and thank the Ihloffs for their many years of wonderful ministry.



The Consecration of the Delaplaine Barn at the Claggett Center is set for Saturday, June 17, at 12:00 noon.

Bishop Sutton and Bishop Mariann E. Budde, Bishop of Washington, will jointly preside. All are welcome. **A public ribbon-cutting ceremony**, featuring Frederick County officials and other special guests, will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 22.**

McDonogh School 45th Annual Summer Carillon Concert Series

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Rain or Shine Free Admission

Carillon Recitalists:

June 30

Laura Ellis, University Carillonneur
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

July 7

Annie Gao, Carillon Fellow
Bok Tower Gardens
Lake Wales, Florida

July 14

Dina Verheyden, City Carillonneur
Mechelen & Puurs, Belgium
and
Richard de Waardt, City Carillonneur
Rotterdam & Tholen, The Netherlands

July 21

Buck Lyon-Vaiden, School Carillonneur
McDonogh School
Owings Mills, Maryland

July 28

John Widmann, City Carillonneur
Joseph Dill Baker Carillon
Frederick, Maryland

*To watch the carillonneur perform live:
www.mcdonogh.org/carillon/*

*Concert programs will be available on the
McDonogh School website.*

May 2023 Highlights



1. The buffet table at the May 19 Themed Potluck Lunch 2. Donna Fine visited Westminster and attended church, May 28 3. A surprise Happy Birthday for Jeanne Cox, May 22
4. Thank you to Sunday School teachers Carrie Goff and Roberta Gore, May 28
5. Plate from the Mother's Day Breakfast, May 14 6. Fr. Sam Edleman speaking during the luncheon that followed Meg Edleman's memorial service, May 21
7. Enjoying the Memorial Day Parade, May 29 8. Planting flowers in the Children's Garden, May 21
9. Picking strawberries at Baugher's, May 28

Upcoming Events and Opportunities

JUNE

Church Picnic	June 4
Confirmation at Cathedral of the Incarnation	June 11
Themed Potluck Lunch	June 16
Consecration of Barn at Claggett Center	June 17
High School Book Club	June 18
Book Club	June 28

JULY

Free Summer Programs Begin	July 10
Themed Potluck Lunch	July 21
High School Book Club	July 23

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