

## Announcements for the week of February 19

### Join us in the Parish Hall after the service

Welcome to Ascension! After each of our services we will have refreshments in the Parish Hall. An assortment of bagels, sweet rolls and quiche will be served after the 7:30am and 9am services. Cookies and coffee will be served after the 11am service. Please plan on joining us!

### Can you cook for the Lenten Dinner Course?

We need many cooks! Pick up a pan with instructions and recipes. Both are available in the glass wing hallway and in the Parish Hall beginning today!

### Directories and Lenten Devotionals

Copies of church directories and Lenten Devotionals can be found in the glass wing hallway and parish hall. Pick up copies today!

### Fat Tuesday Festival

*February 21 from 6 – 8pm*

Come support the youth group as they cook pancakes and raise money for upcoming mission trips

### Ash Wednesday

*February 22*

Services at 7am, Noon & 7pm

Childcare will be provided during the 7pm service.

### This Saturday - Men's Breakfast – Sign up TODAY!

*When: Saturday, February 25 at 8am*

Men of all ages are invited to our next Saturday breakfast on February 25. This is an opportunity to explore how you can walk with other men and see your faith grow and strengthen in authentic relationship. We hope this will be an opportunity to explore in more depth discipleship and mutual accountability relationships. Contact Allen Burnett for more information or to reserve a place. His email is [ajburnett4@gmail.com](mailto:ajburnett4@gmail.com) and phone number 412-215-6846.

### Soaking Prayer – Next Sunday, February 26

Come for a special time of 'Soaking Prayer' on the last Sunday of each month, next on February 26<sup>th</sup> between 10:15 and 10:45am in the New Catacombs. This is a time for prayer ministers to pray quietly over you as you soak in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

### Next Sunday - Luncheon for Love and Care Family (Uganda!)

On Sunday, February 26 after the 11am service the Love and Care Family will host a luncheon in the Hunt rooms. There will be tastes of African food as well as a light lunch for those interested in learning more about this ministry. Current sponsors and those interested in becoming sponsors are urged to attend. For more information please contact Denise Cox at [denisejcox@yahoo.com](mailto:denisejcox@yahoo.com) or 724-443-0566.

### Youth Group News

Hey, youth and parents! Next week at 10:30, come join us in the Old Catacombs for our Spring Retreat/Mission Trip meeting. Applications will be available and we'll talk logistics. This will be a QUICK 15 minutes, so be ready to start right at 10:30. Looking forward to seeing you!

And, if you are in jr. or senior high and want to raise some funds for mission trips this summer, come help us out on Tuesday night at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Meet at the kitchen at 5 to flip some jacks. See you then!

Finally, no Sr. High edEfy on Wednesday night -- come to the Ash Wednesday service instead! There WILL be CAYG jr. high youth group on Friday.

### Two new small groups at Ascension

A small group is starting in Highland Park which will study both the beauty in Scripture and the incorporation of Scripture in the arts. This house group will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 pm, beginning in February. Leadership will rotate. All are welcome. Contact Wendy Scott at [wsp101@verizon.net](mailto:wsp101@verizon.net).

Also, a new group for young professionals and graduate students will meet in Ascension's Workshop (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of parish hall) at 11am on Sundays. Contact Tim Depp at [thyshaw@gmail.com](mailto:thyshaw@gmail.com) for more details.

### Lenten Dinner Series – Mark your calendars!

Each Lent a dinner/teaching series takes place over the course of four Wednesday evenings on a themed topic. This year our Lenten Series will take place on the four Wednesday evenings in March: March 7, 14, 21 and 28. All friends and members of the parish are encouraged to attend. Beginning at 6:00pm, a meal will be served family style in the parish hall. Children and youth will be offered age-appropriate teaching. The Rev. Canon Mary Hays, Canon to the Ordinary of the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh, will speak to adults on the topic of "*Biblical Journeys for Transition Times*".

Numerous commentators have observed that our era is one increasingly fast-paced and speedy, often filled with heart wrenching change. Transition is a fact of life for us all. Life at Church of the Ascension is no different. As individuals, as families, as a church family, we are jolted by these changes. The Scriptures give us lots of examples of how God has used transition times to shape His people and to lead them into a deeper, more fruitful walk with Him. Come explore some of these Biblical journeys during this year's Lenten series.

- March 7        *The Lenten Journey of Jesus*
- March 14     *The Original Biblical "Transition Time"*
- March 21     *Transitions of Identity*
- March 28     *Transplanted Faith*

**Center for Public Justice Lecture to be held at Ascension TODAY!**

*Are you weary of the shallow, angry and acrimonious nature of much public discourse? Do political attack ads turn you off? Do you care more about the substance of a candidate's policies than their latest gaffe?*

Come learn about a different approach to public discourse:

**Truth, Tolerance and Civility in the Public Square**

Dr. Richard Mouw, President of Fuller Theological Seminary, will discuss this topic and local leaders will respond on Sunday February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 in the New Catacombs at the Church of the Ascension. Admission is free. The lecture is sponsored by the Center for Public Justice. The Center for Public Justice is an independent, non-partisan organization dedicated to public policy research, leadership development, and civic education. With a distinctive Christian perspective, we will help citizens, policymakers, and government respond to the call to pursue justice for all.

Visit [www.cpjustice.org](http://www.cpjustice.org) for more information.

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Sunday, February 19

- 7:30 AM Rite I Eucharist; Gordon Chapel**
- 9:00 AM Rite II Eucharist; Nave**
- 9:15 AM Prayer appointments
- 10:30 AM G15; Old Catacombs
- 11:00 AM Rite II Eucharist; Nave**
- 11:00 AM Graduate/Young Professional Group; Workshop
- 2:30 PM Center for Public Justice Lecture; New Catacombs
- 5:00 PM Jonah's Call Service; Nave
- 7:00 PM College Bible Study; Workshop

Monday *Church Offices Closed – President's Day*

- 6:00 PM Living Waters; Guild Room and Conference Room

Tuesday

- 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study; Room 105
- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting; Workshop and Conference Room
- 4:00 PM Oakland Girls Training Choir; Guild Room
- 6:00 PM Fat Tuesday Festival; Parish Hall
- 8:30 PM Alcoholics Anonymous; Workshop

Wednesday **7:00 AM Rite II Eucharist; Gordon Chapel**

- 7:00 AM Men's Small Group Meeting; Conference Room
- Noon Ash Wednesday Service**
- 4:00 PM Campus Ministry Discipleship Group; Old Cats
- 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service**

Thursday

- 5:00 PM Clinical Pastoral Education; Guild Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice; Music Room

Friday

- 1:00 PM Overeaters Anonymous; Hunt Rooms
- 4:00 PM OGC Rehearsal; Hunt Rooms
- 6:30 PM Jr. High Youth Group; Old Catacombs

Saturday

- 7:00 AM Men's House Group Meeting; Parish Hall
- 8:00 AM AA; Hunt Rooms & New Catacombs (8am – Noon)
- 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast; Parish Hall
- 1:00 PM OGC Rehearsal; Guild Room