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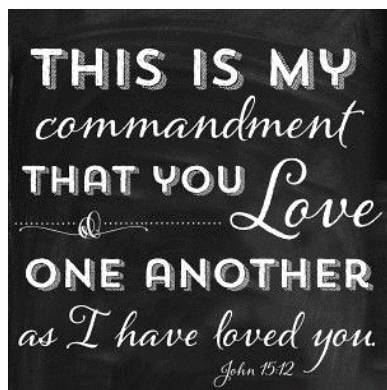
September 2022

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

“Our Parish Journey of Love”

by the Rev. F. Allan Weatherholt, Jr.

As September arrives, the daylight hours grow noticeably shorter, the evening shadows come earlier, and the warm summer air gives way to cooler temperatures. Soon the leaves on the trees will begin to show their autumn colors, and eventually – with the kiss of a few frosty nights – they will fall to the ground.



With the arrival of fall come changes in schedules and new beginnings. Students and teachers return to the classroom. Adult work schedules and family duties become more structured and more demanding.

In the church too, we begin again. At Ascension, our new program year will officially launch with **“Rally Day”** on **Sunday, September 11**. Christian education classes for children, young people and adults will launch at 9:00 a.m. that day. During the 10:15 a.m. service, we will offer prayers of commissioning for our Christian education leaders and volunteers. We will also prayerfully recall the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

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October Ascension Extension

Please share articles and information to be included by

Wednesday, September 21.

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Church Office Hours

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

The Church Office will be closed on
Monday, September 5.

The office will be open on Tuesday,
September 6, Wednesday, September 7
and Friday, September 9

A prelude to all of this will come with our **"Open House"** on **Sunday, September 4**, following the 10:15 a.m. service. **Blessing of Backpacks** will be offered at that time. Our handsome new Ascension T-shirts will be on sale. A schedule of Children's and Youth Events will be available. There will be refreshments in the Fellowship Hall and games in the Courtyard.

Much is said within Churches about the central importance of being a loving community. Our own Bishop Sutton calls the Diocese of Maryland to be "a Community of Love," and this is highlighted on the Diocesan webpage. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry is famous for his poignant saying, "If it's not about love, then it's not about God!"

At Ascension, we strive to be a loving church family where ALL are embraced and helped to find a spiritual home. Over the past year, we have welcomed more than a dozen new individuals and families. I am convinced that it is the Christian love we show one another which has drawn them to us!



I personally have been repeatedly struck by the love and caring which you have shown to Rev'd Anne and me in so many ways. I was both surprised and deeply moved by the special Coffee Hour – complete with a beautiful cake –

which you hosted on August 14 to mark my first year as your Interim Rector. Thank you again for that special time.

As we enter into our 2022-23 year of ministry for Christ, I invite you to think of this as a journey of love.

Jesus tells us,
"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." [St. John 15:12]

We are the caring family of Ascension journeying forward in the love of Jesus Christ.

In the newsy pages that follow, you will find much about the events which will mark our journey. Read about them and make plans to be part of them. It promises to be a wonderful journey with our Lord – a journey of love!

Fr. Allan's Office Hours

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

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September Worship

September 4

Thirteenth 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
Followed by: Open House, Courtyard

September 11

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost Rally Day

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

September 18

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

September 25

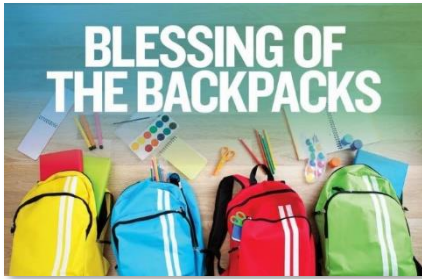
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 am H.E. Rite I, Stone Church
 9:00 am Fellowship Breakfast
 9:30 am Sunday School
 Adult Ensemble Rehearsal
 Discernment Committee
 presentation
 10:15 am H.E. Rite II, Holy Cross Hall

October 2

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

8:00 am H.E. Rite I, Stone Church
 9:00 am Sunday School
 Adult Education
 10:15 am H.E. Rite II, Courtyard
 Blessing of the Animals



Come to Our Open House on **Sunday,**

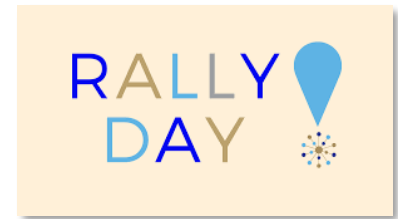
September 4, immediately following the 10:15 a.m. service. Children and young people are asked to bring their school backpacks to receive God's Blessing through Fr. Allan as the new school year opens. (Carroll County Schools open Tuesday, September 6.) Check out our brand-new Ascension T-shirts, for sale for just \$10 each – your choice of red or blue! Enjoy some refreshments and learn a bit about children's and youth ministries planned for the coming year. We hope to see YOU on September 4.



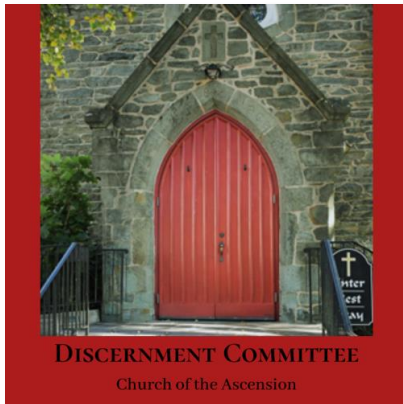
Sunday School Rally Day is September 11!

The first Sunday School classes of 2022-23 (including Adult Education) will be offered at **9:00 a.m.** that morning. During the 10:15 a.m. service, we will "rally" around the importance of Christian education! **Children's Church** will return.

We will pray for and commission the several volunteers who will teach classes, lead Children's Church or otherwise help with our ministry to our children and young people during the coming year. Join us as we mark "Rally Day" and embark upon a new program year for our wonderful Church!



Fr. Allan will lead Adults in a study of the Gospel of Matthew.



'Breakfast with the Discernment Committee' is planned for **9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 25**, in the Fellowship Hall. Our wonderful Fellowship Committee will host another of their delicious breakfasts. **Please RSVP by September 18 by using the link in the Enews or by calling the Church Office.** **At 9:30 a.m.**, The Discernment Committee is excited to share

the results of the All-Parish Survey that 100 of you responded to. A summary of the results will be shared, and we are happy to answer your questions. For church musicians, and others unable to attend, there will be paper copies of the presentation available. As we hoped, the survey paints a picture and captures a snapshot of our parish that we are eager to share with the congregation. Please plan to join us!

Ellen Anderson and Helen Lang



Congratulations and God's abundant blessings to

young parishioners Tyrus Mataban and Wesley Ward, united in Holy Matrimony in a small but beautiful service. About 30 family members and friends gathered in the Stone Church on Friday, August 5.

Tyrus is the son of parishioners Titus and Amy Mataban and is a music teacher in Frederick County Public Schools. Wes serves on our Parish Staff as Director of Children's and Youth Ministries. Fr. Allan was the Celebrant for the Marriage Eucharist, and Daniel Weatherholt was Guest Organist.

Two August Cookouts were hosted

by Fr. Allan and Rev'd Anne to express their great appreciation to Vestry members, Parish Officers, Staff and spouses for their ongoing love and support of our Church. Because of the size, the large group was divided into two, with one

gathering on Friday, August 12, and the other on Sunday, August 21. The cookouts were held at the Weatherholts' Westminster home, which features a large outdoor patio. Additional photos can be found on Jim Fariss's Facebook page.



Our August 21 Visit from 'New Life for Girls'

was an enjoyable and meaningful time for all of us. Representatives from the group shared their testimonies and offered music during our 10:15 a.m. service. They were our special guests at the

Coffee Hour following. On **Saturday, September 17, this ministry will mark its 50th Anniversary with an Afternoon Tea from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall.** Tickets are \$20 each. To order, please call 410-848-1360.

Members, One of Another

We continue our prayers for Bud Kirby and Ken Leahy, both of whom are cancer patients . . . for Melanie Turnbaugh, recovering from pneumonia and blood clots in her lungs . . . Jim Lambert, recovering from shoulder replacement surgery. Natalie Davenport, recovering from kidney transplant surgery

Natalie's Dad, Roger Davenport, who was her kidney donor . . . and Colin Furneaux, who is now in an extended care facility in Towson. . . We extend our love, prayers and sympathy to the family of Frank Baker, Sr., who passed away suddenly in early August. A service for him was held in Ellicott City.



Thank you! ❤️

From Natalie Davenport:

"Hello everyone! Thank you all so much for all the kind selfless cards that have been sent to me. It has been a very rough journey and reading your cards always brought a smile to my face even on the darkest days. The fact that I barely know any of you but you still sent me cards is just absolutely amazing.

I am doing much better now after being hospitalized for transplant and then another week. Thank you for all the kind words. They have really helped me begin my healing and recovery process as I can begin to get my life back! Lots of love to every single one of you, and may God bless you all."

St. Martha's Guild will resume monthly meetings in the Guild Room starting on **Sunday, September 11th after the 10:15 a.m. service** to plan the 2022-2023 year.

Our purpose is to work at the Rector's direction serving as hostesses at receptions throughout the year. We also host the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper which makes it possible for St. Martha's Guild to financially

Support members of our Church who are involved in religious studies and missions.

The Guild welcomes new members!

Please contact any St. Martha's Guild member or the president of the guild, Betsy Reinders, at and plan to attend the September 11th meeting to start the new year with us!



Worship Assistants: September 2022

	Usher(s)	Lector	Acolyte(s)	Chalicians	Worship Slides
September 4 8:00 am		Charlie Aler	David Kreider		
September 4 10:15 am	Melissa Leahy Amy Mataban	Liz Lowe	Kaelyn Goff Reilly Goff <i>1 more needed</i>	Betsy Reinders John Holbert Bobbie Gooding <i>1 more needed</i>	Beth Anthony
September 11 8:00 am	Beverly Baker	Charlie Aler			
September 11 10:15 am	Melissa Leahy Amy Mataban	Buck Lyon-Vaiden	Kaelyn Goff Reilly Goff <i>1 more needed</i>	Betsy Reinders Bobbie Gooding Ellen Anderson <i>1 more needed</i>	Titus Mataban
September 18 8:00 am	Beverly Baker	Beth Anthony			
September 18 10:15 am	Bryan Lance <i>1 more needed</i>	John Holbert	<i>3 needed</i>	John Holbert <i>3 more needed</i>	Lynn Lyon-Vaiden
September 25 8:00 am	Donald and Janice Hobart	Donna Hansen			
September 25 10:15 am	Ellen and David Anderson	John Holbert	<i>3 needed</i>	John Holbert Sandy White <i>2 more needed</i>	Jeanne Cox

For those who like to plan ahead, the SignUp Genius Worship Assistant Schedule goes through January 8, 2023. It is possible to sign up to serve at special holiday worship services (Thanksgiving Eve, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Day) as well as the annual Lessons and Carols service on January 8, 2023 when extra Lectors will be needed. These holiday worship services are not yet included on the Sunday morning clipboard.

***Price Increase for Altar Flowers***

Beginning October 1, the cost of altar flowers will increase from \$40 to \$50.

Please contact the Church Office if you have any questions about your current flower orders.

Outreach: September 2022

Even though lazy summer days are here, the Outreach Committee has been busy. The five families we sponsor monthly had a nice selection of donated clothes to select from for back to school. Many thanks to those who donated.

Book Sale

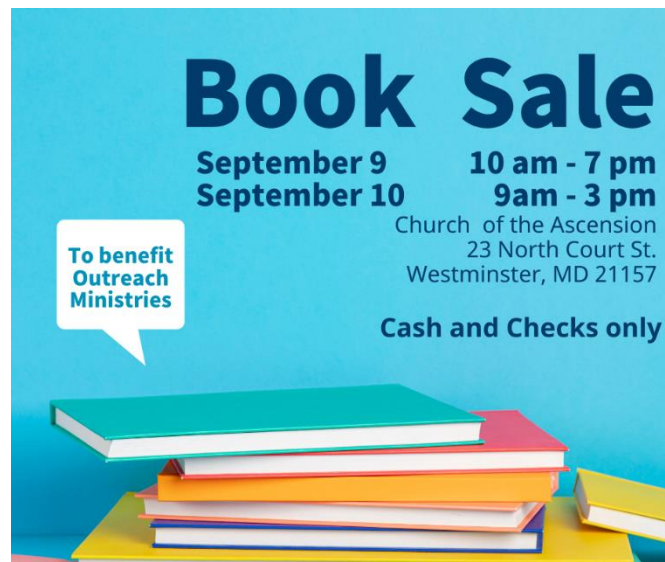
Friday, September 9 10:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Saturday September 10, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

On Saturday, September 10, children may enjoy a reading corner while you shop in the Rectory.

Do you love to read, listen to music or watch a movie? We have been busily preparing **in the Rectory** for the Gigantic Book Sale. Please talk it up in as many places as you can. All proceeds go to support the agencies/groups that Outreach supports. We have something for everyone! Over 1000 gently used books! Featured categories include:

Fiction (top selling best sellers)	Historical	We also have a large collection of music CD's and movie DVD's for all generations.
Non-Fiction	Tabletop	
Spiritual and Inspirational	Large Print	
Self Help	Cookbooks	
Educational	Children's Books	



Operation Christmas Child

In September, we will launch Operation Christmas Child. This campaign, where we fill a shoebox or two for children in other countries, runs roughly from mid-September until late October. We then collect the boxes and send them overseas in time for Christmas. In 2021, we collected 75 boxes! Let's see if we can top that in 2022.



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 Starner, 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

Year-to-Date Income and Expenses through July 31, 2022		
	Actual Year-to-Date	Budgeted Year-to-Date
Income:		
General Giving	126,445.83	108,130.00
Fundraisers	3,890.64	8,166.65
Rental	9,950.00	9,800.00
Miscellaneous	15,596.85	3,610.00
Total Income	155,883.32	129,706.65
Expenses:		
Staff and Staff Support	74,465.85	79,271.27
Buildings and Grounds	56,945.47	65,026.47
Diocese of MD	19,902.18	25,588.50
Office/Business Expenses	13,081.67	18,733.95
Ministries/Worship	11,092.88	14,317.91
Total Expenses	175,488.06	202,938.10
Net Income	(19,604.74)	(73,231.45)

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
Wes Mataban-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

Pins and Needles Quilt Raffle

to benefit Church of the Ascension



"Beautiful Flowers" Queen Size Quilt

Raffle tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5
Drawing will be held on January 22, 2023.
You don't have to be present to win.

1844 Shoppe

Labor Day Weekend Sale on September 2, 3, and 4. All Handbags and Scarves will be 20% off.

**The Book Club will meet on
September 28 at 12:00 pm in the
Guild Room.**

Our September selection will be

The Tokaido Road by
Lucia St. Clair Robson.

Our October book will be

Run Rose Run by
James Patterson and Dolly Parton

Everyone is welcome.
We hope to see you there.

Fall Retreats at the Claggett Center

- Fall Alumni Reunion Retreat: October 7-9, 2022
- Spiritual Practices Retreat: October 28-30, 2022
- Blue Christmas Retreat: December 16-18, 2022

For additional information, visit <https://www.claggettcenter.org/> and click on Programs.



Ascension's 48th Annual Mistletoe Mart

is almost here!

Mistletoe Mart 2022
Thursday, November 10 - Saturday, November 12

Our show has become one of the premier arts and crafts shows in the tristate area. For Mistletoe Mart 2022, there are currently 46 artisans, our beautiful postcards will be sent out in early fall, the Main Street banner will be on display in early November – and the turkey dinner will be served on Friday night!

Proceeds from Mistletoe Mart 2021 provided over \$20,200 to both Ascension and Community Outreach initiatives:

- \$ 6,044 to specific, fall 2021 Ascension expenses
 - This includes our annual floor cleaning after the Mart
- \$ 4,720 to Ascension
 - This includes donations towards new signage for the 1844 Shoppe as well as a shelving system for the Stage Area in the Holy Cross Hall
- \$ 9,500 to Community Outreach



Through Community Outreach, the Mistletoe Mart supports many organizations including:

- Access Carroll
- Caring Carroll
- Carroll County Food Sunday
- Church Homes Foundation
- DreamBuilders
- Ghanian Mothers Hope
- HSP of Carroll County
- NESAP
- New Life for Girls
- Shepherd's Staff
- Taraja Resource Network
- Together We Own It
- Westminster Rescue Mission
- YMCA Turkey Trot

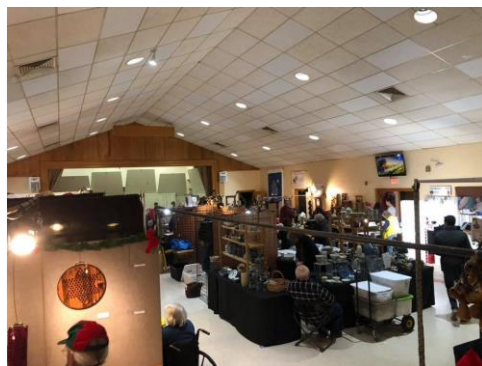
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PLEASE prayerfully consider how you can support this year's Mart and sign up to volunteer.

We are blessed by all of the friendships that have developed and are grateful for the outreach and support the Mart has been able to provide, but WE TRULY NEED YOUR HELP to continue going forward. Please watch for the volunteer signup boards which will be posted in the near future.

Thank you very much!

The Mistletoe Mart Committee



Upcoming Events and Opportunities

SEPTEMBER

1844 Shoppe Labor Day Sale	September 2, 3, 4
Open House	September 4
Book Sale to Benefit Outreach	September 9 and September 10
Rally Day	September 11
New Life for Girls Afternoon Tea	September 17
Breakfast with the Discernment Committee <small>Please RSVP!</small>	September 25

OCTOBER

Blessing of the Animals	October 2
Scarecrow Making for Children and Youth	October 9
Halloween Activities for Children and Youth	October 30

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