

The Tidings

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Phone: 337-232-2732 www.ascensionlafayette.com

CHRISTMAS EVE
5 PM Nativity Pageant
FULL
NO MORE RESERVATIONS

7:30 PM
10 PM (Livestream)

CHRISTMAS DAY
10 AM

Reserve by December 14
on the church website
www.ascensionlafayette.com or
by calling the church office
337-232-2732

*If a minimum of 50
have not reserved a particular
service, that service will be
cancelled.*

**Rehearsals for
Children's Pageant**

*Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10 AM and
Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4 PM.*

Interested in participating,
email
angellejadams@yahoo.com



ADVENT FESTIVAL of LESSONS & CAROLS

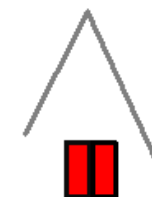
DECEMBER 13
11:00 AM

Sunday's offering will support
Christian Students in the Holy Land

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT ASCENSION!

We have some slates from our "Ascension on Slate" sale available for that special Christmas gift!

There are some birds, florals and bayou scenes as well as some crosses and contemporary art. There is something for everyone on your list. Avoid the crowds and the weather; come enjoy a quiet setting for your shopping.



Call the church office to make an appointment for a showing.

The Episcopal Church
of the Ascension
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The Rev. Joseph E. Daly
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The Rev. Palmer B. Kennedy
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Deacon
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Tidings Deadline- December 20

E-mail submissions to:
deacon@ascensionlafayette.com

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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR: Our Vestry and Clergy, Pit Hesterly, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Barbara Myers, Joyce McClellan, Janet Tessier, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Lila, Bob King, Mary McIntosh, Frank Parratt, Karen Gallet, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Richard, Janet, Jamie, Ken Wade, Nita, Ryan Green, Billy Hall, Hazel, Marvin, Ainsleigh, Katie, Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Henry, Tim and Sarah, Emily Taylor, Lee, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Tammy Carpenter, Dr Kerri Rimmel, Rebecca Jayne, Gwen Bernard, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, Paul, Benita, Marie Julie, Jimmy, William and Ann Shower, Laura, Maddox, Curtis Melancon, Charlene, Faye V. Turner,

Hedy Stevens, Louise Haddock, Lisa Karre, Father Gary Schexnayder, Miller, Howard, Ann Dobie, Nagham El Karhili, Pam Capell, Kasey, Jack Larmier, David, Judy Roberts, Carlin Craig, Kasey, Sharon, Kristen, Carolyn Barker, Melissa Barker, Jonathan Barker, Catherine McGowen, Linda Weems, Jim, Carol Baker, Charles McGowen, Angela Roy, John Bateman, Colette House, Arthur White, Sammy, Albert Davis, Lou Ann St. Julien, Thomas, Phyllis Huval, Katherine Attrep, Michael Blevins, Mike Blevins, Maty Blevins, Carli Blevins, Mike and Shirley Godwin, Jan and Charles, David, Thomas Rowe, Theresa, Connie Priest, Corrine, Marci Lecky, Angie Touchet, Dr. Jim Rotchford, Lou Oliver, Martha Green, Rodney Ledoux, Ronnie Pendergraft, Mary and Irby Olivier, Farin Gougierrez, Beck B., Ann Patin, Nick Georges, Emily Kean, Ashley Alexander, Kennedy Shuler, Christopher Hebert, Marion, Joyce Harvilchuch, 0 Allan Voss, Rick Onks, Mark Buddy and Carmina, Kaytlin, Diane, Judy Herman, Sterling Lejeune, The Kruger Family, Jane Cabes, Troy LeBoeuf, Dave Cheshire, Aubrey Braithwaite, Sylvia Turner, Anson Lindsay, Roxanne Myers, Andrew D., The Wilson Family, Mary Beth Tompkins, Donald Shaffer, Tom Foarde, Hayley Kennedy, Jack Seale, Micah and Kelly Champagne, John Baker, Diana Fay Lejerne, Hunter Watts, friends and family serving in the armed services. (Names stay on the prayers list for three weeks unless otherwise requested.)





OH, BOY!



Please Join Us for a
ZOOM Baby Shower Honoring Haley Kennedy

Sunday, December 20 at 3-4 PM

Registry: go to babylist.com and search

Haley and Palmer Kennedy

201 Prescott Blvd, #111 Youngsville 70592

To congratulate the Kennedys on ZOOM, email ascensionrector@yahoo.com by Dec 19.

Call for Nominees for Vestry & Convention

Nomination of parishioners to stand for election to the Vestry and as delegates to the 2021 Convention of the Diocese of Western Louisiana are currently open.

Vestry nominees must be active members in good standing, of at least 21 years of age and financial givers of record. Service on the Vestry is a three year commitment of active leadership and service.

Diocesan Convention delegates must be active members of the parish in good standing, of at least 16 years of age and financial givers of record. Delegates must attend the Spring 2021 Convention of the Diocese of Western Louisiana.

Nominations may be made by parishioners in good standing by having the candidate submit a nomination form and questionnaire to the Church office before December 2, 2020. Forms are available at the Church office.

ASCENSION ACADEMY

a (virtual) Rector's Forum
ZOOM in on Wednesdays at 7 PM

SIGN UP to EXPLORE
The Biblical Story
The Christian Faith
The Episcopal Church
with
The Rev'd Joseph Daly

Join this Wednesday night study if you are interested in joining the church or simply deepening your understanding.
church.rector@ascensionlafayette.com

Coffee with a Cleric

Every **Tuesday at 10 AM** you are invited to (virtually) meet and share a cup of joe and casual conversation with your clergy online via ZOOM.

- 12.1 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 12.8 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 12.15 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 12.22 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 12.29 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 1.5 The Rev'd Joseph Daly

Wine Wednesdays

for (virtual) FELLOWSHIP

You are invited to meet Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM to share fellowship and conversation with your clergy via ZOOM.

- 12.2 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 12.9 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 12.16 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 12.23 The Rev'd Honey Becker
- 12.30 The Rev'd Joseph Daly
- 1.6 The Rev'd Honey Becker



email your cleric at least two hours before the ZOOM meeting to receive your invitation

From the Treasurer

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

With all of the distractions, chaos whether real or imagined, worries about our health, and of course the normal stress of the holidays, it is so easy to forget to be thankful, and yet we really have so much to be thankful for.

We have gotten through most of what has been a difficult year. Our Non-Pledge and Plate contributions are more than \$43,000 below what we budgeted, but our pledge income is right where we had hoped at this time of year. I am very thankful that our pledgers have continued to show their financial support for Ascension, even while many have been able to attend infrequently or only virtually.

Our expenses continue to be well controlled, but unless we receive a significant portion of the \$43,000, we will show a deficit for the year. My hope is that some of that can be made up during the last month of the year, but remember gifts are always welcome, whether in the

plate, mail, Venmo, or other methods.

At this time of year, and this year especially it is important to remember to submit your pledge for next year. Without the frequent reminders, the Fall Feast, the brief speeches by Vestry members during service, it is all too easy to forget that we must have a budget for next year. As a worshipping community, Ascension will get through this time. The promise of vaccines may help return us to normal, but we need to plan ahead for those times. Please return your pledge card, as quickly as possible, or call it into the office after the Thanksgiving holiday.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Psalm 107

Frank F. Limouze



You can support your parish using Venmo, the app that automatically deposits funds using your mobile device.



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TRANSITIONS

Our Fall Transitions Ministries have come to an end as we prepare for Christmas.

Frank Limouze says, "Friends with Food is devoted to food, fellowship and fun." And, I think he organized a wonderful group of foodies to cook and to enjoy each others' company! Our chefs included Frank & Janet Limouze, Robert & Alicia Sawvel, Carol & Lon Dore and Connie & Mike LaVergne. Our recipes were some local favorites and specialties from around the world, including the Philippines and the Middle East! Dr. Ann Dobie is collecting the recipes with the idea of creating an "Ascension COVID Cookbook", with the proceeds designated to our Outreach Ministries!

In our book club, we were treated to some very interesting reads. Many thanks to Dr. Dobie and Susan Simon for leading us. From Ann, "Personally, it has been a great pleasure to meet with you ladies every week and hear your ideas about the characters we've met and the experiences they have taken us through. I look forward to continuing our meetings and hope

that one of these days we can actually meet face-to-face. In the meantime, it will be a pleasure to take future journeys with you through the books we enjoy."

Many thanks to Connie LaVergne for helping to keep us fit during the last few months with her excellent yoga classes. Connie's routines were designed for those of us who are a bit more sedentary than is good for us! She's an avid proponent of keeping in motion! We certainly were the beneficiaries of her many years leading physical education programs at UL. I know I have personally benefited tremendously from her classes. Thank you, Connie!

If you have any suggestions for new programs or for the current ones, please contact me. If you would like to join a group or if you need additional information, I would love to hear from you. Our Spring Ministries will begin after the new year and go up until the week before Easter, which would be Monday, January 4—Friday, March 26.

Have a Blessed Christmas. I look forward to our time together in the new year.

Rev. Honey Becker, Deacon