

**ASCENSION MEMORIAL CHURCH**  
Flourishing - Family - Community  
A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts  
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**TIDINGS WEEKLY**  
May 13, 2018



Get inspired and get organized! As you dig into your spring cleaning, put your donations to a good use! Donate items you no longer need or want to Ascension Yard Sale Table.

We want your new/gently used **SELLABLE** items in **GOOD CONDITION**. Items such as:

**home decorations \* kitchen items \* toys \* tools \* holiday items \* CDs\* children's books \* clothing**  
**\* knick knacks \* sports equipment \* small furniture**

**Please no gas-powered items, TVs, computers, or large/heavy/upholstered furniture.**

**Donation Drop-off Times:**

Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 9am- noon

Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> 4pm – 7pm

Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup> 9am – noon

Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 9am- noon

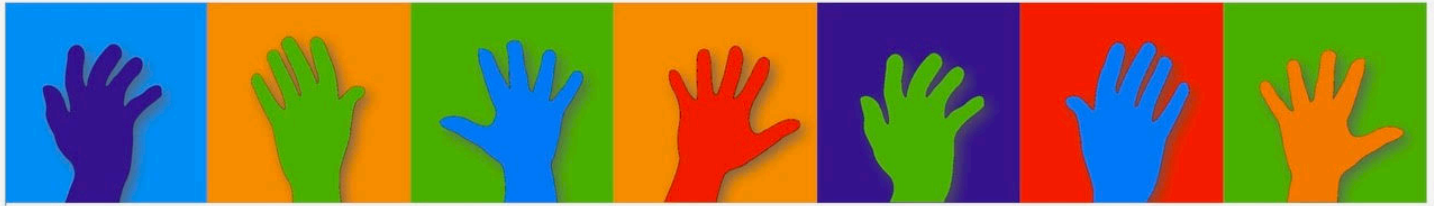
Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> 4pm – 7pm

Don't forget **JEWELRY DONATIONS** can be dropped off in the Parlor anytime.

**NEW PARISH OFFICE STAFFING POSITIONS**

AMC has created two new positions in response to the growing administrative needs of our parish. The role of **Parish Communications Administrator** has been filled by Patti Gorman. Patti will be the person in our parish office throughout the week to facilitate all forms of parish communications. The role of **Parish Business Administrator** has been filled by Frank Corbin. Frank will assist in facilitating and overseeing financial and business transactions in support of our Parish Treasurer and Parish Communications Administrator. Patti and Frank bring excellent skills, commitment, and enthusiasm to these important areas of life at AMC and we are grateful to have them serving in these roles.

# HELPING HANDS



You have seen, over many months, the outreach efforts we at Ascension are hands-on involved in. Many of these are associated with our local community, the larger community and the international community. We are known as a mission church and would like for you to know a bit more about those efforts that look to involve, not just a select few, but many of our church families just looking for Christian ways to give to others and to do it together. This effort of giving together helps to strengthen family bonds and to strengthen fellowship with other parishioners helping in the same ways.

**Family Promise** offers an opportunity for a family to volunteer for an early evening to have a meal with the 4 families being housed here and after dinner, play games, read or otherwise engage with them for a couple of hours.

**B-Safe** offers an opportunity for a family to spend a portion of a day with 40 kids from St. Luke's in Chelsea roaming Appleton Farms, having lunch together and engaging in a musical experience with Frank Corbin and Gerald Dolan, topped off with ice cream sundaes.

**The House of Peace**, a local shelter for refugees and disabled adults, could use some help around the house, inside or out, and share a meal together.

**Communion on the Common** is sponsored by the Cathedral and is held rain or shine, year round on Boston Common. It is an ecumenical event held each Sunday and offers a meal to those in need, with the scheduled, volunteer churches providing sandwiches and cake. A eucharist service is held after the meal and there is plenty of time to engage with those who have come to partake in a meal and to experience God's grace.

These are a few of the diverse opportunities offered at Ascension and each is a wonderful way to get to know our fellow parishioners.

For more information on these ministry opportunities, please contact:

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## JUDITH GRANT SCHOLARSHIPS for AMC Students

Graduating seniors who are active members of AMC are eligible to submit an application for a **Judith Grant Scholarship**. All applications need to be returned to the office by Monday, May 21st. The selection committee will meet during the following weeks. Along with a monetary reward, the 2018 recipients' names will be engraved on the scholarship plaque displayed at the church. All winners will be announced at the all-parish service on June 10th. Each recipient's presence is encouraged but not required. Applications are available by contacting the office at 978-356-2560 or on the website [amcipswich.org](http://amcipswich.org) (click on Latest News).

## "CIRCLE OF CARE"

1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month - 7 to 8PM

Next Meeting: May 15th, St. Matthew's Parlor

Ascension Memorial Church, [31 County St. Ipswich, MA](#)

Worse than sharing our loss with others is having no one with whom to share our loss. **Circle of Care** is a resource for learning how to live within a new narrative, a way of living that honors and acknowledges loss while not being limited and defined by loss. **Feel free to attend one meeting or several. Circle of Care welcomes anyone and everyone.** This offering is co-led by the Rev. Bradford Clark and Clinical Social Worker Brandon Schroeder.

Call Parish Office for more information: 978-356-2560 Or email: [amcipswich@verizon.net](mailto:amcipswich@verizon.net)

## AMC Saturday Morning Men's Group

The practice at Ascension of guys getting together on **Saturday morning from 8 to 9AM** has resumed. These mornings are for sharing our lives, discussing what matters, reflecting on highs and lows, offering support when needed, and building trust and camaraderie. The focus of our time might be scripture, a newspaper article, a short story, or a current event. We talk, we laugh, we pray, we exchange what's on our minds and hearts. Bring your favorite morning beverage. Sometimes donuts appear. Take away some nourishment for the soul. Mark your manly calendar for Saturdays starting at 8AM, in the Rector's Office.

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

For additional information and listings, please visit our website calendar:

[amcipswich.org/calendar/](http://amcipswich.org/calendar/)

<b>05.13 Sunday</b> <b>Ascension Sunday</b>	8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:45AM - Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - Boone Hall Lower Level 10:15AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II
<b>05.14 Monday</b>	12:15PM - Holy Silence
<b>05.15 Tuesday</b>	5:00PM - Choristers Rehearsal - Choir Room - Boone Hall Lower Level 7:00PM - Circle of Care Ministry - St. Matthew's Parlor
<b>05.16 Wednesday</b>	9:30AM - Bible Study - St. Matthew's Parlor 4:00PM - Outreach Committee Meeting - St. Matthew's Parlor 5:30PM - Holy Silence/Holy Communion 6:00PM - Book Group - St. Matthew's Parlor 7:30PM - Vestry Meeting - St. Matthew's Parlor
<b>05.17 Thursday</b>	12:00PM - Rotary Senior's Luncheon - Boone Hall - Dorman Gym 7:00PM - Education for Ministry - St. Matthew's Parlor
<b>05.18 Friday</b>	
<b>05.19 Saturday</b>	8:00AM - AMC Men's Group - Rector's Office
<b>05.20 Sunday</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	8:00AM - Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:45AM - Adult Choir Rehearsal - Choir Room - Boone Hall Lower Level 10:15AM - Holy Eucharist Rite II

**COMING SOON AND WE NEED YOU!**



**Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Ascension Front Lawn**

**9 am – noon**

**Three Ways You Can Help:**

- 1) Gather Your Stuff + Rent A Table + Sell Your Stuff = \$ for You**  
**OR**
- 2) Gather Your Stuff + Drop Stuff Off + WE Sell Your Stuff = \$ for AMC**  
**OR**
- 3) Volunteer to Help = Connect and Have Fun with Fellow Parishioners**  
**Sign-up in The Parlor**

For more info, contact Amanda Reeder ([maryamandareeder@gmail.com](mailto:maryamandareeder@gmail.com))  
or Kitty Bartholomew ([bartcreate@gmail.com](mailto:bartcreate@gmail.com))