



MARCH 2023

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 10-11** The 2023 Diocesan Convention will be held at the Cross Schools in Bluffton, SC.
- March 12** Daylight Savings Time Begins.
- March 16** Men's Club will meet in the Parish House at 7 p.m.
- March 18** The Anglican Women of Ascension will meet in the Parish House at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting.

HELPERS

DATE	LAY READER	CRUCIFER
March 5 Holy Eucharist	Bill Forte	Rob Sheehan
March 12 Holy Eucharist	Dianne LeNoir	Mike Hoge
March 19 Holy Eucharist	Barbara Hanrahan	Miriam Crowson
March 26 Morning Prayer		Mary LeNoir Hoge

Please keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Our President and Other Leaders, Healthcare Workers, EMT's, Teachers, Students, Bishop Chip Edgar and the Anglican Diocese of SC, Victoria Bailey,

Mickey Battista, Billy Bruce, Jennifer Cogan, Angela Cullins, Tina Dillard, Carol Ellis, Butch and Frances Fobes, Larry and Linda Herb, Gwen Huckreide, Bob Jennings, Beverly Johnson, Sarah Kennedy, Liz Keyes, Phyllis McLeod, Margarette Mills, Fred Mullen, Jr., Dewey Newman, Karen Parsons, Joan St. Romaine, Debbie Talent, Edwin Thompson, David Todd, the People of Ukraine, Tom Wesloskie, A'Lexia and Dan Wiggins, Ernie Williams, and Jess Williams.

Our young people who are serving in the Military: Kevin Boone, Mason Crowson, Will Crowson, Cameron Cullins, Dan Ellis, CJ Giordano, Andrew Nesbitt, Jordan Patton, Sarah Potzler, Zachary Seymour, and Timothy Sheehan.

A MESSAGE FROM REV. JOEL OSBORNE

Quoting Pope Francis for the Lenten Season:

"Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressure and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen."

Pax Christi

Rev. Joel+

NOTES

Judy Wesloskie distributed her delicious Valentine candy to members of the congregation recently. She also shared an inspiring poem entitled, "A Love Letter from God." Thank you, Judy.

Rev. Joel Osborne led a meaningful Ash Wednesday Service with the Imposition of Ashes on February 22nd at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish House. We had no electricity so the change was made from the church. Our organist, Jane Luther Smith, did an amazing job on the piano. This service marks the beginning of Lent.

The Woman's Afternoon Music Club presented a wonderful program, "Afternoon of World Music," on Sunday, February 26th at First Presbyterian Church in Sumter. One of the performers was Jane Luther Smith who played beautifully three piano pieces by composer Isidro Bajic.

Ascension's congregation held its Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 19th. At this time, various reports were shared. CD Ford was elected our new Junior Warden. Our current Vestry members are now: Laddie DuBose (Senior Warden), CD Ford (Junior Warden), Mike Hanrahan, Steve LeNoir, Charles McLeod, and Rob Sheehan. We appreciate our Wardens, Vestry members, and David LeNoir, our Treasurer. Delegates to this year's Diocesan Convention were also elected. Helen Crolley, Miriam Crowson, Laddie DuBose, and Dianne LeNoir will represent our Church. Ginnie DuBose is the alternate. Rev. Joel Osborne will also be present.

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina will hold its 2023 Convention on Friday, March 10th and Saturday, March 11th, at The Cross Schools in Bluffton, SC. Please keep our Bishop, priests, and delegates in your prayers for safe travels and wise decisions for our Diocese.

Men's Club will hold their meeting on March 16th in the Parish House at 7 p.m. Good fellowship and good food are always a part of this gathering. The Pancake Supper they hosted on February 21st was certainly a success. Those present enjoyed delicious pancakes and sausage and visiting with each other. The cooks were Laddie DuBose, Walter Early, CD Ford, Bubba LeNoir, David LeNoir, Sam LeNoir, and Joel Osborne. Danny LeNoir took up the tickets and the money.

The Anglican Women of Ascension will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 18th, in the Parish House. Light refreshments will be served following the meeting. We will be discussing our usual spring financial commitments and outreach some of which include: the Anglican Diocesan Women's Pledge; the Anglican Diocesan Women's Project, Water Missions International; and United Ministries. We will also discuss some tentative plans for Bishop Edgar's visit in September. Please join us if you can. We always enjoy being together!

Rob and Leigh Sheehan are inviting the congregation of Ascension to celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Jordan MaKayla, to Haden Kirk, on Friday, July 21st at five o'clock in the evening. A reception will follow in the Parish House. In order to prepare for the number of people who can attend, please let them know by the middle of March if you can be present. Their address is: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sheehan, 3245 Deer Track Cir., Dalzell, SC 29040.

Helen Crolley, Ginnie DuBose, Beverly LeNoir, and Dianne LeNoir served on the Altar Guild during February. Donna Fletcher provided new mailing labels for the church newsletters. Thank you.

Everyone is encouraged to continue to bring non-perishable food items in support of our ongoing ministry to the United Ministries Food Pantry in Sumter. Thank you, Laddie, for taking this food for us each month.

Please review the beautiful and colorful slide show John Holmberg has prepared for the Church's website at churchoftheascensionhagoodsc.com and enjoy! John's tribute to the Men's Club is as follows: "Special thanks to the Men's Club of Ascension for sponsoring our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 21st. The event was a well-

coordinated effort. Each task was performed with precision and confidence. Failure was not an option with church members standing in line with plates and silverware in hand. This team of well-seasoned, spatula wheelin', batter slingin' church members' put on quite a show by feeding about 45 people and netting \$300. The church men meet once a month on the third Thursday at 7p.m. in the Parish House or a designated location. The question on every member's mind is 'Who's Cookin'?' It's an interesting group that makes for an enjoyable, entertaining evening that provides memorable moments, food and fellowship."

We are very grateful, John, for your time and talent.

Rev. Joel Osborne will recognize those in our congregation celebrating a birthday or anniversary during March.

March Birthdays

C. D. Ford	March 8
Shacky Boykin	March 13
Deirdre Ford	March 13
Hoagie LeNoir	March 13
Michael Warrick	March 29
Wilson Warrick	March 29

March Anniversary

Billy and Charlene Bruce	March 11
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We wish these special people a Happy Birthday and a Happy Anniversary.

A reminder that the Society of Ascension will meet on March 5th at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House. All are welcome.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12th. Remember to Spring Forward and move your clock ahead one hour.

Church of the Holy Comforter (Anglican) in Sumter is hosting a series of lunches and speakers on Tuesdays at Noon during Lent.

Church of the Holy Cross (Anglican) in Stateburg is also hosting a series of Lenten lunches, and Father Ridgill is the speaker for these sessions on Wednesdays at 11:30 a.m.

Both churches encourage anyone who is interested to attend. Donations are appreciated.

IMPORTANT APRIL DATES

Palm Sunday is April 2nd.

Good Friday is April 7th, and there will be a Service at 5:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday is April 9th.

April 22nd is the Annual Gathering of the Women of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina at Church of the Resurrection in North Charleston. All women are welcome.

