



Mission

Ascension & Holy Trinity
lives to put God's love into action!

Worship Schedule

8:00 am | In-Church Sunday Service in the Library/Assembly Room
[Safety Measures Apply]

10:00 am | Virtual Sunday Service on Facebook Live
In-Church Sunday Service in the Nave
[Safety Measures Apply]

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A&HT Wyoming Preschool: 2 yrs. - Pre-K

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The Vision of Ascension & Holy Trinity:

A vital and growing faith community with overflowing worship services and Christian growth opportunities. A church with compassion-centered ministries through which all find a place and take God's love into the world.

All are welcome because all belong.

News from the Pews

Birthdays

- 2 | Mark Dugan
- 5 | Chuck Kellner
- 7 | Autumn Rabanus
- 8 | Olivia Munneke
- 9 | Alexander McCullumsmith,
Vera Rumke
- 10 | Spencer Bingham-Latzy
- 11 | Carol Ostrander-Gómez
- 12 | Cindy Belew,
Karla Dugan,
Jennifer Fitzwater
- 13 | Jon Boss
- 14 | Taylor Lovejoy
- 15 | Molly Thurman
- 16 | Philip Brandewie,
Alicia Brandewie,
Chris DeWitt
- 17 | Beverly Cody
- 21 | Maura Gillingham
- 22 | Walter Haeger,
Heather Stottmann
- 23 | Matt Madison
- 25 | Lynn Fitzwater,
Joe Gieringer
- 26 | Meredith Glover
- 27 | Matthew Erickson
- 28 | Andrew Barnes
- 29 | Jon Boss II,
Tyler Brundridge,
Christopher Fitzwater,
Matthew Latzy
David Rumke
- 30 | Kurt Gieringer,
Will Gieringer

Anniversaries

- 7 | Jon II & Tamera Boss
- 15 | Brandon & Karla Cordes
- 19 | Jim & Amy Getgey
- 20 | Matt & Lisa Gellner
- 23 | Noel & Angela Horne
- 24 | Lew & Dorothy Poggiali



Prayer List

Bob & Wendy Allan, Nola Bode,
Top Borden, Ruth Brewer,
Carolyn Bruckmann, Ron Hannah,
Edith Spiers, Jon Toumey.

**All those with COVID-19 or
loved ones with COVID-19.**



October Connections

Rector's Reflections

Whoa! Do you mean it is already October 2021?! How on earth did that happen? For much of the pandemic it felt as though time was crawling, but time pepped back up to speed with the passing of the summer months and our children back in school again. With October and the autumn months comes our Ascension & Holy Trinity annual pledge drive. Bridget Glover, Jean Panos, and a whole host of others have been hard at work preparing various materials for this year's pledge drive. Actually, we went with a team approach for this year, and the pledge ingathering team is doing wonderful ministry together. I couldn't be prouder!

Do you know your "why?" "Know Your Why" is this year's pledge theme, and what an important theme it is. You'll be receiving more information about our pledge theme and pledge process from our ingathering and pledge team. I thought you might enjoy reading my "why."

I have been a part of A&HT Episcopal Church for over 12 years now, and I love getting to serve with our faith community. My reason for serving as Rector with you is because I love serving with all of you. We are blessed with a mix of folks from different backgrounds, different understandings of God and how God is active in our lives, different liturgical tastes and musical preferences, outreach ministries, and more. A&HT has a broad mix of folks with different work experiences, and many of us aren't afraid of sharing how our work lives can benefit the way we offer our church ministries. We value tradition, but we aren't afraid to try new and different approaches to a variety of ministries. We fall across a broad political spectrum.

I serve as Rector, as preacher, and pastor of A&HT because I believe in our mission, living to put God's love into action. I value that we're all action-oriented, and we aren't afraid of some stillness and reflection, too. And, you know how I feel about our church tagline "All are welcome because all belong." The Episcopal Church, and A&HT Church, are inclusive and expansive in our love of God and love of neighbor. Could we be even more inclusive? You betcha! There is always room to grow, but I am delighted with how our Spirit has grown over the years and am grateful to serve with such loving and inclusive followers of Jesus.

I want you to know that I believe in the life of Ascension & Holy Trinity. The pandemic is challenging. In some ways the pandemic isn't over, much as we would love for that to be the case. But, I have witnessed love and spiritual

growth, even in the midst of difficulties and challenges. I've seen new people sign onto new ministries teams. I've witnessed long-time parishioners and newcomers attend our "Invite-Welcome-Connect" meetings. I've encountered a Vestry who looks forward to the time in the agenda when we hold intentional space for spiritual discussion and actively participate in the discussion. Yes, some ministries are slow to start back up, but progress and change take time. Most of you are being patient with the process of ministry and transformation, and I am most appreciative. The answer to my "why" for serving with A&HT is God's unconditional love I experienced through your search team, the team spirit I witness serving with you, and the hope that we will boldly continue our process of transformation.

One of the pieces of information all of us will be receiving from our pledge team is a letter asking us to prayerfully commit to pledging our time, talent, and treasure to God through A&HT's ministries. You need to know that your Vestry, the lay leadership team, pledges to the life of this congregation. You also need to know that my family pledges. I will not ask you to do a spiritual practice, in this case pledging, that I am unable or unwilling to practice myself. No, I am not asking for a pat on the back for pledging. I'm simply doing my part as a faithful worshiper of A&HT. My pledge matters. Your pledge matters. Our pledges really, truly matter. We are able to faithfully live into the ministries God calls us into because of the gifts of God we leave at the altar before God for the life of our community.

And so I ask, what is your why? I can't wait to see you on the streets, in the pews, and on the net for worship where all are welcome because all belong!

In God's Grace,



Eric L. Miller+
Rector



Music Notes



Music Ministry: Meet Our Section Leaders!



John Fitzwater | Bass Section Leader

John received his Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees from Northwestern University. Notable performances have been with the Chicago Opera Theater, Western New York Opera Theater, Whitewater Opera, Northwest Opera, ArtPark Opera, Chicago Symphony, Cincinnati Symphony, Northwest Symphony, Buffalo Philharmonic, and Bay View Association in Michigan. A highlight was the American premiere of Phillip Glass' Satyagraha at the Brooklyn Academy of Music. In 2015, he played the role of King of Scotland in Cincinnati Chamber Opera's presentation of Handel's Ariodante performed in our sanctuary. John is also a stage/opera director, most recently directing opera productions at the University of Illinois and with the Cincinnati Chamber Opera. "Fitz," as he is better known at A&HT, is the husband of parishioner Lynn Fitzwater, father of Chris, Beth, Jennifer, and Megan, and grandfather of Ben. He has been bass soloist/choral scholar/section leader for 18 years. He also works as an independent contractor and is the owner of Fitzco remodeling.



Kristin Suess | Alto Section Leader

Kristin Suess, mezzo-soprano, fell in love with Cincinnati when she moved from California to attend CCM for grad school. She had already ventured out of state when she attended Colorado Mesa University, double majoring in Vocal Performance and Music Theatre. Her graduate studies were in Arts Administration, with additional credits in Deaf Studies and Blended and Online Teaching and Learning (BOLT). Her short tenure with the May Festival Chorus included recording their first album and a performance at Carnegie Hall one month after 9/11. Her administrative work then took over her schedule and Kristin sought out other ways to keep singing! Prior to her appointment at A&HT, Kristin was a frequent sub for other area churches and an artist-in-residence at Pilgrim Chapel in Mt. Adams. She was an adjunct instructor at CCM in Arts Administration for 8 years. Currently, Kristin is the Executive Director for Voices of Indiana, a community choir program with an emphasis on youth, and has just been appointed as the Program Coordinator for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of Cincinnati. You may also spy Kristin at the Aronoff or Music Hall, where she moonlights as an Assistant House Manager or Floor Supervisor.

Kristin is married to Jeff Suess, who is a published author and history columnist for the Cincinnati Enquirer. In 2019, they were awarded a People's Liberty grant for their project "10__ Women." Daughter Dashiell (who will be 11 years old in November) may be spotted singing with the youth choir at A&HT, and she also joined the Handbell Choir when it was launched during the pandemic.



Andrew Martini | Tenor Section Leader

Andrew is currently a sophomore working on his Bachelor of Business Administration and his Master of Business Administration at Thomas More University, he plans to graduate in the spring of 2024. Andrew currently performs in both the Chamber and Concert Choirs at TMU. Prior to his college experiences, he performed with LaSalle's Vocal Ensemble for 3 years, where they would do an annual Christmas tour of over 50 performances throughout Cincinnati. In the spring they would also perform in competition, and over the years he has performed in Orlando, Chicago, and Nashville. In addition to choral singing, Andrew also performed as a thespian in many musicals during high school and plans to do so soon at TMU.

Bennett Miller Touring with the Rolling Stones

Bennett Miller, who grew up and was confirmed at A&HT, is the bassist for the Pittsburgh-based band [Ghost Hounds](#), which will be opening for The Rolling Stones for five concerts on the Stones' No Filter Tour. The concerts, starting Sept. 30, are in Charlotte, Pittsburgh, Nashville, Inglewood, CA, and Tampa. Ghost Hounds will be performing songs from their just-released recording *A Little Calamity*, which is all original music except for Bruce Springsteen's "Thunder Road." Sasha Allen and Jessie Key are guest artists on *A Little Calamity*.



Parish Health Ministry

Fall is officially here, and the signs are very visible in falling temperatures, falling leaves, kids back in school with all their activities, etc. We can take the opportunity to enjoy time outside with the more reasonable temperatures to socialize and exercise more comfortably.

Now is a good time to schedule seasonal health checkups for all family members to prepare them for the coming winter. Flu shots are strongly recommended. Also, if any tests have been missed during the pandemic, this would be a good time to reschedule and catch up to get back on track. Needless to say, we need to be familiar with the current guidelines associated with the coronavirus in order to protect ourselves and our loved ones from infection.

As A&HT is opening up with more opportunities for interaction and we are able to continue our current activities, we welcome suggestions for additional health related programs. Please feel free to contact Kathy Kessler, Melissa Erickson, or Angela Horne.

The Parish Health Ministry Bulletin Board is Back...For Now

If you have been down the mid-building stairs to the basement lately, you might have noticed the PHM Bulletin Board has been updated for the first time in 18 months! If you have never noticed the bulletin board, please visit and take a look. Each month we post articles of physical and mental health interest, including fitness, nutrition, disease warning signs, talking to your doctor, and other topics. Our bodies and minds are a gift from God and it behooves us to take care of them.

Many times, the board is themed around the season; for example, the current one includes information on school bus and Halloween safety. These articles have been clipped over the years – now with medical waiting rooms pretty much closed, there aren't as many additions from those magazines – but we also print things out from online sources.

I have been doing the bulletin board for more years than I can recall (at least 6) and think it's time for a new voice to take it over. If you are into health and wellness and would like a ministry that you can do on your own for about ½ hour a month in church, this is for you! It's also a great ministry for families – perhaps your children can create health-themed artwork to post! Please email or phone me to shadow the next bulletin board posting (likely Oct 24 or 31) and to learn about this ministry!

Jean Panos | Jbpanos612@gmail.com | 513-535-4658

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 10, 2021

3:00 pm

Gathering Place

[in case of weather, the event will be held inside the Parish Hall]

Fr. Eric will be holding a Blessing of the Animals liturgy on Sunday, October 10th at 3:00 pm on the Gathering Place. In the event of inclement weather, the liturgy will be moved into the Parish Hall.

This liturgy is in remembrance of St. Francis and his love of God through the love of animals. All are welcome to join in this fun-filled worship experience, regardless of denomination, type of animal brought, or anything else. The more animals and humans, the merrier! We ask that animals be kept on a leash and for animal handlers to be mindful of other animals in the area.

Outreach Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

7:00 pm

Zoom Meeting ID: 834 6424 9705 | Passcode: 276393 | [Link](#)

We have over \$4,000 remaining in this year's Outreach Budget, and we invite you to join us for a meeting to discuss its allocation. Among the opportunities is a donation to Wyoming-based nonprofit Heartfelt Tidbits to provide three visa application fees for helping Afghan families to sponsor their relatives to come to safety here.

We'll also discuss the Thanksgiving Basket campaign and ministries we can recommend to the Vestry to receive the Christmas offering. Please feel free to write to us with ministries you're involved in that you'd like us to consider. We'll also share exciting updates, including the incredible success of the challenge to Mill Creek Valley congregations to reach the goal of funding the refrigerated van for Valley Interfaith Community Resource Center, and the rapid progress A&HT members and Rotarians have made under Huxley Miller's leadership on the construction of the greenhouse at Tikkun Farm. Please feel free to email us with your ideas.

Melissa Monich [monich.melissa@gmail.com] & Ariel Miller [arielmillerwriter@gmail.com] | Outreach Co-Chairs

Joan Ammerman's Paintings

A Request from Bill Ammerman

Hello! This is Bill Ammerman. I'm making a book of all of my mom's artwork, and I need your assistance. Some of her paintings have been distributed to friends and neighbors over the years, and I'd like to get photos of any that are still around. Also, if there are any photos of her paintings with the art club at church that would be great. Please contact me at 919-614-1275 or ammerdad@outlook.com.

Sabbath in Our Strides: Hiking

Saturday, October 23, 2021

10:30 am

Mt. Airy Forest

Do you ever find yourself hiking in the beauty of God's creation and think, "This feels like church to me?" Well, what if you could hike with fellow followers of Christ of all ages and reflect on Scripture individually and as a community? Join St. James Episcopal and Ascension & Holy Trinity Episcopal on Saturday morning October 23rd at 10:30 am at Mt. Airy Forest (exact location TBD) as we experience God through our senses and Scripture reflection. Bring a sack lunch to eat at the end of the hike and bring a friend along. Questions or interested in coming? Contact the church office at 513-821-5341 or Fr. Eric at rector@ascensionholyltrinity.com. We hope to regularly do hikes in 2022, so please let us know if you're interested (even if you can't make it on the 23rd).

Invitation to Usher

You are cordially invited to serve as one of Ascension & Holy Trinity's ushers!

What is needed to serve as an usher? We need people with hearts full of joy and gratitude who are willing to serve others through sharing a smile and word of welcome into our worship space, handing out a bulletin, showing how to use the available QR code for those who'd rather go digitally, passing offering plates, counting about 60 or so people (hopefully that number will grow), and sharing God's love. Ushers are the first people parishioners and guests meet at our doors on Sunday mornings. Christina Brandewie leads this dedicated, but small group of ushers and is always happy to offer training for those new to the role. Please prayerfully consider if this ministry would be a good fit for you and yours - children are welcome, too!

A&HT Preschool

Daily Schedule of the Playful Bunnies Class (2 & 3 Year Olds)

- 9:00 am Arrival & Free Play
- 9:30 am First Circle Time & Art
- 10:10 am Large Muscle Activities Outside
or in the Muscle Room
- 10:30 am Group Snack Time
- 10:50 am Second Circle Time &
Center Time
- 11:30 am Large Muscle Activities Outside
or Free Play Inside
- 12:00 pm Dismissal



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