

Ascend

January
2011

Theology and the Arts



Friday, January 21 at 7:30 pm
Ascension and Trinity School
for Ministry will host an
unusual and very special event
featuring British theologian
and musician, Jeremy Begbie.
Dr. Begbie taught at the
University of St. Andrews in
Scotland and now teaches at
Duke University. He will be at
Trinity for a few days giving
lectures on theology and music.
Dr. Begbie is the author of
numerous theological books,

the most recent of which is entitled *Resounding Truth: Christian Wisdom in the World of Music*. Parishioner and professional musician Andy Kohn says of him:

“Jeremy Begbie has an extraordinary ability to relate different Christian composers’ music to their specific theological underpinnings. His capacity to relate musicology and theology is remarkable and invigorating.”

As part of his visit to the Pittsburgh area, he will be coming to Ascension to give a performance/lecture about human creativity and the trinitarian vision of creation. He describes this performance/lecture this way: “It is one of the hallmarks of the modern era that human creativity is seen basically as a matter of bringing our own order to the physical world, constructing things out of nature but without regard for nature. Discovery and creativity are thus assumed to work against each other. Through music, this lecture will explore the roots of this assumption. By examining some of the music of J. S. Bach (1685-1750), a very different vista is opened up, a trinitarian vision of creation in which the discovery of God-given order is seen as integral to all human making.” This multi-media lecture will include musical performance at the piano, recordings, and extensive visual material. For more information contact Jeanne Kohn or Jack Walsh.

Calendar

Sunday, January 2

No Hot Breakfast and no 9:15am
Education Hour

Sunday, January 9

Our Hot Breakfast and 9:15am
Education Hour resume

Sunday, January 16

Sylvia Tamusuza, founder of the
Love and Care Home in Uganda and
long-time friend of Ascension will be
visiting with us. She will present the
Children’s Talk and we’ll enjoy a cake
reception with her in the Parish Hall
after the service.

Friday, January 21

An evening with British theologian and
musician, Jeremy Begbie. Plan to join
us for this inspiring musical event at
7:30 pm

Saturday, January 29

Women’s Winter Retreat
The speaker will be Robin Capcara
See the back page for details

Saturday, February 19

Missions Weekend with
Festa Brazil on Saturday night
More information available soon

Sunday February, 27

Annual Meeting after the 10:30 am
service

Christmas for the Homebound Event

A mega thank you to everyone who participated in this event - which included the cookie baking, assembling the packages, and delivering the packages to our homebound parish family members. A joyous opportunity to share the Love of God during our Advent season, with memories and blessings abounding!

Church Library

Many thanks to those of you who have scoured your book shelves and kindly replied and/or returned the borrowed Ascension books. To date, many books remain outstanding and once again, we are asking you to diligently search your book ‘stashes’ and respond to our messages or simply return the books. This is a tedious task for which we are asking both your help and patience to continue to provide a lending library for the Church of the Ascension.

Coming January 16, 2011 will be two new DVD’s. To allow others to view the new additions, lending time for these is two weeks.

“Where the Red Fern Grows”

Based on the novel by Wilson Rawls. A heart warming tale of adventure and friendship – wonderful story for all ages and for all time.

“Fireproof”

From the creators of ‘Facing the Giants’ – a great resource to help strengthen and affirm marriages.

Check them out – post a review!!!
Thanks for your support.

- *The Library Team.*

Family News

January Birthdays

1. Helen Skinner, Jeremy Acker
2. Anna Ruhl Scannell
3. Mari Stout
4. Suzie Hall, Melissa Weaver Benjamin Cummings
5. Catherine Crotty, Asher Bernardi
8. Barbara Baur Wendy LeMarquand
10. Maria Wahrenberger
11. Thomas Fuener
12. Elizabeth Van Ormer, Teddy Ritts
13. James Franzen, Ronald Yadrick Rosemary Apple, Amina Bernardi
16. Laura Lewis, Aaron Buettner
17. Mary Martha Truschel
18. Valerie Kornfield
19. Lara Scandrett, Zack Forrest Max Weaver
21. Kate Tunney George David LeMarquand
22. Marian Kreithen
23. Kristie Mertz
24. Baxter Peffer, David Trautman Daniel Tickner, Luke Maddalena
- 25 Jim Foster
- 27 Ruth Anne Fitzpatrick
- 27 Dan Hickey, Laura Irvine Kristin Richards, Nathan Twichell
- 28 Damean Brannan
- 29 Nancy Drew, Nora Woon
- 30 Marc Miller, Mitchell Weaver Owen George
- 31 Gayle McDonough Mallory Cowell, Megan Lang

January Anniversaries

11. David and Lois Fowler
13. G. Baxter Peffer and Margaret Crighton
22. Michael and Dannielle Olmi

Website Update

A new website is coming soon!

Congratulations

Amy and Roger Maddalenna and their children Owen, Luke and Isaac welcomed another baby boy into their family on December 20. Henry Joseph weighed 8 lb. 12 oz.

Condolences

Our condolences to Nancy Drew and her sister Linda Tobin and family at the passing of their father, S. Thomas (Tom) Drew, on Friday, December 17.

Directory

At the end of January we hope to distribute the new Parish Directory. January 9, 16 and 23 you will have an opportunity to proof your contact information. Please visit the table where a hard copy of the directory will be posted. **If your information is correct, please place a check mark next to your name.** Write any corrections right on the proof pages. If you are new to Ascension and are not listed in our current Directory, please send your information to the church office via a blue welcome sheet.

Pictorial Directory

Coming soon. Please email a photo of yourself or family to Judy Yadrick at the church office. You may also contact Judy to set up a time to have your picture taken.

Campus Ministry

Jubilee 2011 "It could CHANGE everything" February 18-20

The Jubilee Conference is a fantastic opportunity for college students and it happens here in Pittsburgh. The weekend is an exploration of how we as Christians can use our studies, skills, and passions to serve God and live out the Kingdom vision. Here are some words from the website - "Jubilee is the CCO's annual college student conference. Jubilee is a catalytic event created to provide a vision of and for life to help followers of Jesus grow in living out their faith in every area of life. Encouraging students to consider the public implications of their own personal transformation and what it means to be faithful to God in their university years and their vocational pursuits that will follow."

www.jubileeconference.com

Students: This conference is a life-changing event where you get to look into connecting your faith, study, and living. Early registration means money saved. Scholarships are available.

Parishioners: Would you like to help a student to go? We are looking for scholarship gifts that would make it easier for students to afford this great conference.

- Jonny Cagwin

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Missions: AFM Update

The mission of Anglican Frontier Missions (AFM) is to see churches planted among the 25 largest and least unevangelised people groups in the world. AFM focuses on unreached people group research, church planting and deployment of missionaries to these people groups, most of whom live outside the borders of the Anglican Church. Church of the Ascension supports AFM through its mission budget.



David Meeks (left) and the Rev. John Porter

Grace Anglican Church in Edgeworth sent their rector, the Rev. John Porter, on a similar vision trip in January 2010. As a result of the visit Grace Edgeworth regularly prays for the people of Turkey. David will take four lay people from different parishes on this visioning trip. They plan to meet current and potential ministry partners and see what the Lord is doing - and listen for ways their respective parishes might be called to outreach in Turkey. They plan to: Explore outreach opportunities among Iranian refugees; Explore and pray for an ethnic neighborhood in Istanbul, and network with others interested in outreach to this ethnic minority group; Encourage an indigenous church planting project in early stages in eastern Turkey; Share their testimonies; Engage in spiritual warfare – praying for healing of historic trauma and for reconciliation. Please pray for the Lord to reveal Himself and His will to the team in surprising and powerful ways.

David Meeks, who attended Ascension 2005-2007, is leading an AFM team to Turkey in January to experience firsthand what the Lord is doing in Turkey among a totally unevangelized people group. Very few people in Turkey have responded to Christ's invitation, and 90% have never heard the Gospel.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group and Sunday School for Jr. High and Sr. High will start up again the week of January 9. If you have not yet tried out our programs for teens, the new year is an amazing time to start. And we don't charge membership fees like gyms. Sunday School meets Sunday mornings at 9:15 in the Old Catacombs.

Youth Group meets Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 in the Old Catacombs. You can check out what's going on via Facebook at Church of the Ascension Student Ministries. Or feel free to call Sarah at 970-222-4407. See you there! (If you would like to get on the Youth Parents' Email Distribution List, please email Sarah at slaribee@gmail.com).



Sarah Laribee

Women's Winter Retreat



The Lives of Women Saints

Speaker: Robin Capcara
Saturday, January 29

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Proverbs 31:30

Last year we heard the stories of six remarkably imperfect women, all of whom made their mark on Christian history. This year come and hear about six more women—equally imperfect and equally inspiring.

Robin Capcara has been a member of Ascension for 20 years. She is married to Bill and mother to Ian (21) and Zoë (17). She resides in Wilkinsburg and currently works for InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, ministering to university faculty in Pittsburgh.



Registration 8:30 am
Retreat 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Cost: \$20 includes lunch and a continental breakfast

Please register and pay in advance by Sunday, January 23.

Contact Linda Komm
536 Bigham Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15211
412-996-0233 or

lmmomm@comcast.net

Find the registration table in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 am Sunday services in January.

The 9:15 Discipleship Hour

Parent & Family Sunday School

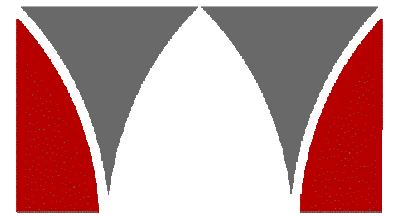
Location: Room #105 in the Education Wing

Did you know that The Parent & Family Adult Sunday School is held from 9:15 - 10:15 am most Sunday mornings in Room #105 of the Education Wing? We begin a new study on January 9. Interested adults are welcome to contact Katharine Luckett if you have questions. Maybe you should make Adult Sunday School part of your Sunday morning preparation for worship!

Adult Sunday School

Location: Hunt Rooms in the Education Wing

Come and join the Rev. Ann Paton and the Rev. Ann Tefft as they continue to dig deeper with New Testament selections from the E100 Challenge. In January, we will focus on the early days of Jesus' life and ministry. Come join the fun as we discuss how these passages are relevant to our everyday lives.



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Worship ♦ Grow ♦ Give

A Worshipping Community;
Equipping God's People;
Sharing Christ's Healing With a Broken World

Worship Services

Sunday

8:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 am Hot Breakfast;
Parish Hall

10:30 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II

5:00 pm
Jonah's Call

Wednesday

7:00 am
Holy Eucharist Rite II
in the Gordon Chapel
followed by breakfast

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Ascent Deadline

Articles for the February Ascent are due January 14 and will be available January 30.