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“If I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly”

BY KARLA WOGGON

Rector

In the book of common prayer there is a wonderful service called “Ministration to the Sick.” At the end of the service are four prayers to be used by the person who is sick: For Trust in God, In Pain, For Sleep, and In The Morning (Book of Common Prayer, p. 461). My favorite of these prayers is the one to be used in the morning.

My father was recently in the hospital (he is fine now), and we prayed the prayer together: “This is another day, O Lord, I know not what it will bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly.

Make these words more than words, and me the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.”

It’s the beginning of summer, and it struck me how appropriate the prayer is for all people whether sick or well. None of us know exactly what any day will bring. Many of us would prefer it if we did. We like to be in control. I invite you to spend the summer with the prayer. Try it out when you are relaxing at the beach or in the mountains, when you are home taking care of your children off from school for summer break, when you are at work, and when you are ill. See how the prayer feels in each of those situations. As Episcopalians we maintain that our praying shapes our believing. Pray this prayer this summer and see how your image and understanding of how God and yourself is shaped.

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but make me ready, Lord,
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**If I am to stand up,
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**If I am to lie low,
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**And if I am to do nothing,
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words, and me the Spirit
of Jesus. Amen.”**

Book of Common Prayer, p. 461

Catawba Episcopal Outreach Committee at work on many fronts

By **PAT JONES**
Deacon

The Catawba Episcopal Outreach Committee presented a \$15,000 check to the ReSource Gallery and Warehouse, the new business creative reuse enterprise of Safe Harbor, at their Grand Opening on June 1.

Members from all three Catawba County Episcopal Churches were present as the ribbon for the new business was cut and the check presented. The CEOC obtained the funds to assist Safe Harbor through a grant to the Human Hurt and Hope fund of the Diocese. This grant is renewable for the next two years, and we hope that these funds will help ReSource grow into a thriving business for Safe Harbor.

If you have not been to ReSource please go by the Gallery. It is located at 451 11th Street NW here in Hickory and the phone number is 326-7233. The mission of the Gallery is to



Julianne Funk Deckerd and Ruth Clontz, members, CEOC

provide funds for Safe Harbor operational expenses and to contribute to their residential program by giving the women a place of employment to help them gain valuable work skills.

The ReSource Gallery is one of only 44 reuse centers in the

nation. "It is a new idea, a hybrid combining the human need for art and the environmental need to 'go Green'! The Warehouse is a palette of raw materials, waiting to be assembled into you own special creation. From art and craft supplies, such as paints,

beads, glitter and trimmings, to fabric, canvas, and leather; to glass, ceramic pieces, hinges and handles, you will find enough to satisfy your creativity. And everything is priced to make your inner artist dance with joy!"

The CEOC has also been hard at work completing our adopted apartment at the Safe Harbor complex. It is hoped that the young woman designated to move in will have a pretty new place to live in the coming weeks. We have planned an Apartment Blessing and Celebration of our ministry together on Sunday afternoon, July 10, at 4 p.m. Do plan on coming. See Nancy Meek if you would like to help with the celebration.

The CEOC is open to all who attend our parish and we would love to have you join us. We are meeting every other month, alternating between parishes. Our next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. at Epiphany. A light supper will be served. See Deacon Pat, Ruth Clontz or Nancy Meek if you have any questions.

Catawba Episcopal Outreach Committee

Blessing and Pounding Safe Harbor Rescue Mission Sunday, July 10, 4 p.m.

- Please join the Catawba Episcopal Outreach Committee in celebrating our apartment at Safe Harbor Rescue Mission!
- Our blessing and pounding will be held Sunday, July 10, at 4 p.m.
- If you would like to contribute we need:
 - 3 or 4 churns of homemade ice cream
 - 4 dozen cookies
 - 2 gallons of lemonade, spoons and napkins
- We're giving gift cards to grocery stores, Target, Lowe's and/or Home Depot to help personalize the apartment.
- If you'd like to donate please contact Nancy Meek @ 828-446-8412 or nrmeek@aol.com.
- Whether you are able to donate or not we would love to have each of you at the blessing and celebration!

Junior Choir and Adult Choir make a joyful noise throughout year; new members welcome

By **CORY WESTBY**

Director of Music, Office Manager

“Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!” – Psalm 150:6
That has certainly been the theme for this past year at Ascension. There has been no shortage of opportunity to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

The choirs of Ascension have just wrapped up their year of music-making, and what a year it has been! The Junior Choir held its last meeting in May with singing, playing, and other activities, and plans are being made for the fall. A big thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped make this first year successful for the children!

If you have a child in the first through fifth grade that enjoys music, we would love to have them join the Junior Choir! No prior singing experience is necessary. We will resume rehearsals in September and will sing for four or five services this fall. We meet on Wednesday evenings at 5 p.m. in the choir room for an hour of singing, playing instruments, learning about music and liturgy, and games.

The Parish Choir has also been busy this year, providing beautiful choral music for worship during Lent and Holy Week, culminating in beautiful Easter Vigil and Eucharist services on Easter Sunday.

We ended our year with a celebration on Ascension Sunday that featured guest musicians, the Unifour Brass Ensemble, which was

a festive addition to our Ascension Sunday celebration.

Of course, there is plenty of room for more singers in the choir pews! Regular rehearsals will resume in September. Come for a delicious Wednesday night dinner at 6 p.m. and stay afterwards for rehearsal at 7 p.m. Rehearsals include weekly hymns, the psalm, choral music, and a short devotion, and end around 8 or 8:15 p.m.

Prior choral experience and music-reading ability is not necessary, only a desire to praise the Lord with your voice. Watch the bulletin for news about an upcoming fellowship event for current singers and anyone interested in joining. Remember, if you can talk, you can sing!

One of our goals this coming year is to involve more people that play instruments in the music program. If you play an instrument of any kind, please let me know! Whether you're just beginning on the violin or flute or are a trumpet or clarinet virtuoso, there is room for everyone to have an opportunity to play.

Instrumentalists can be included in almost every musical element of the liturgy, from the prelude to the hymns, the service music to the offertory. Please let me know if you're interested in this opportunity!

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about Ascension's music opportunities, please contact me via e-mail at cjwestby@gmail.com, at the office at (828) 328-5393, or at home at (828) 855-1330.

God's blessings on your summer, and I look forward to seeing many of you in rehearsals in September!

ALL PARISH TUBING TRIP

- Young and old alike can enjoy a day floating down the New River.
- The New River flows gently through the forested mountains and pastoral valleys of Northwestern North Carolina.
- Bring a lunch and gather at Ascension at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 30.
- We will journey as a group up to Jefferson for a 3-hour float down the river.
- Pack a lunch and come join the fun.
- Kids 3 and older, youth and adults of all ages can enjoy the trip.
- Call or email today to sign up.
- Cost: \$20 per person.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

We are open all summer.
Come worship with us.

- 8 a.m. Rite One
 - 10:30 a.m. Rite Two
- Sunday School for children
up through 5 grade

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Easter: a time to sing praises to the highest heavens

BY KARLA WOGGON

Rector

Sermon, Easter, April 24

Hallelujah! The Alleluia's are back! Jesus rose...Love wins... The Celebration has begun. It's Easter Sunday – time to unveil the Alleluia banner and sing our praises to the highest heavens.

During Lent we refrained from saying Alleluia to heighten our sense of joyful praise during our celebration of Easter. Alleluia, in case you have forgotten, comes from two Hebrew words simply meaning praise Yah, Yah being the first two letters of the unspeakable name of God.

When we say Alleluia we are therefore literally saying praise God. However it's more than a simple praise God. Rather it implies a joyous exuberant praise God. To say Hallelujah is to boast in God, to go on and on and on in joyful spontaneous ways about how great and wonderful and amazing and loving God is.

Imagine someone who is madly in love going on and on and on about the person they are in love with. Or someone who has gotten something they have longed for and hoped for and just can't stop talking about how happy it made them. That's what our Hallelujah is – a succinct way of saying God is wonderful, creative, all loving, powerful, compassionate, amazing, our all in all, our hearts desire, all that we have ever wanted.

On Easter Sunday we begin our grand six-week Alleluia journey to Pentecost. Six weeks where we rejoice in resurrection, new life, new hope, new possibilities.

We begin by retelling the seemingly impossibly good news that Jesus rose from the dead, thereby allowing us and all of creation to do the same as well. It's a story that we have heard countless times – and that we need to hear again and again and again. We need to hear it over and over again because we need constant reminders that love defeats evil and that life wins out over death.

It's a hard, perhaps impossible, story to wrap our minds around. I find it easier to wrap my heart around it. I can't explain resurrection to you. But I can tell you that I believe in it. I believe that Christ rose from the dead and that he shares that gift with us. And I believe that we have a foretaste of the joy of resurrection and unity with God when we come together to celebrate the Eucharist and when we reach out in love to help another.

I've seen tangible living examples of resurrection this past year as we have come together with folks around Hickory and the diocese of Western North Carolina to confess our complicity in the sin of racism and to work to make this world a more just place for all.

I've seen it as we've come together with other churches and community leaders to help women pull their lives back together through the ministry at Safe Harbor, to help children learn to read at Longview, and to help men and women and children in India gain



Alleluia Cross

entirely new lives through our support of the diocese of Durgapur.

I've also seen examples of resurrection in your lives and the lives of your children as you have shared your stories of healing and hope and faith with me. Resurrection is happening all around us – God is at work in our lives and in our world bringing forth new life, new hope. Even as the old is dying something new is being born.

This year during our Lenten series we talked about the way the world is changing and how the culture that supported the church is in many ways dying. As with any death there is much that we must grieve. But as we say in the funeral service we are called to grieve with the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope in the joyful expectation of resurrection. With tears in our eyes for what is lost we must also be on the lookout for resurrection, for new life, new hope and new possibilities.

My call for all of us during this Easter season is to keep our eyes and hearts open for the new ways God is working in the world so that we can join in that work. One way to do that is to begin with the lives we know the best. Let's begin by looking at our own lives, and the places we spend most of our time: our school, our places of work, our neighborhoods, our church.

What in your life, where in your life would you like to proclaim a bold and loud alleluia? What long awaited happiness draws an alleluia from your lips? Where in your life are you experiencing resurrection? Where in your life – in your family, in your work, in your world – do you see God making a difference? And where in your life, your world, your home, your work, your church do you see a need for God? Who/what do you believe might be hungry for, ready for, in need of resurrection, in need of new life?

During this Easter season, beginning this morning, I invite you to join me in creating a tangible expression of our Alleluia. On your way up to or back from communion or after the service this morning I invite you to take a flower from the basket and place it in the cross as a symbol of your thanks – of your Alleluia – for the places in your life and in the world around you where you see God at work, where you see new life and new hope emerging, and also as a symbol of your prayers for those people and places you are commending to God for new life and new hope.

I also invite you to help create an Alleluia Board with your written prayers so that as individuals and as a community we can join our prayers with yours and discern ways in which God might be calling us to act as individuals and as a community.

Write your thanks for those places where you see new life and for those places and people that you believe might need new life,

The Lord is my shepherd

BY AUTUMN EARLE

Graduating Senior

Sermon, Youth Sunday

On the fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear the story of the good shepherd. Everyone is familiar with the images of a Jesus sitting under a tree with a cute little lamb on his lap or Jesus with a staff in his hand with the lamb across his shoulders. Both images have two things in common, a lamb and Jesus.

The lamb is a symbol for us, the people who follow God's word and ask him for the forgiveness of all of our sins. In return, we are accepted into the gates of Heaven and loved by God himself.

As Jesus is our shepherd we must follow in his footsteps doing as much good as we can. But every once in a while humans, some more than others, slip up and cause sin to take over. Upon writing this sermon, I was looking for some inspiration. I stumbled upon this parody of Psalm 23.

**The TV is my shepherd I shall not want,
It makes me to lie down on the sofa.
It leads me away from the faith,
It destroys my soul.
It leads me to the path of sex and
violence for the advertiser's sake.
Even though I walk in the shadow of
Christian responsibilities,
There will be no interruption, for the TV
is with me.
Its cable and remote control, they
comfort me.
It prepares a commercial for me in the
midst of my worldliness
And anoints my head with secular
humanism and consumerism.
My covetousness runs over;
Surely ignorance and laziness shall
follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of
wretchedness watching TV forever.**



Autumn Earle

I am just using TV as an example of one of the many distractions we as human beings put more effort into than our own Faith. I am a senior in high school. I know I dedicate more of my time to my friends and sports teams than I do spending time with my family and God.

Here now writing this, I am trying not to multi-task and go on Facebook, or text my boyfriend. These are just simple interruptions that can steer us away from the Path of God.

When I was a sophomore, I felt detached from God, and no one could help me understand why such miserable events have happened to me. After a crummy childhood, two near-death car accidents, and two fires, I felt more alone and under the bridge than a troll. I turned people away without a care in the world who I hurt.

Then, things started to change. After summer camp, one that I have been going

to since the third grade, I had an epiphany of realization when we read Joshua 1:9 "Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

We talked for over an hour, my tent of eight campers and two counselors, of how we felt lost and disconnected from God when hard times came up. But my counselor Anna said something to me I will never forget. "Even though it seems hard and the easiest thing to do is to stop believing and fall into sin as a way to relieve the pain, you still have to remember that the memory will always be there, and when you are ready, God is there to save you, because he knows how to pick you up and land you on your feet."

I cried then as we took the long orange-ish-red looking yarn and tied it on our wrists as a symbol of joining ourselves and the friendship we had made that week. What was so special to me before, like my friends and my image of being cool and not caring what I did even when it hurt my mind and body, I could not stand now. I knew real friends wouldn't pressure me and those substances wouldn't make me any happier. Only God could help me pick myself up off the floor. That is exactly what I did. I came home that Sunday, opened up my Bible and read as many quotes as I could until I fell asleep.

Over the next few weeks I changed who I hung out with and the activities I did with my last few weeks of summer almost gone. I did more camps, but as a counselor helping children learn to sing and dance and have a wonderful time with the eagerness of God.

What I learned from this lesson was that, no matter what you go through, whether it be so terrible as getting a C on your report card or the death of a loved one, God will be right there in your life. As you are the sheep, he will pick you up and steer you in the right direction.

"The Lord is my Shepherd," and he always will be.

Create an Alleluia Board

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new hope, new energy, and new love. In your bulletin you will find some paper, You can fill out your prayers of praise, intercession, and thanksgiving sometime during the service, and as you leave the church and go forth into the world I invite you to pin your prayers to the Alleluia Board.

Over the next six weeks of Easter my prayer for us is that our hearts will expand and our awareness of Jesus Christ and his amazing love will deepen as our flowering cross and Alleluia banner grow so that on Pentecost Sunday we will feel the Holy Spirit of God filling this holy space with holy fire, holy energy, and holy life.

Come Risen Lord, come and open our eyes and hearts and draw an Alleluia from our lips.

Ascension Youth Ministry



Sunday School Opens



Carolina RenFair



Fran McKendree Concert



Trick or Treating on 6th Street



St. Nicholas Visits Sunday S



The Feast!



Carolina vs. Maryland



Easter



Shrove Tuesday fun



Thanks for the Memories!



Cookies and Cocoa



Ringling Bros and
Barnum & Bailey
Circus



School



Caroling



Advent Lock-in



Ascension Day Olympics

For 2011-12

- Vacation Bible School August 4-8, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- A new Sunday School class for smaller children
- Parables and Miracles of Jesus in Sunday School up to 5th grade
- Youth Group and worship on Wednesday evenings after the parish dinner
- Teen Bible Study Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. with coffee
- Monthly dinner at homes for dedicated students
- More School's Out Specials
- For complete calendar, check:
www.ascensionhickory.org/youth

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ASCENSION ACTIVITIES: Above L: Vince Trollan shows Alex Arditti the trail Scouts will hike when they attend Philmont Ranch in New Mexico in July. Center: Carie, an Australian shepherd mix, gets a bath at the Girl Scout pet wash June 5. Right: On Easter Nan Chitcharoen, a foreign exchange student living with Karla and Steve, wears a dress from Thailand, her native country.

PEN PALS PICNIC

Ascensionites interact with Longview students at a pen pal picnic April 4 at Dameron Farm. Students had a hayride to and from the farm, participated in a scavenger hunt, played games, fed horses, made and signed cards with the help of Ascension pen pals and ate a lunch consisting of hot dogs, baked beans, chips and somemores.



Girl Scouts at Work ...



Ascension management and ministries

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- **Financial Warden**
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- **Outreach**
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Alex Reeves
- **Worship & Music**
Nancy Meek

**BOSNIA AND SERBIA:**

Julianne Funk Deckerd is shown at a Serbian Orthodox monastery called Soko Grad in Serbia, just across the border from Bosnia. This area is the Podrina region of Bosnia and Serbia, the region along the Drina river. While completing her doctoral dissertation on faith-based peace building in Bosnia-Herzegovina Julianne will start the practice side of that research through an organization called Small Steps (Mali Koraci) in its inter-ethnic and inter-religious peace efforts. Her goal is to learn how to facilitate conflict transformation between former "enemies."

Julianne Funk Deckerd to work as peace builder in Bosnia-Herzegovina as she completes dissertation

By JULIANNE FUNK DECKERD

Parishioner

On Ascension Day, Karla preached about the time of "floating" – a time between Ascension day and Pentecost when the disciples were filled with joy and hope as they waited for the unknown power of God that they would receive in the Holy Spirit.

She talked about the importance of this time of waiting and being ready, anticipating the moment when we will learn to swim, when we will actively begin whatever new journey to which God has called us.

For me, the past six months have been a "floating" period, absolutely full of the anticipation of some unknown new thing to which God is calling me. This month, I am jumping into the pool to start swimming. I am starting a new adventure as a peace builder or "peace missionary" in Bosnia-

Herzegovina.

As many of you know, I am currently finishing my doctoral dissertation, which is about faith-based peace building in Bosnia-Herzegovina by local believers, mostly Muslims. This new work I am starting is the practice side of that research – to join one organization called Small Steps (Mali Koraci) in its inter-ethnic and inter-religious peace efforts.

My goal is to learn from the experts in Bosnia how to facilitate conflict transformation between former "enemies." With these skills, God willing, I will be competent to facilitate such peace processes in other locations in the future.

I appreciate the generosity of Ascension's Outreach Committee which generously allocated funds this year for the Center for Peacebuilding in Bosnia-Herzegovina – a partner organization to Small Steps – to

teach children conflict resolution in primary schools in northwestern Bosnia. The Center for Peacebuilding is an organization where Michael and I volunteered in the summer of 2009.

The Church of the Brethren will cover my basic living costs over the next two years (Brethren Volunteer Services), and for this I am very grateful.

I want to thank all of you at Ascension for supporting me through your prayers as well as for providing a family for Michael as he continues teaching at Lenoir-Rhyne. And we both greatly appreciate the financial generosity of our church to help cover the cost of Michael traveling to be with me in July.

In the coming months, I look forward to sharing more about my work in the Ascensionite. I imagine I'll be reflecting a lot on learning how to swim in new waters.

Seeds, Riverboats, Other Mysterious Things

By SUZANNE GARRETT

Parishioner

The wind was cold on my check, made even colder by the driving rain as I stood on the bridge and watched the boats ferrying passengers and cargo up the river. The chill air seemed to creep in and sting my heart with memories; memories of another lifetime. Looking out over the water, I let them carry me away to that life lived so long ago and to the very first time I saw The Riverboat. That memory seemed to hold time still, reverse it, and suddenly, everything became as it was...

"Miss, miss...the boat will be docking soon..."

The voice sounded muffled and far away.

"What?" I asked, my mind feeling hazy and disoriented. Someone was gently knocking on my cabin door.

"Wake up please miss. The boat is coming into view of the village and we will be docking soon," he quietly said again.

"Oh...ok...thank you."

Struggling to come awake from my nap, and the painful memory, my body felt heavy with sleep. I slowly rose from my bunk and noticed how hot and damp I felt. Then I remembered where I was, on a riverboat bound for a village located God knows where and miles from any kind of civilization.

I could vaguely hear the crew on deck carrying out orders readying the boat to be docked. Looking around the tiny, wood paneled, musty smelling cabin, I tried to recover my senses. Light filtered through the glass of a small porthole. As my eyes adjusted, I fumbled around trying to remember where I had stashed my duffle bag.

The slight throb of a headache was beginning. Finding clean shorts and a cotton shirt, I quickly changed and brushed my hair, tying it up in back. In this climate, one quickly finds out that long hair, humidity and extreme heat can make a woman miserable.

After washing my face in the old blue and white china basin, I sat back on the bunk to strap my sandals on. But the same question I had been asking myself since starting the trip, with no clear answer, came to mind again leaving me feeling dazed and helpless.

"Oh Emma . . . why are you doing this?"

The village's location was so remote that getting there had been an exhausting and stressful journey. I felt very much alone as I stood on deck and watched the last outpost we would encounter for sometime disappear from view.

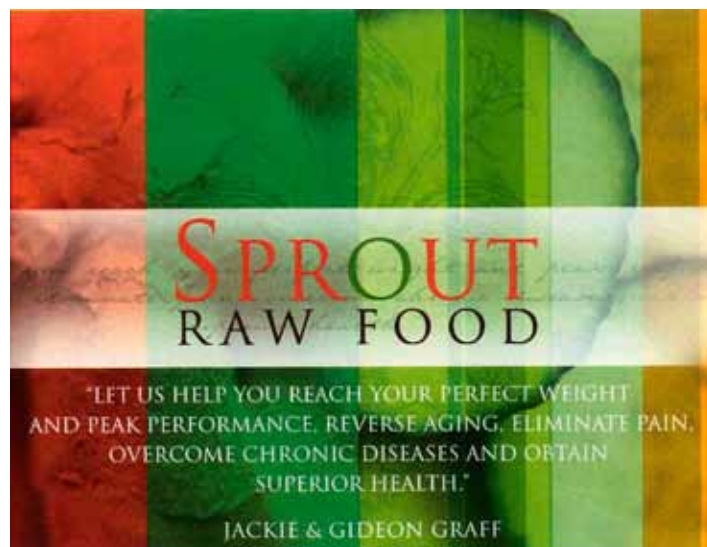
Many delays and hot temperatures left me feeling drained, and I began to lose track of how long we had been traveling. Days seemed to melt into one another.

Tears welled in my eyes as I thought of my family and friends and how much I missed them and my little house nestled in the coastal redwoods with its garden I so tenderly created. Green and lush with flowers, I can still smell the roses and lilacs that line the pathway from the house down to the sea.

They were all in bloom when I left. Scenes of waves crashing onto the rocky beach and the feel of the cool air walking through the dense woods came flooding back and left me desperately longing for home.

Sitting there on the bunk, staring blankly out the porthole, the only thing I knew was that something deep within me was asking me to make this journey. It had a hold of me urging me forward as though something needed to be searched for, found, and understood.

To be continued...



Monday, July 11, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Church of the Ascension

- Host Committee,
Dining in the Raw Food Group,
Kay Showfety, Linda Carpenter and others
welcome celebrity raw food chefs,

Jackie & Gideon Graff.

- You will get an understanding of the raw vegan lifestyle.
- Overview of Raw Food Nutrition
- How cooking affects foods
- Raw vegan sources of proteins, vitamins, minerals and essential fatty acids
- Raw vegan food demonstration
Meal with a summer theme
Served buffet style
- Menu:
Peach & Blueberry Cobbler
Umburger
Jicama French Fries
Fermented Dill Pickles
Raw Spicy Mustard
Sweet & Sour Cole Slaw
- Local Contact: Kay Showfety
828-322-7939 828-781-6918 (cell)
- Tickets \$41 in advance
- Register and pay on line at:
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Sunday Schedule

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 p.m. (in Chapel) Holy Eucharist with Healing

Office Hours

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The Mission of The Episcopal Church of the Ascension is to follow boldly the path as God directs and challenges us.

Our path is
to love with the heart of Christ,
to think with the mind of Christ,
and to act as the body of Christ
in the communities to which we are called:
our families, our Church family, our Diocese, our community and beyond.

Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.
Psalm 25:4