

We are often deeply touched by how ASC has helped many of us through very painful life events. Honestly, I am moved beyond words by the personal stories that many of you have bravely shared.

I too have turned to Rev. Kim and others here at personally challenging times. And thankfully, we also turn to ASC to help us celebrate our greatest joys and rites of passage.

However, in addition to life's inevitable peaks and valleys, it means just as much to me that ASC is here for the ordinary. Because life, ordinary life, can be hard. ***This*** is where I come to refill my tank.

For example, on Tuesday evening, there was a Prudential Committee meeting. I've been going through a bit of a personal energy crunch for some time now, and after rising at 5 A.M., teaching very active children all day, and attending a faculty meeting, I had to really push to keep going into the evening. I was tired, and a bit discouraged from my prolonged fatigue.

During our Pru session, we dealt with ordinary items, all important, but fortunately, nothing too exciting or complicated. We finished on time and soon all headed home.

As I was walking to my car, I noticed that I felt better. I felt uplifted by the presence of each and every person at that table. Being in this physical space, with those at the meeting, and with thoughts of all of you, I experienced an internal shift.

I deeply love ASC.
This is my church.
You are my community.

I get so very much from Reverend Kim, from our wonderful staff, from the transformative music, and this glorious building

... and from all of you in our beloved community.

I cannot possibly quantify what I receive, but I am now, at this time of Covenant Renewal, reflecting deeply on what I can give back through my pledge.

I loved what Al said last week, and when he shared our hashtag #leap4asc

Being here.
With you.
In this building.
I am uplifted.

And I am grateful.

I'm planning to leap for ASC. Will you join me?

Thank you
Connie Scanlon