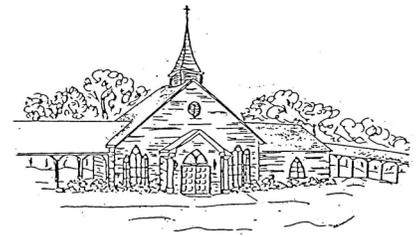


# Our Parish Life



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## The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation



*“And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.” Luke 1:31*

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*Rector, Annunciation*

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*Deacon*

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**Morgan Martin, ECW President**

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2017

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### OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

**Ecumenical Women’s Study**, at Annunciation, Thursday, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 10:00 am.

**Newcomers Get-together**, at the Dells house, Thursday, February 2, 6:30 pm.

**Welcoming Committee**, Tuesday, February 7, 5:30 pm.

**Vacation Bible School planning meeting**, Wednesday, February 8, 4:00 pm.

**ECW Meeting with dinner**, Monday, February 13, 6:00 pm.

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Diocesan Capitol Campaign**, Tuesday, February 14, 5:30-7:30 pm, Parish Hall. Donations appreciated.

**Healing & Holy Eucharist Service**, Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 pm.

**Vestry Meeting**, Monday, February 27, 6:00 pm.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**, Tuesday, February 28, 6:00-7:30 pm, Parish Hall.

**Ash Wednesday Ashes & Holy Eucharist**, 12 Noon and 6:00 pm. Wednesday, March 1.

**Cursillo Weekend #123 at Honey Creek** March 2, 3, & 4

Check out our Web site to find latest newsletter, calendar, sermons and more. Thank you to Scott Clements for his help in keeping website information updated.

Rector's Report Annual Parish Meeting  
January 29, 2017

How very quickly this past year has flown. I have really enjoyed being here and getting to know each of you. I have enjoyed serving with you and I am very excited about our future together. During this past year, I have come to believe in an even greater way that God has called us together in this place, at this time, for a reason. I believe God has a plan for us and work for us to do. You have heard me say many times, that as Christ follower's we are to be about God's work in this place, in this community and in the world. Our business is one of saving souls, making disciples for Jesus Christ, and building the kingdom of God. The key to assessing what God is calling us to be and do, is finding and taping into what we are passionate about. It is assessing the strengths and gifts that we bring to the table and then building upon them. This doesn't happen overnight. It takes time to determine strengths and gifts, as it will take all of us working together with a common purpose, common direction, and vision to do this work.

Vision is the big picture. It is who we are trying to become and what we are trying to do. If we do not have a clear sense of our vision and mission scripture tells us the people perish. Therefore, my focus with the Vestry this past year has been articulating a vision that will be the directing force for all our activities and ministries. Your vestry at their retreat, and at an additional Saturday morning meeting, worked hard and came up with this shared vision for Annunciation " Through our faith in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we hope, pray, and work to share Christ's love and to make a positive difference in the lives of each other, our community, and the world." This vision statement encompasses all we want to be and achieve in the years to come. It is what we ultimately hope to accomplish. Therefore, it will be the underlining driving force behind all our decisions. I am very proud of what this Vestry did. Please be sure and thank each one of them. I will definitely miss those who are going off but look forward to working with our two new members.

If we are serious about wanting to do what God is calling us to be and do then I ask each of you to read, mark and inwardly digest our vision into your daily life and routine, here and out there. This vision gives us meaning and a purpose so that we can move forward continuing to build a future for Annunciation and for the people who will call this their spiritual home for generations. Several years ago, I read a book that was based upon the results from the U.S. Congregational Life Survey, the largest project of its type ever conducted in the US. This survey explored practices and activities of worshipers in more than 2,000 congregations, encompassing more than 300,000 worshipers across a diverse sample of denominations and faith groups, of which the Episcopal Church was one. The book is titled "Beyond the Ordinary: 10 Strengths of U.S. Congregations" and it describes the qualities that are evident in strong congregations.

For Instance; a strong congregation gathers people for worship that is meaningful, they teach the faith especially to the young, they provide places where people are emotionally and spiritually nurtured, they are welcoming new people, they are sharing their abundance with others, they are working for a more just society, and they are conveying a message of hope and meaning. For congregations to reach beyond the ordinary requires these three qualities-mind, heart, and courage. The characteristics of a strong congregation are congregations that draw upon the resources of their "heart" as well as their "mind" and they tend to be more open to new possibilities. Along with heart and mind, it takes courage to know we can do extraordinary things and take on difficult challenges. And most important, strong congregations know who the real author of their story is, their faith, it is....Jesus.

This book is a really good analysis of the common denominators that are keys to effective ministry. Therefore, rest assured you will hear more about these beyond the ordinary strengths, because it is important to know what makes a congregation strong so we can better determine what our strengths are and what gifts we bring to the table. We might also better understand where our weaknesses lie so we can work toward making those areas stronger. As I said earlier, the key, in my opinion, to determining what God is calling us to do is to find out what we are good at and passionate about, and tap into it. After spending time with you and working with you this past year, I feel that I am beginning to see where some of our weaknesses lie, but also what our strengths are that are so important. This led to a suggestion to the Outreach committee which is now the St. Francis Memorial Garden for pets. This garden is still a work in progress but there is a great deal of energy around this outreach project to the community.

Other Outreach-we opened our doors to several groups: Life Line Screening -90 people, DE-FACTS Training for Adoptive and Foster Parents-50, the Women's Ecumenical Bible Group, a future Anger Management Class presented by Ms. Ross from DR Consulting. We started a relationship with JD Dickerson Elementary with school supplies. Now the need is for children's under ware. We have been collecting coats to bring to the Refuge and other places of need. We hosted a cooking class put on by the Univ. of GA Expanded Food and Nutrition Ed Program, for several individuals. And recently we began to help with the Backpack Buddies Program sponsored by Toombs County Board of Education.

Every committee and group have worked hard and the fruit of their time, talent, and treasure has produced many good ideas and ministry opportunities of which you can read about in their reports. Please take time to read them. I want to thank the Ministry Chairs for their support and good work. I thank all of you for your support and for the giving of your time, talent, and treasure to serve. I look forward to our continuing to look for opportunities and ways to serve God and neighbor in this new year. I hope and pray that if you are not serving in one of the many ministry's available that you will seriously consider joining and helping or leading. It takes a village. God calls us to be about this work together and the possibilities are endless, if we are committed to building God's kingdom in this place.

Our work is to reach out into our community. There are people out there that need to hear about us because we have a lot to offer, meaningful worship and welcoming hospitality. A very important part of reaching out is the sharing of our faith with others. Most newcomers visit a congregation because someone from that congregation invited them. It is you that will grow this church, not just me, I promise to do the very best job I can with God's help. But without a personal invitation, few new people will walk through our doors. We all have to be committed to growing this congregation. Those future generations are depending on us my friends and we have much work to do.

I want to thank Deacon Burt for his ministry which has added so much to our worship and outreach opportunities in the community, to Anne Roller our Treasurer for all her good work, to Karen Hildago for faithfully and joyfully taking care of our children and to Jane Hall for her help in leading the children's Sunday school program. I especially want to thank Alice our secretary and Glen our sexton for their good work, and Scott Clements who has been so helpful in keeping our website updated. I am very thankful for the generous gifts of our new playground set, the picnic tables and the pulpit. There are many exciting things happening around here so please take time to read the newsletter, take the bulletins home and look for ways to participate. I challenge us to continue growing in our service, and love of God and of each other. There is no better time, than the present to get to God's work.

With the love of Christ,

Denise+

## **Deacon's Report**

2016 has been a year full of growth, renewed devotion, and blessings: new members, several baptisms, and renewed commitment. Our Daughters of the King grew by one new member, and another is currently discerning membership.

Our St. Francis Pet Memorial Garden has come to fruition. I'm sure you have noticed the area across from the parish hall. Work continues on this. Our commitment with the domestic abuse center (The Refuge) in Vidalia was established. Several residents of the center have received medical care; we provided a refuge of our own with worship and support. This association continues and grows. Home visits for the shut-in is progressing well. Several patients have been visited and their continued care has been evaluated.

Our place in our community continues to grow. We were represented at a county prayer meeting. Our clergy regularly attends TAMA meetings (Toombs Area Ministerial Association). This association allows us to participate in county-wide meetings and projects.

With these exciting tasks continuing, we look forward to continued growth. We ask for your input to these projects and invite your concerns and ideas.

God's blessings,

Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick, PA-C

## **Senior Warden's Report**

What a year this has been! Following Reverend Denise's arrival on 11/1/2016, our church has experienced such growth in enthusiasm and participation. Our worship, service, and fellowship programs have become stronger with her loving leadership. We are thankful! Reverend Deacon Burt Derrick has provided steadfast and much appreciated service. Our parishioners have stepped forward to support our church activities in wonderful ways. Our acolytes, lay readers, Eucharistic ministers, altar guild and flower guild members are there to help our worship service maintain its beauty every week. Our music program continues to magnify our very precious form of worship. In every area from Worship to Christian Formation to Outreach to Fellowship to Administration to Stewardship to Pastoral Care to Young Adults & Families to being a Welcoming Church, we have undertaken new and exciting paths. As I step down from my position as Senior Warden, I want to thank each of you for the important role you have played in the life our Church. Please allow me to express a special thanks to our vestry members, including our clerk, Della Richards and our treasurer Anne Roller, for their diligence, optimism, and hard work during this past year as well as in previous years. Our Junior Warden, Bobby Hamilton, has been outstanding in his care of our buildings and grounds. Our accomplishments are many! But the future holds such hope for even more growth for us as individual parishioners and as a group in our community known as Annunciation. With the support of each and every one of our church members, we now have a vision for the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation that will serve us well in the days, weeks, months, and years to come. May God continue to bless us, enlighten us, and fill us with His spirit as we seek to follow His path at Annunciation.

Beverly Thompson, Senior Warden

## **Daughters of the King (DOK)**

The members of our DOK Chapter, St. Mary of the Annunciation, have enjoyed a wonderful year of prayer, study, and service. We meet monthly and pray daily for our Parish, our friends and families, our fellow sisters, our country, and our world. We send cards to parishioners who are in sorrow, sickness, or need, as well as to those who are celebrating special occasions in their lives. We are working with the Grounds Committee to care for and improve the Columbarium area. In the fall of 2016, we hosted the Central Convocation DOK Mini-Assembly here at Annunciation. We welcomed Johanna Derrick into our Daughter of the Kings Chapter in 2016. We are thankful to the Reverend Deacon Burt in 2017.

Submitted by Beverly Thompson, President

## **Junior Warden's Report**

Bobby Hamilton

The year of 2016 seemed to be a normal year for expenses. Parish hall was the most active -

1. Parts replaced in heating system
2. Replaced ceiling fan in bathroom
3. Repaired outside roof gutter on east side
4. Repaired damaged interior walls and painted
5. Replacing broken glass panels on west side

A new pet memorial garden was completed this year. (Thank you to all volunteered.)

Building roofs have been inspected in the last two years and are estimated to be good for another three to five years (Parish hall and office).

Overall the church should be in good condition for the immediate future.

## **Welcoming Church Committee**

Sherron Threlkeld, Chair

Committee Members: Wes Chapman, Jack Dell, Lynette Dell, Jane Hall, Hugh Jordan, Bill Martinez, Harry Moses, Latrelle Stockton, Sherron Threlkeld, and Rev. Denise Vaughn.

Committee members met several times in 2016 with the following updates.

- Name tags for everyone have been printed
- Annunciation mugs have been purchased and are available for visitors (and can be purchased for \$10/each).
- A changing table has also been installed in the men's restroom
- Welcome folders with informational items are available to all visitors in the narthex
- Special bulletins that include the entire service are available in the narthex for all visitors
- Activity bags are available for children attending worship services
- A newcomers gathering will be held in early February
- The list of responsibilities is being prepared for volunteer welcomers each Sunday and for special services

Thank you to all who have served and participated.

## **Pastoral Care**

The purpose of pastoral care is to assist members in times of hardship and/or joy. This year we lost two members: Steve Richards and Neill Baylor and had the pleasure of welcoming Dominic Martin and Lillian Champion. We also hosted the funeral for Ann Bowman's sister, Elaine. In all cases, Pastoral Care members tried to assist congregants by visiting, providing food, and the flowers used in worship services, running errands or any other way we could support members in need. A tremendous help has been the willingness of parishioners to place frozen soup or casseroles that can be reheated to provide home-cooked meals. Monetary donation can be made to the Pastoral Care Restricted Fund.

Jane Hall Williams, Ministry Chair

## **Fellowship**

Lynette Dell, Chair

Started off the new year with an Epiphany Party at the Aldermans. At the end of January, members of the congregation provided refreshments at the Celebration of a New Ministry for Rev. Denise. Shrove Tuesday pancakes were enjoyed by all who attended. Thank you to the cooks. For the Lenten Study, different people signed up each week to make soup. A covered dish in March was enjoyed by all who attended. For the Bishop's visit with Confirmation in May, lunch was provided. In July, we had covered dish cook-out with hamburgers and hotdogs, and we provided several meals for Vacation Bible School. In August, refreshments were provided for William Rogers baptism, and toward the end of the month, there was a covered dish. In October, we had a parish barbecue picnic and many of the invited neighbors around the church attended. In November, on All Saint's Sunday, we had a covered dish, and later in the month provided refreshments for the baptism of Lillian Champion.

## **Altar Guild**

Christie Roller, Chair

Appropriate hangings for the pulpit and lecturn have been purchased and necessary alterations have been made for existing hangings. Members are responsible for setting out the Eucharist bread, wine, chalice, etc. for Sunday and weekly services when scheduled. Linens are cleaned, pressed, and returned in a timely manner. Silver is polished when needed. Eucharistic supplies are ordered. All hymn books and prayer books are returned to their appropriate position, and all programs removed from pews after each service. Chairman prepares a rotating schedule for duty and sends quarterly. Chairman fills in when necessary. A new chairman was not selected at the end of 2016 but should be in place by the end of June 2017. The current chairman has held this position for several years and feels that it is time for a replacement.

## **Christian Education/Formation**

Quality Christian Education and Formation are offered for all age levels at Annunciation. Our children participate in an interesting and fun Christian education class taught by Jane Hall Williams at 9:45 a.m. each Sunday morning. Karen Hidalgo gives loving care and provides faith-based activities for our little ones during the 10:30 a.m. service each Sunday. Adults participate in a lay-led study that discusses and interprets our readings on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. In addition to our regular Sunday programs, special opportunities for education and Christian formation are provided throughout the year. Adults are led in thought provoking studies by Reverend Denise at special times of the year, such as Lent and Advent. Our children participate in enjoyable events that include an Easter Egg Hunt/Picnic, Vacation Bible School, Fall Festival, and Christmas pageant. The willingness and dedication of all involved with our Christian formation and education programs are much appreciated.

Submitted by Beverly Thompson

## **Episcopal Church Women (ECW)**

The ECW, represented by a group of around ten women, have met each month with one or two members providing dinner. In April, we began sponsoring a monthly Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am service, and Morgan Chamberlain attended the ECW Annual Meeting at Honey Creek. Last summer, with great joy, we hosted a baby shower for the Champions and for the Martins. The annual ECW Garage Sale fundraiser which was scheduled for last October was cancelled due to lack of items to sell. It has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 6, 2017. So please continue to clean out your closets and bring in any items you want to get rid of. Once again we sponsored Operation Christmas Child and delivered ten shoe boxes filled with goodies to the drop off site. We had a wonderful response with donations from parishioners for the Angel Tree families at Christmas. Our church assisted five families through Salvation Army and three families through the Refuge. Monetary donations are always welcomed by ECW; these monies will be used to assist families and individuals in need in our community.

## **Outreach Committee Report**

Sherron Threlkeld, Chair

The Outreach Committee Members: Sherron Threlkeld, Donnie Alderman, Jane Hall, Della Richards, Beverly Thompson, Theresa Ingley, Carol Rice, Harry Moses, Dcn. Burt Derrick & Rev. Denise.

It has been a very busy year for this committee. Rev. Denise and Donnie met with Patricia Dixon regarding community "needs." Applications were submitted to the "Refuge" to offer services by Dcn. Burt & Rev. Denise. Training was completed, allowing Dcn. Burt to offer medical services to several women. The church paid for an outing for the women to go to a movie. Several coats were donated along with many items on their needs list. At Christmas, we sponsored three families and provided cookies for their Christmas party. Beverly arranged for a UGA Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program to be offered here and four women from the community attended. The idea for a memorial garden where people from the community could scatter the ashes of their pets became the St. Francis Memorial Garden. Work is progressing and our hope is to have it ready in the spring.

Last September, we collected school supplies which were donated to JD Dickerson Elementary School. We have asked the administration to let us know when there are other needs. Currently the items that they are in need of are: belts and underwear for boys and girls. These items go in the clothes closet for students that have accidents at school. The sizes needed are for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. We recently began to help financially with the Backpack Buddies Program sponsored by Toombs County Board of Education. Several groups have used our facilities; Life Line Screening - 90 people used their screen, DFACS Training for Adoptive and Foster perspective parents - 50 people attended, a Women's Ecumenical Bible Study in the future possibly an Anger Management Class. We also collect items for SOAPS, God's Storehouse, the Refuge, and the Dream Center.



## Valentine's Day Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, February 14, 5:30 -7:30 pm

***Bring your Valentine and enjoy homemade spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and desert.***

***Donation requested. All proceeds to benefit the Diocesan Capital Campaign.***

## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00-7:30pm

*Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner*



## Ash Wednesday Services

***Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist***

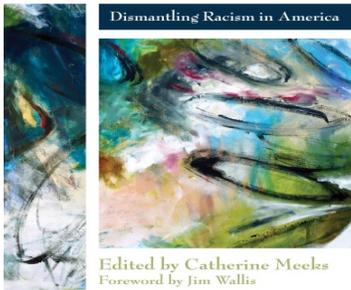
***Wednesday, March 1, 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm***

## Lenten Study

Wednesday, March 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5

***Sign up sheet for book & for providing soup on table in Narthex***

## Living into God's Dream



Bishop Benhase encourages the people and churches of the Diocese of Georgia to join together during Lent in reading *Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America*. "This important book offers an invitation for us in the Church to have a serious conversation about race," said the Bishop. "It's high time we stopped talking at one another or passed one another by, and sat down and talked to and with one another. *Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America* is an excellent study guide to help us have those deep conversations. I strongly urge all our parishes to use this resource for your Lenten study."

*Living into God's Dream: Dismantling Racism in America* addresses issues such as reasons why past efforts to achieve genuine racial reconciliation failed, the necessity to honor rage and grief in the process of moving to forgiveness and racial healing, and what whites with privilege and blacks without similar privilege must do to move the work of dismantling racism forward.

## **Annunciation Coffee Mugs**

The Welcoming Committee is saying "Welcome" to newcomers with the gift of an Annunciation coffee mug. If you wish to have one, they can be purchased for \$10 each. See one of the Committee members, or check with the Church office.

## **Thank You's**

Thank you everyone for the very generous Christmas purse. I was truly blessed by your thoughtfulness.

Rev. Denise

Thank you, church family, for your generosity at Christmas-time. You are an amazing church family.

Dcn. Burt

Thank you so much for the generous gift. My holidays are always brighter just knowing I have such a wonderful Church family. My wish is that 2017 will be a better year for me so that I can be available to help out more. God bless,

Karen Hidalgo

Kind words, warm hugs, Christmas goodies, and other expressions of care and affection all mean so much when expressed by friends and those we love. Thank you for being so generous with your joy and caring spirits, and kind expressions of the love of Christ.

Alice Claxton

**A BIG thank you goes out to Lynette Dell, our retiring Fellowship Chair, for all her hard work and generosity. We will have mighty big shoes to fill.**

Thank you to everyone who filled their little blue boxes for the United Thank Offering. We collected \$374.00. These funds are used for projects that address human needs and help alleviate poverty all over the world.

## **Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – December 19, 2016 at 5:30 pm**

Members Present: Zack Fowler, Donnie Alderman, Latrelle Stockton, Beverly Thompson, Sherron Threlkeld, Bobby Hamilton, Jennifer Martinez, Reverend Denise Vaughn

Deacon Absent: Reverend Deacon Burt Derrick; Clerk Present: Della Richards; Treasurer Present: Anne Roller  
Meeting called to order with Prayer and Meditation led by Rev. Denise Vaughn.

November 2016 Vestry Meeting Minutes were reviewed; Donnie moved to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zack, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Anne) Financial report indicates typical income and expenses for this time of year. 25 pledge cards have been received. An additional 20 pledges have been estimated. Total estimated offering for 2017 is around \$173,662.00. Zack moved to approve November 2016 financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherron, motion passed.

### Business:

1. VIC sign-up for January was completed.
2. Nominations for 2017 Vestry were presented by nominating committee. Hugh Jordan and Patti Williams will be presented as nominees at Annual Meeting in January.
3. Bobby presented a quote from Vidalia Glass Company in the amount of \$325 (for materials and labor) to repair cracked windows in parish hall. Zack moved to approve the work with the given quote, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donnie, motion passed.
4. A spaghetti dinner is being planned for 2/14/2017 as a fundraiser for the Diocesan Capital Campaign. Donnie volunteered to make spaghetti sauce for the dinner. Parishioners are also encouraged to pledge \$6 per month for 3 years towards the Capital Campaign.
5. Anne Roller, Reverend Denise and Hugh Jordan will develop proposed budget for 2017; proposed budget will be presented at January vestry meeting for discussion and approval.
6. Check signers for 2017 were discussed and will be a combination of Vestry Members and Non-Vestry Members. Wes Chapman (Assistant Treasurer), Anne Roller (Treasurer) will continue as check signers. Two additional new check signers will be Zack Fowler and Jen Martinez.. Beverly Thompson will also continue as check signer.

Senior Warden's Report: (Beverly) Episcopal Church Women (ECW) had a wonderful response with donations from parishioners for the Angel Tree Families. Our church assisted 5 families through Salvation Army and 3 families through the Refuge. Monetary donations are welcomed by ECW; these monies will be used to assist families and individuals in need in our community. Rev. Dcn. Burt will lead a study beginning in January for anyone interested in Daughters of the King (DOK). Cookie Swap was held this past Sunday to benefit Cory Williams' Kidney Fund with \$900 contributed. Thank you to Jack Dell and Donnie Alderman for delivering our beautiful Christmas trees. Della will send a written thank you to Anna Marie Tyson for assistance in storing the trees and loaning us three tree stands. Mutual Ministry Review Workshop will be completed in February. Community Chorus held their Christmas Concert at Annunciation with good attendance. Shrubbery will be trimmed by Mark in February or March (after February 14<sup>th</sup>).

Junior Warden's Report: (Bobby) Bobby will check on sawdust noticed on the shelf behind the altar. Also he will check on black growth on the white columns along the walkway.

Deacon's Report: (Rev. Denise for Dcn. Burt) – Rev. Dcn. Burt will write an article about Daughters of the King (DOK) for the January newsletter. He will lead classes for those interested in DOK beginning in January.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) - Reverend Denise has talked with Jonathan Murphy about helping with an Even-song service.

Monies have been donated in memory of Neil Baylor, to be divided between Flower Guild, Music Program, and Memorial Fund. Rev. Denise has spoken with Howard about the possibility of Community Chorus returning to Annunciation for special events. Advent Study ends Wednesday. Next study will be in Lent.

Ministry Area Reports: **Fellowship** (Latrelle) – Baptism reception will be held on 1/1/2017 following the 10:30 am service to honor Dominic Martin. Rev. Denise is hosting an Epiphany Party in her home on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Sandwiches will be served on 1/29/17 after the Annual Meeting. **Pastoral Care** (Latrelle) – Prayers and assistance continue for parishioners. **Grounds/Buildings** (Bobby) – already covered. **Worship** (Zack) – No report. **Out-reach/Mission** (Donnie/Sherron) – Meeting in January, 2017; time and date to be announced. **Newcomers/Visitors** (Sherron) – Get-together is planned for Newcomers on Thursday 2/2/17 at Jack and Lynette Dell's home. Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on 1/10/2017. **Christian Formation** (Denise/Beverly) – Advent study ending this Wednesday. Next study will be during Lent. An Ecumenical Women's Study will be held at our church beginning on 1/12/2017 at 10 AM in the Parish Hall. **Administration** (Denise/Beverly) – already covered. **Stewardship** (Donnie) – already covered. **Young Adults and Families** – No report.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm with prayer.  
Della Richards, Clerk

### **Our Parish Prayer List**

#### ***We pray for the safety and security of***

The United States of America and especially those serving our country:  
Sarah Rosser cousin of the Jenkins and Yates families, now serving in the military.  
Cpt. Bryce Markiewicz, grandson-in-law of Phyllis & Jerry Roan, deployed to Afghanistan.  
Jake Giannini, deployed to south China sea, 1/5/17.

#### ***We add to the Prayer List this week***

The family of Howard Hill.

#### ***We continue Prayers for.***

Johnny Ladson, for healing.  
Della Richards, healing following surgery.  
Janie Moxley, high school friend of Johanna Derrick, recovering from surgery.  
Max Manry, for comfort and healing.  
Angelica Scoggin, relative of Ann Bowman and Karen Hildago, for healing.  
Joseph Fazio, brother of Ann Bowman, for healing from a heart attack  
Cory Williams, needs a kidney transplant, pray for a kidney.  
Sue Nickl, friend of the Yates, for healing and comfort.  
Bev Nichols, for healing.  
Jimmy Gillis, for healing  
Roy Stewart, for successful back surgery.  
Phyllis Bowen, sister-in-law of Beverly Thompson, for healing.  
Luke Smith, for healing..  
Webb Gillis, 2-yr old grandson of Charles & Shirley Gillis.  
Fran Williams, friend of Della Richards, for successful treatments and renewed health.

#### ***Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness***

Blanche Reaves, mother of Glenn Reaves, for comfort and healing.  
Rob Bowen, nephew of Beverly Thompson, for healing.  
Christopher Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew, for healing.  
Abby Wilson, 18 years old, for healing.  
Johanna Derrick, for healing.  
Lorraine Kight, sister-in-law of Della Richards, for good results.

#### ***Prayers for those who suffer from age related illnesses, and for the care-givers***

Jeanne Greene Day, for comfort.  
Carolyn and Jan Sodergren, Margaret Fullam's parents, adjusting to assisted living and dealing with their illnesses.  
Patton Gillis, and for care-giver, Karen Gillis.  
Carl Benhase, father of Bishop Benhase, as he deals with health issues; in hospice.  
Patricia Gillis, mother of Patrice Jordan, for comfort and healing.  
Leone Johnson, Donnie Alderman's mother, for healing.  
Ruth Jenkins, at Oxley Park, for comfort and healing.

***If you know of someone who should be added to this list, or someone who should be removed, please contact the Church office: 537-3776 or [theannunciation@bellsouth.net](mailto:theannunciation@bellsouth.net)***

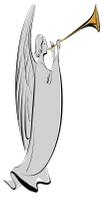
***February Birthdays: Betsy Norton 9th; Meg Ladson Floyd 15th; Cory Williams 16th; Thom Williams 17th; Barbara Somers 20th; Jerry Yates 22nd; Gray Barbee 26th; Janice Reid 26th; Jane Hall Williams 26th.***

***February Anniversaries: David & Angela Paine 18th.***

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# February 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	<p>2 10 am <i>Ecumenical Women's Study, at Annunciation</i></p> <p>6:30 pm <i>Newcomers Get-together @ the Dell's home</i></p>	3 <i>Office Closed</i>	4
<p>5 <i>Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany</i></p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist II 9:30am Adult Education 9:45am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Nursery Available 10:30am Holy Eucharist II</p>	6	7	8	<p>9</p> <p>10 am <i>Ecumenical Women's Study, at Annunciation</i></p>	10 <i>Office Closed</i>	11
<p>12 <i>Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany</i></p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist II 9:30am Adult Education 9:45am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Nursery Available 10:30am Holy Eucharist II</p>	13	14	15	<p>16</p> <p>10 am <i>Ecumenical Women's Study, at Annunciation</i></p>	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18
<p>19 <i>Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany</i></p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist II 9:30am Adult Education 9:45am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Nursery Available 10:30am Holy Eucharist II</p> <p><i>ECW Coffee Hour</i></p>	20	21	22	<p>23</p> <p>10 am <i>Clericus</i></p> <p>10 am <i>Ecumenical Women's Study, at Annunciation</i></p>	24 <i>Office Closed</i>	25
<p>26 <i>The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</i></p> <p>8:00am Holy Eucharist II 9:30am Adult Education 9:45am Children's Sunday School 10:30am Nursery Available 10:30am Holy Eucharist II</p>	27	28	<i>March 1st</i>	<p><i>Cursillo Weekend #123 @ Honey Creek</i></p>		
	6:00 pm <i>Vestry</i>	<p><i>Shrove Tuesday 6:00-7:30 Pancake Supper, Parish Hall</i></p>	<p><i>Ash Wed. 12 Noon &amp; 6 pm Ashes &amp; Holy Eucharist</i></p>			



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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
 9:30 am—10:15 am Adult Christian Education  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist  
 9:45 am -10:15 am Children Aged 2-9 Christian Education (Sunday School Room, Office Bldg)  
*Nursery offered to small children during 10:30 a.m. service (Nursery room, Office Bldg)*

**Mission Statement**

*Mindful of God's call to be His people, we, the parishioners of The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, accept as our mission the growth and nurture of relationships with God, each other, and the community.*

**Vision Statement**

*Through our faith in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we hope, pray, and work to share Christ's love and to make a positive difference in the lives of each other, our community, and the world.*

**FEBRUARY 2017 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE**

	<b>8:00 am Lector</b>	<b>8:00 Euch. Min.</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Lector</b>	<b>10: 30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister</b>
<b>February 5</b>	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Cory Williams
<b>February 12</b>	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Harry Moses	Jack Dell
<b>February 19</b>	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Patti Williams	Matt Norton
<b>February 26</b>	Wes Chapman	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Beverly Thompson

	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Greeters/ Bread/Wine</b>	<b>Cross Bearer/Acolyte</b>	<b>Vestryman in Charge</b>
<b>February 5</b>	Anne Fowler	Carol Rice, John-Christie Roller	Matt Norton/Eleanor Martinez	Jen Martinez (P.Williams)
<b>February 12</b>	Lynette Dell	Sherron Threlkeld	Matt Norton/Eleanor Martinez	Sherron Threlkeld
<b>February 19</b>	Susan Threlkeld	Harry & Jackie Moses	Matt Norton/Eleanor Martinez	Hugh Jordan
<b>February 26</b>	Anne Roller	Chase & Rachael Fulford	Matt Norton/Eleanor Martinez	Beverly Thompson

	<b>Special Reception Coffee or LUNCH</b>	<b>Alms</b>
<b>February 5</b>		Jerry Yates
<b>February 12</b>		Larry Threlkeld
<b>February 19</b>	ECW Coffee Hour	Hugh Jordan
<b>February 26</b>		Bobby Hamilton