## Our Parish Life





# February 2018 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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### OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

#### **Cursillo Team Meeting,**

Saturday, February 3 and 17, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm in the Parrish Hall.

#### **Annual Meeting,**

Sunday, February 4, after the 10:30 service. Lunch provided.

#### Sunday, February 4, Guest Preacher

The Rev. Dcn. Leeann Culbreath will be our guest preacher at the 8:00 am and 10:30 am services. Dcn. Culbreath is chair of the Creation Care Commission for the Diocese of Georgia and is Coastal and South Georgia Outreach Coordinator for Georgia Interfaith Power and Light grant program.

#### Wedding Shower for Lisa Aldridge and Sean Flanagan

Connie and David Dean's son and future daughter-in-law, Sunday, February 4, at 1:30 pm in the Parrish Hall.

Choir Practice, Wednesday, February 7 and 21 at 6:00 pm.

**New Beginnings Team Lock-in,** for Middle School aged children, Saturday, February 10, 10:00 am-Sunday 12:00 noon.

**Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour,** 

Sunday, February 11, after the 10:30 service.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper,** 

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00-7:30 pm in the Parrish Hall.

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist,

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00 am,12:00 noon & 6:00 pm.

Vacation Bible School Meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 10:30am.

**Episcopal Church Women Lunch Meeting,** 

at Steeplechase, Tuesday February 20, at 1:00 pm.

Lenten Bible Study,

Tuesday, February 20 and 27, 6:00 pm, Rev. Denise's Home, 407 S. Broadfoot Blvd. Vidalia

Vestry Meeting, February 26, 6:00 pm.

#### Dear People of Annunciation,

It seems we just celebrated the birth of Jesus yet, in two very short weeks, Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on February 14, Valentine's Day. Instead of red hearts and boxes of chocolate, the focus of Ash Wednesday is on penitence, sorrow for sin, and fasting. We begin the Lenten season by giving up our boxes of chocolate and instead, mark our foreheads with ashes because we need to be reminded of our mortality, and our need for forgiveness. We must know our need for mercy and grace before we can receive God's freely given gift of salvation. Therefore, with Jesus, we journey the 40 days in the wilderness of Lent, turning from sin and evil to prepare ourselves for the gift of our Lord's resurrection.

Lent asks us to take time out and look at the impact of our baptism on our lives. The five Sundays in Lent provide a short course in the meaning of baptism, with baptismal themes of conversion and repentance, death and new life, discipleship and vocation. Lent is often called the Church Year's "springtime," because out of the cold and darkness of sin's winter, will emerge a people - the Church - to be reborn in their Lord's Easter resurrection. How are we doing, we who have died to sin and come alive to new life in Christ? Have we cleared our hearts and lives of sin's self-centeredness? There is no way to deny the reality of sin and evil when we look at our world. Therefore, we need Lent's call to repentance and self-denial.

Self-denial is usually thought of as "giving up something for Lent" rather than practice in giving for Easter. When we give up sinful, self-serving ways, we replace them with new ways to give time, energy, and forgiveness to those in need, as Christ gave himself for us on the cross, forgiving our sins and reconciling us with God. This is the heart of the Easter message and the heart of Lenten preparation. To help us in our preparation for Easter, Episcopalians around the world are being asked on a journey this Lent through the Good Book Club. This journey entails reading the entire story of Jesus' life as told by Luke and by reading about the encounters the earliest Christians had with the Holy Spirit as they shared their passion for the Good News of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. To get involved and follow the scripture readings, which begin on February 11, you will find in your Sunday bulletin on February 4 & 11, an insert with the reading list of scriptures. You can also go to goodbookclub.org to learn more about the resources and activities.

Lent is a time set aside to explore ways of growing in the Christian faith and there are many spiritual disciplines that can be helpful in your journey, such as spending additional time in study through reading the scriptures and participating in a bible study, spending time in prayer, and outreach. Also, periodic fasting can be another path to growth. Many people find the practice of making a confession and meeting with a clergy person during Lent essential to their spiritual health. Whatever way you find works to help you grow in your spiritual journey, I pray you will take this time to grow in love of God and neighbor. So, let us walk Ash Wednesday's somber repentance which will lead us to Holy Week's bitter story and Easter's joy in Christ's resurrection.

With the Love of Christ, Denise+

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>Additional Lenten Meditations and activities found on pages 5 & 6.

#### **Vidalia Habitat for Humanity**

Groundbreaking has taken place and work has started at 1200 Roosevelt St. The first big work day is on Saturday, February 3 where skilled volunteers will be framing the floors. For the next few Saturday's, the work will require skilled volunteers but in the very near future, there will be opportunities for unskilled volunteers to help. When this opportunity arises, my hope is a group of us from Annunciation will take a Saturday, or two, and volunteer to help. No one will be required to do anything that makes them uncomfortable and skilled workers will be available to instruct us. If you are interested in volunteering to work a Saturday, please let Rev. Denise know by email at <a href="rev.denisecvaughn@gmail.com">rev.denisecvaughn@gmail.com</a>. We are very fortunate to have parishioners Harry Moses and David Parker on the Vidalia Habitat Board of Directors. If you have any questions, Harry, David and Rev. Denise would be happy to help.

#### Journey to Generosity

This month we recognize the Daughters of the King (DOK) for their contribution to being the body of Christ. The DOK is an Anglican lay religious order for women. It was founded in 1885 by Margaret Franklin and her bible study class in New York. Members take lifelong vows to follow a "Rule of Life", a "Rule of Prayer", and a "Rule of Service." Their "Motto of the Order" best describes their purpose:

"For His sake.....I am but one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do.

What I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

Lord, what will you have me do?"

Thank you Beverly Thompson, Patti Williams, Rebecca Miller, Rev. Denise, Connie Deane and Margaret Fullam. Please contact any of these women if you are interested in participating in the DOK.

#### **New Safety Measures for Sunday Mornings**

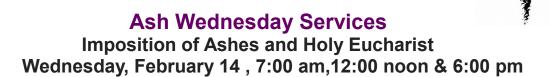
In caring for "our people" we must face the reality that emergencies happen and prepare for their eventuality. Houses of worship have always been subjected to all kinds of emergencies. Since 1999 violent episodes at churches and other places of worship has escalated with alarming frequency. At one time a house of worship was considered one of the safest places to be. The times in which we live today, however, seem to have brought the world, with its crime and uncertainty, right into the place we deem most sacred.

To ensure the safety and well-being of all present on the church grounds during the worship services, the Vestry has decided that the Narthex doors will be locked 15 minutes after the service has started. If you arrive later than fifteen minutes, a greeter will be available to let you in. It's unlikely that we will face a violent intruder, but feel it is important to begin to implement preventive measures just in case.

#### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00-7:30pm
Pancake Cooks and Helpers Needed!
Please let the church office know if you can help.





#### **Episcopal Church Women's Lunch Meeting**

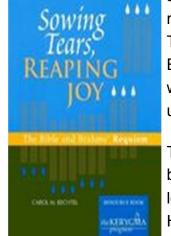


Tuesday, February 20, 1:00 pm All women of the Church are invited to attend. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

#### **Lenten Bible Study**

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms's Requiem Tuesday, February 20, 27, March 6,13, & 20
Hosted by Rev. Denise at 407 S. Broadfoot Blvd.
Sign up sheet for study & for providing soup on table in Narthex

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and Brahms's Requiem explores what the Bible has to say



about grief and hope in a Christian Context. It features some of the most magnificent passages on those themes from both the Old and New Testaments. Most of the passages are the very same passages that Johannes Brahms interpreted in his masterful choral work, *A German Requiem*. While it would be perfectly possible to study the Bible without Brahms, the music unlocks the Bible's tenderness and passion in a way never experienced before.

The study is divided into seven movements with each one focusing on the biblical passages Brahms sets to music. Through music and scripture we are led to reflect on Death, Grief, the Brevity of life, and Faith for the Here and the Hereafter. It is not necessary to buy the Resource Book for this study but if you would like one, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

#### **Nominations for Vestry 2018**

#### Jack Dell

Jack spent 26 years in the U.S. Navy, retiring as a Captain. After retirement he worked for 7 years at Georgia Institute of Technology before moving to Vidalia in 1993. During his time in Vidalia, Jack has been active in Church and Community service work. His service to Annunciation includes:

- -Two prior tours on the Vestry
- -Chaired the Building Fund Finance committee (200-2001)
- -Chaired the Search Committee (2014-2015)
- -Developed Annunciation's Disaster Preparedness Plan (2016)

Currently he is serving on Annunciation's Welcoming Committee. Jack and Lynette have two Children

#### Rebecca Lee Miller

I grew up in Topeka, Kansas where I was fortunate to attend Grace Catherdral, a late 19<sup>th</sup> century traditional gothic church with a strong Sunday school program and Choir. That church community was large and at the same time very close-knit. As I traveled, working as Nuclear Engineer, I tried several times to renew my ties to the local Episcopal parish and found it hard to find my place in those local church families. When I moved to Vidalia in 1991 it took me a while to stick my toe back into the spiritual waters and found that, when I did so, I had found a home. Like all adopted families, it took time to find my place. However, for the first time, I was allowed to participate where I could and did not feel judged for not "doing more". I was welcomed with "what do you need", not what can you do for us. Now that I approach retirement, I welcome a more active commitment to being available to do what I can to find out what I can offer, asking all who walk through our church doors "what do you need? And how can we help?"

#### Lent Madness 2018

#### The Saintly Smackdown is Back!

By now you've heard that Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day coincide this year. The real Lenten *love*, however, kicks off the next day on February 15. Why? Because for the ninth year running, people of faith are gearing up for Lent Madness, the beloved "saintly smackdown!" With its unique blend of competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures. Throughout Lent, thirty-two saints will do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo. Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout this penitential season. Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at <a href="www.lentmadness.org">www.lentmadness.org</a> about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

This year Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. 2018 heavyweights include John the Evangelist, Margaret of Scotland, Richard Hooker, Katharina von Bora, and the apostles Peter and Paul. The full bracket is online at the Lent Madness website <a href="www.lentmadness.org">www.lentmadness.org</a> and, while not necessary to participate, you can order *The Saintly Scorecard: The Definitive Guide to Lent Madness 2018* at <a href="www.forwardmovement.org">www.forwardmovement.org</a>.

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest and rector of St. John's Church in Hingham, Massachusetts. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women who make up the church's <u>calendar</u> of saints, Schenck devised this devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born. Starting in 2012, Schenck partnered with Forward Movement (the same folks that publish *Forward Day by Day*) executive director Scott Gunn, to bring Lent Madness to the masses. Schenck and Gunn form the self-appointed Supreme Executive Committee, a more-or-less benevolent dictatorship that runs the entire operation.

The formula has worked as this online devotional has been featured in media outlets all over the country including national television, the Washington Post, NPR, USAToday, and even Sports Illustrated (seriously). More importantly thousands of people have been inspired by the saintly stories of those who have come before us in the faith. Eleven "celebrity bloggers" from across the country have been tapped to write for the project: the Rev. Amber Belldene of San Francisco, CA; the Rev. Laurie Brock of Lexington, KY; the Rev. Megan Castellan of Kansas City, MO; Anna Fitch Courie of Honolulu, HI; Dr. David Creech of Morehead, MN; Neva Rae Fox of Somerville, NJ; the Rev. David Hansen of Woodlands, TX; Emily Miller of Chicago, IL; Carol Howard Merritt of Chattanooga, TN; The Rev. Marcus Halley of Minneapolis, MN; and the Rev. David Sibley of Manhasset, NY. Information about each of the celebrity bloggers and the rest of the team is available on the Lent Madness website. If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to Jesus Christ?

From the Lent Madness blog





We invite you to share in the 2018 Lenten email series from Episcopal Relief & Development. Each day during Lent you will receive a daily reflection, co-authored by a group of faith leaders from across the church. During this season of reflection on our Christian faith, their writings will enhance your spiritual journey as they both inspire and challenge you. Each daily meditation is presented in both English and Spanish.

#### Make a Lenten Offering

Please join us by investing in Episcopal Relief & Development's vital mission and giving meaningfully to support our work to strengthen communities around the globe. Together, we are seeking to serve Christ in all persons and striving to love our neighbor as ourselves.

#### **Outreach Opportunity's**

#### **Cursillo–** A Short Course in Christianity

Cursillo (#124) will be March 1-4, 2018, at Honey Creek. It begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. During those three days, participants will engage in listening to talks given by priests and lay people and in small table discussion, while worshiping and playing together. Please consider being a participant in Cursillo # 124! Any Episcopalian, twenty-one years of age or older, is welcome to participate in Cursillo. It is an opportunity to explore the basics of your faith with an emphasis on how you would like to live it out in your life. If you would like to have more information on Cursillo and what it means to be a participant, please contact Reverend Denise. You may also speak with any of our Cursillistas at Annunciation-parishioners who have previously participated in Cursillo. A list of previous participants is available in the Church Office.

#### **Monthly Outreach Contributions**

Each month we generously donate \$50 to the United Way and to the Salvation Army and \$100 to J.D. Dickerson Backpack Buddies program during the school year. Anyone that wishes to add to any of our monthly donations may do so.

#### Non perishable Food Drive

In need of canned or boxed food items to give to those in need. Bring your food items into the Narthex or Church Office.

**Refuge needs list:** White towels, white twin size sheets, cleaning supplies, hand soap, larger size diapers, first aid supplies, bath soap, large plastic containers, Lysol and Lysol wipes, Walmart gift cards.

**Soaps needs list:** Dry puppy and dog food (Purina or Pedigree), towels and blankets (gently used okay), cleaning products: bleach, paper towels, dawn., leashes & collars-all sizes, Tractor Supply or Walmart gift cards.

#### The Saint Frances Memorial Garden

Believing that all life is sacred and that God honors our love and care for His creatures, the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation dedicates a place on the church grounds for the final resting place for the ashes of beloved companion animals. Personalized engraved pet memorial step stone 7.5" diameter In Loving Memory may be purchased. All monetary donations will go to SOAPS. For more information or to arrange a memorial service, please contact the church office at: 912-537-3776. Please get the word out that this is available to all in our community of Vidalia.

#### Flower and Sanctuary Lamp Charts are posted in the Narthex

**FLOWERS on Sunday** for under the Cross cost \$50. View the Flower Chart in the hall way for available dates. When you sign up for flowers, remember to state "in honor, thanksgiving, or in memory of" and the person's name(s). Make checks payable to Annunciation, earmarked "flowers" indicating your date. **Flower Guild Members needed to make flower arrangements for Sundays worship**. If interested, contact the Church office.

**Sanctuary Lamps are \$10:** To sponsor, see the Lamp Chart in the church hall way: in honor of, thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one. Make checks payable to Annunciation, ear marked for "Sanctuary Lamp" indicating your date(s).

#### Thank You's...

Thank you to all my Church family for the generous and thoughtful gift at Christmas. I am truly blessed to have such kind and thoughtful friends.

Love and God Bless, Karen Hidalgo

**Dear Annunciation Family,** 

Words can't express the gratitude I feel for each one of you. Thank you for all the ways you have blessed my life, especially your generosity at Christmas was very much appreciated.

Denise+

#### February 2018

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#### Vestry Meeting Minutes - Annunciation - December 18, 2017 at 6 pm

Members Present: Reverend Denise Vaughn, Sherron Threlkeld, Hugh Jordan, Patti Williams, Donnie Alderman, Zack Fowler

Member Absent: Jen Martinez

Deacon Absent: Reverend Deacon Burt Derrick; Treasurer Present: Anne Roller; Clerk Present: Beverly

Thompson

Meeting opened by Rev. Denise with prayer.

November 2017 Vestry meeting minutes were reviewed; Zack moved to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh, motion passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: (Anne) November financial report presented as typical for this time of year. Possibly \$8000 or \$10,000 deficit at end of year. \$150,000 gift from Max and Christie Manry estate has been received and is being invested in the Episcopal Church Foundation. Undesignated alms at Christmas Eve services will go to Rectors' Discretionary Fund. Donnie moved to approve report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hugh, motion passed.

#### **Business:**

VIC sign-up for January was completed.

Dr. Cory Williams has met with Discernment Committee; his continued interaction with Discernment Committee was signed and approved by vestry members.

<u>Senior Warden's Report</u>: (Sherron) Greeters from the Welcoming Church Committee have been designated for the Christmas Eve services. Zack and Sherron attended the community safety meeting. We will review what we are doing for security and consult with Fred Godbee regarding possible steps to take. In the meantime, our church doors will be locked by the VIC each Sunday after 15 minutes into the service for the sake of safety.

<u>Junior Warden's Report</u>: (Donnie) Donnie has trimmed the hedges. Chrismon trees were put up this morning. Energy Efficiency Consultant did evaluation in the Spring and our church was selected to receive a GIPL Powerwise Energy Matching Grant in the amount of \$2386. Reporting and paperwork is required in order to receive the grant with final report due in one year. Plumber (Roto-Rooter) came last week and cleaned out the bathroom pipes. Work is needed to help the pipe flow. Roto-Rooter is sending a report of what is needed and the estimated cost.

Deacon's Report: Rev. Dcn. Burt not present.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Candlelight services will be held on Christmas Eve at 6 pm and 10:30 pm. Sherron and Donnie are rolling off the Vestry in January. They will serve on nomination committee for two new Vestry Members. Bio of the nominees will be needed before the Annual Meeting, tentatively scheduled for 2/4/2018. Thank You Stewardship Luncheon will be provided for all Church Members on Sunday, 1/14/2018 at 12 noon. The possibility of purchasing two artificial trees to use in the narthex was discussed; no action taken. Epiphany Party will be held on January 6 from 6-8 pm at Jack and Lynette Dell's home.

Ministry Area Reports: Fellowship (Patti) – Already covered. Pastoral Care (Zack) – Prayers and assistance continue for parishioners. Buildings/Grounds (Donnie) – Already covered. Communications (Zack) – Already covered. Outreach (Sherron/Denise) – Our church is participating in the Bethlehem Village at Grace Methodist Church on Saturday, December 2 at 6 pm; we will give out little bags of Christmas cookies. Newcomers/Visitors (Sherron for Jen) – Already covered. Christian Formation (Hugh/Denise) – Comparative religion class continues on Sunday, January 7 at 9:30 am. Class is led by Dr. Cory Williams. Administration (Denise/Sherron) – Already covered. Stewardship (Hugh) – Already covered. Young Adults and Families (Denise for Jen) – Baptism of Susan McMichael will be celebrated on Sunday, January 7 during the 10:30 am service. A reception following the service will honor baby Susan and her family.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 7:15 pm.

#### 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.

Jake Giannini, being sent to Korean waters.

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

Beverly Nichols, for comfort.

#### We continue Prayers for

Jan Sodergren, Margaret Fullam's father, for comfort and healing.

Margaret Fullam, for comfort and strength.

Glenn Goode, Carol and David Rice's brother-in-law, for comfort and healing.

Chris McTarsney, brother in law to Ann Bowman, for comfort and healing.

Donna Roberson, for comfort and healing.

Glenn Reaves, for comfort and healing.

Mary Ann King, Harry Moses's sister, for healing.

Angie Laramore, for healing, sister in law to Desiree' Rogers.

Wayne McDilda, for healing, friend of Jane Hall.

The Rt. Reverend Henry Louttit, for comfort and healing.

Lisa Bozeman, Ann Bowman's daughter & Karen Hidalgo's sister, for comfort & healing.

Brad Davis, friend of Beverly Thompson, for comfort and healing.

Al Pike, friend of Ann Bowman, for comfort and healing.

Bonnie Ellis, Racheal Fulford's grandmother, for healing.

Vanessa Greene, for healing.

Cory Williams, needs a kidney transplant, pray for a kidney.

Sue Nickl, friend of the Yates, for healing and comfort.

Jimmy Gillis, for healing

Roy Stewart, for healing.

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.

Johanna Derrick, for healing.

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

Ruth Jenkins, at Oxley Park, for comfort and healing.

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 and Charles Gillis, for comfort and healing.

Leone Johnson, Donnie Alderman's mother, for healing.

Ann Bowman, for comfort and healing.

Jim L. Gillis, for comfort and healing, and his wife Justine, who is caregiver to Jimmy Gillis.

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 <a href="mailto:theannunciation@bellsouth.net">theannunciation@bellsouth.net</a>

<u>February Birthdays</u>: Betsy Norton 2nd; 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: Dr. David & Angela Paine 18th.

If your name is not listed, please call the church office.



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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 2018 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10: 30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
February 4	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Bill Martinez	Harry Moses
February 11	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Cory Williams/ Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell
February 18	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Beverly Thompson
February 25	Wes Chapman	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Matt Norton

	Altar Guild	Greeters/ Bread/Wine	Cross Bearer/Acolyte	Vestryman in Charge
February 4	Christie Roller	Carol Rice/John & Christie Roller	Matt Norton	Jen Martinez
February 11	Therisa Ingley	Sherron Threlkeld	Matt Norton	Patti Williams
February 18	Jackie Moses	Harry & Jackie Moses	Matt Norton	Hugh Jordan
February 25	Anne Fowler	Donna Roberson	Matt Norton	Beverly Thompson

	Special Reception Coffee or LUNCH	Alms
February 4	Annual Meeting with Lunch after 10:30 service. Bridal Shower 1:30 pm.	Jerry Yates
February 11	Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour After 10:30 service.	Harry Moses
February 18		Jack Dell
February 25		Hugh Jordan
	Ash Wednesday Services 7 am, 12 noon and 6 pm	
6 pm	Lector– Hugh Jordan / Eucharistic Minister–Jack Dell	