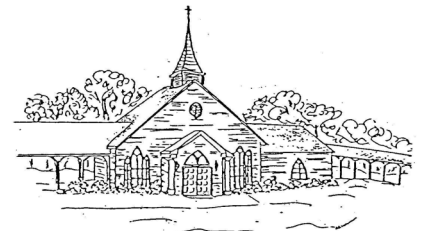




Our Parish Life



January 2019



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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The Rt. Rev. Scott A. Benhase
Bishop, The Diocese of Georgia

The Rev. Denise Vaughn
Rector, Annunciation

The Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick
Deacon

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Karen Hidalgo, Church Secretary

Beverly Thompson, Clerk to the Vestry, 2018

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OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

Non perishable food needed.

Bring your Items into the Narthex or Church office.

Please wear your name tags on Sunday Morning.

Sunday Morning Christian Education for all ages at 9:30 am.

Epiphany Sunday, January 6,
Holy Baptism at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Choir Practice

Wednesday, January 9, 6:00 pm.

Diocesan Council Meeting

Saturday, January 12, 1:00-7:00 pm in the Parrish Hall.

Bishop Benhase's Visit with Confirmation and Reception

Sunday, January 13, at the 10:30 service
Please bring a covered dish to share at the reception to follow.

Food Talk

Wednesday, January 16, 10:30 am in the Parrish Hall
and continues January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20 & 27.

Memorial Service for Janice Harper

The mother of Christina Storkamp and Amy Rau.
Saturday, January 19 at 11:00 am.

Episcopal Church Women's Coffee Hour & Meeting

Sunday, January 20, after the 10:30 service.

Teaching by Fred Warnock on Contemplative Prayer.

Sunday, January 20, 12:30 pm hosted by the Daughters of the King.
Anyone may attend. For more information see page 4.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, January 28, at 6:30 pm.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 3, 12:00 noon with light lunch.

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.





The Way of Love Practices for Jesus Centered Life

Dear People of Annunciation,

The Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has invited Episcopalians to shape and center their lives around a “Rule of Life” pattern called – The Way of Love: Practices for Jesus-Centered Life. In the November & December newsletter’s the “Way of Love Practices” *Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship & Bless* were highlighted. Today: *Go & Rest*.

GO: Cross boundaries, listen deeply and live like Jesus

Jesus said to them, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

Send them into the world in witness to your love. - Book of Common Prayer, 306

As Jesus went to the highways and byways, he sends us beyond our circles and comfort, to witness to the love, justice, and truth of God with our lips and with our lives. We go to listen with humility and to join God in healing a hurting world. We go to become Beloved Community, a people reconciled in love with God and one another.

For Discernment and Reflection

- To what new places or communities is the Spirit sending you to witness to the love, justice, and truth of God?
- How will you build into your life a commitment to cross boundaries, listen carefully, and take part in healing and reconciling what is broken in this world?
- With whom will you share in the commitment to go forth as a reconciler and healer?

REST: Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. -

John 14:27 Blessed are you, O Lord ... giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent. - Book of Common Prayer, 113

From the beginning of creation, God has established the sacred pattern of going and returning, labor and rest. Especially today, God invites us to dedicate time for restoration and wholeness - within our bodies, minds, and souls, and within our communities and institutions. By resting we place our trust in God, the primary actor who brings all things to their fullness.

For Discernment and Reflection

- What practices restore your body, mind, and soul?
- How will you observe rest and renewal on a regular basis?
- With whom will you commit to create and maintain a regular practice of rest?

I pray and hope you will consider shaping your life around these practices to grow even more in love with God and neighbor.

Christmas Blessings, Denise+



THE GOOD BOOK CLUB

Bishop to lead study of Romans starting January 9

Bishop Benhase will lead a seven-part Bible study of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans for the entire Diocese of Georgia as part of the Good Book Club, a church-wide Bible reading initiative begun by Forward Movement. The Bishop's study will be held on Wednesdays from 10:30 to 11:30 AM beginning January 9 at St. Peter's Church on Skidaway Island, Savannah. It will also be broadcast each week live here: www.facebook.com/georgiaepiscopal from January 9 through the last session on February 20.

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry supports and encourages individuals and congregations to join the Good Book Club as a way to engage in "Learn," one of the seven Way of Love practices for a Jesus-centered life. Space will be limited, so please register by going here: <http://bit.ly/BibleStudywiththeBishop>

If you are unable to participate in Bishop Benhase's study, Forward Movement has divided Romans into 50 daily readings, beginning on Monday, January 7 and concluding on Shrove Tuesday, March 5. Each day, participants are invited to read, reflect, and pray upon a few verses of Romans. On Sunday's, participants are encouraged to take a break from Romans and listen and respond to the lectionary readings at their local churches. The [Good Book Club website](#) lists the daily readings as well as resources to support people as they read the scriptures. Spanish resources and information are available at clubbiblico.org.

The Bishop is coming to Annunciation on Sunday, January 13, 2019.

Covered Dish Reception 12:00 noon.

Bishop Scott Benhase will make his visit to Annunciation for Confirmation, Reception, or Reaffirmation of Vows. Confirmation provides one full membership into the Episcopal Church. It is also required if one wishes to vote in a parish election, serve on a Vestry, or represent the parish at Diocesan Council. If you would like to be confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church, or are new to the Episcopal Church and would like to know more about the Episcopal Church, please let Rev. Denise know or call the office at 912-537-3776.

Confirmation and Reception in the Episcopal Church

Those baptized in another denomination will want to receive *Confirmation* into the Episcopal Church. Those confirmed already in other Christian denominations by a bishop in apostolic succession (Roman Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or Eastern Orthodox) who wish to be received into the Episcopal Church, will want to receive *Reception*. Both rites involve the laying on of hands and prayers by our bishop.

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

Those baptized or confirmed in the Episcopal Church who would like to re-commit themselves to the life of faith may also choose to reaffirm their baptismal covenant with the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

Welcome Baby

Congratulations to Shanna Edge on the birth of her son
Travis Bentley Denmark on 12/28/2018, 9lbs & 3 oz.



Thank you....

Salvation Army workers receiving the Angel Tree gifts.
Thank you to all who participated. Many children had a wonderful Christmas this year because of your generosity.



A big thank you to all who helped decorate the church for Christmas.



The Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program or *Food Talk*



Begins in the Parrish Hall on January 16th and will continue January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20 & 27th. Food Talk is for families who participate in certain State of Georgia assistance programs and is offered through the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. Their Mission is to help families eat better for less by showing families how to save money on food and how to make really good, inexpensive, and quick meals. If you can volunteer to help with the classes or know of anyone who might benefit from taking them, please let Beverly Thompson know or call the Church office. Below you will see the results from the first Food Talk Program we sponsored in 2016. It is a great program. Thank you to all who have helped make it a successful Outreach to the community.

Be Still And Know I Am God

—Psalm 46:10

Sunday, January 20, 12:30 pm the Daughters of the King will host a teaching by Fred Warnock on Contemplative Prayer.

Contemplative prayer or meditation is a teachable, spiritual process enabling the ordinary person to enter and receive a **direct experience of union with God**. This form of meditation, recently known as **'Centering Prayer'** can be traced from and through the earliest centuries of Christianity. Thomas Merton, monk and founder of the Centering Prayer Movement, writes "We may think of prayer as thoughts or feelings expressed in words. But this is only one expression. In the Christian tradition Contemplative Prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is the opening of mind and heart—our whole being—to God, beyond thoughts, words, and emotions." All are invited to attend. Please let Beverly Thompson know as lunch will be provided.

Annual Meeting, Sunday, February 3, 12:00 noon with light lunch provided.

New Church Pictorial Directory Coming



Do you know the names of the people sitting around you?

On Monday, February 11, 2 – 9 pm, Lifetouch photography will be at Annunciation taking pictures for our new church directory. Each family that participates will receive a complimentary 8x10 photograph and a free directory. Beginning Sunday, January 6, Rebecca Miller will be available after both the 8:00 & 10:30 am services to answer questions, and to schedule your session with the Lifetouch photographers. Help us build a directory that will put names with faces. Be a part of our new family directory program—we need **you** to make it complete!

Treasurers Report & Financial Statement

If you are interested in the Church Financial Reports; the Monthly Budget and Expenses are now posted each month on the bulletin board in the Narthex.



Christmas Eve Pageant



Outreach Opportunity's

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: Walmart gift cards, plastic totes, ladies and children pajamas, underwear and socks (all sizes), baby diapers (all sizes), personal hygiene items.

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 at the altar add such beauty to our worship. We are in need of people to sign up for flowers on Sunday, the cost is \$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.


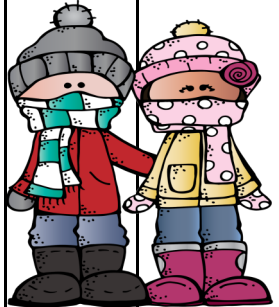
Sanctuary Lamps are \$10: To sponsor, see the Lamp Chart in the church hall way: in honor of, thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one. Make checks payable to Annunciation, ear marked for "Sanctuary Lamp" indicating your date(s).

Habitat for Humanity Vidalia House

The Habitat House at 1200 Roosevelt St. has a need for non-skilled workers to volunteer. Please consider giving a few hours on a Saturday to help a local family and your community. Work usually begins around 8:30 am and lunch is provided by one of the local restaurants. No one is required to do any work that makes them uncomfortable and there are always skilled workers to provide help. In reaching out to help your neighbor, get ready to be blessed!



JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2	3	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5
6 <i>The First Sunday after Christmas day: Epiphany</i> <i>8:00 am Holy Eucharist II</i> <i>9:30 am Adult Education</i> <i>9:45 am Children's Sunday School</i> <i>10:30 am Nursery</i> <i>10:30 am Holy Eucharist II with Holy Baptism</i> <i>Reception following 10:30 service</i>	7	8	9 <i>Choir Practice 6:00 pm</i>	10	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12 <i>Diocesan Council Meeting 1:00 pm-7:00 pm. In the Parrish Hall.</i>
13 <i>The First Sunday after Epiphany: The Baptism of our Lord</i> <i>8:00 am Holy Eucharist II</i> <i>9:30 am Adult Education</i> <i>9:45 am Children's Sunday School</i> <i>10:30 am Nursery</i> <i>10:30 am Holy Eucharist II</i> <i>Bishop Benhase's Visit with Reception after 10:30 service.</i>	14	15	16 <i>Food Talk 10:30 am</i>	17	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19 <i>Memorial Service for Janice Harper 11:00 am.</i>
20 <i>The Second Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>8:00 am Holy Eucharist II</i> <i>9:30 am Adult Education</i> <i>9:45 am Children's Sunday School</i> <i>10:30 am Nursery</i> <i>10:30 am Holy Eucharist II</i> <i>Episcopal Church Women's Coffee Hour & Meeting</i> <i>Contemplative Prayer Teaching 12:30 in the Parrish Hall.</i>	21	22	23 <i>Food Talk 10:30 am</i>	24	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26
27 <i>The Third Sunday after Epiphany</i> <i>8:00 am Holy Eucharist II</i> <i>9:30 am Adult Education</i> <i>9:45 am Children's Sunday School</i> <i>10:30 am Nursery</i> <i>10:30 am Holy Eucharist II</i>	28 <i>Vestry Meeting 6:30 pm.</i>	29	30 <i>Food Talk 10:30 am</i>	31		

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.

We add to the Prayer List this week

Ladson Family, for comfort.

We continue Prayers for

The Storkamp & Rau family, for comfort.
Bishop + Scott Benhase, for comfort and healing.
Lisa Moore, for comfort and healing.
Fred Zeigler, for comfort and healing.
James Moody, friend of Beverly Thompson, for comfort and healing.
David Parker, for comfort and healing.
Karen Warnock, for continued healing.
Jayne Brown, friend of Wes Chapman, for healing.
Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick, for comfort and healing.
April Edenfield, for comfort and healing.
Fran Williams, for comfort and healing.
Andrea Weisnewski, daughter to Sue Nickl, friend of Jerry & Terry Yates, for comfort and healing.
Nathan Dayan, friend of Wes Chapman, for comfort and healing.
Bob Spence, Jack Maddox and Samuel Hagerman, friends of Lisa Moore, for comfort and healing.
Ken Harris, brother in law to Lisa Moore, for healing.
Barbee Adams for healing.
Mary Thompson, Chuck Thompson's sister for healing.
Ruth Hopkins, Sherron Threlkeld's mom, for comfort and healing.
Wayne McDilda, for healing, friend of Jane Hall.
Sue Nickl, friend of the Yates, for healing and comfort.
Phyllis Bowen, sister-in-law of Beverly Thompson, for healing.

Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness

Joe Clements, brother in law to Jack Dell, for comfort and healing.
Blanche Reaves, mother of Glenn Reaves, for comfort and healing.
Christopher Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew, for healing.
Johanna Derrick, for healing.
Rob Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew for comfort and healing.
Ann Bowman, for comfort and healing.
Luke Smith, for comfort and healing.
Angie Laramore, sister in law to Desiree' Rogers, for comfort and healing.
Chuck Thompson, for healing.
Cindy Gicas, for comfort and healing.
Jimmy Gillis, for comfort and healing, and his wife Justine, who is his caregiver.

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

Ruth Jenkins, at Oxley Park, for comfort and healing.
Lanette Reid, for comfort and healing from surgery.
Carolyn Sodergren, Margaret Fullam's mom for comfort and healing.
Patton Gillis, and for care-giver, Karen Gillis.
Patricia Gillis, mother of Patrice Jordan and Charles Gillis, for comfort and healing.
Mildred Moore, mother of Lisa Moore 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



January Birthdays: Matthew Norton 2nd; Charlie Jordan 3rd; John Ladson 4th; Virginia Miller 4th; Ilsa Figuro 9th; Olivia Spruill 18th; David Rice 19th; Ginny Threlkeld 19th; Mary Margaret Barbee 30th.

January Anniversary's: Matthew & Christina Storkamp 4th.





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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.

JANUARY 2019 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10: 30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
January 6	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Beverly Thompson
January 13	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Bill Martinez	Matt Norton
January 20	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Harry Moses
January 27	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Christina Storkamp	Jack Dell

	Altar Guild	Greeters/ Bread/Wine	Cross Bearer/Acolyte	
January 6	Lynette Dell	John & Christie Roller	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison	
January 13	Susan Threlkeld	Fernando Hidalgo	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison	
January 20	Anne Roller	Larry & Susan Threlkeld	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison	
January 27	Christie Roller	Jack & Lynette Dell	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison	

	Special Reception Coffee or LUNCH	Alms
January 6	Baptism Reception after 10:30 service.	John Roller
January 13	Bishop's Reception after 10:30 service	Fernando Hidalgo
January 20	Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour	Jerry Yates
January 27		Hugh Jordan