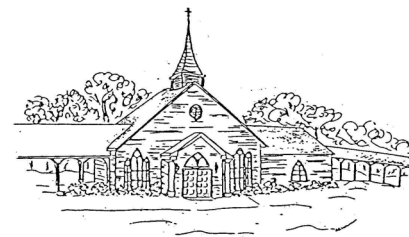




Our Parish Life



March 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 Very 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.

Listening Session for the 11th Bishop of Georgia

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. at Annunciation.

This session is to hear your ideas and desires for the next Bishop. Coffee & Doughnuts provided, and everyone is invited to attend.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pancake cooks and helpers needed. Please let the church office know if you can help.

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 am, 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm

Lenten Bible Study

“He Chose the Nails” by Max Lucado

Wednesday, March 13, 20, 27, & April 3, 10, 6:00 pm
Soup & Bread Supper. Sign-Up sheets in the Narthex.

Tin Can Coins for Camp Collection

Sunday, March 17, during 10:30 am service.
Support our youth with your loose change for church camp.

Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour & Meeting.

Sunday, March 17, after the 10:30 church service.

Choir Practice

Wednesday, March 20, 6:00 pm.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, March 25, 6:00 pm.

Youth Sunday March 31

Youth Gathering and lunch at 11:45 a.m.

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.



Annual Meeting Rector's Report

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the holy and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ at Colossae: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. (Colossian 1:1-2)

These are the first two verses from Paul's letter to the Colossians in chapter 1. It is a joyful salutation to celebrate the life of a faithful community who honored Jesus through their lives and witness. This morning as people of God we gather here in this holy sanctuary where members of the body of Christ have celebrated their faith since 2001, in the old sanctuary since 1963 and to its beginnings in 1954. It is now my fourth annual meeting with you and over three years by the grace of God, that I have lead the liturgy and served you as your rector. It has been an honor and a privilege. Annual meeting time is always a touchstone moment for the church. If Advent is the beginning of the liturgical year, the annual meeting is surely the kick off of the new fiscal year. We pause to reflect on the year that has been, to give thanks for the people and ministries that have impacted us and to look ahead to where God is calling our church. This is a time for all our members to look forward and consider what they want from the church as well as what they are called by God to offer.

Today Annunciation is filled with spiritual energy deepened by the practices of prayer, hospitality and our commitment to justice and outreach. The Gospel is being proclaimed, the sacraments are being faithfully administered, Christian education to children and adults is being taught, the shut-ins are being visited, and hospitality is practiced to welcome all God's children. We try to follow the "apostolic core practice" of living out our faith, a faith that Luke's mentions in his Book of Acts: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." (Acts 2:42) Studying the scriptures, leaning about God, breaking bread together in fellowship and at the altar, hospitality and prayer were an essential part of the early church that caused the church to grow and to continue to grow to this very day. These practices are no less important today and needed to follow Christ, to be Christ's hands and feet. We know how important it is to be a welcoming church and we have seen the fruits of our efforts as we are growing, not only in numbers but in our efforts to reach out to each other, our community, and the wider community.

We see Annunciation as an instrument of God's missional community with a sense of responsibility for its own place as well as the wider community. We see this through the active and thriving ministries here, of which you can read about in the ministry reports. In these reports from your lay leaders, you will read of the time, talent, and service that have been offered to God's glory. We are a healthy and vibrant congregation that will need to continue working together to do God's work of welcoming the stranger, caring for the sick and the shut-in, proclaiming the good news to the poor and release to the captives. Isaiah's words read by Jesus in the synagogue, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim the release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" are the center of the gospel message. This was Jesus' ministry and it is our ministry and we are anointed by our baptism to carry out this love of neighbor and love of God.

Something good is happening here folks, please pray that God will continue to bless our time, our talent and our money, to serve. I truly know in my head and believe in my heart that God bless' those who bless others and love God. So thank you everyone for the giving of your time, your talent and your money to do God's work. Thank you for your ministries of leadership, hospitality, welcoming, serving, cleaning, cooking, educating, caring for young and old, praying, giving, and compassion. Today is a celebration of the life of a faithful community who honored Jesus through their lives and witness. This is a time for us to look forward and consider what you want from the church as well as what you are called by God to offer. May we always seek to honor God and each other, to know God more fully and love God more dearly every day of our lives.

As a side note: many of you have known the Very Rev. Joan Killian, who has been the rector of Trinity in Statesboro and Dean of the Central Convocation of which Annunciation is a part of. Today was Joan's final Sunday as rector of Trinity. She has accepted a position in Charlotte, NC. I will miss her very much but that has left the Dean's position open. Almost two weeks ago, Bishop Benhase asked if I would take that position and I feel honored to do so. I believe this will be announced to the Diocese this week in *From the Field* the Dioceses weekly newsletter. It's a privilege and honor to serve the Diocese and I thank all of you for the honor and privilege to be your servant.

The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn



Meet the New Dean of the Central Convocation

The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn



Listening Sessions Announced For the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 a.m. at Annunciation. Coffee, Juice & Donuts

The Search Committee for the 11th Bishop of Georgia will be holding a series of Listening Sessions around the diocese over the next several weeks. These sessions are vital to the successful creation of our profile, as they offer the best opportunity to gather our vision for the next chapter in the life of our Diocese.

Each Convocation will host a Listening Session for anyone who can attend. In addition, there will be a session specifically for all clergy - deacons and priests - in the diocese, and another for our youth. The Youth session will be held during New Beginnings but is open to all youth (grades 6th-12th) even if they are not attending the New Beginnings weekend.

Some thoughts to ponder before you arrive at one of the Sessions: what miracle/joy/success have you seen in the last 10 years? What was your best moment in the Diocese? What have we missed, or what could we have done better? What are your hopes for the next 10 years?

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 5, 6:00-7:30pm

Pancake Cooks and Helpers Needed!

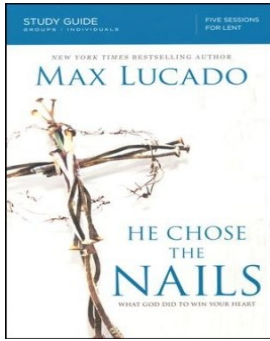
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Lenten Bible Study

He Chose the Nails by Max Lucado
Wednesday, March 13, 20, 27 & April 3, 10
6:00 pm Soup & Bread Supper.
Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Every gift from God reveals his love, but no gift reveals his love more than the gifts of the cross. These gifts came not wrapped in paper but in passion. They were not placed around a tree but around a cross. They were not covered with ribbons but sprinkled with the blood that Christ shed on our behalf.

In this five-session video Bible study, Max Lucado explores the many gifts that Christ provided to us at his crucifixion. These include not only the gift of the cross, but also the gift of the thorns that pierced his brow. The nails that tore his flesh. The seamless robe that he removed for us. The empty tomb where he forever defeated sin and death.

The hill of the cross is rich with the gifts of God's grace. These were gifts he didn't have to give. The only required act for our salvation was the shedding of blood, yet God did so much more. So, as we unwrap these gifts, we need to pause and listen for his voice. As we do, perhaps we will hear him whisper, "*I did it just for you.*"

Thank You's...

Thank you to the Church of Annunciation, Vidalia GA for your generous gift to the United Thank Offering For the amount of \$263.60. This generous donation to the United Thank Offering will help support building up the annual ingathering, which funds mission and ministry throughout the world and teaches the personal spiritual discipline of gratitude.

Congratulations!

Christie Roller was presented with the Vidalia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen of the Year Award.



Zack Fowler was voted Man of the Year at the 71st Citizens of the Year Annual Banquet.

Therisa Ingley was voted Woman of the Year at the 71st Citizens of the Year Annual Banquet.

Ann Smith received the Star Teacher Award for Robert Toombs Christian Academy.

Lent Madness



Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of the Rev. Tim Schenck who was seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints. The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 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. As Lent Madness continues to grow and evolve, what won't change is the essence of Lent Madness: allowing people to get to know some amazing people who have come before us in the faith and reminding one another that there's no reason for a dreary Lenten discipline. If this helps people connect with the risen Christ during this season of penitence and renewal, and have a bit of fun in the process, then it continues to be worthwhile.

Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Read about them and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. We hope you'll participate fully this Lent and vote with reckless abandon! Pick-up a Lenten score card in the Narthex.

ECW & Daughters of the King Welcome Thistle Farms April 26th & 27th



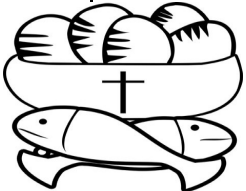
This year the Episcopal Church Women's Annual Retreat in Augusta's theme is The Way of Love. Participants will learn about sharing God's love for those in recovery from the sex trafficking trade. The Rev. Becca Stevens, well known advocate for women, especially women leaving the trade, will be the keynote speaker. Stevens and women from her ministry, Thistle Farms, will be at the retreat throughout the weekend.

The Saint Ruth Byllesby Chapter of The Order of the Daughters of the King® will be sponsoring a bra drive to benefit *Free The Girls*, an international non-profit that helps women leaving the sex trafficking trade, especially in the poorest areas of the United States, to gain financial independence and social reintegration.

By donating new or gently used bras, participants provide a chance for change. These survivors of human trafficking start their own businesses selling bras in their local second-hand clothing markets while they recover and build a new life. "We accept both new and gently used bras of all sizes and styles, including sports bras, nursing bras, and camisoles." For more information and registration please go to: www.ecw.georgiaepiscopal.org



MARCH 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
						<p>1 Office Closed</p> <p>Rev. Denise's Day Off</p>	<p>2 Listening session for the 11th Bishop of Georgia 10:00 am at Annunciation.</p>
							
<p>3 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:30 am Adult Education 9:45 am Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Nursery 10:30 am Holy Eucharist I</p>	4	5	6	7	8	9	
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			<p>Lenten Bible Study 6:00 pm</p> <p>Choir Practice 6:00 pm.</p>		<p>Office Closed</p> <p>Rev. Denise's Day Off</p>		
<p>24 The Third Sunday in Lent</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:30 am Adult Education 9:45 am Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Nursery 10:30 am Holy Eucharist I</p>	25 The Annunciation of our Lord	26	27	28	29	30	
	<p>Vestry Meeting 6:00 pm</p>		<p>Lenten Bible Study 6:00 pm</p>		<p>Office Closed</p> <p>Rev. Denise's Day Off</p>	<p>Cursillo Comm. Meeting 10:00 am-12:00 pm.</p>	
<p>31 The Fourth Sunday in Lent</p> <p>Youth Sunday</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist I 9:30 am Adult Education 9:45 am Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Nursery 10:30 am Holy Eucharist I 11:45 am Youth Gathering</p>							
							

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 (all sizes), underwear and socks (all sizes), baby diapers (all sizes), personal hygiene items, large plastic storage totes, laundry baskets, White towels and wash cloths, white twin size sheet sets, bath soap, feminine hygiene products, baby needs.

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!



Ministry Reports

Deacons Report

The past year has brought many changes to our church, some great, some not so great. We have experienced growth in many ways. I want to focus on that growth and some of the reasons for their growth. The New Testament and church historians speak of the rapid growth of the church. First it is clear Jesus is the basis for the church's growth. He said "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. " (Matt 16:18) No person can take credit for the church's growth. It is the result of Gods work. Similarly, "growth" is not about number of attendees. It is not the amount of people attending Annunciation, that matters, but the advance of the Gospel and the spiritual growth of members. In terms of numerical attendance, however, it is clear that a healthy church naturally grows. While not all New Testament churches grew at this pace, the church grew daily (Acts 2:47), it grew as people shared the good news of Jesus with friends and neighbors and some of these individuals came to faith in Christ. When we are actively seeking God and loving one another, our church naturally grows in Faith and in number of members. This is, in my mind , why Annunciation is experiencing growth. It is Gods blessing for us all. It has been a real blessing for me , as your Deacon, to serve all my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick

Junior Warden's Report

The building and grounds are in expected condition given the age of some of our buildings and systems. The year's maintenance activity included the following: two outdoor clean-up days with pine straw supplied by Rebecca Miller; repair of a long-time plumbing issue with facilities in the main church building; Jack Dell used grant monies secured during the previous year to update electrical systems with more energy-efficient components in the Old Nave, Parish Hall and main church building; in addition Matt Norton installed WiFi-enabled thermostats in all buildings to further aid in reducing energy use. The doors of the Parish Hall were taped with water seal tape in advance of hurricane season and no water damage was sustained. Outstanding matters include wood rot on the fascia of the Parish Hall and standing water and run-off issues with the roof of the Old Nave. Repair and possible replacement of HVAC equipment is imminent and ongoing. Plans for a minimally invasive remodel of the Old Nave have been proposed for next year that offers the possibility of completion in phases. The remodel would include addition of much needed storage, better use of available space and addition of a Sunday School room. HVAC work is anticipated to be part of the job. Plans will be made available to the congregation at a later date and a committee will be formed for the oversight of the project.

Submitted by Hugh Jordan

Senior Warden's Report,

I think this has been another good year for our church and I thank all members of the vestry and all the volunteers who do the heavy lifting for our congregation. During my three years on the vestry, I have noticed that a relatively small number of people do most of what is needed to make Annunciation what it is today. Imagine what it could be in the future if more of us, including yours truly, did just a little more? Ann Roller does yeoman's work keeping the vestry informed on our finances and I trust her Instincts which are based on her years of experience doing the job. She warned the vestry this year we need to continue shrinking our budget deficit each year in order to avoid some serious consequences in the out years. To do that, we need to continue keeping a close eye on expenses and to increase stewardship. If you can help with the latter, it would be most appreciated and help us fulfill God's mission in our community. Our outreach programs under the leadership of our Rector have attracted new congregants to our church this year and serve as an example of what can be accomplished. Think how we could bring more souls to our flock and God's grace if each of us could bring just one new

member to Annunciation this year! When was the last time you asked someone to come to our church? Please help us with this in 2019. At our vestry retreat this year, we discussed our vision of what our church should and could be in Vidalia and Toombs County. We saw a vital and active church seeking to do what Jesus would have us to do in our sphere of influence. To that end, we sought input from the congregation via a survey to see if we were in sync with our members. I was disappointed to see a poor response rate, but undaunted regarding the mission of the church. It has been a learning experience for me serving on the vestry and I appreciate the support and leadership of Reverend Denise and members of the vestry and church. I believe we are a church in transition and are making steps in the direction God would have us go.

Zack Fowler, Senior Warden

Young Adults and Families

Three families joined our congregation this year and our youth ministries are growing accordingly. An Easter Egg Hunt and social for Annunciation and Vidalia Presbyterian Church was held at the home of Donnie and Cissy Alderman. Additional collaboration with VPC included a two-day Vacation Bible School program held in June; participation of youth and volunteers was outstanding. Plans are in the works already for the 2019 VBS, which will be the last under my direction. It is time to hand over the reigns to someone else (somehow appropriate for this year's theme of "Yeehaw!"). Fifth Sundays were designated as Youth Sunday and services made special use of our youth as readers and during service music. After the service, pizza and activities were offered for the families in attendance. A Parents' Morning Out program was offered. Despite a good start, the program experienced attrition and ultimately fizzled out due to lack of interest from the public. There are currently no plans to resurrect the program. As our youth population is growing, there will be need for a Youth Group. Leaders will be sought.

Submitted by Jen Martinez

Episcopal Church Women

The ECW group met on the second Sunday of each month after the 10:30 service. Jen Martinez served as President and Karen Hidalgo served as Vice President and Beverly Thompson as Treasurer. Attendance fluctuated between 2 and 7. Group activities included providing a monthly coffee time and occasional special receptions following the 10:30am service. The women also organized and facilitated a Yard Sale which raised \$935.77 toward the group's missions. Additional activities included the organization of the annual Angel Tree, which assisted 7 families, including 20 children, as well as two cookie exchange fundraisers, and support of the Food Pantry ministry. The beginning balance for the ECW checkbook on Jan 1, 2018 was \$2085.80. Total income for the year was \$1370.77 and expenditures totaled \$1838.09, leaving a balance of \$1618.48.

Submitted by Jen Martinez

Pastoral Care

The purpose of pastoral care is to assist members in times of hardship and/or joy. In the past year, we had no members die. 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. Monetary donations can be made to the Pastoral Care Restricted Fund.

Jane Hall Williams, Ministry Chair

Daughters of the King – Report for Annual Meeting 2/3/2019

The members of our Daughters of the King (DOK) Chapter, St. Mary of the Annunciation, have enjoyed another wonderful year of prayer, study, and service. We met when possible in 2018, and have prayed daily for our Parish, our friends and families, our sisters, our country, and our world. Connie Deane and Beverly Thompson represented our chapter in Savannah on October 13, 2018, at St. Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church for the Daughters of the King Fall Assembly. Our chapter members provided a great deal of assistance to Patti Williams and her husband Cory as they moved from Mt. Vernon to Augusta in the months of October, November, and December. We mourn the loss of Patti, who died on January 16, 2019 at Augusta University Hospital. Our hearts are in deep sympathy with Cory, her beloved husband and "honorary" Daughter of the King, who attended many of our meetings with Patti. We are thankful for the support and services of Reverend Deacon Burt Derrick, our chaplain, and Reverend Denise, our rector. We are grateful to Fred Warnock who led a Contemplative Prayer study at our meeting on January 20, 2019. We look forward to new endeavors in 2019 and invite all ladies of Annunciation to inquire and consider membership in our order.

Submitted by Beverly Thompson, President

Fellowship

- The Episcopal Church Women hosted a coffee hour one Sunday a month after the 10:30 service with a variety of goodies to be enjoyed by all.
- In January and in December, a Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon was held in the parish hall and everyone was invited to attend.
- The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in February was well attended and everyone enjoyed the delicious pancakes cooked by several parishioners.
- In March, Igor Barbanel from 'Jews for Jesus' conducted a Seder with several Passover dishes featured for dinner.
- On the Feast of Pentecost in June, there was a covered dish to celebrate the Church's Birthday.
- A Fourth of July BBQ featured hot dogs & hamburgers served from the grill.
- On World Food Day in October, there was a covered dish supper where those attending provided dishes from their family heritage.
- The ECW hosted a Cookie Walk and Bake Sale in December offering a variety of delicious goodies.

Welcome Commission

Participants – Jack & Lynette Dell, Bill Martinez, Wes Chapman, Rev. Denise Vaughn, Sherron Threlkeld.

Summary of this year's events:

- A Newcomers Social Event was held at Rev. Denise's home in June with 14 people attending.
- Our website and Facebook page are updated often with past or current events to inform and invite potential members.
- Welcome folders with information about the Episcopal Church and Annunciation, along with a customized Annunciation coffee mug, are available for visitors at the table by the front door.
- Special Services and events are put into the local paper, and on Southeast Georgia Today, to inform and invite the community to visit.

Thank you for all you continue to do to make our services and events a warm, welcoming experience for visitors!

Submitted by Sherron Threlkeld

Outreach

Outreach Activities for the year included:

- Annunciation is hosting the 3rd UGA Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (Cooking classes for parents and families)
- St. Francis Memorial Garden for Pets has been used for the spreading of pet ashes during the annual Blessing of the Pets on October 7th. Many pets and pet owners participated in the event.
- Parents Morning Out Program continued through July 2018
- Annunciation continues to donate (monthly) \$50 to the United Way and Salvation Army, and \$100 to J.D. Dickerson Backpack Buddies program. Donations are also ongoing for non-perishable food and other items for the Refuge and for SOAPS.
- A small food pantry located in the old Sanctuary has helped several dozen people. Donations are always needed and welcome.
- School supplies were collected and donated to J.D. Dickerson Elementary School.
- Several of our youth and adults attended the County Wide Back to School Bash at Southeast Technical College in July and gave out bottles of cold water to hundreds of parents and students.
- Items were collected for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Project from the congregation. Our youth and several adults packed 34 shoeboxes.

Submitted by Sherron Threlkeld

Children's Sunday School

This year we have been able to establish an active Sunday School for children. We have worked from Sermons4Kids which follows the liturgy used in the adult services. We read from the Bible, discuss the people who are featured in the readings and try to become familiar with the sequence of Biblical stories from Adam and Eve to Noah to Moses. We have folders and worksheets. We also do arts and crafts during holiday seasons. Our next project will be short lessons for the younger children. It is so nice to hear the laughter of young people.

Jane Hall Williams, Teacher

Adult Christian Education

This has been a busy and varied year for Adult Christian Education. When there was no special study, class members used Lectionary Bible study to discuss the Sunday Scriptures. During Lent, Bible study was based on the book, Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: the Bible and Brahm's Requiem. In Advent, the Bible study used the material from Because of Bethlehem. Nick Peterson joined Reverend Denise in leading a study called *What Our Non-Christian Neighbors Believe*. This study included Judaism, Islam, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormonism) and Scientology. Nick led a study of the Book of Job. As you can see, there was something for everyone and everyone is welcome each Sunday at 9:30 in the old church building.

Beverly Thompson, Chair

The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 BUDGET
Budgeted Revenue:							
Plate Offering	\$3,471	\$4,369	\$4,150	\$4,116	\$3,663	\$3,775	\$3,800
Unpledged Offerings/Interest	\$815	\$1,508	\$1,431	\$2,028	\$150,856	\$529	\$550
Pledges	\$147,388	\$147,069	\$166,143	\$177,921	\$158,091	\$138,682	\$135,650
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$151,674	\$152,946	\$171,724	\$184,065	\$312,610	\$142,986	\$140,000
Budgeted Expenses:							
<u>Administrative</u>							
Payroll Taxes	\$1,403	\$1,326	\$1,205	\$958	\$1,038	\$870	\$995
Clergy Continuing Ed. Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$889	\$581	\$262	\$1,000
Rector's Stipend	\$44,000	\$2,000	\$7,254	\$41,056	\$44,323	\$43,673	\$43,523
Social Security Offset	\$5,053	\$0	\$808	\$4,848	\$4,848	\$4,848	\$4,848
Rector's Housing/Utility Allowance	\$17,000	\$18,000	\$36,903	\$17,467	\$14,200	\$14,850	\$15,000
Rector's Disc. Fund	\$480	\$205	\$245	\$480	\$480	\$1,480	\$1,680
Recctor's Medical Insurance	\$6,700	\$0	\$1,480	\$9,444	\$9,637	\$10,144	\$6,768
Rector's Pension	\$11,890	\$0	\$1,901	\$11,407	\$11,407	\$11,407	\$11,407
Supply Priest Expense	\$81	\$6,636	\$5,842	\$0	\$567	\$464	\$800
Secretaries' Salary	\$18,338	\$17,339	\$15,722	\$12,528	\$13,575	\$11,369	\$13,000
Worker's Comp Ins.	\$1,354	\$801	\$434	\$1,329	\$981	\$1,901	\$1,200
Misc. Admin	\$838	\$1,485	\$671	\$444	\$838	\$771	\$1,000
Deacon Bus. Mileage/Exp	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100
Deacon Conference	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$204	\$0	\$0	\$500
Janitor	\$7,137	\$6,718	\$7,316	\$6,466	\$6,359	\$5,887	\$6,000
Rector Local Auto/Bus Exp/Meals	\$74	\$11,008	\$1,007	\$1,454	\$1,804	\$1,470	\$1,500
Total Administrative	\$114,348	\$65,519	\$80,788	\$108,973	\$110,638	\$109,396	\$109,321
<u>Buildings & Grounds</u>							
Water Buildings/Disposal	\$557	\$446	\$425	\$548	\$470	\$574	\$570
Building Maintenance	\$2,348	\$2,458	\$6,318	\$5,064	\$2,151	\$1,896	\$5,000
Yard Care	\$4,298	\$3,147	\$4,057	\$4,212	\$4,290	\$4,361	\$4,300
Church Landscaping	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,000
Total Buildings & Grounds	\$7,203	\$6,051	\$10,800	\$9,823	\$6,911	\$6,831	\$11,870
<u>Diocesan Expense</u>							
Pledge to Diocese	\$16,188	\$16,236	\$16,140	\$15,593	\$15,876	\$16,887	\$17,207
Convention Expense	\$242	\$1,079	\$571	\$510	\$570	\$1,145	\$700
Total Diocesan Expense	\$16,430	\$17,315	\$16,711	\$16,103	\$16,446	\$18,032	\$17,907

<u>Operating Expenses</u>							
Office Expense	\$3,718	\$5,051	\$5,077	\$4,226	\$1,439	\$1,726	\$1,700
Postage	\$392	\$552	\$729	\$324	\$371	\$536	\$400
Telephone	\$2,319	\$2,617	\$2,855	\$2,745	\$2,307	\$2,199	\$2,300
Internet	\$655	\$659	\$558	\$977	\$905	\$996	\$1,000
Nursery Care/Furnishings	\$504	\$0	\$0	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$500
Electricity	\$7,321	\$8,360	\$9,156	\$10,220	\$8,396	\$9,783	\$10,200
Natural Gas	\$1,116	\$781	\$1,030	\$827	\$847	\$974	\$950
Property Insurance	\$3,588	\$3,747	\$3,920	\$4,134	\$4,363	\$4,430	\$4,400
Supplies	\$1,254	\$1,238	\$674	\$277	\$603	\$800	\$700
Misc. Operating Expense	\$168	\$139	\$669	\$226	\$0	\$730	\$500
Total Operating Expenses	\$21,035	\$23,145	\$24,668	\$24,005	\$19,231	\$22,174	\$22,650

<u>Programs & Ministry</u>							
Outreach	\$1,481	\$1,116	\$1,374	\$1,154	\$2,152	\$2,274	\$2,200
Christian Ed/Sunday School Exp	\$971	\$1,378	\$2,307	\$2,458	\$1,796	\$1,109	\$1,400
Youth Activities	\$0	\$53	\$48	\$0	\$0	\$222	\$500
TAMA	\$50	\$0	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$0	\$50
Ministries (Fellowship, Pastoral Care)	\$968	\$501	\$610	\$1,661	\$1,252	\$1,694	\$1,500
Altar Expense	\$370	\$654	\$1,151	\$94	\$1,544	\$940	\$1,000
Music	\$0	\$362	\$60	\$55	\$374	\$185	\$300
Total Programs & Ministry	\$3,840	\$4,064	\$5,601	\$5,472	\$7,118	\$6,424	\$6,950
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$162,856	\$116,093	\$138,569	\$164,376	\$160,344	\$162,857	\$168,698
Budgeted Excess / (Deficit)	(\$11,182)	\$36,853	\$33,155	\$19,688	\$152,266	(\$19,871)	(\$28,698)

Other Assets:

Bank of America-Church Corp - December 31, 2018	\$193,576.83	(Market Value) Includes \$10,000.00 Building Fund
Ameris Money Market Checking	\$ 25,145.07	
Max and Christie Manry Fund	\$ 139,281.35	
Total Other Assets:	\$358,003.25	
General Fund - December 31, 2018 (Does not include restricted)	\$5,801.40	

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

We continue Prayers for

Latrell Stockton, for comfort and healing.
Danny Bowen, brother of Beverly Thompson, for comfort & healing.
Michael Bowen, brother of Beverly Thompson, for comfort & healing.
Hanna Nichols, Brook Derrick's daughter & granddaughter of Rev. Dcn. Burt & Johanna Derrick, for healing & comfort.
Dr. David Paine, for comfort.
Kalen Powell and his mom Kristen Stewart, friends of Brook Derrick, for comfort and healing.
Kelly Benhase, for comfort and healing.
Bishop + Scott Benhase, for comfort and healing.
Lisa Moore, 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.
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

March Birthdays: Sue Ladson 3rd; KayLeigh Chapman 3rd; Susan Threlkeld 8th;
Mary Lawson Bring 12th; Hamp Threlkeld 12th; Ella Bankes Threlkeld 15th; Steve Fullam 16th;
Charles Gillis 17th; Alexis Mann 18th; Hugh Jordan 20th; Anne Roller 21st; Anne Layne Smith 22nd;
Bettina Linden 23rd; Patton Gillis 24th;

March Anniversary's: Harry & Jackie Moses 1st; Erle & Betsy Norton 18th;
Len & Teresa Edge 19th; Frank & Kristen Champion 28th.





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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.

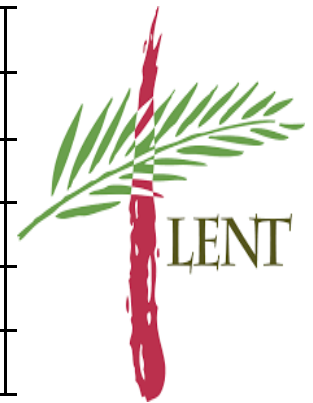
Vision Statement

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.

MARCH 2019 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
March 3	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Matthew Storkamp
March 10	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Bill Martinez	Matt Norton
March 17	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Christina Storkamp	Beverly Thompson
March 24	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell
March 31	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Youth	Harry Moses

	Altar Guild	Greeters/ Bread/Wine	Cross Bearer/Acolyte
March 3	Susan Threlkeld	Fernando Hidalgo	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison
March 10	Anne Roller	John & Christie Roller	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison
March 17	Christie Roller	Larry & Susan Threlkeld	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison
March 24	Phyllis Roan	Jack & Lynette Dell	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison
March 31	Jackie Moses	Fernando Hidalgo	Josiah, Mikey, Zoey, Sarah, Layla, Miah & Madison



	Special Reception Coffee or LUNCH	Alms
March 3		Hugh Jordan
March 10		Jerry Yates
March 17	Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour	Jack Dell
March 24		Harry Moses
March 31	Youth Gathering with Lunch 11:45	Hugh Jordan