

Our Parish Life July 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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Beverly Thompson. *Clerk to the* Vestry, 2018

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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.

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.

Fourth of July BBQ and Covered Dish Sunday, July 7, 12:00 noon. Hot Dogs and Pulled Pork will be provided. Kids bring your bathing suits to participate in water fun.

> The Bible for Dummies Study Wednesday, July 3,10th & 31st 6:30 pm.

Alex Logan to Honey Creek for Camp Sunday, July 7-13th.

Eleanor Martinez to Honey Creek for Camp Sunday, July 14-20th.

The Very Rev. Denise's Vacation July 15th –26th.

Sunday, July 21, Morning Prayer Rite II with Sermon at 8:00 & 10:30. Episcopal Church Women coffee hour following 10:30 service.

County Wide Back to School Bash Saturday, July 27, 9:00 am-11:00 pm at Southeastern Technical College.

Annunciation has committed to giving out 8 oz. bottles of water at the Community Back to School Bash Needed are cases of 8 oz. bottled water and borrowed coolers. Please put your name on the coolers and bring items to the church office. Volunteers are needed to help also.

Blessing of School Supplies and Backpacks Sunday, August 4, at 10:30 service.



Dear People of Annunciation,

Do you find it hard to explain our church's story? I mean, "What is an Episcopalian, anyway?" No matter how genuine our desire to welcome and connect with others many of us struggle with a way to share our way of faith others. We know our way is Christian but what are the things that give life and shape to our Christian identity?

For Episcopalians, the Episcopal Way is not simply a common set of doctrines, ideas, or words to pray, but a combination of practices, attitudes, and an approach to God. For us, this means the Episcopal Way is not just something we believe; it is something we do. The Latin phrase for this is: *lex orandi, lex credenda*, which means that the way we pray determines the way we believe. What we do and how we do it, as well what we say and how we say it, underlies our beliefs; beliefs which are expressed and practiced as we worship out of the Book of Common Prayer.

In the Church's Teaching Series –*The Episcopal Way: Church's Teachings for a Changing World, Volume 1*, we read, "You become Episcopalian by practicing the Episcopal method of following Jesus, praying as Episcopalians have prayed for Centuries, and living the Episcopal style of building community and relating to neighbors. Live with us, pray with us, practice the Way with us, weave it into your own life, then you will understand."

"The Episcopal Way brings the stories and eternal truth of scripture alive so that we hear God's voice speaking in our everyday lives. This Way challenges each generation to learn and appreciate tradition, and to add its own wisdom to the constant process of updating and translating traditions so they continue to speak today. This Way celebrates the gift of reason, so we can engage the world as it is and figure out the path that leads us closest to God's dream"

"What's an Episcopalian? We follow Jesus with our souls, minds, and arms open wide, ready to love God, our neighbors and the world. Jesus Christ was (and is) drawing together human and divine. We hope to be both/and Christians, drawing together and embracing ancient traditions and the wisdom just over the horizon, reason and mystery, beauty and justice, catholic and Protestant, discipline and freedom, body and Spirit, deep faith and probing questions, the cross and the resurrection. This is the Episcopal Way of following Jesus. Let's walk."

(The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry on '*The Episcopal Way: Church's Teachings for a Changing World, Volume 1*' written by Eric Law and Stephanie Spellers, "This is a book I've been waiting for. The Episcopal Way of following Jesus and being Christian may be one of the best kept secrets in the western world. Finally someone has taken the light out from under the bushel. Let it shine!")

With the love of Christ,



Denise+



Fourth of July BBQ Sunday, July 7 12:00 noon

Hot dogs & Pulled Pork will be provided. Bring a dish and come join the fun.

School Supplies Needed

It's that time again to start collecting school supplies for the 2019/2020 school year. School begins Wednesday, August 7. Below is a list of supplies for the lower grades but any help will be greatly appreciated! Please purchase and bring items into the narthex or office during the month of July. School Supplies and our young people's backpacks will be blessed on Sunday, August 4, at the 10:30 service. Supplies will then be donated to J.D. Dickerson Primary School.



Full size book bag (without rollers) Fiskar Scissors Boxes of Kleenex Boxes of Wet Wipes #2 Pencils (non-decorative) Glue Sticks



Plastic Pencil Box Large Erasers Large Bottles of Hand-Sanitizer Regular size Crayons Ziploc Bags (gallon & quart) Lysol Spray or Clorox Wipes



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Altar Flowers

Opportunities to sponsor flowers for the Altar are available. This is a meaningful way to honor, remember or thank a loved one. If interested please call the church office. Donation of \$50 is requested but any donation is appreciated.

Church Safety Measures Update

Recently, Church Insurance, whose mission it is to protect the people, property, and assets of Episcopal congregations, visited our property and presented us with several recommendations. Two of these recommendations involved important safety measures:

- 1. To provide clearly marked and available first aid kits in all buildings.
 - a. In the main church, the first aid kit is located on the fire extinguisher across from the men's restroom.
 - b. In the parish hall, the first aid kit is located in the kitchen.
 - c. In the office, there is a first aid kit in Karen's office and one in the old Sanctuary.

2. Install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in every building.

- a. Smoke detectors are now in every building.
- b. In the main church, there is a fire extinguisher as you come in the back door across from the Vesting Room and one, across from the men's bathroom.
- c. In the parish hall, the fire extinguisher is located in the kitchen.
- d. In the office, a fire extinguisher is located in Karen's office and in the old sanctuary.

Please take time to locate the first aid kits and fire extinguishers just in case they are needed and please thank Jack Dell, our Junior Warden, for making sure we have complied with these recommendations from Church Insurance.



Join Vidalia City Schools for Vidalia High School Summer Meal Program!

All children eat <u>Free</u> through 18 years of age!!

June 3 through July 19, 2019 Monday—Friday <u>Closed July 4 & 5, 2019</u>

Breakfast 9:00 am-10:30 am Lunch 11:30 am-1:00 pm Adult meals can be purchased for \$3.50 including tea.

Call: Central Office 912-537-9738 or Vidalia High School 912-537-0861 with any questions!

www.CTSummerMeals.org



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Church Needs

We are in need of a vacuum cleaner for the church office. If anyone has one they are not using and would like to donate it please drop it by the church office. Thank you.



ECW Annual Yard Sale

We are collecting items for our Annual Yard sale in the fall. If youhave any items to donate that you no longer need or want, you can bring them to the church office building. If help is needed for delivery of large items, call the office at 912-537-3776. Our Episcopal Church Women (ECW) group uses the proceeds from our rummage sale to help meet the needs of our community throughout the year-and without your help it will not happen!

Thank You's...

Thank you to Christina Storkamp, Beverly Thompson and everyone who helped make Ilse and Jesus' baby shower a success! The food and fellowship was wonderful! And thank you to everyone that gave gifts and donated baby items. These things will certainly help prepare them for the arrival of their baby girl.

Dear Friends,

I wish to thank you very much for the shower and for all the wonderful gifts for our soon to come baby girl. We are excited about her arrival and can hardly wait to use all the gifts we received.



May God Bless You, Ilse, Jesus, Gabriel & Jesus Jr.

A big Yee Haw Thank You!!!



Adults and young people saddled up for a trailblazing weekend of fun at Vacation Bible School. We kicked up our heels and stampeded through the wild frontier to celebrate the greatest truth of all– God is Good! Thank you to everyone who gave of their time, talent and treasure, especially Jen and Steven our leaders. It was wonderful to have all our Presbyterian friends join us for closing and lunch.

VBS 2019





JULY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Bible for Dummies Study 6:30 pm.	4 happy 4 th of Office Closed	5 Office Closed Rev. Denise Off	6
7 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:00 am Holy Eucharist II 9:30 am Adult Education 9:45 am Children's Sunday School 10:30 am Nursery 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II Fourth of July BBQ and covered dish with games after the 10:30 service.			Bible for Dummies Study 6:30 pm.		Office Closed Rev. Denise Off	
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<u>Our Parish Prayer List</u>

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. <u>We add to the Praver List this week</u>

Patient Moody, friend of Beverly Thompson, for strength, comfort and healing. Felicia Adams, friend of Beverly Thompson, for strengt, and comfort. Samantha Leamy, Anne Childers daughter, for comfort and healing. Collin Leamy, for good test results. We continue Pravers for Essia Howell and daughter Kelly for comfort and God's intervention. Latrelle 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. Kristen Stewart, friends of Brook Derrick, for comfort. 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. Jayne Brown, friend of Wes Chapman, for 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

I July Birthdays: Beverly Thompson 2nd; Fernando Hidalgo 5th; Len Edge 6th;

Dorsey (Ladson) McMichael 9th; Allison Meyer 9th; (Paul) Hughes Threlkeld Jr. 10th; Anna Norton 10th; Crystal Anderson 14th; Wes Chapman 15th; Hilary Smith 17th; Allie Threlkeld 19th; Patti (Gillis) Henry 20th; Lacey (Gillis) Hartley 20th; Brianna Perez 21st; Danielle Turoski 24th; Zack Fowler 26th; Mikey Solis 27th; Sarah Solis 31st; Haylee Morris 31st.

July Anniversaries: Hughes & Sherron Threlkeld 17th.







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, 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, cleaning supplies.

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!



Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – May 28, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Hugh Jordan, Teresa Barrera-Edge, Jack Dell, Rebecca Miller

Members Absent: Jerry Yates, Beverly Thompson



Treasurer Absent: Anne Roller; Clerk Absent: Beverly Thompson; Substitute Clerk Present: Rebecca Miller; Deacon Absent: The Reverend Deacon Burt Derrick

Meeting opened by Rev. Denise with prayer. Study of Acts 12 was completed.

Vestry meeting minutes, for March 2019 and April 2019 were reviewed; Jack moved to approve March and April minutes as read, 2nd by Hugh, motion passed.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: (Rev. Denise for Anne) April 2019 Financial Report was reviewed. As needed, funds will be taken from other account(s) and placed in General Fund. Review of need to transfer funds will be revisited each month by the treasurer; transfer will take place as needed. Rebecca moved to approve financial report as written, 2nd by Jack, motion passed.

Business:

- 1. Anne Roller, treasurer, has recommended that a Fidelity account be opened to save transaction costs on shares donated to the church. Jack Dell moved to approve the recommendation, 2nd by Rebecca, motion passed.
- 2. Rebecca moved to have the hot water heater in the old church building replaced, 2nd by Jack, motion passed.
- 3. Vestry approved with General Consent to address each Recommendation made as part of the Episcopal Safety Program, Safety Survey results for Annunciation (provided in a letter, dated 4/23/2019) as follows:
- <u>Recommendation 1</u>: "To provide a clearly marked and readily available first aid kit" will be addressed by:
- a). Regular announcements will be made as to the location of existing first aid kits, and
- b). Rebecca Miller will provide an additional kit to be placed in a location to be determined.

<u>Recommendation 2</u>: "To request a hold harmless agreement from those groups that use church property" will be addressed by:

Rev. Denise will check to see what, if anything, may be needed with respect to the Girl Scouts.

<u>Recommendation 3</u>: "To develop process regarding deposits that meets recommendations of the Church Insurance Agency Corporation" will be addressed by:

Rev. Denise will work with the person maintaining deposit records and making the deposits to develop a process that meets the recommendations of the Church Insurance Agency Corporation.

<u>Recommendation 4</u>: "To ensure the installation of smoke detector and fire extinguisher in the sanctuary" will be addressed by:

Location of the existing smoke detectors and fire extinguishers will be reviewed by the Junior Warden and a plan presented to address this recommendation at the next vestry meeting.

Senior Warden's Report: (Hugh) No report.

<u>Junior Warden's Report</u>: (Jack) The HVAC fan motor has arrived. Alexander Brothers will fix fan motor for air conditioner in the church. Rev. Denise will discuss with Dr. David Paine the best way to dispose of the old organ pipes. Rev. Denise reported that a hedge trimmer has been purchased and bushes around the church are being pruned by Karen Hidalgo and Denise as time and temperature permit. Other volunteers to assist in this endeavor were requested. The hot water heater in the old church has failed. Jack will get estimates for repair.

<u>Deacon's Report</u>: Rev. Denise reported that Dcn. Burt has requested and been placed on inactive status due to work schedule. He will continue to serve as available.

<u>Rector's Report:</u> (Rev. Denise) The Episcopal Safety Program, Safety Survey results for Annunciation, provided in a letter dated April 23, 2019, were again discussed with Vestry Quorum present. Vestry decided with General Consent to address each Recommendation as designated in <u>Business</u> section of May Vestry Minutes. Brass plaques indicating donors of the pew cushions will be ordered and mounted in the pews. The Diocesan Convention will be held in Statesboro, November 14-16. A new Bishop for the Diocese of Georgia will be elected during the convention. Delegates need to be chosen for this important convention. Next vestry meeting will be held Monday, June 24th at 6 pm.

Ministry Area Reports: None

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer. Rebecca Miller, Substitute Vestry Clerk for Beverly Thompson



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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.

JULY 2019 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
July 7	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Christina Storkamp	Matt Norton
July 14	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Beverly Thompson
July 21	Zack Fowler	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Jack Dell
July 28	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Bill Martinez	Matthew Storkamp

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July 7	Jackie Moses	Fernando Hidalgo	Youth	Jerry Yates
July 14	Anne Fowler	John & Christie Roller	Youth	John Roller
July 21	Lynette Dell	Larry & Susan Threlkeld	Youth	Hugh Jordan
July 28	Susan Threlkeld	Jack & Lynette Dell	Youth	Jack Dell

	Special Reception Coffee or LUNCH	
July 7	Fourth of July BBQ and Covered Dish	
July 14		
July 21	Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour after 10:30 service	
July 28		