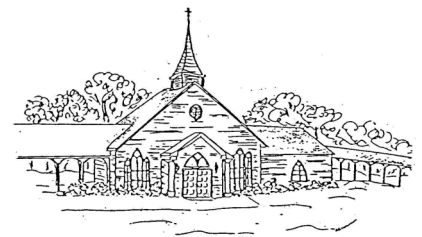




Our Parish Life



February 2020



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 Very Rev. Denise Vaughn
Rector, Annunciation

The Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick
Deacon

Anne Roller/Frank Champion
Treasurer

Jen Martinez, *ECW President*

Karen Hidalgo, *Church Secretary*

Beverly Thompson, *Clerk to the Vestry, 2020*

2020 Vestry Members

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Jack Dell, Jr. Warden	538-7731
Jerry Yates	293-1778
Teresa Barrera-Edge	254-253-0298
Dorsey McMichael	770-598-5212
Matthew Storkamp	585-7375

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

Non Perishable Food Needed.

Bring your items into the Church office or Narthex.

Please wear your name tags on Sunday Morning.

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

Baptism of Allison Maxine Champion

Sunday, February 2, at the 10:30 service. Reception to follow.

Bible for Dummies Study

Wednesday, February 5, 12 & 19, 6:00 pm.

Parents Night Out

Friday, February 14, 6:00pm-8:00 pm. Dinner provided.

Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 16, after the 10:30 service.

Vestry Meeting

Monday, February 24, 6:00 pm.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 25, 5:30-7:00 pm. Pancake cooks and helpers needed. Please let the church office know if you can help.

Ash Wednesday Services

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 am, 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm.

Lenten Study: A Spring in the Desert

By Frank (Bishop-Elect) & Victoria Logue
Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25, & April 1, 6:00 pm
Soup & Bread Supper. Sign-up sheets and books in Narthex
More information about Study on page 9.

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.



My fellow brothers and sisters in Christ,



Well, here we are again. Another year has ended and it's time to look back on where we've been, while also looking forward to what's coming in the year ahead. As I was doing this in preparation for this report, I was reminded of the charge that was laid upon me by a Bishop in my ordination to the Priesthood that: *"As a priest, it will be your task to proclaim by word and deed the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and to fashion your life in accordance with its precepts. You are to love and serve people among whom you work, caring alike for young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. You are to preach, to declare God's forgiveness to penitent sinners, to pronounce God's blessing, to share in the administration of Holy Baptism and in the celebration of the mysteries of Christ's Body and Blood, and to perform the other ministrations entrusted to you"* (The Book of Common Prayer, p. 531).

My job among you as your Priest and Pastor is to proclaim God's Word, the Good News to you in Word and Sacrament, not only on Sunday mornings but also in all the places of life where you serve, struggle, hurt, and labor. By God's grace and with a lot of prayer, I have striven to do this and I trust that the Holy Spirit has been at work among you transforming you into the image of Christ, because we have an important mission. Read BCP pg. 855 "What is the Mission of the Church." Annunciation was called into existence to witness to the good news of God's love that was shown to us in Jesus Christ. We exist to share God's love, to bring people into a fellowship in which God's love is shared, and to help people grow into followers of Jesus. There are people, perhaps many people, within the reach of our church who are hungry for the love of God that we were given to share. Our church has been commissioned to teach the way of love that is the hope of the world. Most of those hungry people probably don't realize how urgently they need to learn the way of love, but the need is great.

This past year, the Episcopal Church received an invitation from our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to practice the Way of Love. The Way of Love is a way of life committed to following Jesus and committed to a set of practices: Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. Bishop Curry writes: In the first century Jesus of Nazareth inspired a movement. A community of people whose lives were centered on Jesus Christ and committed to living the way of God's unconditional, unselfish, sacrificial, and redemptive love. Today, Curry says, our vocation is to live as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. Dear people, our church has a very important mission. We are called to live the Jesus Movement in this place, at this time, and we do this by working together using our varied gifts given to us by God. And work together we do. We work and play and worship together and as is always the case— we do this in the midst of both pain and joy – loss and hope, good news and not so good news. 2019 was no different. There is much good news to share but let me share the not so good news first.

We've had people we hold dear die or move away this past year which is always the most difficult part of our life together. Also, the financial reality of doing ministry here in this place is rising and while our situation is not dire right now, we know that the next few years will determine the future for our church. Just as it takes everyone using their gifts to grow the church, it takes everyone willing to give of their treasure to make sure we continue to be a presence in Vidalia. Pledges are down from 2019 and you can see the projected deficit for 2020 is larger than what was realized in 2019. There is no excess in the 2020 budget. The truth is soon we will have to make some difficult decisions if we continue to carry such a large deficit. I hope and pray that our Lord will place upon all our hearts the necessity to do our part; for we do have an important mission given to us by God.

Yet, in the midst of the difficult times and not so good news, there is much good news and the good news this past year is that we are growing. We have added several new families to our congregation, mostly young people. What a joy it has been to have acolytes at the altar, along with new lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. And what a joy it was to send young people to camp with the help of your donations. Also, our buildings and grounds remain in good working order thanks to our Junior Warden, Jack Dell. The landscaping project undertaken by a group of you was so needed and has made a beautiful difference to the outside of our church. Our small food pantry continues to help those in need. Every committee and group has worked hard. The fruit of your time, talent, and treasure has produced good ideas and ministry opportunities of which you can read about in their reports. Please take time to read them. They witness to the good work that is being done here to the service of God.

I hope and pray that if you are not serving in one of the many ministry's available that you will seriously consider joining and helping or leading. It takes a village. God calls us to be about this work together and the possibilities are endless if we are committed to building God's kingdom in this place. We have a lot to offer, meaningful worship and welcoming hospitality and there are people out there that need to hear about us. A very important part of reaching out is the sharing of our faith with others. Most newcomers visit a congregation because someone from that congregation invited them. It is you that will continue to grow this church, not just me. But without a personal invitation, few new people will walk through our doors. We all have to be committed to growing this congregation. Those future generations, our young people are depending on us my friends and we have much work to do.

I look forward to our continuing to work together to look for opportunities and ways to serve God and our neighbor in this new year. And I am the first to admit I cannot be everything to everyone or please everyone but I promise to do the very best job I can with God's help. Together we can make a difference...so let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Rev. Denise

2020 Vestry

Rebecca Miller – Senior Warden
Jack Dell – Junior Warden
Teresa Barrera-Edge
Jerry Yates
Dorsey McMichael
Matthew Storkamp

Vestry Ad Hoc Members

Beverly Thompson – Clerk of the Vestry
Anne Roller & Frank Champion - Treasurer

State of the Parish Review

Baptisms – 4 - (Danielle Turoski, John Ladson Floyd, Victoria Rau, Greg Rau)

Confirmations – 7 - (Len Edge, Miguel Solis, Crystal Anderson, Madison Storkamp, Danielle, Layla & Miah Turoski)

Receptions – 3 - (Teresa Barrera-Edge, Matthew & Christina Storkamp)

Burials – 6 – (Members-Lanette Reid, Ruth Jenkins, John Roller)

(Non-members – Daphne Elliot, Janice Harper, Angela Paine)

Transfers In – 8

Transfers Out – 0

Number of Holy Eucharist's – 102

Weekday Eucharist – 11

Private Communion – 59 (Communion to the shut-ins)

Daily Office on Sunday – 4 (Morning Prayer)

Members reported 2019 – 119, (2018 – 100)

Average Sunday Attendance: 2019 – 48 (2018 – 48)

Senior Warden Report 2019



Unfortunately we have recently lost several prominent members who made significant contributions of their time & talents to Annunciation. They will surely be missed. But 2019 was a year for which there was a lot to be thankful for. We certainly appreciate Rev. Denise as she guides and shepherds us through our Christian journey and all the effort she makes to increase and attract new members. We have an active acolyte program which adds so much to our worship service. Our stewardship campaign was successful because numerous members increased their pledge/tithe which helped compensate for lost revenue from deaths in our congregation. We are grateful for our wonderful music, lectors, acolytes, cross bearers, Eucharistic ministers, collection counters, greeters, flower guild, alter guild, vestry, treasurer, secretary, nursery, Sunday school, and study groups. These things don't just happen. They all take a lot of effort & time from many people. God has truly blessed us so much.

In Christ,

Hugh Jordan

Junior Warden's Report

The Junior Warden is charged with the care of Church Property.

Major activities undertaken during 2019 included:

1. Completing the replacement of all incandescent florescent lighting with LED bulbs. Funding for this was provided by a Georgia Power grant. These new LED bulbs provide improved lighting at substantially less cost.
2. Replacing the Hot Water Heater in the old church building.
3. Work on the sewer line to improve flow from the Church to the main sewer line at the street.
4. Significant work on the shrubbery around the church. This included removing much of the old shrubbery and replacing with new shrubbery.
5. Work on the irrigation system, including replacing the timer boxes and several damaged sprinkler heads.

In 2020 we plan to:

1. Replace the two outside lights that illuminate the large sign in the front yard.
2. Replace the hot water heater in the Church Sacristy.
3. Perform additional landscaping around the Church.
4. Replace the soffit boards on the Parish Hall and repaint as necessary.
5. Correct other maintenance issues as they arise. The Church property is aging (the new church building is 20 years old, and other buildings are much older). In buildings this old, we need to expect maintenance issues.

If you have any questions, or can think of additional maintenance issues, please let me know.

Respectfully submitted.

Jack Dell
Junior Warden

Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild is a lay ministry that serves God by preparing the sanctuary for worship, maintaining and caring for sacred vessels, altar linens, and vestment and serving the clergy and the parish. Altar guild members are in charge of "setting up" for services, removal and cleansing of vessels and linens after the service. Altar Guild members are: Lynette Dell, Susan Threlkeld, Jackie Moses, Christie Roller, Anne Roller, and Phyllis Roan. Teresa Ingley provides our schedule for the year.

Lynette Dell

Daughters of the King – 2019 Report

The members of our Daughters of the King (DOK) Chapter, St. Mary of the Annunciation, have enjoyed a meaningful year of prayer, study, and service. We met when possible in 2019, and have prayed daily for our Parish, our sisters, our Diocese, and our Church and government leaders. Rebecca Miller and Beverly Thompson attended the DOK Spring Assembly on April 26-27 that was held in conjunction with the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Annual Gathering in Augusta at St. Augustine's Episcopal Church. Rev. Becca Stephens from Thistle Farms presented a very interesting and inspiring program. On September 20-21, Beverly Thompson and Della Richards (who now lives in Valdosta and participates in the DOK chapter at Christ Church) attended the DOK Fall Assembly at Honey Creek. In addition to the delicious Honey Creek cuisine, we enjoyed prayer, worship, fellowship, and a wonderful program presented by Rev. Amy Bradley, our DOK Chaplain, on "Mary and Elizabeth – Jump for Joy". Plans were made at the Fall Assembly to provide a Prayer Room at the Diocesan Convention in Statesboro in November 2019. Our DOK Chapter helped with the creation of the Prayer Room at this very important convention which elected our new Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia. On September 15, 2019, our local Chapter started a series of DOK Preparation Study sessions, led by Rev. Denise, for three ladies in our church who are interested in becoming Daughters. We are very excited and look forward to the possibility of our Chapter growing in number, as well as in spirit, in 2020. We welcome all the ladies of Annunciation to inquire and consider membership in our Chapter of the Daughters of the King.

Beverly Thompson, President

Acolyte Mother Report:

I was very honored to be chosen for this particular role. I have enjoyed working with multiple children to further their aspects of serving God and the church. Last year we had a few trainings and an acolyte appreciation party. We have had sign ups available for all the ones who wish to participate. We are very thankful for the ones who take the time to show up faithfully and dedicate their time. I look forward to them learning more about their responsibilities. Hopefully, this year we have can accomplish a regular rotation but either way we usually make it work.

Danielle Turoski

Adult Christian Education

Adult Christian Education offerings in 2019 have been rich and varied. Each Sunday from 9:30 AM to 10:15 AM, the adult class reads together and enjoys a lively discussion of the Sunday Scriptures for the day. During Lenten and Advent seasons in 2019, special study sessions were offered on a weeknight. Our 2019 Lenten study was 'He Chose the Nails' by Max Lucado. During Advent 2019, we completed the study: A Thrill of Hope-The Christmas Story in Word and Art, a program developed at Emory University by the Candler School of Theology. Both seasonal studies were thoroughly enjoyed by participants. On May 15, 2019 at 6 PM, a Wednesday night Bible Study began and is continuing into 2020. Participants are having fun reading and discussing together the Bible using the study guide: *The Bible for Dummies*. Our Vestryperson's role as a disciple of Christ and Vestry corporate role as faithful servants as faithful servants and stewards of the church.

Beverly Thompson, Chair

Children's Sunday School

Our Sunday School for children continues to grow. We have nine children who participate on a semi-regular basis. Our focus is on Bible stories from Genesis. We read from the Bible, discuss the people who are featured in the readings and work at relating them to the New Testament. We use Sermons4Kids which follows the liturgy used in Adult Worship. We do worksheets and make arts and crafts projects. It is so nice to hear the laughter of young people.

Jane Hall Williams, Ministry Chair

Pastoral Care

The purpose of pastoral care is to assist members in times of hardship and/or joy. In the past year, we had four members die: Angela Paine, Lynette Reid, Ruth Jenkins, Luke Smith and John Roller. In all cases, Pastoral Care members assisted 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



Outreach

Outreach Activities for the year included:

- Annunciation hosted the 4th UGA Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (Cooking classes for parents and families)
- St. Francis Memorial Garden for Pets was used for the spreading of pet ashes during the annual Blessing of the Pets in October. Many pets and pet owners participated in the event.
- 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 31 shoeboxes.
- Several parishioners participated in the Habitat build. The house will soon be completed.
- Girl Scout Troop # 30132 meets twice a month in our Parish Hall.
- In April, the Rev. Canon Frank Logue presented to a small group, *Map Dash For Faith Communities*. Map Dash is an interactive, data-grounded, map-based tool for missional analysis and planning. This Data can be used to explore neighborhoods through the lenses of population characteristics, community issues, and community resources.
- Little Free Library located on church grounds is filled with books for the neighborhood to access for reading.



Welcome Commission

Participants – Jack & Lynette Dell, Bill Martinez, Wes Chapman, Sherron Threlkeld, Christiana Storkamp, Danielle Turoski

Summary of this year's events;

- A Newcomers Social Event was held in September with over 20 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!

Episcopal Church Women

While few formal meetings were held in 2019, ECW was still quite active within the congregation. In addition to providing a monthly Coffee Hour following the 10:30 service, the ECW gave wedding gifts to church members and hosted baby showers. ECW members sponsored the Food Talk series in January, February, and March of 2019 in our Parish Hall and eight people were graduated. Participants learned about healthy eating, how to shop smart for groceries, and to prepare nutritious meals for their families. Two Parents' Night Out events were hosted, one in March and again in October. Our children and their friends enjoyed food, fun, and learning activities while their parents had the evening off. ECW members also spearheaded the Operation Christmas Child Project in November. With the efforts of many church members and our children, dozens of shoe boxes were filled with basic-need, toys and school supply items for children in need throughout the world. The most intensive efforts of the group centered on the Rummage Sale held November 2nd and 9th. A total of \$3160.60 was raised from the sale and will be used throughout the coming year to assist community families with expenses such as utilities, medical travel and other needs. Together, ECW and the whole congregation were able to help SEVEN families with their Christmas wishes through the Angel Tree this year. Walmart gift certificates were also provided to each family. Current balance in ECW account is: \$3923.22. The members of ECW look forward to spreading God's glory through service and fellowship in 2020

Jennifer Martinez

Fellowship

Firstly, I would like to thank everyone for their help and advice to me during this year, especially Mrs. Beverly. This is my first year helping within the fellowship of our church and I very much enjoyed giving my time. One of the reasons I love this job is because I get to interact with people. This year we have had several happy events: each month on the third Sunday, the Episcopal Church Women provided **coffee hour** except in December. In January, we provided dinner for the **Diocesan Council Meeting** and a reception for **Bishop Benhase's visit for Confirmation**. In February, lunch was provided for the **Annual Meeting**. On **Shrove Tuesday**, several varieties of pancakes were available and enjoyed by all. For the **Lenten Study**, several participants made a delicious soup. On Maundy Thursday, an **Agape Dinner** was enjoyed by those who attended the service. The **Easter Egg Hunt** at the Alderman's house was again a huge success with a delicious brunch provided by several from our church and the Presbyterian Church. There were receptions after the **Baptism's** of John Ladson, Victoria & Greg Rau. In May, there was a **graduation party** for Victoria Rau. On **Pentecost Sunday**, in June we had a **covered dish** birthday party. **Vacation Bible school** was a great success and I enjoyed bringing snacks and helping with all the events for the kids. I acted as the photographer and slide show maker; I look forward to this next VBS. We celebrated the **Hernandez baby shower** for baby Jacqueline in July and in August a baby shower for **baby Alison Champion**, the luncheon's were planned and executed by several ECW members. **A Newcomer's Welcome Luncheon** was held in the parish hall in September. In October, we had an **Oktoberfest Covered Dish**. In November we had a shoebox packing party for **Operation Christmas Child** with a spaghetti luncheon provided, as well as some fun activities. This was one of the best years for this program having over 10,569,405 boxes to deliver to children worldwide! I'm proud of our church for our 30+ boxes that we contributed; every bit helps! The **Stewardship Appreciation Luncheon** in December was well attended and the **Cookie walk and bake sale** on Dec. 15 was a huge success and we look forward to having another one in February to help assist the cost of sending our youth to Camp Honey Creek. On December 22, my family provided coffee hour as way to show our appreciation to our church and the members that we have come to love! This year we have had three **memorials**: Lanette Reid, Ruth Jenkins, and Latrelle Stockton. I want to thank all the women who helped to bring food, setting up, or simply staying to help clean afterwards. This can be such a hard time for the families, and I feel honored to help them during that difficult time. I look forward to this next year and upcoming events that I can be of service.

Christina Storkamp



PARENTS
NIGHT
OUT



Valentines Day Party fun, Friday, February 14, 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the Parrish Hall! Drop the kids off and enjoy a couple hours of free time while the kids participate in fun activities in a safe environment. Food & drinks, arts and crafts, fun and games will be provided.

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.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 25 , 5:30-7:00 pm
Pancake Cooks and Helpers Needed!
Please let the church office know if you can help.

Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Dinner



Ash Wednesday Services

Imposition of Ashes and Holy Eucharist
Wednesday, February 26 , 7:00 am, 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm.



11th Annual "Spayghetti Dinner"



Tuesday, February 25th, 2020 Vidalia Community Center 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Tickets are available for purchase at Altamaha Animal Clinic, Vidalia Veterinary Clinic or Kilgore Animal Hospital. Contact SOAPS at sweetonionaps.org.

Baptism of Gabriel Bonilla, Jesus Hernandez Jr.

and Jacqueline-
Hernandez
Figuro



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Thank you.....

To Betty Jo Sadler for all the beautiful knitted hats, scarves and pocket prayers that she made and donated for our outreach program. The blessing of warmth and prayers are certainly be needed this winter.



To Karen Warnock for all the help and donations she contributes to our church. Her tireless energy helping where help is needed is certainly a blessing.

To Christina Storkamp and all who helped with the reception for Latrelle Stockton's Memorial service.

To Lynette and Jack Dell for making all the yummy sandwiches for our annual meeting.

Lenten Study *A Spring in the Desert* by Frank & Victoria Logue

Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1

6:00 pm with Soup & Bread Dinner

About *A Spring in the Desert*

The Diocese of Georgia's bishop-elect Frank and his wife, Victoria, offer a Lenten journey inspired by the many passages of scripture that use images of water in the desert as a sign of the healing and wholeness that come through God alone. To this they add the distilled wisdom of the Desert Mothers and Fathers and the surprisingly rich inspiration of the plants and animals that thrive in an arid land. Along the way, they will share the ways our faith speaks to the barren places in our lives and how those times of drought can be a source of strength. In addition to the books, the Logue's created a series of 20 online videos which are 5-6 minutes long to be watched by a group and discussed. There are four videos each for the five weeks from the week after Ash Wednesday through the week before Holy Week.



Sign-up sheets and books are in the Narthex cost is \$6.00.

Bishop-Elect's Ordination No Tickets Needed to Attend

The planned May 30th liturgy for the ordination and consecration of the 11th Bishop of Georgia will be open to all who wish to attend. The diocesan staff has received calls and emails with people wanting to know how to get tickets for this event, so we wanted to clarify that no ticket or RSVP is needed. The Johnny Mercer Theater at the Savannah Civic Center has enough seating that we need not use tickets or any other system to keep down the number attending. The liturgy will begin promptly at 11 AM. The service is expected to end by 1:30 PM and a reception with the new bishop will follow in the hallway outside the theater. Likewise, no tickets are needed for the May 31st Eucharist in Forsyth Park, Savannah (shown at right). Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preach, with the newly ordained bishop celebrating the Eucharist. This liturgy will begin promptly at 11 AM, but choirs will begin singing at 10:30 AM for those arriving for the service. We will be on the grass in the park and seats will not be provided. As with concerts and other events at this venue, participants will need to bring their own chairs. There will be plenty of room and we encourage you to invite friends, family, and co-workers who might want to come to the Savannah for the memorable open air worship service. Food trucks will be on hand for those looking for an easy place to get a good lunch after the service.

Forsyth Park Band Shell will host Bishop Curry on the day after the ordination

Save the date!

**JOIN US FOR A
CELEBRATION HONORING
BISHOP BENHASE AND
KELLY BENHASE**

April 17, 2020
Drop in 6pm-9pm

The Starland Yard
2411 DeSoto Ave, Savannah GA

Bishop Benhase's Retirement Party

Join us on Friday, April 17th for a celebration honoring Bishop Benhase and Kelly Benhase. The Starland Yard is a food truck park in the historic Starland District of Savannah with rotating food trucks, a pizzeria, and yard games. This is a self-funded event. Please let us know you are coming call 912-236-4279.

Parking is free but limited in the Starland neighborhood, so please plan to carpool or Uber/Lyft if you are able. Everyone is invited!!

Some have asked, what is the appropriate gift or recognition for Bishop Benhase upon his retirement? Bishop Benhase will make his final visit to Annunciation on Sunday, May 3 at the 10:30 am service. There will be a reception following the service giving everyone time to recognize and thank him personally.

In his honor, and as a gift of appreciation from us, pavers at Honey Creek in the amount of \$500 have been purchased. The Bishop has made it clear he does not want a tangible gift or cash. If individuals want to make a donation, he would like for this to be a cash gift to help pay down the debt at Honey Creek or the purchase of pavers in his name. In addition, it is customary, that individuals may make a donation toward purchasing his car from the Diocese as a gift to him when he leaves.

Make checks out to: the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

Write on the memo line: Bishop Transition Gift

Include on letterhead your name and address so we can send a Thank you Note.

Mail it to: the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

18 East 34th St. Savannah, GA 31401

Or give online by visiting: <http://bit.ly/BishopTransitionGift>

Text to give: Text EDOG to 73256

For both options, select the Bishop Transition Gift Fund in the dropdown menu.

Outreach Opportunity's



Little Free Library

Is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community, and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Through Little Free Library book exchanges, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages.

Victoria Bausch and her son, Anderson decided to build a Little Free Library after her mother died, in memory of her love to read to them. We are very fortunate that Victoria and Anderson wanted to place their Little Free Library on our church grounds. It is located to the left of the main driveway as you enter the church grounds and it is filled with books. Please get the word out so others may know the joy of reading.

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!



February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Office Closed		Office Closed The Very Rev. Denise Off	1 Parrish Hall booked for first aid training class 10AM to 2PM.
2 The Presentation of our Lord Jesus Christ 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 with Holy Baptism Reception to follow. 12:00 Daughters of the King Meeting	3	4	5 Bible Study for Dummies 6:00 pm.	6	7 Office Closed The Very Rev. Denise Off	8
9 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 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	10	11	12 Bible Study for Dummies 6:00 pm.	13	14 Office Closed  The Very Rev. Denise Off Parents Night Out! 6-8pm in the Parrish Hall	15
16 The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany 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 Commissioning of 2020 Vestry Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service.	17 President's Day! Office Closed	18	19 Bible Study for Dummies 6:00 pm.	20	21 Office Closed The Very Rev. Denise Off	22
23 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 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	24 Vestry Meeting 6:00 pm.	25 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-7:00 pm in the Parrish Hall	26 Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist 7:00 am, 12:00 pm & 6:00 pm.	27	28 Office Closed The Very Rev. Denise Off	29

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. Samantha Leamy, Anne Childers daughter serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Missionaries: Dennis & Donna Reed in Malawi, Africa.

We add to the Prayer List this week

We continue Prayers for

Matt Norton, for comfort and healing.

Family & Friends of Latrelle Stockton, for comfort.

Teresa Smith, friend of Beverly Thompson, for comfort and healing.

Thomas and Hunter, grandchildren of Tom & Betty Jo Sadler, for comfort and continued healing.

Ann Smith, wife of Luke Smith, for comfort.

Linda McDilda, friend of Beverly Thompson & Jane Hall for comfort and healing.

Jack & Pat Childers, for comfort and healing.

Felicia Adams, friend of Beverly Thompson, for strength and comfort.

Essia Howell and daughter Kelly for comfort and God's intervention.

Kelly Benhase, for comfort and healing.

Bishop + Scott Benhase, 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.

Ken Harris, brother in law to Lisa Moore, for healing.

Ruth Hopkins, Sherron Threlkeld's mom, for comfort and healing.

Wayne McDilda, for healing, friend of Jane Hall and Beverly Thompson.

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



Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness

Danny Bowen, brother of Beverly Thompson, for comfort & healing.

Michael Bowen, brother of Beverly Thompson, for comfort & healing.

Mary Thompson, Chuck Thompson's sister for healing.

Phyllis Bowen, sister-in-law of Beverly Thompson, for healing.

Lisa Moore, for comfort and healing.

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.

Barbee Adams for healing.

Rob Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew for comfort and healing.

Ann Bowman, 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

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 or removed from the list, please contact the Church office: 537-3776 or theannunciation@bellsouth.net

February Birthdays: Betsy Norton 9th; Meg (Ladson) Floyd 15th; Thom Williams 17th;
Gretta Morgan 21st; Jerry Yates 22nd; Gray Barbee 26th; Janice Reid 26th; Jane (Hall) Williams 26th.

February Anniversaries: .



Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – December 16, 2019 at 6:00 pm



Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Hugh Jordan, Jack Dell, Beverly Thompson, Jerry Yates;

Members Absent: Rebecca Miller, Teresa Barrera-Edge

Treasurer Absent: Anne Roller;

Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson;

Deacon Absent: Rev. Dcn. Burt
Derrick

Meeting opened by Rev. Denise with prayer. Study of Acts 17 was completed.

Vestry meeting minutes for November 2019 were reviewed; Jerry moved to approve minutes, 2nd by Hugh, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Denise for Anne) The November 2019 Financial Report was reviewed. Budget deficit continues. Jack moved to approve November 2019 Financial Report, 2nd by Jerry, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Hugh) Pledged amount for 2020 is around \$89,000. More complete report to be given later. Christmas gifts will be given to church employees and Rev. Denise. Undesignated offerings at Christmas Eve service will be given to the Rector's Discretionary Fund

Junior Warden's Report: (Jack) Encore azalias have been planted next to church. Rebecca will refresh seasonal plantings by doors. Two trees will be put into stands and ready for greening of the church on Sunday, 12/22 after 10:30 service. Jack will get estimates on cost of replacing lights that shine on Annunciation sign in front of the church. On Christmas Eve, outside lights will stay on till 12:30 AM for midnight service.

Deacon's Report: Rev. Dcn. Burt continues to be absent due to work.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) One new procedure needed for counters: if not a member's check, please put name and address on back of counting sheet. McLain and Calhoun is going to make recommendations regarding QuickBooks version that is best for us – possibly QuickBooks Non-Profit which may cost around \$350. Outgoing Committee Heads will be honored and thanked at annual meeting. Beverly will continue as clerk to the vestry in 2020. ECW Coffee Hour will be sponsored by the Storkamp Family on Sunday, 12/22. Christmas Eve Candlelight services will be Tuesday, 12/24 at 6 pm and 10:30 pm. The King's College Festival of Carols and Youth Sunday Services will be celebrated on 12/29 at 10:30 am. Epiphany Service will be Monday, 1/6/2020 at 6 pm. An Epiphany Party will be held on Sunday, 1/5/2020 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the home of Jack and Lynette Dell. On Sunday, 1/12/2020, Gabriel, Jesus Jr, and Jackie will be baptized. January Vestry Meeting will be held on Monday, 1/20/2020 at 6 pm. Annual meeting will be Sunday, 1/26/2020 at noon with light lunch.

Business:

1. Committee recommended 4% salary increase for Glenn Reaves, Jack moved to approve the raise, 2nd by Hugh, motion approved.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 7:10 pm.

Beverly Thompson, Clerk for the Vestry



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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 2020 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
February 2	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Victoria Bausch
February 9	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Bill Martinez	Beverly Thompson
February 16	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Harry Moses
February 23	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Christina Storkamp	Matt Norton

	Altar Guild	Greeters/ Bread/Wine	Cross Bearer/Acolyte	Alms
February 2	Anne Roller	Carol Rice	Youth	Jerry Yates
February 9	Christie Roller	Sherron Threlkeld	Youth	Hugh Jordan
February 16	Jackie Moses	Jackie Moses	Youth	Fernando Hidalgo
February 23	Lynette Dell	Christie Roller	Youth	Jack Dell

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counters
February 2	Baptism Reception following 10:30 service.	Teresa Edge & Hugh Jordan
February 9		Beverly Thompson & Carol Rice
February 16	Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour after 10:30 service	Jerry Yates & Sherron Threlkeld
February 23		Jack Dell & Danielle Turoski