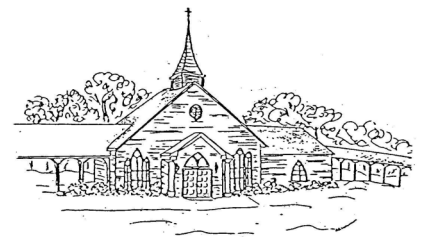




Our Parish Life



June 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 Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick
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OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

Non perishable food needed.
Bring your Items into the Narthex or Church office.
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Annunciation Online Sunday Worship Available on Facebook

If you do not have the facebook app, the website for facebook is: <http://www.facebook.com> and you can create an account simply by filling in the information online. If you do not have a tablet or computer, just go to the play store on your cellphone and look for the facebook app. Then fill in the information that it requires. Then once your facebook page is established, then click on the search button and look up Annunciation Vidalia, then click the join button. **We are not worshipping In-person yet, so this is a way for you to watch and participate in the worship service until further notice**

Happy Father's Day!
Sunday, June 21, 2020

Vestry Meeting
Monday, June 22, 5:30 pm.

Help Needed to Spruce Up Our Grounds!

Please consider giving an hour or two of your time to help clean up our grounds. Weeds need to be pulled, several flowers planted and shrubs trimmed. Lot's of space for social distancing available.



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.

Dear People of Annunciation,

I truly believed that by this time we would be back to some kind of in-person worship but here we are at the beginning of June and still live-streaming all our services. Many of us are not yet venturing far from our homes; going out only for groceries or to the drugstore with mask on and sanitizer close at hand. And by the way, Jen and Eleanor Martinez have made some beautiful masks for us. They are located in the Narthex. Come by and get yours...I'll bet you will have a hard time deciding which one you want.

In last month's newsletter, I included an article that spoke about this time of not participating in the Eucharist, as a time of fasting out of love for God and neighbor to keep others safe. This time of the pandemic has been a fast that we haven't chosen in many ways, like having to retreat to our homes. Being home much more, has made me begin to think of this time as an at-home spiritual retreat. Seldom do we have the opportunity to participate in extended retreats and I certainly have some extra time right now to focus on my spiritual life. I still need to take care of my daily responsibilities, and I do spend a good bit of time at the office, but using this extra home time as an at-home spiritual retreat, has given me a way to seek spiritual refuge while living in the reality of the situation.

A retreat begins when we make a decision to seek out greater intimacy with God to help restore our souls, minds, bodies, and hearts, especially needed now during this time of uncertainty and being home bound. Here are some ideas to help guide you in your at home spiritual retreat to separate yourself from distractions and practice "uncomplicating" your life.

- Seek God through silence: increase the amount of time of listening to become aware of that which is invisible.
- Spend time listening for the good and place your passion, emotion, and worry in God's hands
- Be hospitable and graciously accept what people do for you.
- Go out of your way to avoid controversies.
- Desire an awareness of God over a desire of things.
- Discern temptation when it comes and seek God's help to resist
- Perform acts of charity...to the best of your ability during this time of being homebound.
- Become a quiet witness of God's Word.
- Give thanks for the simple things of life.
- Seek simplicity in thought.
- Read only Scripture and seek spiritual awareness.
- Strive for a quiet mind.
- Stand in awe at the majesty of God's creation.
- Begin and end each day with prayer and scripture reading.



This is not easy. So be gentle with yourself if you decide to go on an in-home retreat. The goal is not perfection but to have a greater awareness of God and a deepening of joy, peace, and love. This will happen when we make prayer and scripture central to our retreat and our prayers need not be complicated or long. Slowly say the "our Father" or use prayers from the Psalter. If you like to journal, keep one so you can see your spiritual growth. And think about ways you will be able to bring what you have learned out to others once this pandemic is contained.

With the Love of Christ, Denise+



Praise to the Triune God!!
The Rt. Rev. Frank Sullivan Logue was ordained and consecrated the 11th Bishop of Georgia on Saturday, May 31, in Christ Episcopal Church, Savannah Georgia.

The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday June 7th

Vicki Black, in her book *Welcome to the Church Year: An Introduction to the Seasons of the Episcopal Church* writes, “On this first Sunday after Pentecost we celebrate the doctrine of the Trinity. The Catechism describes the Holy Spirit as “the Third Person of the Trinity, God at work in the world and in the Church even now” (BCP 852). Throughout Lent and Easter we have focused on the second person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. So it makes perfect sense for the church now to turn its attention to the fullness of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.”

“The Doctrine of the Trinity did not just arrive whole and intact one day: it emerged from the early church’s struggle to describe their experience of Jesus and the Spirit. After the resurrection and ascension the early church experienced Jesus as somehow related to God, as somehow part of the Godhead, and they struggled to understand exactly how this could be. After Pentecost, they also knew the Holy Spirit as somehow residing within them, distinct from Jesus and God the Creator, and yet also part of God. Out of attempting to summarize their experience of God, the doctrine of the Trinity evolved.”

“The Creed of Saint Athanasius, composed by several church leaders around the fourth or fifth century, summarized in detailed philosophical terms the church’s development of the doctrine of the Trinity. (You can find this creed in the prayer book under Historical Documents.) The main point of the document is that God is a Unity—“they are not three Gods, but one God”—and yet God is three persons—“there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost... So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Ghost is God” (BCP 864-65).

“It is indeed a mystery as to how God can be one God, and yet three persons; but when we reflect on our own relationships we can begin to grasp intuitively how this might be. The doctrine of the Trinity tells us that God is not a “cosmic principle” but a communion of love among persons. God’s life is a relationship of love, so that when we draw near to that life in worship, we, too, are drawn “ever more deeply into that love.” On this Sunday, we explore, however dimly and inadequately; the inner life of God and are drawn into the loving communion of the person of the Trinity.”

Remote Giving Options



During this time when we have not been able to worship in-person, the vestry and rector would like to thank you very much for continuing to send in your tithes and offerings to the church.

Online Giving is now available at Annunciation

We are excited to announce that you can now give online through our website www.annunciationvidalia.org. We have partnered up with PayPal, an online giving option. PayPal offers a fast, easy checkout process and accepts PayPal credit, credit cards, debit cards and Venmo. When you go to our website you will see the Payment Button. There is a fee of 2.2% of the transaction amount. If you can cover this fee with your donation, it would be greatly appreciated. Also, with your donation please let us know if it's a Pledge, or to be used for some other purpose like the Memorial Fund or Discretionary fund.

Other options to use during this time are:

Direct Bank Checks – regular monthly check's to the church through your financial institution.

Mail a Paper Check – The oldie but goodie...you can always mail in a paper check to the office.

This has been a difficult time for everyone and for many it has been a time of financial hardship. Please know you can reach out to Rev. Denise and any of your vestry members for support. We are hopeful that soon we will be able to worship together at best, in small groups. Our prayers are with you.



These masks have been made by Jen and Eleanor Martinez for our church family. If you would like to come by the church and pick out a mask for you and/or family members, please stop by the church offices first so we can let you into the Narthex.

Thank You's...

To Jen and Eleanor Martinez for making and donating all the beautiful masks for our congregation to wear. We will be beautiful and stylish when we go out in public and when we return to in-person worship during this time of social distancing.

Thank you for keeping all our safety in mind.



JUNE 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	6
7 The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday <i>Live-stream</i> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	13
14 The Second Sunday after Pentecost <i>Live-stream</i> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	15	16	17	18	19 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	20
21 The Third Sunday after Pentecost <i>Live-stream</i> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II <i>Ha,</i> 	22 <i>Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm.</i>	23	24	25	26 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	27
28 The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost <i>Live-stream</i> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist II	29	30				

Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – April 27, 2020 at 6:15 pm

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Rebecca Miller, Jack Dell, Matt Storkamp;
Members Present by Phone: Jerry Yates, Dorsey McMichael

Member Absent: Teresa Barrera-Edge

Treasurer Absent: Frank Champion; Clerk Present by Phone: Beverly Thompson; Deacon Absent: Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick

Meeting opened by Rev. Denise with prayer.

Study was omitted; meeting was held in the Parish Hall with social distancing due to coronavirus.

Vestry Meeting minutes for March 2020 were reviewed; Jack moved to approve minutes, 2nd by Rebecca, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Rev. Denise for Frank) March 2020 Financial Report was reviewed. Income for March was \$11,497; expenses were \$14,232. Karen Hidalgo, Financial Secretary, continues to work on how to go about separating Restricted Funds from the rest of the report. Income and expenses are typical for the month of March. Both investment accounts have lost value due to stock market activity. Jack moved to approve the financial report, 2nd by Matt, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Rebecca) Rebecca suggests that a list should be made of things that need to be considered in upcoming annual budgets for buildings and grounds as well as office needs.

Junior Warden's Report: (Jack) Fascia board repair and painting of the Parish Hall/Office Buildings were completed in late March at cost of \$2400 to be charged against Building and Maintenance Restricted Fund. The source of the water leak has been found and repaired with the service of a Savannah company using special equipment with a cost of \$1850 that will be charged to the Building and Maintenance Restricted Fund. The leak was in a water line outside the nursery room and was caused by the Live Oak tree; an oak tree root grew into the water line and damaged it. Jack recommends that the oak tree be removed before further damage to the water line occurs. Jack has repaired the irrigation system at a cost of around \$175. Shrubbery around the church building has been pruned and fertilized. Pine straw will be needed for the flower beds; Rebecca will have free pine straw in the fall. Rebecca will continue to take care of seasonal plantings. Church grounds have been treated for weeds and fertilized; a donation of \$650 was given to cover this work. With the help of Lynette Dell, Jack cleaned and touched up two of the three church signs located on Hwy 280, Maple Drive, and Adams Street; the signs should last another 2 or 3 years. Our church parking lot will need restriping in 2 or 3 years.

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

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) May worship services will continue to be live-streamed on Annunciation's Facebook page; services are also recorded on the Facebook page for later viewing. Our Diocese continues to recommend that we do not return to in-person worship until the number of new cases in our area goes down for fourteen days and testing capacity increases. The streaming of services seems to be reaching people who are not regular participants in Sunday worship services. It is possible that we will continue to have online streaming of services in addition to in-person worship. Denise commented that our church has always kept traditional practices but has also added new practices in efforts to meet the needs of all people. The National Day of Prayer will be addressed in the newsletter; parishioners can participate at home on May 7th. Next Vestry meeting will be at 5:30 pm on May 25th. The consecration of Frank Logue on May 30th at 11 am in Savannah will be live-streamed.

Business:

Matt suggested that Jack get quotes regarding the cost of removing the Live Oak tree. Jack agreed to do so. Rev. Denise shared that the cost of AT&T telephone and internet service in our church office significantly increased from \$252 to \$442 per month, as part of a new contract. Pineland Telephone has been contacted and is offering phone and internet service for \$181.70 per month; Pineland Telephone does not require a contract. The contract with AT&T has ended and church office is now getting phone and internet services through Pineland Telephone. The services can be upgraded if needed.

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Rev. Denise shared that she has communicated with Janet Manry Richardson about the possibility of moving the \$849.41 that is in the BBQ Grill Restricted Fund to the General Fund. Janet responded that she agrees the fund should be released and used in any way needed.

Information on Online Giving options has been sent to Frank Champion, who is absent tonight due to sickness. Denise will communicate with Frank about his recommendation and will send that out to vestry for vote by email. She hopes to include information about online giving in the May newsletter that goes out this week. Frank has suggested that \$7000 be taken out of the State Street Global Investment Fund (Max and Christie Manry Memorial Fund) and deposited in the General Fund for use as needed. Jack moved that this transfer be completed,
2nd by Matt, motion passed.

Rev. Denise shared written information from the Diocesan Office on loans that are available through the CARES Act. At this time, our church has not been identified as being in immediate need of assistance.

The Church Insurance Agency Corporation called and was given updated information that is needed for renewal of our church insurance policy.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered during meeting.



Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 7:45 pm.

A Better Tomorrow : Rate Your Personal Reactions to Covid-19—and Use them to Inspire Change. (May 2020 AARP Bulletin)

- If you feel panicked, plan something for the future, which increases optimism, says psychiatrist Robert L. Trestman of Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine.
- If you get sucked into a daily spiral of bad news, then seek out and share the good that happened in your day, Elizabeth Lombardo says. Positivity is contagious.
- If you frantically hoard food and disinfectant wipes, then flip your thinking to an altruistic mindset, focus on doing something for someone else, Trestman says.
- If you have started snapping at loved ones, then stop yourself when you reach a level 6 out of ten on your own personal stress scale, disengage and take a breather.
- If you feel uncomfortable slowing down, then consider that you might come out of this with a new appreciation for the simpler pleasures of life, Froma Walsh says.



Outreach Opportunity's

Non perishable Food Needed For Our Pantry

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

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.

Refuge needs list:

Walmart gift cards, ladies and children pajamas (all sizes), underwear and socks (all sizes), baby diapers & pull-ups (all sizes), personal hygiene items, alarm clocks, portable cribs, 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).



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

Judy McVey, for comfort and healing.

Finn Leamy, Grandson of Ann Childers, for comfort and healing.

David Ivey, friend of Jane Hall Williams, for healing.

Philip, Jamie, family & First Baptist Church Mt. Juliet, for comfort from the tornado in Nashville.

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

Anderson Bausch, for continued healing.

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

Jack & Pat Childers, for comfort and healing.

Mitchell Anderson, father to Crystal Anderson, 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.

Jayne Brown, friend of Wes Chapman, for 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.

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.

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.

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.

Ann Bowman, for comfort and healing.

Ruth Hopkins, Sherron Threlkeld's mom, 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.



June Birthdays:

Matthew Jordan 2nd; Alan Smith 5th; The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn 7th; Gordon Glass 9th;

Carter Chapman 14th; Miah Turoski 18th; Cynthia Gicas 19th; Kristen Champion 20th;

Jaxon Derrick Holly 20th; Beverly Nichols 21st; Beth Thompson 22nd; Gabriel Figuaro 26th;

Susan McMichael 27th; Mackenzie Dellinger 28th; Ann Bowman 29th.

June Anniversary's:

Jack & Lynette Dell 9th; Donnie & Cissy Alderman 16th; Jerry & Terry Yates 16th; David & Carol Rice 17th;

Chase & Racheal Fulford 18th; Hugh & Patrice Jordan 25th.



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: In Person-Sunday Service Postponed Until Further Notice

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.



MAY 2020 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
June 7			Christina Storkamp	
June 14			Victoria Bausch	
June 21			Larry Threlkeld	
June 28			Hugh Jordan	

	Altar Guild	Greeters/ Bread/Wine	Cross Bearer/Acolyte	Alms
June 7	Jackie Moses			
June 14	Lynette Dell			
June 21	Susan Threlkeld			
June 28	Anne Roller			

	Special Reception Coffee or LUNCH	Collection Counters
June 7		
June 14		
June 21		
June 28		