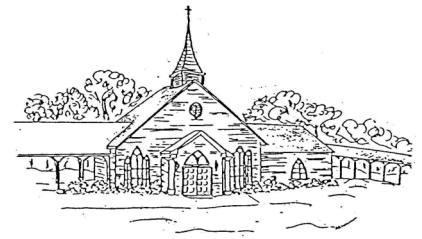


# Our Parish Life



July 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. Frank Logue  
*Bishop, The Diocese of Georgia*

The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn  
*Rector, Annunciation*

The Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick  
*Deacon*

**Frank Champion, Treasurer**

**Jen Martinez, ECW President**

**Karen Hidalgo, Church Secretary**

**Beverly Thompson, Clerk to the Vestry,**

### 2020 Vestry Members

|                            |              |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Rebecca Miller, Sr. Warden | 403-7531     |
| Jack Dell, Jr. Warden      | 538-7731     |
| Jerry Yates                | 293-1778     |
| Teresa Barrera-Edge        | 254-253-0298 |
| Dorsey McMichael           | 770-598-5212 |
| Matthew Storkcamp          | 585-7375     |

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

**Non perishable food needed.**

Bring your Items into the Narthex or Church office.

### Annunciation Online Sunday Worship

#### Available on Facebook

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. Join us LIVE by clicking here on [Facebook](#) every Sunday at 10:30 for worship, or catch us later for the recorded service!

**Receive communion, Sunday, July 5, 2020. See details page 3.**

### **Collecting School Supplies**

It's that time again to start collecting school supplies for the 2020/2021 school year. See page 4 for a list of supplies. Please bring school supplies to the church office.

### **Bible for Dummies Study**

Tuesdays 1:00 pm in Parrish Hall. Please wear your mask.

### **Covid-19 Task Force Vestry Meeting**

July 8, at 1:00 pm in the Parrish Hall. Please wear your mask.

### **Vestry Meeting**

Monday, July 27, at 5:30 pm. Please wear your mask.

### **U-Pick Blueberries available at the Warnock's**

Please call in advance (912) 529-5557.  
1707 GA Hwy 29, Soperton, GA 30457



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,



In the June 24, *From The Field: News From the Diocese of Georgia*, Bishop Logue issued the following statement below concerning the return to in-person worship. Your Vestry and Rector will be meeting on Wednesday, July 8, to develop a detailed plan for such gatherings at Annunciation per this guidance from the Diocese.

When completed, we submit to the diocese a Certification that we have a plan that complies with the current Guidance and notify the Bishop's office when we plan to implement such plan. I will share these detailed plans with you later this month. As of now, the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in our area so I do not have a timetable for a return to in-person worship but please be on the look-out for an email from me when we feel it is safe to return, as there will be a need for Online Signups and other guidance.

Thank you. Blessings, Denise+

### **“Phase 1 Guidance for Worship**

While serious public health concerns remain, the many communities we serve are not all in the same context when it comes to the pandemic. Livestreaming or otherwise providing online options, either from the congregation or for a church to attend together the Diocese of Georgia or National Cathedral worship, will need to continue for the foreseeable future. These options are essential as many of our parishioners and those who would like to newly attend our worship are particularly vulnerable.

With that said, I am authorizing priest and vestries to consider their context and determine when they will offer worship greatly modified to mitigate risk. This will include, but is not limited to, keeping appropriate physical distance, wearing masks, and not offering singing. The Rector (or Priest-in-Charge) and vestry will need to consider their physical space, the age and vulnerability of the congregation, and their community context including the spread of the novel coronavirus in their region of the state. To move to the Phase 1 guidance that body acting together will certify, “We have assessed the outbreak in our region and feel a return to in-person worship following the Phase 1 guidelines is safe in our context.” A summary of the Phase 1 guidelines is online here: <http://georgia.anglican.org/docs/Phase1-EpiscopalGeorgiaSaferStandardsChart.pdf>

I do not, of course, have any expertise in epidemiology and related fields and so have relied on the guidance of subject matter experts and have worked together with my colleagues in the House of Bishops. Please know that there is nothing we can do to eliminate the chance of contracting the virus when attending worship and anyone attending needs to understand he or she is assuming that risk, but everything we are doing is to lower that risk.

Phase 1 guidance takes effect on July 1 for any congregations making that determination. Though many, if not most, congregations will not start any in-person worship that week, this guidance will remain in effect and any congregation later determining that they can begin to offer some services with these guidelines can start at any later date, once the vestry completes the brief certification. This same guidance applies to non-worship gatherings, including limiting the length of the gathering to no more than 40 minutes as increased time together in an enclosed space adds to the risk of transmission. As the guidelines limit the attendance to a maximum of 25-50 persons depending on the size of the church and so congregations may well decide to offer in-person worship mid-week or offer more Sunday services.

Some have asked specifically about AA and other 12-Step groups as the support these groups provide is so essential to their attendees. Congregations may choose to allow such groups to resume meeting with appropriate masking, social distancing, and cleaning precautions.

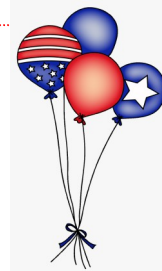
Please be patient with your priest and lay leaders as they navigate these difficult decisions as you have been patient with me. The longing we feel to gather together to worship is a holy longing yet a decision to wait until the risk is lower is also a holy act as we show our love and care for those most vulnerable among us. Jesus promised, “I will be with you always, even to the end of the age” and he has not left his people. I am in prayer for your leadership as they make these decisions and shall support them as they determine what is right in their context.”

Peace,

+Frank

The Rt. Rev. Frank S. Logue, Bishop of Georgia

## A Way to Receive Communion Sunday, July 5



It has been several months since many of you have received the Sacraments in-person. Those who are watching our live-stream services on Sunday mornings have an opportunity to pray with me the spiritual communion prayer which says that when we desire to receive, all the benefits of Communion are received, even when we are unable to receive the actual Bread and Wine of the Holy Sacrament. But, as many have said to me, "It's not the same."

In an effort to provide the Sacraments in this unprecedented time, until we return to in-person worship, I have tweaked a plan that is being used by others in the Episcopal Church. This Sunday, July 5, I will offer our weekly worship service at 10:30 am via live-stream on Facebook. Please participate in this service, if possible. During the service, I will consecrate extra bread. After the service, I will be available to offer communion from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the church. When you arrive at church please drive up to the front entrance under the portico. Do not get out of your car. I will bring the consecrated bread or hosts, if preferred, to you with mask and sanitized hands, and offer the words of administration.

If you are unable to watch the service on Facebook, please come anyway and we will say the Lord's Prayer together before I offer you the sacrament. If you are unable to come Sunday afternoon, please call the church office Monday morning so another time can be arranged. We will give this a try and if it seems to work we will use this way to receive communion again, if needed.

Blessings, Denise+

## School Supplies Needed



It's that time again to start collecting school supplies for the 2020/2021 school year. 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 2, 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

## 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](http://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 Christina Storkamp and her family, Larry Threlkeld, Rebecca Miller, Danielle, Layla & Miah Turoski for all their hard work trimming hedges weeding and yard clean-up. The outside of our church is as beautiful as the inside and will be in tip top shape when we get ready to resume full church services again.**







Home Women in Action ▾ Communique ▾ Local Provinces ▾ Social Justice Resources ▾ Leadership ▾ Q

Since 1871, the National Episcopal Church Women, ECW, have championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. They are an affiliate of the Episcopal Church and celebrate that Episcopalians believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Their women's ministry and children's programs feed, educate, and provide community grants around the world. They are a volunteer organization that creates a legacy for Episcopal Church Women to lead future generations with stewardship in Christ.

Serving women and girls since 1871 

The National Episcopal Church Women launched a [new website](#). Their old site, originally started in 2006, went through a three month rebuild. They have included upgrades that allow members to share their personal and local news as well as unique articles, poems, and prayers.

The site also contains an archive of articles and prayers dating back to 2013.

National President, Karen O Patterson, announced: "The National Board hopes that each of you will enjoy the new website and our weekly news blast. You all amaze me in all that you do and try. Never forget that there is no failure in trying, you come out a better person in the end for it. I am so proud to be your National President. It is a joy and a pleasure to serve!"

### 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).



Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – May 18, 2020 at 5:30 pm

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Rebecca Miller, Jack Dell, Teresa Barrera-Edge, Jerry Yates; Members Present by Phone: Dorsey McMichael

Member Absent: Matt Storkamp

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

Meeting opened by Rev. Denise with prayer.

Study of Acts 20 was completed; meeting was held in the Parish Hall with social distancing due to coronavirus.

Vestry Meeting minutes for April 2020 were reviewed; Jack moved to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rebecca, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Frank) April 2020 Financial Report was reviewed. Income for April was \$6706; expenses were \$16,070.63 with around \$5000 of those expenses being paid with restricted funds. 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 April. Both investment accounts continue to be down in value. \$7000 has been withdrawn from the Manry Memorial account and will be deposited in the General Fund. Funds in the restricted BBQ grill account will be transferred to the General Fund. Donations to the church can now be made through PayPal with a 2.2% fee; three donations through PayPal have been received this month. Jack moved to approve the financial report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry, motion passed.

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

Junior Warden's Report: (Jack) Rev. Denise, Danielle Turoski, and Danielle's daughters have resealed the five picnic tables in the playground area. They have also trimmed shrubbery around the church office. They plan to finish painting the church exterior base boards soon. Weed spraying and fertilizing of grass has been completed at a cost of \$600, which was paid with a special gift of \$650.

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

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Live streaming of Annunciation's worship services continues. Numbers in Toombs continue to rise. In-person worship will be allowed as soon as possible, most likely with small group participation. Jen and Eleanor Martinez have made cloth face masks for parishioners to take and use; donations can be made to Annunciation. Ascension Day service will be held on 5/21/2020 at 6 pm. The consecration of Frank Logue as our Bishop will be held on Saturday, May 30, at 11 am in Savannah; the service will be live streamed on the Diocese of Georgia FaceBook page. Next Vestry Meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Business:

1. Jack received an estimate of \$975 for removal of the Live Oak Tree from Kilgore Tree Service. Estimate includes stump grinding and clean up. Frank Champion suggested that the tree might be removed by church members. Dorsey suggested that some of the wood from the oak tree might be used to build a table or chair. Rebecca moved that we explore options for removal of the tree, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry, motion passed. Jack requested that a decision be made by the June meeting.
2. Jack reported that the hot water heater in the Sacristy is not working properly. It is a 120-volt heat-on-demand unit that is not heating water consistently. The Altar Guild Chairperson has asked Jack to fix the problem. Jack will get estimates for repair or replacement.
3. A form to be completed by donors of gifts to Restricted Funds was presented for review and approved by General Consent.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered during meeting.

Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 7:20 pm.

Beverly Thompson, Clerk for the Vestry





## 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

Gus Raney III, for comfort and healing.

Larry Walraven, for comfort and healing.

Madison Coe & Cole Teza, for healing.

Isreal Barrera, father to Teresa Barrera Edge, for comfort and healing.

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](mailto:theannunciation@bellsouth.net).*

**July Birthdays:** *Jackeline Figuro 1st; Beverly Thompson 2nd; Fernando Hidalgo 5th; Len Edge 6th; Dorsey (Ladson) McMichael 9th; Allison Meyer 9th; (Paul) Hughes Threlkeld Jr. 10th; Anna Norton 10th; Greg Rau 10th; Crystal Anderson 14th; Wes Chapman 15th; Hilary Smith 17th; Allie Threlkeld 19th; Patti (Gillis) Henry 20th; Lacey (Gillis) Hartley 20th; Brianna Perez 21st; Christina Storkamp 24th; Danielle Turoski 24th; Zack Fowler 26th; Mikey Solis 27th; Sarah Solis 31st; Haylee Morris 31st; Matthew Storkamp 31st.*

**July Anniversary's:** *Hughes & Sherron Threlkeld 17th.*





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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.*



**JULY 2020 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE**

|         | 8:00 am Lector | 8:00 Eucharistic Minister | 10:30 a.m. Lector  | 10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister |
|---------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| July 5  |                |                           | Victoria Bausch    |                                 |
| July 12 |                |                           | Christina Storkamp |                                 |
| July 19 |                |                           | Hugh Jordan        |                                 |
| July 26 |                |                           | Larry Threlkeld    |                                 |
|         |                |                           |                    |                                 |

|         | Altar Guild     | Greeters/ Bread/Wine | Cross Bearer/Acolyte | Alms |
|---------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------|------|
| July 5  | Christie Roller |                      |                      |      |
| July 12 | Phyllis Roan    |                      |                      |      |
| July 19 | Jackie Moses    |                      |                      |      |
| July 26 | Lynette Dell    |                      |                      |      |
|         |                 |                      |                      |      |

|         | Special Reception Coffee or LUNCH | Collection Counters |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| July 5  |                                   |                     |
| July 12 |                                   |                     |
| July 19 |                                   |                     |
| July 26 |                                   |                     |
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