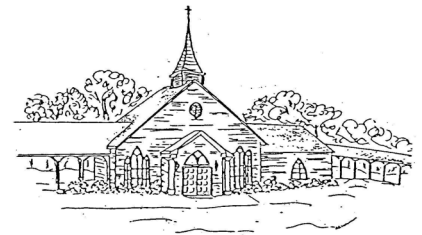




# Our Parish Life



## December 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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*Bishop, The Diocese of Georgia*

The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn  
*Rector, Annunciation*

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.

### **In Person Worship**

There will be an 8:00 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm service. Please respond each week to Dorsey McMichael's email or give her or the church office a call to reserve your time slot.

### **Annunciation Sunday Worship Will Continue on Facebook**

If you do not wish to attend, the service will continue to be live-streamed via Annunciation's Facebook. Join us LIVE by clicking here on [Facebook](#) every Sunday at 10:30 for worship, or catch us later for the recorded service!

### **Episcopal Church Women Angel Tree**

Wrapped gifts with Angel taped to gift due back Sunday, December 20.

### **Advent Bible Study via Zoom**

Wednesday, December 2, 9 & 16 at 6:00 pm.  
'Walking the Way of Love.' Additional information on page 3.

### **Sunday School for Youth**

via Zoom with Jane Hall. Sundays at 3:30 pm.

### **Vestry Meeting**

Monday, December 21, at 5:30 pm.

### **Greening of the Church**

Monday, December 21, time to be determined.

### **Christmas Eve Candlelight Services**

Thursday, December 24, 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 10:30 pm.  
Please email Dorsey McMichael which service you will attend.

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,

Advent, and the beginning of a new church year, is upon us once again. The word “Advent” derives from the Latin *Adventus*, which means “coming.” Referring to both the “first coming” of Jesus Christ in his birth at Christmas, and to his “second coming” at the end of time. This past Sunday and next Sunday, our readings from Mark’s Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord’s return at the end of time and John the Baptist’s preparation for Jesus. Mark, with a bit of help from John and Luke, will help us get ready for Jesus to be born and ready for Jesus to come back. Another way for us to prepare and get ready during this season is to participate in extra study and prayer. There are many opportunities available to us and I would like to highlight a couple.

One, is the Advent Bible Study “Walking The Way of Love” being offered via-zoom beginning Wednesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and a group of church leaders have captured stories and wisdom in their book that they will share with us organized around the seven Way of Love practices – Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go and Rest. If you are interested in participating, please let me know and please purchase the book.



The Second is participating in #Advent Word, a global Advent calendar. For the seventh year in a row, #AdventWord will gather prayers via a global, online advent calendar. Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS) in partnership with Forward Movement is offering 27 daily meditations and images during this holy season beginning Sunday, November 29. During a year of disparate worship and communities of prayer, AdventWord offers a way to reflect and pause for the Advent season and await the birth of Christ.

#AdventWord provides a daily meditation, visual image, and invites your personal reflections via social media to share your own Advent journey with a worldwide community. Thousands have participated each year, responding to the words with photos, written responses, crafts, drawings, poems, found art, and Holy Spirit-filled posts. “It is amazing to witness the prayers from around the world appearing on social media when Advent begins,” says AdventWord program director, Sarah Stonesifer Boylan. *Join the Diocese as we participate in Advent Word 2020, a global meditation practice shared on social media during the Advent season. Find out more at [adventword.org](http://adventword.org)*

Let us in this holy season reflect on the coming of Christ who brings light into the world. In prayer, study, and meditation, let us give voice to the hope set forth in the Scriptures: That the kingdom of Christ shall come. Pray that our world may be illumined by Christ in whom there is no darkness at all, for he is the light of the world.

With the Love of Christ,

Denise+

## Reverse Advent Calendar



Beginning December 1st, each day add an item to a box and on Christmas Eve or before, donate the contents to our food pantry.



- |                                    |                                   |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| December 1– box of cereal          | December 13– canned beans         |
| December 2– peanut butter          | December 14– box of crackers      |
| December 3– stuffing mix           | December 15– package of rice      |
| December 4– boxed potatoes         | December 16– package of oatmeal   |
| December 5– macaroni and cheese    | December 17– package of pasta     |
| December 6– canned fruit           | December 18– spaghetti sauce      |
| December 7– canned tomatoes        | December 19– chicken noodle soup  |
| December 8– canned meat            | December 20– tomato soup          |
| December 9 – dessert mix           | December 21– can corn             |
| December 10– jar of applesauce     | December 22– can mixed vegetables |
| December 11– canned sweet potatoes | December 23– can carrots          |
| December 12– cranberry sauce       | December 24– can green beans      |

## Advent Bible Study 'Walking the Way of Love.'

Wednesday, December 2, 09 & 16 at 6:00 pm, via Zoom.

Please let Rev. Denise know if you will be attending.

### Walking the Way of Love

The presiding bishop, Reverend Michael Curry and his trusted advisors spell out a step-by-step way to nurture a profound friendship with God in Christ. Walking the Way of Love is organized according to seven practices (Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest) and three ways of being (We Seek Love; We Seek Freedom; and We Seek Abundant Life). The wisdom in this book allows people to move from the first tentative stages of wanting an experiential relationship with Jesus to having a real relationship that grows deeper every year. The seven simple practices spelled out in this book-- by highly experienced teachers and practitioners-- will enhance the reader's spiritual growth and open up love, freedom, and abundant life. They will help nurture a deep, abiding relationship with Christ, as

well as care and empathy for our neighbor. The stories and wisdom of these advisors will be helpful not just to seekers of faith, but also supportive to faith leaders who are guiding others in their development across the church. Proceeds support The Way of Love Scholarship Fund.

## WALKING THE WAY OF LOVE

Foreword by Michael B. Curry  
Megan Castellan • Courtney Cowart • Peter Elliott  
Frank Logue • William Lupler • Catherine Meeks  
Jesus Reyes • Stephanie Spellers • David Vryhof  
Robert C. Wright • Dwight Zschele

## Angel Tree

ECW is again sponsoring the Angel Tree this Christmas season. Look for the Angel Tree on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29th, filled with Christmas wishes for children and families assigned to us by the local Salvation Army, located in the narthex. Take one or more “angels” to help with this Christmas outreach project; write your name and family letter from ornament on the sign-up sheet; and return ornament(s) with gift(s) by Sunday, December 20th.



Thank you.

## Christmas Flowers and Decorations



The Flower Guild will soon be purchasing Christmas Flowers and decorations for the Altar, Windows and Doors. If you have a loved one you wish to remember, please complete the order form in the Sunday bulletin and return it to the Church office, or you may place it in the offertory plate. Please make checks payable to Annunciation, earmarked “Flower Guild Christmas Flowers” Flowers are \$25 each, but any amount may be given to offset the Flower Guild expenses. Our Thanks to each of you!



## Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

**4:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II**

**6:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II**

Youth Christmas Pageant “The Manger is Empty”

The Blessing of Christmas is that God put a baby in a manger. But the greater blessing is that the baby didn’t stay there. Jesus is Emmanuel. God *with us*.

**10:30 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II**

## Thank You’s.....

To everyone that contributed to the Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Shoeboxes, especially Dennis and Therisa Ingley. Many Kids will have a joyous Christmas season.

To Rebecca Miller for all her hard work on the church landscaping.  
Thank you again!

To everyone that donated money to purchase our Video Live Stream Equipment. We are now up and running!



# DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
			<i>Advent Bible Study 6:00 pm.</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Office Closed  Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	
<p><b>6 The Second Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p><i>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</i></p>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
			<i>Advent Bible Study 6:00 pm.</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Office Closed  Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	
<p><b>13 The Third Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p><i>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</i></p>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
			<i>Advent Bible Study 6:00 pm.</i>	<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Office Closed  Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	
<p><b>20 The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p><i>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</i></p>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
	<i>Greening of the Church Time to be determined.</i>			<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Services  4:00 pm 6:00 pm 10:30 pm</i>	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>	
	<i>Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm.</i>			<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>Office Closed  Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	
<p><b>27 The First Sunday of Christmas</b></p> <p><i>Morning Prayer 10:30 am</i></p> <p><i>Live-stream 10:30 am</i></p>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		
				<i>Happy New Year!</i>		

# 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, alcohol, Q-tips, alarm clocks, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, Lysol wipes, baby monitors.

## **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**

David Webster, for comfort.

Family of Joe Clements, Jack & Lynette Dell's brother in law, for comfort.

Tom and Betty Jo Sadler & family for comfort and healing.

The Very Rev. Denise's Mom Flo Baldwin, for comfort and healing.

Mark Quigley, friend of Jane Hall for comfort and healing.

JoAnne, for healing.

Quinten Turpin, for comfort and healing.

Todd Alexander, for healing.

Cole Teza, for healing.

Judy McVey, for comfort and healing.

Samantha Leamy, Granddaughter of Ann Childers, for comfort and healing.

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

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

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.

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**

Betty Embry, Abigail Embry's mom, for strength and comfort.

Donna Roberson, for comfort and healing.

Carolyn Sodergren, Margaret Fullam's mom for comfort and healing.

Patton Gillis, and for care-giver, Karen Gillis.

Patricia Gillis, mother of Patrice Jordan and Charles Gillis, for comfort and healing.

Mildred Moore, mother of Lisa Moore for comfort and healing.

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).***

***December Birthdays: Harry Moses 1st; Natalie Rau 1st; Jerry Roan 2nd;  
Katherine Moira Ladson 8th; Marianne Perez 9th; Shanna Edge 12th; Christie Roller 12th;  
Dyson Ingle 13th; Jesus Hernandez 14th; Terry Yates 20th; Carol Rice 23.***

***December Anniversaries: Dennis & Therisa Ingle 19th; Larry & Susan Threlkeld 30th.***



Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – November 1, 2020 at 11:50 am **(This meeting was postponed from 10/25/2020 and serves as the October Meeting.)**

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

Members Absent: Dorsey McMichael, Matt Storkamp,

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

Meeting opened by Rev. Denise with prayer.

Study of Acts 25 was completed; meeting was held in the Parish Hall with social distancing and masks due to coronavirus. Vestry Meeting minutes for September 2020 were reviewed; Rebecca moved to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Frank) September 2020 Financial Report was reviewed. Income for September was \$6882; September expenses total was \$16,598, with a deficit of \$9716. Year to date actual deficit is \$19,594. Checking account balance is \$29,312. Restricted funds balance is \$39,182. Frank reported that a check for around \$8500 has been received from our BOA Investment Fund. He is pursuing a copy of the governing document for the BOA Investment Fund. Rebecca moved to approve the September Financial Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: Rebecca reported that the building of the bench with wood from the Live Oak tree in memory of Fr. Ron Southerland has been discussed with Ed Wonn, who will pick up the tree trunk, have it processed, and build the bench for around \$1000; donations will be used to pay for the work. Frank needs a big trailer to haul off the tree; Jerry suggested John Underwood; Rebecca offered her 17-foot trailer.

Junior Warden's Report: (Jack) No report.

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

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Rev. Denise reviewed the timeline for the Stewardship Campaign. She pointed out that the Narrative Budget Income for Annunciation is: Offerings 90% and Investments 10%. Pledge Card Sunday and Appreciation Lunch outside will be on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. DOK Admission Service of new members will be during 10:30 am service on November 1<sup>st</sup>. UTO offering and Necrology Service will also be on November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day. Sunday School for youth begins on November 1<sup>st</sup> with Jane Hall via Zoom. Diocesan Convention will be live-streamed on the evening of November 6<sup>th</sup> and the morning of November 7<sup>th</sup>; Beverly Thompson and Dorsey McMichael will be our delegates. Operation Christmas Child packing of boxes will be on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Church Office will be closed on November 25-28 for Thanksgiving. First Sunday of Advent will be November 29<sup>th</sup> with Advent Wreaths, Angel Tree, and Youth Sunday. Next Vestry Meeting will be November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Business:

1. Vestry Nomination Committee (Jack and Rebecca) presented two candidates to be nominated to serve as Vestry Members in 2021: Victoria Bausch and Frank Champion. Their names will be presented for election at the Annual Parish Meeting in January or February 2021.
2. Additional information was presented regarding the Video-Recording and Live-Streaming Equipment and Installation Project. A new proposal was considered that includes bluetooth speakers, additional wiring, and the purchase of a Lenovo Laptop (instead of MacBook Laptop). Jack moved that we award the Live-Streaming Project Contract to Southern Technology Partners for a total cost of \$4928, which includes bluetooth speakers, additional wiring, ethernet connectivity/rerouting of the internet service, Lenovo Laptop computer, video camera, installation, and training, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry, motion passed. This approved action replaces the action previously approved at the September Vestry meeting regarding the Live-Streaming Project.
3. Rector's Health Insurance and HAS for 2021 will be tabled until next vestry meeting.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered during meeting.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 12:45 pm.

*Beverly Thompson*

Beverly Thompson, Clerk for the Vestry







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**SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: In-Person Sunday Service**

8:00 am Holy Eucharist-Old Sanctuary  
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist-New Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist-Parrish Hall



**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.*

**DECEMBER 2020 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE**

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
December 6	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Jack Dell
December 13	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Harry Moses
December 20	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Joe Perez	Beverly Thompson
December 27	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Christina Storkamp	No Communion

	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Alms
December 06	Susan Threlkeld	Dorsey McMichael Jerry Yates	Alex Logan or Mackenzie Dellinger	
December 13	Anne Roller	Dorsey McMichael Jack Dell	Madison Storkamp	
December 20	Christie Roller	Dorsey McMichael Hugh Jordan	Joe Perez	
December 27	Phyllis Roan	Dorsey McMichael Hugh Jordan	Madison Storkamp	

		Collection Counters
December 06		To be determined on Sunday
December 13		To be determined on Sunday
December 20		To be determined on Sunday
December 27		To be determined on Sunday
		To be determined on Sunday