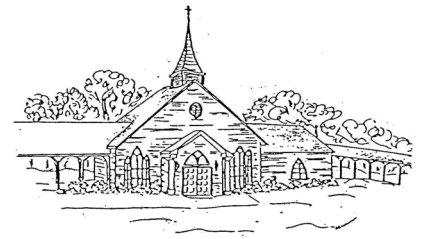


The
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Our Parish Life



March 2021



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

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Rector, Annunciation

The Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick
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Jerry Yates	293-1778
Teresa Barrera-Edge	254-253-0298
Frank Champion	912-245-0822
Victoria Bausch	478-290-2452

Check out our Web site to find latest newsletter, calendar, sermons and more. Thank you to Scott Clements for his help in keeping website information updated.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

Non perishable food needed.

Bring your Items into the Narthex or Church office.

Easter Flowers for the Altar

Don't forget to order your Easter Flowers. Order forms are in the Sunday bulletins or on the table in the Narthex.

In Person Worship

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

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

Lenten Bible Study via Zoom 'Are We There Yet?'

Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17 & 24, at 6:00 pm.

Daylight Savings Time Begins Sunday, March 14.

Nursery Starts Back Up

Sunday, March 14 at 10:15 am for the 10:30 service.

Church Yard Workday, Saturday, March 20, at 9:00 am.

Episcopal Church Women's Meeting

Sunday, March 21, after the 10:30 service.

Palm Sunday Services March 28 8:00 & 10:30 am .

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, March 28, at 11:45 am.

Stations of the Cross Tuesday, March 30, 5:30 pm.

Maundy Thursday Service April 1, 6:00 pm .

Good Friday Services, April 2, 12 pm & 6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 4

Sunrise service outside at 6:45 am. Bring a chair.

8:00 am & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 service.

Annual Meeting Reports Rector's report on page 2 & 3, Ministry reports on pages 10-13, 2021-2022 Budget on page 14-15.



Dear People of Annunciation,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a year it has been! In regular times, the Rector's report attempts to sum up what has happened since the last annual meeting, of which I will try to do, and look forward to the coming year. At last year's meeting, none of us had any idea what was ahead for us and we still do not know what this year will bring. The medical experts are saying it may be fall before we can possibly return to some kind of normal. Our prayers have been answered...there is a vaccine but the major question now is: will there be enough of the vaccine to go around and if there is, will enough people agree to take it so that we can gain herd immunity. Only time will tell....

So here we are. I will be perfectly honest with you that this year has been one of the most difficult years I have experienced in my 23 years of ordained ministry. No amount of seminary training or on the job training could have prepared me for the changes that I (we) had to face this past year. Not only did I have to learn how to better navigate the technological world-not exactly where my gifts lie. But I had to adapt to trying to do pastoral care over the phone instead of in person and I had to balance out what would be most spiritually beneficial for everyone, with what I needed to do to keep us safe in the face of this pandemic. As I said, it has been a difficult year and I know it has been for you also.

As the virus began to spread our entire life at Annunciation became different. At first, we closed our doors and stayed home thinking this would all be over soon but as time went on and the numbers continued to climb we quickly realized that we needed to figure out how to live-stream our services. I am very thankful to Danielle Turoski and Christina Storkamp for helping us navigate that hurdle. We used our phones at first to live-stream the services. And thank goodness that seemed to work well enough because as the number of COVID-19 cases continued to rise, our worst fears became apparent when we knew we would not be able to have in-person worship for Holy Week and Easter services. An early sunrise Easter service was held outside and it was so well received, I plan on an early outside service for Easter again this year. Hopefully, the COVID numbers will be down by April 4, so we can have a more normal looking Easter day.

But, even if that happens, we will continue to live-stream our services for two reasons; one of course is until this virus is no longer, but more importantly, because it has proved to be a good outreach tool. There have been times when up to 80 people or more have watched our live-streamed services. Because of this, the Vestry decided it would be good for us to continue to live- stream, even after the pandemic is over, but with more sophisticated equipment than just a phone. With the help of Southern Technology Partners, we were able to determine what equipment was needed and with your help, purchase our video-streaming equipment. As you know, it has been installed and thanks to Christina we have been working out the kinks. If you are interested in learning how to run the equipment on Sunday morning, it's not that hard, please let me, or Christina know.

Yet, in the face of everything this year, there is a lot to be grateful for. I am very grateful that you continued to support our church, not only financially but you continued to be the church out there in the world, in the best way you could. You were walking in the way of Love. Just to refresh our memories: 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, and Rest. Our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has spoken a lot about this way of life and I've spoken quite a bit about this way of being Christian also. For the Advent study in December, several of us read the book "Walking the Way of Love" where the authors spelled out a step-by-step way to nurture a profound friendship with God, in Christ. I highly recommend everyone read this excellent book. Our bishop +Frank wrote the chapter on worship.

This coming year we can't fully know when or if we will go back to some kind of normal. We all hope and pray but in the mean time, myself, my staff, Karen and Glen, and your vestry will continue to carry on the work of the church. And we ask that you do also. You stepped up this past year and you can see from the year-end financial figures that we did a bit better than what we had projected for the year. Some of that had to do with the fact that we closed our doors for three months so we were able to spend less. But it also means that you continued to see your church as a priority. Thank you. Unfortunately, we did end the year with a deficit budget and we project a deficit budget again this next year. It's a reality that we can't continue to have a deficit budget for too many more years. My prayer and hope is that when this pandemic is over we will continue to grow. So that one day we will be able to have that balanced budget. I hope you will pray and work for this to happen also.

My greatest fear when this pandemic is over, and I'm going to be honest with you, is that this pandemic will change how we do church in the future. Now, not all change is bad. It can be good. The Church has always found ways to adapt to what's going on out there in the world and still come together to worship and serve the Lord. This coming together to worship in a building is where I see the change may happen as more and more people decide to stay home on Sunday mornings and watch the live-streamed service. Time will tell.

State of the Parish Review

Baptisms – 4 – Gabriel Bonilla, Jesus Jr. Hernandez, Jacqueline Hernandez, Allison Champion.

Burials – 1– Latrelle Stockton

Transfers In – 1 – Abigail Embry

Transfers Out – 2 – Zack & Anne Fowler

Number of Holy Eucharist's – 88

Weekday Eucharist – 7

Private Communion – 12 (Communion to the shut-ins)

Daily Office on Sunday – 3 (Morning Prayer)

Members reported 2020 – 121, (2019 – 119)

Average Sunday Attendance: (January 1- March 8) 48

43 Pledging Units/16 Pledges

Thank you again for your support and commitment to your church. Continue to reach out; sharing your faith with others and inviting them...once this pandemic is over, to worship with us on Sunday mornings. Continue to seek to grow closer to the Lord in study, prayer, and worship. Continue to look for ways to serve God and neighbor because together we can make a difference...so let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

2021 Vestry

Dorsey McMichael – Senior Warden

Matthew Storkamp – Junior Warden

Jerry Yates

Teresa Barrera Edge

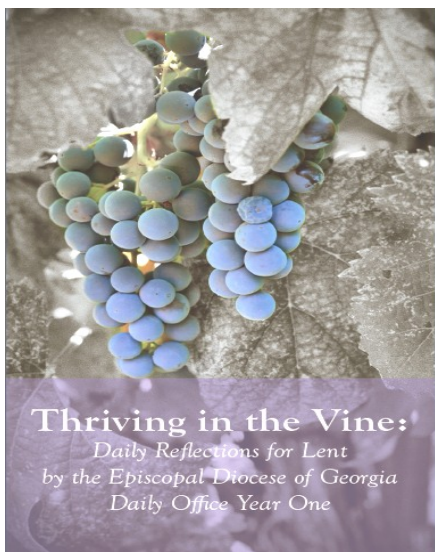
Victoria Bausch

Frank Champion

Beverly Thompson – Clerk of the Vestry – Ad hoc member



Diocese to Offer Daily Reflections in Lent



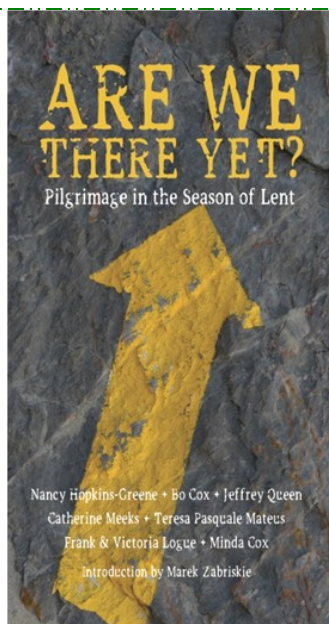
This year the Diocese will be offering daily reflections during Lent, written by both clergy and laity throughout the Diocese. Monday through Friday will be reflections on the Daily Office readings, Saturday reflections will be focused on a spiritual practice that you may be able to incorporate into your routine, and Sunday will be dedicated to a reflection of a piece of music. These reflections may be used as a resource for your congregation or as a personal guide through Lent.

The reflections will begin on Ash Wednesday and carry through to Easter Sunday. These reflections continue with the theme for November's convention. Jesus gave this image of him as the vine and us as the branches to his followers on the night before he died as he knew they

would face tremendous hardships and he wanted them to see how life-giving connection to him is for each of us. To view and download the reflections, [click here](#). The Diocese of Georgia's social media will have the reflections each day. Additionally, a PDF file of all of the reflections will go out this Friday.

Lenten Bible Study via Zoom

Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17 & 24, at 6:00 pm



Whether we're taking the trip of a lifetime or the trip simply feels like it's taking forever, the question on everyone's lips is: Are We There Yet? As we make our way through Lent, we will come to realize that the journey—the wrestling and the wandering—is the real flesh and blood of our endeavor.

Our companions on this Lenten journey are fellow pilgrims, sharing their stories about following yellow arrows along the Camino and white blazes through the Appalachian Trail to bearing witness to the pain of historic lynching sites in the American South. Contributors recount their search for healing and wholeness at Marian shrines, in a reunion with birth parents, and around a prayer circle in a psychiatric hospital. Join us as we make our way toward Jerusalem with Jesus. Through this holy season, may we be open to the miracles of love and life, awestruck by the One who is both our journey and our destination.

Authors include: Nancy Hopkins-Greene, Bo Cox, Jeffrey Queen, Catherine Meeks, Teresa Pasquale Mateus, Frank and Victoria Logue, and Minda Cox. **Please call the church office 912-537-3776 to register for the study.**

You're Invited to the Grand Ultreya!

All are welcome to join the Grand Ultreya for our Diocese, virtually via Zoom, on Sunday, March 14, at 1 p.m. There will be music, special guests: our Bishop Frank Logue, Patrick Andersen, president of Episcopal Cursillo Ministry, and Rob Richardson, Southeast district representative for ECM. You will hear a Lay Witness Talk and responses, and more Cursillo music. Experience the Love of God alive in the Cursillo Community in Georgia! Watch for our email to you with the login information to join our Zoom gathering. If you need to get your new email address to us, contact Rebecca Miller windshadow.rlm@outlook.com or Rose Wilson at rosewilson50@gmail.com.





Holy Week

Palm Sunday Services March 28

8:00 & 10:30 am The Liturgy of the Palms

Stations of the Cross Tuesday, March 30, 5:30 pm.

Maundy Thursday Service April 1, 6:00 pm .

Good Friday Services, April 2

12 noon & 6:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Sunday, April 4

Sunrise service outside at 6:45 am. Bring a chair.

8:00 am & 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

Flowering of the Cross at all services.

Please bring fresh cut flowers from your garden to adorn the cross.

Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 service.

Discussion Guide Available for 1Book1Diocese this Eastertide Begins Easter Week April 5 to May 23 Pentecost

Beginning Monday in Easter week, the Diocese of Georgia will offer a 1Book1Diocese read of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's *Love Is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times*. Picking up on the theme from his sermon for the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, Bishop Curry grounds his teaching in scripture and offers experiences from his own life to challenge the reader to make the ethic of love a guiding principle for their lives. Available as a hardback, *Love Is the Way* is also an audiobook read by Bishop Curry.

Book Discussion Guide Now Available

A book discussion guide for the Diocese of Georgia's

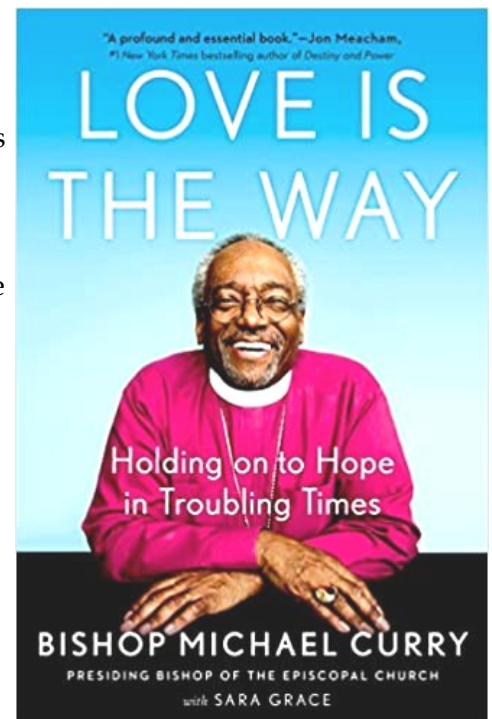
1Book1Diocese read of *Love is the Way* is now online here: [Discussion Guide PDF](#)

Bishop Curry to meet with us online




We will offer a discussion guide for groups that want to meet online for a discussion at the congregation level. Individuals may also read the book and then join us for online meeting with Bishop Curry to discuss the book.

Discussion Guide *Love Is the Way* by Bishop Curry

This study is broken up into seven sections as the Diocese of Georgia will hold a 1Book1Diocese read over seven weeks: from Monday in Easter Week (April 5) to Pentecost (May 23). This study assumes a group is meeting weekly, such as on Wednesday evening. If meeting in fewer sessions, select the questions most meaningful to your group.



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Lenten Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 pm.		Office Closed Rev. Denise's Day off	
7 The Third Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Lenten Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 pm.		Office Closed Rev. Denise's Day off	Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour at Bedtime.
14 The Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:15 am Nursery Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I Daylight Savings Time Begins 2:00 am.	15	16	17	18	19	20
			Happy St. Patrick's Day!  Lenten Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 pm.		Office Closed Rev. Denise's Day off	Church Yard Workday 9:00 am
21 The Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:15 am Nursery ECW Meeting after the 10:30 service. Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I	22	23	24	25	26	27
			Lenten Bible Study via Zoom 6:00 pm.		Office Closed Rev. Denise's Day off	
28 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:15 am Nursery Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I Vestry Meeting 11:45 am.	29	30	31			
	Monday in Holy Week	Tuesday in Holy Week Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm	Wednesday in Holy Week.			

Outreach Opportunity's



Vidalia Habitat for Humanity is looking for new board members. Please contact Rev. Denise if interested.

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

Mel Svendsen, friend of Wes Chapman, for comfort and healing.

Jean Goff, Johanna Derrick's sister, for comfort and healing.

Phyllis Roan, for comfort and healing.

Mike Brown, friend of Carol Rice, for comfort and healing.

Chuck Thompson, for healing.

Grace Alexander for comfort and healing.

Tom and Betty Jo Sadler & family for continued 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.



March Birthdays:

! Sue Ladson 3rd; Kayleigh Chapman 3rd; Susan Threlkeld 8th; Mary Lawson Bring 12th;

! Hamp Threlkeld 12th; Ella Bankes Threlkeld 15th; Steve Fullam 16th; Charles Gillis 17th;

! Alexis Mann 18th; Hugh Jordan 20th; Anne Roller 21st; Ann (Layne) Smith 22nd; Victoria Rau 23rd;

! Bettina Linden 23rd; Patton Gillis 24th;

March Anniversaries:

! Harry & Jackie Moses 1; Erle & Betsy Norton 18; Len & Teresa Edge 19th; Frank & Kristen

! Champion 28.



Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – January 25, 2021 at 5:30 pm

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

Members Absent: Dorsey McMichael, Matt Storkamp

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

Meeting opened by Rev. Denise with prayer.

Study of Acts 28 was completed; meeting was held in the Parish Hall with social distancing and masks worn due to coronavirus pandemic.

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

Treasurer's Report: (Denise for Frank) The December 2020 Financial Report, including end-of-year status, was reviewed. Income for December was \$20,772, December expenses total was \$12,232, with net income of \$8540. End-of-year income for 2020 is \$160,271; end-of-year expenses total is \$166,419; with end-of-year deficit in the amount of \$6148. It was noted that around \$15,500 was withdrawn from our two investment funds during 2020 and was placed in the general fund; this amount is reported on the end-of-year financial report as income for 2020. Rebecca moved to approve the December Financial Report, 2nd by Jack, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Rebecca) Rebecca plans to draft a letter to Canon Katie Easterling with request for governing document for the BOA Investment Fund account this week. Rebecca thanked Jack and Denise and all the vestry for their help this year. She feels that it has been a good year even with all the difficulties the pandemic has brought. Rebecca plans to continue serving on the grounds committee as well as in other ways in the life of our church.

Junior Warden's Report: (Denise for Jack) Jack has presented an estimate in the amount of \$300 for time and materials to repair and replace the rotted fascia board on the outside of the church. Greg Faust will complete the work by mid-February. Removal of the Live Oak tree is needed. Frank Champion will be consulted. Rebecca said that Mario can help by chopping off some of the limbs and taking them away. Jack said that he will be glad to assist the new Junior Warden if needed; Rev. Denise said that will be much appreciated.

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

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Rev. Denise thanked both Rebecca and Jack for their service on Vestry as Senior Warden and Junior Warden. They will be missed! She shared that the Diocesan office continues to send out weekly reports regarding guidance for church services and church activities while the pandemic continues. Rev. Denise happily reported that another \$500 has been donated to the fund for the purchase and installation of our live-stream video equipment; with this donation, the full cost of the equipment has been covered through donations, with no funds needed from the general fund. Our Annual Parish Meeting is planned for Sunday, January 31, at 11:30 AM; it will be outside – weather permitting. There will be a short vestry meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting. Ash Wednesday Services will be held on February 17 at 7 AM, 12 noon, and 6 PM. Our Lenten Study will be "Are We There Yet?" and will begin on Wednesday, February 24 at 6 PM via Zoom; it will continue on March 3, 10, 17, 24. February Vestry Meeting date and time is to be determined.

Business:

1. 2021 Budget was presented and reviewed. Jack moved to approve the 2021 budget with two annotations: Line Item 65020 should be -0- and Line item 1606 should be \$5500, 2nd by Teresa, motion passed.
2. Rebecca moved that the Rector's Housing Allowance for 2021 be continued in the amount of \$15,750, 2nd by Jack, motion passed.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered during meeting.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7 pm.

Beverly Thompson

Beverly Thompson, Clerk for the Vestry



Senior Warden Report

Dear fellow 2020 survivors. We have learned that prayer is a better glue than potluck suppers and social distancing does not mean being anti-social. We have reaffirmed, by absence, the value of a smile, a touch, a hug. For those of us with hearing loss, we have learned the value of lip reading. For those of us in fear we have experienced the power of faith and the strength that God brings to us in our darkest hours.

Thanks to an abundance of generosity and a great desire to connect to our church family and others who we may never know, we now have a Streaming service and the wise voice of Rev. Denise. A deep felt, thank you, to all who helped make that project a success.

In spite of the pandemic, we have three new Daughters of the King and a renewed excitement in the service that promises to bring in the years to come.

The new replacement plantings seemed to appear overnight. Harry and Jack made another resurrection happen in the flower beds and keep the weeds at bay.

I was amazed each holiday, as a fulfilling and beautiful Eucharist was created where we all thought there would be a hollow shell. Young folks shared their gifts and creativity making masks, reading lessons, painting and being our joyful hearts.

It has been an honor to serve as your Sr. Warden, although I didn't feel like I did much. A lot of work (and I mean the kind that includes sweaty labor), was done with great respect of our church by our Jr. Warden, Jack Dell. If it leaks, he has fixed it. Everyone on the vestry has helped keep us moving forward.

Most especially, Rev. Denise has herded us cats all year, making sure that we stay in synch with the diocese in spite of the pandemic and keeping us all as safe as we can be while still reaching out to meet our spiritual needs. It is at times like this, stressed and under pressure, that we find how much we are "made in God's image", creators all. Thank you all for your willingness to share the creative beings that you are with our Annunciation family. And I offer a profoundly genuine prayer for a better year ahead.

God Bless us All.
Rebecca Miller



Junior Warden Report

2021 Church Annual Meeting

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

Major activities undertaken during 2020 included:

1. Locating and repairing a leak in the main line that brings water from the city water meter to the church property. Leak was caused by roots from the Live Oak tree next to the office building. Cost to repair was \$1,850.00. To prevent further damage to the Church property, the Vestry voted to have this tree removed. Cost to remove the tree using a tree surgeon was \$975.00. A member of the church volunteered to remove the tree. That action is planned for 2021.
2. Routine maintenance on the shrubbery around the church.
3. Work on the irrigation system, including replacing several damaged Sprinkler heads.
4. Routine maintenance on the church buildings.

Property maintenance plans for 2021 include:

1. Repair and Maintenance of Church Buildings as necessary.
2. Continuing maintenance of Church grounds as necessary.
3. Perform additional landscaping around the Church as necessary.
4. Utilize the wood from the Live Oak Tree to build a bench, in Memory of Father Ron Southerland.
5. Landscape the area where the Live Oak Tree is currently standing. After the tree is removed, there will be approximately 600 sq. ft. of ground that will need re-landscaping.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Dell

Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild is a lay ministry that served God by preparing the sanctuary for worship, maintaining and caring for the sacred vessels, altar linens, and vestment and serving the clergy and the parish. Altar guild members are in charge of "setting up" for the 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. Therisa Ingley provides our schedule for the year.

Lynette Dell



Daughters of the King 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. In the year of 2020, we dealt with the restrictions of the COVID-19 pandemic, which altered many of our usual activities at church, in the community, and in our Diocese. Our DOK Preparation Study sessions, led by Rev. Denise, which began on September 15, 2019, were finally completed on September 27, 2020. This study, which usually lasts three months, had to be stretched out over 12 months due to the pandemic. On November 1, 2020, at a very special Service of Admission with social distancing and masks, we happily welcomed three new Daughters into our DOK Chapter at Annunciation: Anne Childers, Courtney Davis, and Victoria Bausch. In a similar manner, our Diocese of Georgia Fall DOK Assembly, which is usually held with a wonderful gathering at Honey Creek, was instead enjoyed in a very different way on October 24, 2020, with Zoom sessions. With much prayer this past year for our church, our community, and our country, we joyfully look forward with great hope to this new year of 2021. We welcome all ladies of Annunciation to inquire and consider membership in our Chapter of Daughters of the King.



Beverly Thompson, President

Pastoral Care

The purpose of pastoral care is to assist members in times of hardship and/or joy. In the past year, we lost Latrelle Stockton. In March, quarantine for Covid-19 changed every aspect of our worship and provision of pastoral care. Telephone calls, e-mails, cards and texts replaced most visitation-especially for those hospitalized. Hopefully, we have reached out in the ways we could to provide on-going support. As we begin a new year, we are hopeful. Any suggestions for improving services will be appreciated. Monetary donations can be made to the Pastoral Care Restricted Fund.

Jane Hall Williams, Ministry Chair

Children's Sunday School

Our Sunday School for children was hit hard by the Covid-19 quarantine. We lost a number of children to moves; little people have difficulty understanding change. The kids wanted to come to the Sunday School room, have a lesson and get a snack. As their teacher, I was happy that they liked things as they were. Karen Hidalgo was a big help in making work packages for them to do in church or at home. I provided biographical books on men and women in the Bible and we began a virtual Sunday School during Advent. Hopefully, we can gather all our children for Zoom classes that are divided by age this year. I should hope that I can become more skilled at virtual learning but the highlight of our Advent lessons was my technological errors- "MS Jane, we can't see you!"

Jane Hall Williams, Teacher

Episcopal Church Women

Our ECW has managed to complete some important activities in 2020, even with the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Prior to strict pandemic rules being implemented in March, ECW ladies hosted a Parents' Night Out event on February 14, 2020. Our children and their friends enjoyed food, fun, and learning activities while their parents had the evening off. Also, ECW ladies provided a monthly Coffee Hour following the 10:30 service in January, February, and March prior to pandemic restrictions. Regretfully, we were not able to host the Food Talk series during the year of 2020; however, we hope to carry out this worthy ministry again when pandemic restrictions are a thing of the past. A modified Operation Christmas Child Project was completed in November without face-to-face interaction. With the help of many church members, several shoeboxes were filled with basic-need items, toys, and school supply items for children in need throughout the world. No Rummage Sale was allowed in 2020; however, we were able to assist families in our community with expenses such as utilities, medical travel, and other needs throughout the year, using funds from our 2019 rummage sale as well as donations from church members. ECW funds were also used to help with Annunciation's Farewell Gift to Bishop Benhase when he retired in May of 2020. Ladies gave All Hallow's Eve treats to our children and their friends on October 31, 2020. Parents drove their children by the church and picked up their treats, while wearing masks and staying socially distanced. Together, ECW and the whole congregation were able to help EIGHT families with their Christmas wishes through the Angel Tree in 2020. Walmart gift certificates were also provided to each family. Current balance in ECW account is: \$2450.00. The members of ECW look forward to spreading God's glory through service and fellowship, doing as much as possible as pandemic safety restrictions continue in 2021. We also hope and pray that we are able to return to our very much missed face-to-face activities as the pandemic subsides in 2021.

Jennifer Martinez and Beverly Thompson



Outreach Report

Outreach Activities for the year included:

- Annunciation continues to donate \$50 monthly to the United Way and Salvation Army. We also donate \$100 a month to J.D. Dickerson Backpack Buddies program.
- From the rector's discretionary fund, a donation of \$100 was sent to East Georgia Fellowship of Christian Athletes and a donation of \$100 to Toombs Co. Family Connection for a family in need after a fire. Also, one or two people each month were helped with hotel rooms and/or electric bills.
- Donations are ongoing for non-perishable food and other items for the Refuge and for SOAPS.
- Donation boxes are located in the Narthex.
- Our food pantry located in the old sanctuary has helped 25 or more. The ECW purchased a larger refrigerator last year to store perishable foods for the pantry. Donations are always needed.
- The Little Free Library located on church grounds is filled with books for the neighborhood to access for reading.
- Girl Scout Troop #30132 met twice a month in our Parish Hall until March when COVID-19 shut down this activity.
- School Supplies were collected in July and donated to J.D. Dickerson's Elementary School.
- A memorial service for the spreading of pet ashes in the St. Francis Memorial Garden and the Blessing of the Pets took place in October. Pet food and supplies were collected and donated to SOAPS.
- Items were collected for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Project and 12 shoeboxes were packed and sent.
- Video Live-Streaming Equipment was purchased and installed in the church with donations from parishioners.
- This past Christmas, eight families were helped with Christmas gifts from the ECW Angel Tree and \$75 WalMart gift cards from donations. An additional family was helped with a \$100 Visa gift card.

Adult Christian Education Report

Unfortunately, our Adult Christian Education offerings were fewer and much different this past year because of COVID-19. Each Sunday, through March 8, from 9:30 to 10:15 am the adult class met in the old sanctuary to read and discuss the Sunday scriptures. When possible, throughout the year, a small group continued the study: *The Bible for Dummies*. The Lenten Study '*A Spring in the Desert*' began in March but was discontinued until May when it was continued via Zoom. In May, now retired Bishop Benhase offered an Eastertide Bible study of Philippians via the Diocesan Facebook page and YouTube. During Advent several participated in the bible study '*Walking the Way of Love*' via Zoom.

Fellowship Report

2020 started out with a not so happy event in January when our good friend Latrelle Stockton passed on to the Lord. A reception was held for her family and friends after the Interment of Ashes service at the columbarium. Earlier in January, Lynette and Jack Dell hosted an Epiphany Party at their home. Many delicious hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed. Also, in January we celebrated the baptism of Gabriel, Jesus Jr., & Jacqueline with a reception in the Narthex. A lunch was provided after the Annual Meeting. In February, Allison Champion was baptized with a reception after the service in the Narthex. The Episcopal Church Women hosted a Coffee Hour in February. Also in February, the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper turned out many good cooks and a variety of delicious pancakes. The Lenten Study just got barely got started when Covid-19 hit us. We were able to meet the first Wednesday night of the study and enjoy a delicious homemade soup before everything shut down.

Due to covid and all the restrictions the rest of the year was pretty uneventful with little fellowship activities. Shortly after we got the okay to attend church in person- this summer, we began to record service via cell phones on to our Facebook page. Needing a better long term solution a video system was installed earlier this Fall. I have spent this time learning and being trained on the system. My goals for this year are to continue to learn the new equipment, train others on how to use the equipment, and increase our Facebook presence in hopes that we can increase our outreach and hopefully our attendance numbers. Me and the family greatly miss everyone and hope you all are well!

Christina Storkamp

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January 1, 2021

	Jan 1, 21	Budget	Jan 1, 21	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Unpledged Offerings	0.00	12.10	0.00	12.10	4,500.00
47000 · Pledges	0.00	362.90	0.00	362.90	135,000.00
Total Income	0.00	375.00	0.00	375.00	139,500.00
Gross Profit	0.00	375.00	0.00	375.00	139,500.00
Expense					
65000 · Operations					
65020 · Postage, Mailing Service	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 65000 · Operations	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADMINISTRATIVE					
1405 · Clergy Cont. Ed. Fund	0.00	1.61	0.00	1.61	600.00
1501 · Rector's Stipend	0.00	122.85	0.00	122.85	45,699.00
1502 · Social Security Offset	0.00	13.68	0.00	13.68	5,090.04
1503 · Rector's Housing/Util Allow	0.00	42.34	0.00	42.34	15,750.00
1504 · Rector's Disc Fund	0.00	1.34	0.00	1.34	500.00
1505 · Rector's Medical Ins.	0.00	22.85	0.00	22.85	8,500.00
1506 · Rector's Pension	0.00	30.66	0.00	30.66	11,060.88
1507 · Supply Priest Expense	0.00	1.34	0.00	1.34	500.00
1510 · Secretary's Salary	0.00	26.88	0.00	26.88	10,000.00
1515 · Workers Comp Ins	0.00	5.38	0.00	5.38	2,000.00
1517 · Misc Admin	0.00	2.15	0.00	2.15	800.00
1611 · Janitor	0.00	16.13	0.00	16.13	6,000.00
1704 · Rector Local Auto/Bus Exp	0.00	2.69	0.00	2.69	1,000.00
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	0.00	289.90	0.00	289.90	107,499.92
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
1603 · Water Buildings/Disposal	0.00	1.48	0.00	1.48	550.00
1604 · Water Yard Sprinklers	0.00	1.34	0.00	1.34	500.00
1607 · Building Maintenance	0.00	9.41	0.00	9.41	3,500.00
1610 · Yard Care	0.00	13.44	0.00	13.44	5,000.00
Total BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	0.00	25.67	0.00	25.67	9,550.00
DIOCESIAN EXPENSE					
1401 · Pledge to Diocese	0.00	49.81	0.00	49.81	18,529.00
1404 · Convention Expense	0.00	1.34	0.00	1.34	500.00
Total DIOCESIAN EXPENSE	0.00	51.15	0.00	51.15	19,029.00

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 January 1, 2021**

	Jan 1, 21	Budget	Jan 1, 21	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
OPERATING EXPENSES					
1508 · Office Expense	0.00	6.72	0.00	6.72	2,500.00
1509 · Postage	0.00	1.34	0.00	1.34	500.00
1512 · Telephone	0.00	8.06	0.00	8.06	3,000.00
1513 · Internet	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1601 · Nursery Care/Furnishings	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.27	100.00
1602 · Electricity	0.00	24.19	0.00	24.19	9,000.00
1605 · Natural Gas	0.00	2.69	0.00	2.69	1,000.00
1606 · Property Insurance	0.00	14.78	0.00	14.78	5,500.00
1609 · Supplies	0.00	2.69	0.00	2.69	1,000.00
1614 · Misc Operating Expense	0.00	0.67	0.00	0.67	250.00
Total OPERATING EXPENSES	0.00	61.41	0.00	61.41	22,850.00
PROGRAMS & MINISTRY					
1400 · Outreach	0.00	6.45	0.00	6.45	2,200.00
1402 · Christian Ed/Sunday School Exp	0.00	2.69	0.00	2.69	1,000.00
1403 · Youth Activities	0.00	0.67	0.00	0.67	250.00
1407 · Ministries/Fellowship Past. Car	0.00	2.69	0.00	2.69	1,000.00
1511 · Altar Expense	0.00	2.69	0.00	2.69	1,000.00
1612 · Music	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.27	100.00
Total PROGRAMS & MINISTRY	0.00	15.46	0.00	15.46	5,550.00
1232 · FIGA	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	0.00	443.59	0.00	443.59	164,478.92
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	-68.59	0.00	-68.59	-24,978.92
Net Income	0.00	-68.59	0.00	-68.59	-24,978.92



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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: In-Person Sunday Service

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist



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.



MARCH 2020 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
March 7	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Harry Moses
March 14	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Beverly Thompson
March 21	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell
March 28	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Victoria Bausch	Beverly Thompson

	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Alms
March 7	Anne Roller	Dorsey McMichael Jack Dell	Eleanor Martinez	
March 14	Christie Roller	Dorsey McMichael Jerry Yates	Sarah Solis	
March 21	Phyllis Roan	Dorsey McMichael Hugh Jordan	Mackenzie Davis	
March 28	Jackie Moses	Dorsey McMichael Jerry Yates	Joe Perez	



Collection Counters
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Jerry Yates Theresa-Barrera Edge
Jack Dell Jane Hall
Hugh Jordan Jerry Yates