

## Our Parish Life





# May 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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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.

#### **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 <u>Facebook</u> every Sunday at 10:30 for worship, or catch us later for the recorded service!

#### **National Day of Prayer**

May 6, 2021

#### Mother's Day

Sunday, May 9, 2021

#### **Episcopal Church Women's Coffee Hour**

Sunday, May 16, 2021.

#### Day of Pentecost Happy Birthday Church!

Sunday, May 23, 2021

#### **Vestry Meeting**

Sunday, May 23 at 11:45 am.

#### **Trinity Sunday**

May 30, 2021

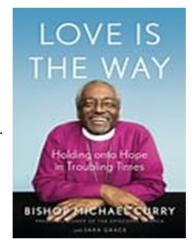
#### **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 31, 2021



#### Dear People of Annunciation,

In the first chapter of the Presiding Bishop's book 'Love Is The Way," he sets out to answer the question: What is love? He says, "Love, as I read it in the Bible, is ubiquitous. It affects all aspects of life. The Greek word used by the New Testament writer for the word love is agape." Agape love looks outward as a firm commitment to act for the well-being of someone other than ourselves. God gave his only son because of love and that's agape. "God gave. God did not take."



In our world today, Michael says, we have forgotten and lost this sense of love for our fellow humans. "If love looks outward, to the good of the other, then its

opposite isn't hate. Its opposite is selfishness! It's a life completely centered on the self. Selfishness destroys families. It destroyed societies, nations, and it will destroy the human race...if we let it."

The love I'm asking you to discover inside yourself, or reconnect to, is something fierce Michael says. This love is a verb: It's an action. Love as an action is the only thing that has ever changed the world for the better. When love is a commitment to seek the good and to work for the good and welfare of others...it doesn't stop at our front door or our neighborhood, our religion or race, or our state's border. It calls for us to step outside what we thought our boundaries were and to sacrifice, not because doing so feels good, but because it's the right thing to do."

Paul reminds us of the guidelines for love in his first letter to the Corinthians chapter 13. "And now faith, hope, and love abide....and the greatest of these is love." "To live full lives, together, Michael says, we need faith, hope, and love-but of these, love is the most important. *Faith* is another world for "trust." Without trust, society falls apart. Without trust, it's every human for him-or herself-and that's a mess. Faith dares us to believe that in the end, love wins. *Hope* puts the wind in our sails of faith. Hope is the energy that keeps us going when the world would otherwise defeat us. Without hope, life becomes mere existence and survival."

"But while faith and hope are necessary for a full life, they're not a *guide* for life. They don't tell you what to do. That's love's job. If hope and faith are the wind and sails, love is the rudder. **Love is God's GPS for living!** To switch on God's GPS, simply ask yourself a question: Is this just about me, or is it about we? Where selfishness excludes, love makes room and includes. Where selfishness puts down, love lifts up. Where selfishness hurts and harms, love helps and heals."

"The way of love will show us the right thing to do, every single time. It is moral and spiritual grounding-and a place of rest-amid the chaos that is often part of life. It's how we stay decent in indecent times. Love is not always easy, but we get stronger both with repetition and as the burden get's heavier. And it works." So let's get out there and do it. I pray agape love will become our GPS for Living!

With the love of the risen Christ, Denise+

#### 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 audio book 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. Go to the www.gaepiscopal.org then go to the heading news and events, choose from the field March 24, scroll down to resources for Lent and Eastertide.

#### 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.

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).

#### Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

If you would like to be confirmed, or received into the Episcopal Church, or are new to the Episcopal Church and would like to know more about the Episcopal Church, please let Rev. Denise know or call the office at 912-537-3776.



#### Confirmation and Reception in the Episcopal Church

Those baptized in another denomination will want to receive *Confirmation* into the Episcopal Church. Those confirmed already in other Christian denominations by a bishop in apostolic succession (Roman Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, or Eastern Orthodox) who wish to be received into the Episcopal Church, will want to receive *Reception*. Both rites involve the laying on of hands and prayers by our bishop.

#### **Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows**

Those baptized or confirmed in the Episcopal Church who would like to re-commit themselves to the life of faith may also choose to reaffirm their baptismal covenant with the laying on of hands by the Bishop.

The Central Convocation Confirmation service with Bishop Frank Logue will take place on May 16th at Annunciation in the afternoon.



We are excited to announce the birth of a baby girl,
Belen Yamileth Hernandez
to parents Jesus Hernandez and Leticia Juarez.
She was born April 22, 2021 weighing 6 lbs and 3 oz.





Adult Education Class Resuming Sunday Mornings at 9:30 am.

Come join some of your fellow parishioners Sunday mornings to study the lessons appointed for that Sunday.

#### **Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour Resuming Sunday, May 16.**

Episcopal Church Women will once again be hosting coffee hour once a month after the 10:30 service.

Check your newsletter calendar for the date when we will once again be enjoying great fellowship and conversations with our fellow parishioners.

Social distancing and wearing our masks are encouraged.





#### To Register:

Session One: <a href="http://bit.ly/FamilyCampSessionOne">http://bit.ly/FamilyCampSessionOne</a>
Session Two: <a href="http://bit.ly/FamilyCampSessionThree">http://bit.ly/FamilyCampSessionThree</a>
Session Three: <a href="http://bit.ly/FamilyCampSessionThree">http://bit.ly/FamilyCampSessionThree</a>

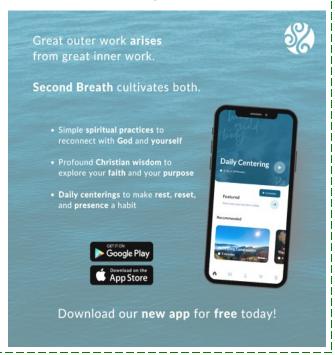
For more information, contact Canon Joshua Varner at jvarner@gaepiscopal.org.



For 30 years, <u>Second Breath Center</u>, located at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in North Carolina, has offered life transforming spiritual practices and teaching rooted in the Christian Wisdom Tradition. As a mission partner, the <u>Episcopal Church Foundation's</u> passion to be a catalyst for transformation, renewal and growth in the Episcopal

Church has long resonated with the vision of Second Breath. And now, with the encouragement of ECF, Second Breath has launched an app designed to be a spiritual companion that creates space to reconnect with God, refill your tanks and cultivate what Jesus of Nazareth described as "fullness of life." The Second Breath app has hundreds of guided spiritual practices that focus on heart, mind, and body, plus inspiring audio reflections, monthly series, and a daily centering to help you make spiritual practice a habit. There is a lot of free content and additional premium perks are available at less than \$5/ month for annual subscription. Learn more about the app on the Second Breath website.

**Episcopal Church Foundation** 475 Riverside Drive, Suite 750 New York, NY 10115 800-697-2858



#### **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).



### **May 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 The Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 9:30 Adult Education 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:15 am Nursery  Live-steam 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II	3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6 National Day of Prayer	7 Office Closed Rev. Denise's Day off	8
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16 The Seventh Sunday of Easter: The Sunday after Ascension Day  8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 9:30 am Adult Education 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:15 am Nursery  ECW Coffee Hour after 10:30 service.  Live-steam 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II	17	18	19	20	21 Office Closed Rev. Denise's Day off	22
23 The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday  8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 9:30 am Adult Education 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:15 am Nursery  Live-steam 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II  Vestry Meeting at 11:45 am	24	25	26	27	28  Office Closed  Rev. Denise's Day off	29
30 The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 9:30 am Adult Education 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:15 am Nursery Live-steam 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II	Memorial Day  Office Closed					

#### **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

Lisa Dayan & family of Nathan Dayan, friend of Wes Chapman, for comfort.

#### We continue Prayers for

Jane Hall, for comfort and healing.

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.

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, daughter 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.

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

#### Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness

Chuck Thompson, for healing.

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.

May Birthdays: Jackie Moses 7th; Margaret Fullam 8th; Sherron Threlkeld 13th; Layla Turoski 16th; Hanna L Nichols 23rd; Sydney Edge 30th; Burt Derrick 30th; Bill Stovall 30th.

May Anniversaries: Bill & Jen Martinez 18th.







#### Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – March 28, 2021 at 11:45 am

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Dorsey McMichael, Matt Storkamp, Teresa Barrera-Edge, Jerry Yates, Frank Champion, Victoria Bausch

Treasurer Present: Frank Champion; Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson

Lunch was provided by Rev. Denise and was enjoyed by all.

Meeting was opened by Rev. Denise with prayer at 12:20 pm.

Chapter 2 of *Vestry Resource Guide* as well as *My Top Ten: Vestry Responsibilities* were read and discussed; meeting was held in the Parish Hall with social distancing and masks worn due to coronavirus pandemic.

Vestry Meeting minutes for February 2021 were reviewed; Matt moved to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Victoria, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Frank) February 2021 Financial Report was reviewed. Income for February was \$19,500 (includes Restricted Funds Income that now has its own line item); February expenses total was \$12,259; February surplus was \$6934. Frank reported that the allowed amount for 2021 has not yet been withdrawn from the Bank of America Investment Fund. It is suggested that Restricted Funds Expenses also have its own line item. Jerry moved to approve the February 2021 Financial Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Dorsey) Dorsey has communicated with Ed Wonn about how to remove the Live Oak tree in order to have wood appropriately secured for the building of a bench in memory of Fr. Ron Southerland. Rebecca Miller is going to have the tree taken down; date for this is not set yet.

Junior Warden's Report: (Matt) Matt reported that his outage at work has ended and he will do a walk-through of buildings and grounds this week to survey what is needed. Rev. Denise will give him list of suggested needs. Rev. Denise shared that the soffit has been repaired/replaced on the outside of the church building with a material that looks like wood. Cleaning of the grounds was completed on Saturday, March 20, with a couple of us showing up; shrubbery work was completed. Rebecca is going to get Easter flowers for Easter service and will do plantings in the outside pots.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Rev. Denise shared new CDC guidelines from the Diocese for "When You've Been Fully Vaccinated." Central Convocation Confirmation service will be held on the afternoon of May 16<sup>th</sup> at Annunciation for confirmands and their families; Bishop Logue will officiate at the service. Rev. Denise is scheduling Inquirers' Classes for six to be confirmed and one to be received on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Two chairs for acolytes are being ordered from Holland Furniture in memory of Hughes Threlkeld. Pink vestments are being donated by Twalla Haley. Matching pink pulpit scarves will be purchased using memorial funds. Several new folks have been gladly welcomed at Annunciation in recent months. Holy Week Community Services are being offered at various churches in our community; Rev. Denise will speak at Vidalia First Methodist Church on Monday evening. Holy Week services at Annunciation will be celebrated with Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, March 30 at 5:30 pm, Maundy Thursday Service on April 1 at 6 pm, Good Friday Services on April 2 at 12 noon and 6 pm, and Easter Sunday Services on April 4 at 8 am and 10:30 am. ECW will meet on April 11 at 11:45 am. Rev. Denise is going to visit her daughter and family in lowa during the last week of April. Rev. Denise will be off on Sunday, April 25; Rebecca Miller will officiate with Morning Prayer. Due to Rev. Denise's travel on April 25<sup>th</sup>, April Vestry meeting will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, April 18, at 11:45 am. Dorsey will provide lunch.

#### Business:

- 1. Natalie Rau will be paid \$15 per Sunday to keep the nursery; an adult volunteer will be with her.
- 2. Victoria Bausch presented information on an outreach program to meet needs of foster children and also children in home of origin who are at risk of being removed from home due to needs. Our Episcopal Church Women (ECW) group is interested in helping with this project. More information will be obtained from Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) on how our congregation can be given opportunity to help with this outreach program.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered during meeting.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 1:30 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 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.

#### MAY 2021 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
May 2	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Victoria Bausch	Harry Moses
May 9	Twalla Haley		Larry Threlkeld	Matthew Storkamp
May 16	Donnie Alderman		Hugh Jordan	Beverly Thompson
May 23	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell
May 30	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Youth	Beverly Thompson

	Altar Guild	Ushers	Acolyte	Alms
May 2	Phyllis Roan	Beverly Thompson	Anderson Hornick	Beverly Thompson
May 9	Jackie Moses	Jerry Yates	Madison Storkamp	Jerry Yates
May 16	Lynette Dell	Jack Dell	Alex Logan	Jack Dell
May 23	Susan Threlkeld	Hugh Jordan	Josiah Perez	Hugh Jordan
May 30	Anne Roller	Beverly Thompson	Sarah Solis	Beverly Thompson

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counters	
May 2		Beverly Thompson Jerry Yates	
May 9	Y V V V V	Jack Dell	
May 16	Episcopal Church Women's Coffee Hour	Jack Dell	
May 23	Refreshments provided by Rev. Denise	Beverly Thompson	
May 30			