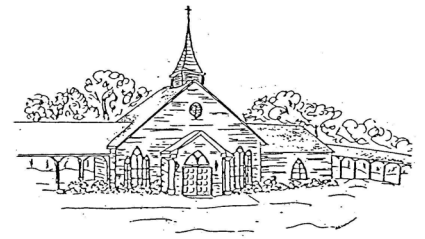




# Our Parish Life



## August 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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### OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

#### **Non perishable food needed.**

Bring your Items into the Narthex or Church office.

#### **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!

#### **Blessing of the School Supplies**

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#### **Rev. Denise Vacation**

Wednesday, August 4—14th.

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#### **Vestry Meeting**

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#### **Parents Night Out**

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#### **Youth Sunday & Covered Dish**

Sunday, August 29, at 11:45 in the Parrish Hall.

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, the following very good story is excerpted from *TIME*'s special edition, The Science of Happiness.



### *Does Spirituality Make You Happy?*

It's right there, the first of the Four Noble Truths of the Buddha: "Existence is suffering." If that's not your bag, you can turn to the wisdom of Ecclesiastes, the preacher who said, "I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit." In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus tells his disciples the parable of the rich man who built a prosperous life, only to hear from God, " 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'" Across the spectrum of organized religions, the message is clear: the observant should be prepared for their allotment of unhappiness in this mortal vale of tears and put their faith in a happier life to come.

Which should perhaps make it surprising that scientists have found, again and again, that those with a spiritual practice or who follow religious beliefs tend to be happier than those who don't. Study after study has found that religious people tend to be less depressed and less anxious than nonbelievers, better able to handle the vicissitudes of life than nonbelievers. A 2015 survey by researchers at the London School of Economics and the Erasmus University Medical Center in the Netherlands found that participating in a religious organization was the only social activity associated with sustained happiness—even more than volunteering for a charity, taking educational courses or participating in a political or community organization. It's as if a sense of spirituality and an active, social religious practice were an effective vaccine against the virus of unhappiness.

I've experienced that phenomenon for myself. A few years ago, suffering a mix of anxiety and depression—or maybe just the toll of living too long in New York City—I made an appointment with a psychiatrist. I thought I might end up taking antidepressants, as more than 13% of Americans do. But before going down the drug route, my doctor prescribed something different—a morning meditation routine, to calm the kind of racing thoughts that can lead to a downward spiral.

I'm not sure if it was the calming effects of steady, deep breathing. Or the mental training that comes with meditation—focusing on the present moment rather than getting caught up in regrets about the past or fears about the future. Or the fact that even though I was doing it alone, the app I used to time myself told me how many other people were meditating at the same time I was, making me feel a part of a community of people who also struggled to find that inner calm. Whatever it was, it worked. It turns out my story is not unusual; a review published in the journal *JAMA Internal Medicine* found that even small amounts of meditation training can help with anxiety, depression and pain. But that doesn't mean scientists know exactly why it works.

The same goes for the protective qualities of religious belief and spirituality. Some experts think that believing in a religion gives you a greater sense of purpose and meaning in life than a secular viewpoint alone does, and that can help carry you through the low periods and elevate the higher ones. It could be that belief in an afterlife—something nearly all mainstream religions have in common—can make you happier in this one, knowing that you're headed for something better. (This would be the opiate that Karl Marx believed religion offers to the oppressed masses.) Jesus told his faithful their "reward is great in heaven," but that promise seems to pay off in the here and now as well. Indeed, there appears to be something to the idea that faith makes us happier. And it appears that one of the main reasons is that there's strength in numbers.

## **The power of the group**

Many religions proscribe vices that over time can damage health and, with it, happiness. For instance, Mormons—who aren't allowed to smoke or to drink alcohol or caffeine—tend to have much lower mortality rates than nonobservers, and much the same is true for abstaining Seventh-day Adventists, who follow vegetarian diets and don't drink. “Thou shalt not” may seem like a bummer, but scientists have come to understand that the abundance of possible decisions in a free, consumer-driven society can actually weigh us down. (It even has a term, popularized by Swarthmore College psychology professor Barry Schwartz: “the paradox of choice.”) It's possible that the strictures of religion can help relieve that burden—especially if those strictures, and the religious community that enforces them, discourage unhealthy behaviors.

When it comes to religion and spirituality, it may not be what you believe or how you believe it that protects you from unhappiness so much as the fact that you believe at all—and that you practice those beliefs with other people. Scientists have long known that having strong social ties is one of the greatest guarantors of happiness. Religion isn't the only social tie that binds—you can join a volunteer group or a bowling league or the parent-teacher association, and you'll likely be better off than you would be alone.

As anyone who grew up religious knows, though, there's something about ties of faith that make them particularly sticky. We can grow out of school ties or a hobby or an allegiance to a sports team—less so our faith. *Religion* derives from the Latin term *religio*, which means “to bind together.” Atomistic individuals are linked to family—family now and their ancestors—along with friends and community and congregation. It's not for nothing that Jesus told some of the earliest Christians that “where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them.”

Without that sense of community, religion may not be as strong a protector against unhappiness. In a survey of U.S. adults conducted in 2006 and 2007, researchers led by sociologist Chaeyoon Lim of the University of Wisconsin–Madison found that 33% of those who attended religious services every week and reported having close friends at church said they were extremely satisfied with their lives, while only 19% of those who went to church but had no close connections to the congregation reported the same satisfaction.

“To me, the evidence substantiates that it is not really going to church and listening to sermons that makes people happier,” Lim told TIME, “but making church-based friends and building intimate social networks there.” In fact, it's those who are suffering the most in this life who seem to benefit the most from the protective quality of religious community. In a 2011 paper that analyzed self-reports from hundreds of thousands of people worldwide, researchers found that the connection between religious faith and happiness was strongest among people living in difficult conditions—fear, poverty, hunger.

Think of it as scientific proof of the old saying that there are no atheists in the foxhole. When life is hard, the communal support of a religious community—and, presumably, the hope for something better to come in an entirely different world—is especially valuable, maybe even impossible to give up. That may be one reason religious community was so important to slave populations throughout history, from the ancient Israelites under the pharaoh's boot in Egypt to African Americans trapped in the antebellum South. It may also be why even now in the U.S., states with lower life expectancies and higher poverty rates have the largest proportion of religious people. A rich man may find it harder to get into heaven than a camel does passing through the eye of a needle, but he may not think he needs to count on heaven in the first place.

## **Being in the majority matters**

In well-off but secular countries such as France and the Netherlands, both the religious and the nonreligious report about the same level of happiness and social support. In fact, Gallup data shows that some of the happiest nations in the

world—Nordic countries such as Denmark and Sweden, which perennially score high on well-being—are comparatively abundant in atheists. Being completely unreligious—and presumably not worrying much about any kind of afterlife—didn't seem to stop them from enjoying this life.

You don't need to be a Marxist to believe that materialism matters to happiness and that people who live in a safe and wealthy country are on the whole going to be happier than those who do not. (If religion provides a kind of existential security in poor countries, the welfare state may do the same in rich ones.) The comparatively low levels of inequality in those unreligious Nordic nations likely play a role too.

Studies also point to the fact that the protective social qualities of religion work best in societies where religion is widely practiced. In other words, it's important to get right not just with God but with your fellow man. In a fairly religious country like the U.S., it makes sense that being religious would make you happier—you're with the majority, and studies have repeatedly shown that being in the minority is potentially stressful.

The opposite is true in a country such as the Netherlands, where atheism is widespread. There, a practicing religious person would be in the minority, and instead of that warm communality with your fellow believer, you'd find yourself out of step. Those religious social ties are weaker—and with them, the protective qualities of spirituality.

Another report, from the National Bureau of Economic Research, found that people living in an area with a higher density of co-religionists are more likely to participate in religious activities. There's also a strong correlation between that religion density and positive economic outcomes, including higher incomes, lower rates of divorce and a higher likelihood of having a college degree. The value of religion depends in part on the cultural values behind it. Of course, aren't these concerns all a bit worldly for something that should be a matter of the spirit, not economic statistics?

### **Where spirit comes in**

The idea that happiness should be the goal of religion is a fairly recent one, and it would have been unrecognizable to the stern Protestants who landed on Plymouth Rock, who believed that the point of existence was the glorification of God—not human happiness. That's the past, though; today, many of the descendants of those flinty Protestants now preach the prosperity gospel, which explicitly links material success in this life to God's grace. In this telling, religion doesn't just deliver community—it can deliver cold, hard cash.

And while the prosperity gospel may be an extreme version, other spiritual practices today explicitly teach happiness as a goal. One of the best-selling books written by the Dalai Lama is called *The Art of Happiness*. In it, the Buddhist leader describes why happiness is so important. "Isn't a life based on seeking personal happiness by nature self-centered, even self-indulgent?" he writes. "Not necessarily. In fact, survey after survey has shown that it is unhappy people who tend to be most self-focused and are often socially withdrawn, brooding and even antagonistic."

Happiness in this worldview isn't just a possible by-product of religion—it's practically a duty. But maybe this isn't about religion so much as it is about those underlying cultural values. Howard Cutler, a psychiatrist who co-authored the book with the Dalai Lama, has said he suggested that it not open with the rather unhappy first Noble Truth that "existence is suffering." "I began with the more positive states and made my way into how we all want to be happy but have to deal with suffering," Cutler told TIME. "It was very American."



## Mask-Up

Beginning Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, we are suggesting everyone wear a mask as a precautionary measure as the number of COVID-19 cases is on the rise again. Please forgive the inconvenience as we continue to keep each other safe from illness.

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## Episcopal Church Women Meeting

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All are welcome. All women of the church are welcome.

## Parents Night Out!

We will be having parents night out  
Friday, August 27th.  
6pm-8pm. Food and Fun Provided.




## Youth Sunday and Covered Dish

Sunday, August 29, 11:45 in the Parrish Hall.  
Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy.  
If you can't bring a dish, come anyway,  
there is always more than enough. Bring  
a guest, the More the merrier!



# August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:15 am Nursery &amp; Sunday Sch 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p><b>Blessing of the Backpacks and School Supplies at 10:30 service</b></p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	2	3	4  Rev. Denise on Vacation 4th—14th	5	6  Office Closed  Rev. Denise's Day off	7  Cursillo Team Meeting in Parrish Hall  <b>County Wide Back to School Bash @ Southeastern Technical College 9am-11am.</b>
<p><b>8 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p><b>No 8:00 am Service</b> 10:15 am Nursery &amp; Sunday Sch 10:30 am Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>ECW Meeting 12:00 noon at Rio Grande. All are welcome.</b></p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	9	10	11	12	13  Office Closed  Rev. Denise's Day off	14  Rev. Denise back from vacation.
<p><b>15 The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:15 am Nursery &amp; Sunday Sch 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>ECW Coffee Hour after 10:30 service</p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	16	17	18  Church Audit 6:00 pm.	19	20  Office Closed  Rev. Denise's Day off	21
<p><b>22 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:15 am Nursery &amp; Sunday Sch 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Vestry Meeting at 11:45 am.</p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	23	24	25	26	27  Office Closed  Rev. Denise's Day off  Parent's Night Out 5:30 to 7:30 pm.	28  Cursillo Team Meeting In the Parrish Hall
<p><b>29 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:15 am Nursery &amp; Sunday Sch 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p><b>Covered Dish in Parrish Hall at 11:45 am.</b></p> <p><b>Youth Sunday</b></p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	30	31				

# 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**

Family of Cindy Gicas, for comfort.

Sharon Lee, Shannon Martin's mom, for comfort and healing.

### **We continue Prayers for**

Roxanne Kimbell, for comfort and healing.

Dyson Ingley, for comfort and healing.

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.

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



**August Birthdays:**  
Eleanor Martinez 5th; Sarah (Yates) Rossman 11th; Anne Fowler 13th; Chuck Thompson 15th;  
Caroline Butehorne 22nd; Paul Threlkeld 24th; Jesus (Jr.) Hernandez 25th;  
Ansley Threlkeld 26th; Alexa Britton 26th; Allison Maxine Champion 26th; Bill Glass 26th.

**August Anniversaries:** John & Sue Ladson.





## **Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – May 23, 2021 at 11:45 am**

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Dorsey McMichael, Matt Storkamp, Jerry Yates, Frank Champion

Members Absent: Teresa Barrera-Edge, Victoria Bausch

Treasurer Present: Frank Champion; Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson (by phone).

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

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Denise with prayer at 12:15 pm.

Chapter 4 of *Vestry Resource Guide* was read and discussed; meeting was held in the Parish Hall with social distancing and masks due to coronavirus pandemic.

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

Treasurer's Report: (Frank) April 2021 Financial Report was reviewed. Income for April was \$6606 (includes \$225 Restricted Funds Income); April expenses total was \$12,990; April deficit was \$6384. The allowed amount for 2021, \$9001, has been withdrawn from the Bank of America Investment Fund. Rev. Denise reported that the March charge for natural gas resulted from a combination of cold weather, an increase in cost of natural gas, and the payment of two bills in March. She also reported that there will eventually be a refund for an overcharge on Rector's Insurance of about \$200/month. Frank moved to approve the April 2021 Financial Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Dorsey) Dorsey has not yet been in touch with Rebecca Miller about removal of the Live Oak tree in front of office building. She has inquired about the cost of a Live Oak tree to be planted in the playground area in memory of Latrelle Stockton. Anna Marie Tyson quoted \$138 for a 15-gallon container and \$250 for a 30-gallon container. She will continue to work on determination of the time of year, the need for irrigation, and the best procedure to plant the oak tree. She shared that Latrelle Stockton's sister wishes to make a donation in Latrelle's memory to purchase wind chimes to be placed on a tree in the columbarium area. All agreed and very much appreciate this donation in Latrelle's memory.

Junior Warden's Report: (Matt) Matt said that the irrigation system needs to be turned on once a week due to hot dry weather. He also reported that rotten boards on church building need to be repaired. Jack Dell trimmed the holly trees around the church sign before Bishop Logue's visit and has suggested that they be removed. The need for this will be considered. Jack Dell has also suggested that two hardwood trees in front of the church building might need to be removed. This will also be considered. Rev. Denise reported that the ditch area below the columbarium drained appropriately after the recent heavy rainstorm. The City of Vidalia has done some digging out of the trench area next to the road. Harry Moses is going to do additional cleaning out of the drainpipes. The problem of flooding in the ditch area below the columbarium appears to be appropriately managed at this time.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Confirmands from Christ Church in Dublin, Trinity Church in Statesboro, and Annunciation gathered last Sunday afternoon, May 16<sup>th</sup>, at Annunciation for Confirmation Service with Bishop Logue officiating. Each of the two chairs for the altar will be engraved on the back with "In memory and thanksgiving for the life of our dear friend, Hughes Threlkeld". The chairs are ordered and are in production. Wes Chapman has installed a large television on the wall in the parish hall; his donation is much appreciated and a thank you note has been sent. No action has yet been taken on the purchase of new computer for the Rector's office. Ashley Payne, Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS), will be contacted regarding how Annunciation can participate in the "Promises of Hope" program. Updated COVID guidelines were reviewed with the following changes. Signup for attendance at services is no longer required. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated people; unvaccinated people are encouraged to continue to wear masks. Wearing of masks during singing is still required. All agreed that we will continue with the requirement that everyone wear masks during church service for a while longer. There will be three choices offered regarding taking of communion: parishioners may drink wine from the chalice, intinct (dip) the bread in the wine, or continue to take wine from the little individual cups. Sharing of the peace will continue to be with six feet of social distancing. Offering plate can now be passed to parishioners. Offering and elements for Eucharist may now be processed to the altar. We are gradually returning to pre-pandemic practices. Volunteers for Collection Counters are needed for June. The possibility of a Vestry Retreat will be discussed later. Memorial Service for Allyson Fullam is planned for Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11 am at the Columbarium with reception following in the Parish Hall. ECW Coffee Hour will be on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> to honor our fathers on Fathers' Day. Next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 am. A Fourth of July Covered Dish Luncheon will be held on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

### Business:

Frank moved to purchase Corinthian Bells Wind Chimes to be mounted on a tree in the columbarium area in memory of Latrelle Stockton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jerry, motion approved. Vestry very much appreciates this donation by Latrelle's sister.

Matt moved that Greg do repair work on the rotten boards on church building (he has completed similar work before), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Frank, motion passed.

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.*

**AUGUST 2021 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE**

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
August 1	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Beverly Thompson
August 8	No Service at 8:00 am	No Service at 8:00 am	Larry Threlkeld	No Eucharist
August 15	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Jack Dell
August 22	Wes Chapman	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Harry Moses
August 29	Donnie Alderman	Rebecca Miller	Youth	Beverly Thompson

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
August 1	Jackie Moses	Fernando Hidalgo	Lilly Sullivan	Fernando Hidalgo
August 8	Lynette Dell	Lynette Dell	Sarah Solis	Jack Dell
August 15	Susan Threlkeld	Susan Threlkeld	Alex Logan	Hugh Jordan
August 22	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Joe Perez	Fernando Hidalgo
August 29	Christie Roller	Christie Roller	Mackenzie Dellinger	Hugh Jordan

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counters
August 1		Beverly Thompson
August 8		Teresa Edge / Hugh Jordan
August 15	ECW Coffee Hour	Matt Storkamp / Jack Dell
August 22		Dorsey McMichael
August 29	Covered Dish	Beverly Thompson