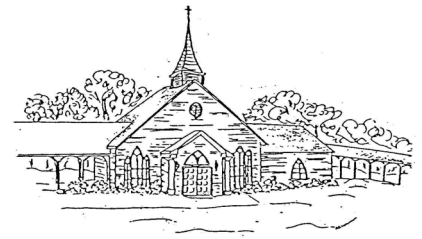


Our Parish Life



December 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

The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn
Rector, Annunciation

The Rev. Dcn. Burt Derrick
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Jen Martinez, ECW President

Karen Hidalgo, Church Secretary

Beverly Thompson, Clerk to the Vestry

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Beverly Thompson	912-293-2385
Teresa Barrera-Edge	254-253-0298
Frank Champion	912-245-0822
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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.

Microwavable items preferred. Most of our needy do not have a stove. We have plenty of pasta. Bring your Items into the Narthex or Church office. Thank you for your donations.

Annunciation Sunday Worship Will Continue on Facebook

Join us LIVE by going to our facebook page every Sunday at 10:30 for worship, or catch us later for the recorded service!

Church Yard Work Day

Saturday, December 4, 9:00 am.

Cookie Walk & Bake Sale Sunday, December 5

to benefit youth activities. Cookies and baked goods are appreciated.

Youth Christmas gift exchange, lunch and bowling party.

Sunday, December 5th after the 10:30 service.

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia

will visit Sunday, December 12, 2021 at the 10:30 am service.

No 8:00 am service. Twalla Haley will be received into the Episcopal Church. Covered Dish luncheon to follow and then a meeting with the vestry.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday December 19, 11:45 am.

Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 19, 12:00 pm through Thursday, December 23rd.
Volunteers needed.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Friday, December 24, 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm.
Reception following the services.

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 26, Morning Prayer at 10:30 am, no 8:00 am service.

The Second Sunday after Christmas Day.

The King's College Festival of Carols with reserved Sacrament
January 2, 2022 at the 10:30 service.

Advent Absentee

By Sylvia Sands

Here I go again,
carefully unpacking the figures of the crib,
tenderly wiping dust from Mary's eyes
and Joseph's beard,
all the while practicing my contemplative skills.

Here I am,
duster in hand,
seeking to emulate
the shepherds' enthusiasm and openness,
(wipe, wipe)
the wise men's courage and generosity,
(dust, dust)
Mary's mysticism,
Joseph's humility,
the Christ Child's vulnerability.

Who am I kidding?

It is the absent figure that haunts me.
I stand shoulder to shoulder
in grim, callous, irritable solidarity
with that wretched innkeeper.
No room, no time, no way.

Nobody has ever dared carve him in wood
and include him in the Christmas crib,
have they?

May we find time in our hearts and lives for the Christ Child today and everyday!
Denise+

Angel Tree

ECW is again sponsoring the Angel Tree this Christmas season. Look for the Angel Tree on the First Sunday of Advent, November 28th, filled with Christmas wishes for children and families assigned to us by the local Salvation Army, located in the narthex. Take one or more “angels” to help with this Christmas outreach project; write your name and family letter from ornament on the sign-up sheet; and return ornament(s) with gift(s) by Sunday, December 19th. Thank you.



Reverse Advent Calendar

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



December 1– box of cereal

December 2– peanut butter

December 3– stuffing mix

December 4– boxed potatoes

December 5– macaroni and cheese

December 6– canned fruit

December 7– canned tomatoes

December 8– canned meat

December 9 – dessert mix

December 10– jar of applesauce

December 11– canned sweet potatoes

December 12– cranberry sauce

December 13– canned beans

December 14– box of crackers

December 15– package of rice

December 16– package of oatmeal

December 17– package of pasta

December 18– spaghetti sauce

December 19– chicken noodle soup

December 20– tomato soup

December 21– can corn

December 22– can mixed vegetables

December 23– can carrots

December 24– can green beans



Cookie Walk and Bake Sale

Sunday, December 5, after the 10:30 service to benefit our youth activities.

If you would like to participate in the Cookie Walk and Bake Sale, please make two dozen or more of your favorite Christmas Cookie's (or other baked goods) and bring them to the church office in an air tight labeled container by Wednesday, December 1st, or bring them on Sunday, December 5th ready to swap. If you wish to purchase cookies, a bag and glove will be given to you. Then, walk around the table containing the festive cookies and fill up your bag. Cookies, hot cider and punch will be provided for your enjoyment as you shop for your cookies and/or other baked goods.



Christmas Flowers and Decorations

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

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

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

4:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

Youth Christmas Pageant
'The Shepherds'

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

Convention Award Recipient Beverly Thompson

The Deans of the six convocations offer their Deans' Award to honor a lay person for Exceptional service to their congregation. The Deans selected Beverly Thompson of the Church of the Annunciation, Vidalia. A member of the congregation since 1980, she has Been involved in and led many lay groups. She presently serves as Eucharistic Minister, a Lector, a Sunday Morning Collection Counter, and on the Vestry, as a member and as Clerk to the Vestry. She has been Clerk to the Vestry several times and has also served as chair of the Episcopal Church Women, Adult Christian Education Program and Daughters of the King. She was a Senior Warden through a time of clergy transition and a delegate to Diocesan Convention many times. She jus completed a three-year term on Diocesan Council.

Just a few of the 25 shoeboxes
Delivered to Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child. Thank you!



Adults and Youth enjoyed an
afternoon at Poppell Farms
Pumpkin Patch.



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).



December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3	4 <i>Church Yard Work Day 9:00 am</i>
5 The Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II <i>Live-stream</i> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II <i>Cookie Walk & Bake Sale</i> <i>Youth Christmas Lunch & Bowling party</i>	6	7	8	9 <i>Office Closed</i>	10 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	11
12 The Third Sunday of Advent No 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II <i>Live-stream</i> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II <i>The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue, Bishop will celebrate at the 10:30 am service. Covered dish luncheon to follow and then Meeting with the Vestry.</i>	13	14	15	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	18
19 The Fourth Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II <i>Live-stream</i> 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II <i>Vestry Meeting 11:45 am</i> <i>Greening of the Church begins 12:00 pm through Thursday December 23.</i>	20	21	22	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Christmas Eve Candle-light Services 4:00 pm 6:00 pm</i>	25  <i>Rev. Denise Off through January 2.</i>
26 The First Sunday of Christmas No 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Morning Prayer Rt. II <i>Live-stream</i> 10:30 am	27	28	29	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	31 <i>New Year's Eve!</i> <i>Office Closed</i> <i>Rev. Denise's Day off</i>	

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

Mandi Parker Blount, friend of Twalla Haley, for comfort and healing.
Mary Miller-Cook, Rebecca Miller's mom, for recovery from a fall, comfort and healing.
Michael Bowen, Beverly Thompson's brother, for comfort and healing.
Peggy Collins, friend to Jean Szatkowski, for healing.
Family of Sandra B. Connell, Susan Threlkeld's sister, for comfort.
Sylvia and Fred Dennis, friends of Dennis and Therisa Ingley for healing.
Family of Greg May, for comfort.
Sharon Lee, Shannon Martin's mom, for comfort and healing.
Roxanne Kimbell, for comfort and healing.
Margaret and Steve Fullam, for comfort.
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.
Doak Morrison, friend of Carol Rice, for comfort and healing.
Curtis Row and family, friends 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.

December Birthdays: Harry Moses 1st; Natalie Rau 1st; Jerry Roan 2nd;
Katherine Moira Ladson 8th; Marianne Perez 9th; Shanna Edge 12th; Dyson Ingley 13th;
Anderson Hornick 13th; Jesus Hernandez 14th; Terry Yates 20th; Carol Rice 23rd.
December Anniversaries: Dennis & Therisa Ingley 19th; Larry & Susan Threlkeld 30th.

Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – October 24, 2021 at 12:15 pm

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Dorsey McMichael, Frank Champion, Teresa Barrera-Edge (participated by phone), Beverly Thompson

Member Absent: Matt Storkamp, Victoria Bausch

Treasurer Present: Frank Champion; Treasurer-Elect Present: Christina Storkamp; Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Denise with prayer at 12:15 pm, following a delicious lunch prepared by Frank Champion and Rev. Denise.

Bible study on Letter of Paul to the Colossians was completed.

Vestry Meeting minutes for September 2021 were reviewed; Frank moved to approve minutes with one correction, 2nd by Dorsey, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Frank) September 2021 Financial Report was reviewed by Frank. Income for September was \$6847 (includes \$100 Restricted Funds Income); September expenses total was \$16,980; net deficit was \$10,133. Year to Date (January – September) net income total is \$2,614. Dorsey moved to approve the September 2021 Financial Report, 2nd by Beverly, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Dorsey) Thirty-gallon Willow Oak tree has been purchased and will be planted in memory of Latrelle Stockton in the church yard at appropriate time by Greg Brandenburg.

Junior Warden's Report: (Denise and Frank for Matt) Leaks in office building roof continue. Three roofing companies have been contacted. Two have not responded; one in Dublin, recommended by Harry Moses, is getting back this week with an estimate. Painting of the portico columns and breezeway is needed; church will purchase paint and painting will be completed by church members.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Bishop will visit on December 12, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Church yard will be spruced up prior to the Bishop's visit. Jerry Roan donated long clippers to the church – much appreciated! Stewardship Campaign will end on 11/21/2021, Christ the King Sunday, with a Gratitude Luncheon. Pledge cards are due by 11/21/2021. Advent study begins 11/28/2021 and will be a self-study with weekly guidance by Rev. Denise; study books, "Wait Upon the Lord", will be available on table in narthex. All Hallows Eve Treats for children and ECW Coffee Hour will be held on October 31 after 10:30 Youth Sunday service. United Thank Offering and Necrology will be held on All Saints Sunday, November 7th. Rev. Denise will be off on Sunday, November 28; morning prayer service will be offered at 10:30 am. Angel Tree will be up by Sunday, 11/28/2021.

Business:

1. Authorized Signers for our Morgan Stanley account will be Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect: Frank Champion and Christina Storkamp; signers were approved with General Consent.
2. Delegates to Diocesan Convention at Jekyll Island on 11/5-6/2021 will be Rebecca Miller and Beverly Thompson, and Rev. Denise. Rebecca will attend virtually; Beverly and Rev. Denise will attend in person.
3. Nominating Committee will present two nominees to serve on Vestry in 2022 at the November or December Vestry meeting. Names and biographies of nominees will be published in the January newsletter.
4. November Vestry Meeting will be held on November 14th, instead of 4th Sunday, due to Thanksgiving holiday.
5. December Vestry Meeting will be held on December 19th, instead of 4th Sunday, due to Christmas.
6. January Vestry Meeting will be held on January 23rd; Annual Parish Meeting will be Sunday, January 30th.
7. Volunteer assignments for Collection Counters for the month of November were completed.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered during meeting.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 1:15 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.

DECEMBER 2021 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
December 5	Donnie Alderman		Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell
December 12	No 8:00 am	No 8 am	Larry Threlkeld	Victoria Bausch
December 19	Twalla Haley		Victoria Bausch	Jack Dell
December 24	_____	_____	4pm Twalla Haley 6pm Hugh Jordan	4 pm Matt Norton 6 pm Jack Dell
December 26	No 8 am	No 8 am	Larry Threlkeld	No Eucharist

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
December 5	Lynette Dell	Lynette Dell/Teresa Edge	Sarah Solis	Lynette Dell/Teresa Edge
December 12	Lynette Dell	Fernando Hidalgo	Anderson Hornick, Madison Storkamp & Sarah Solis	Fernando Hidalgo
December 19	Susan Threlkeld	Susan Threlkeld	Lily Sullivan	Susan & Larry Threlkeld
December 24	Anne Roller	Youth/Anne Roller	Josiah Perez	Hugh Jordan
December 26	Anne Roller	Susan Threlkeld	Lily Sullivan	

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter	Video Tech
December 5	Cookie Walk	Jack Dell/Carol Rice	Christina Storkamp
December 12	Bishops Reception Covered Dish	Victoria Bausch/Carol Rice	Christina Storkamp
December 19		Hugh Jordan	Matthew Jordan
December 24	Cookies and Punch	Jack Dell	Christina Storkamp
December 26		Hugh Jordan	Christina Storkamp