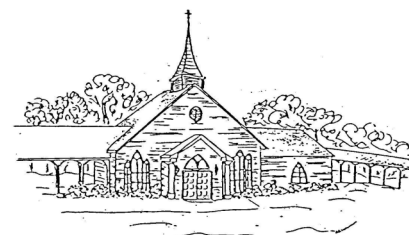




Our Parish Life



June 2022



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

Episcopal Church Women’s Lunch Meeting
Thursday, June 2, at Hardware Pizza, 11:45.
All ladies of the church are invited.

The Feast of Pentecost, Happy Birthday Church!
Sunday June 5, Covered dish Luncheon.

Trinity Sunday, June 12.

Father’s Day Episcopal Church Women’s Coffee Hour
Sunday, June 19th, after the 10:30 service.

Vestry Meeting
Sunday, June 26, 2022

Non perishable food needed.
Microwavable items preferred. Most of our needy do not have a stove or can opener. 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! If you would like to have a copy of the service, please let Karen in the church office know.

Nursery Available
Sundays, at 10:15 for the 10:30 service.



Dear People of Annunciation,

At the March Vestry meeting, I spoke to the Vestry about the *ALPHA Course: A Practical Introduction to the Christian Faith* which we could offer to the community possibly in the fall or winter. I attended an *Alpha Conference* in St. Petersburg, FL in the late 1990's and led several courses at St. Nathaniel's Episcopal Church in North Port, FL.

"*Alpha* began at a church called Holy Trinity Brompton (HTB) in London in 1977 it was taken by Nicky Gumbel in 1990 and repositioned as a course for those outside the congregation. The number of people attending Alpha at HTB grew quickly into the hundreds and attracted the attention of other churches across denominations seeking to find an effective tool for evangelism. Now, all over the world, millions of people have tried Alpha and it has been translated into 112 different languages. The Alpha Talks have been repackaged for today's audience in the Alpha Film Series and the Alpha Youth Series – created to reach a younger generation with the Gospel. Even as times have changed, the Alpha course has continued to be used by the church as an effective tool to reach the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

The *Alpha Course* is created to outline the core principles of the Christian faith that all denominations agree on. We believe that what unites us is infinitely greater than what divides us. The Alpha Course is an effective form of evangelism when run by and through the local church. By focusing on the fundamentals of Christianity, it opens the door for Alpha to be used in almost any context so that everyone has the opportunity to engage in discussions and be transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith and led by a trained team that offer a safe place where people come and discuss life's big questions. Each talk (presented by video) looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe and everyone is welcome. It runs online, in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it! No two Alphas look the same, but they generally have three key things in common: hospitality (a meal), a talk and good conversation.

Who is Alpha for? For everyone but it's especially geared to:

- People interested in investigating Christianity.
- Newcomers to the church.
- New Christians.
- Couples preparing for marriage.
- Christians who want to brush up on the basics.

Alpha offers A Team Training:

There are 3 sessions in video format that cover the essentials of the course, small groups and prayer ministry so that your team is effectively equipped for their different roles.

Hopefully, there will be enough of us interested that we can move forward with a training this summer and begin advertising to the community a course to begin this fall. If you would like to know more about the Alpha Course, just Google Alpha Course and if you are interested in being a part of a team training, please let me know. I will also be reaching out and asking several of you to be a part of this exciting new ministry to our community. Thank you.

With the love of Christ,
Denise+



Alpha

Episcopal Church Women's Lunch Meeting

Thursday, June 2, at Hardware Pizza, 11:45.
All women of the church are invited to come.



Pentecost Sunday, June 5 **Happy Birthday Church!**

Please remember to wear red! Covered dish luncheon after the 10:30 service.



On Pentecost Sunday we celebrate one of the most important and festive days in the life of the Church; the feast of Pentecost and the "birthday" of the church. The feast of Pentecost is the last day of the Easter season, and is celebrated ten days after the Ascension and fifty days after Easter. Many years ago, on that day, the disciples had gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Pentecost (the celebration of the giving of the law to Moses on Mount Sinai) when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon them. "And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2: 2-4a).

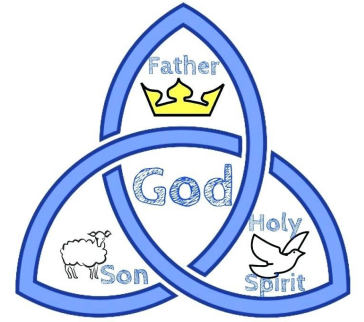
Today, it can be difficult for us to realize just how profound an experience it was for the Jewish Christians who witnessed that amazing event in Jerusalem. We are accustomed to hearing about the Holy Spirit who provides us with gifts to be used to further God's kingdom on earth, and who also guides and leads the church in Christ's saving work. To those first Christians, the idea that the Spirit of God would lead and guide everyone who believed in the risen Christ was a new idea. All these years later, we have come to know the Holy Spirit *as the Lord who leads us into all truth and enables us to grow in the likeness of Christ* (An Outline of the Faith, BCP pg. 852). At our baptism, we are filled with the Holy Spirit to equip us and light a fire within us to be the hands and feet of Christ.

How do we experience the power of the Spirit? We experience the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, through the community of the church, in our various spiritual gifts, by communion with God in prayer, and through God's help in our everyday circumstances. What are some of the gifts given by the Spirit? Gifts might include: prophecy, service, helping, teaching, encouraging, giving, leadership, showing mercy, evangelism, pastor/teacher, faith, healing, miracles, and discernment. How can we tell if we are being led by the Spirit? We can tell by the "fruit" of our life—our attitudes and actions. Galatians 5:22-23 says, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." The Spirit moves us to live and grow into what it means to be the Body of Christ.

Denise+

Trinity Sunday June 12,

On June 12, we celebrate the doctrine of the Trinity or one God: as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The term "Trinity" is from the Latin *tri*, "three," and *unitas*, "unity." It is a term Tertullian, an early Christian author and theologian, devised to express the mystery of the unity-in-diversity of God. The early Christians had discovered Jesus to be more than a wise teacher, more than a great prophet and more than a healer. They experienced him as somehow related to God but struggled to understand exactly how he could be part of God's divine nature. They had heard Jesus speak of God as his Father, and of himself as the Son. After Pentecost, they also knew the Holy Spirit as somehow living within them, but different from Jesus the savior and God the creator, and yet also part of God. They knew from their Jewish tradition that God was one, not two or three.



In an attempt to summarize their experience of God, what evolved over several centuries, was the doctrine of the Trinity. The nearly complete doctrine of the Trinity was announced in 381 at the second ecumenical council in Constantinople which held that God is one being, in three equal persons. It is indeed a mystery as to how God can be one God, and yet known in three persons. Pope Frances once said, "God is a family of three persons who love each other so much as to form into one." God is a perfect communion of love and when we reflect upon our loving relationships with family and friends, we experience this sense of union yet distinction. There are a number of symbols of the Trinity; for example, three interlocking circles or triangles, and other names, God as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. There are a number of hymns. My favorite is "I bind unto myself the Name." You will also notice that Trinity permeates the prayers and blessings of the church all to express the doctrine of the Trinity at work in our lives.

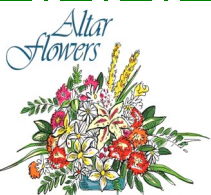


Rev. Denise is celebrating on June 14, 25 years of ordained ministry. Picture taken on the day of her ordination to the Diaconate at The Cathedral Church of St. Peter in St. Petersburg, FL.



Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are available for dedication, memorial or in thanksgiving. The cost is \$50 for one.



New Summer Camp plans include Family Camp

Scholarships Available

After a hiatus of two years, we are so excited that Honey Creek's Summer Camp will be returning in June!

This summer we have three sessions. They are:

- **High School Camp** (completed Grades 9-12), June 12-18
- **Camp St. Peter** (completed Grades 6-8), June 19-25
- **Camp St. Joseph & Mary** (completed Grades 3-5), June 26-July 2

Registration for all sessions is open now at <http://honeycreek.org/camps/>.

In addition, if you have a graduating senior or a college student in your midst, we still have a few spaces available for our **Summer Camp Staff**. Their commitment begins with our staff training week, which starts Sunday June 5, and ends with the conclusion of Camp St. Joseph & Mary. Summer Staff are paid a stipend and all food and lodging expenses are covered. Most importantly, serving on staff is an incredible way to make a lasting impact on young people. If they are interested in serving on staff, they should fill out the application here: <https://bit.ly/HoneyCreekSummerStaffApp>

Lastly, we are happy to be offering a weekend of **Family Camp** again. This will take place July 8-10, and will be staffed by Canon Loren Lasch, myself, and Summer Camp Director Karen Bell. At Family Camp families of all types can come and stay in the lodge rooms together, and engage in worship, camp play, music, games, and more! Registration for Family Camp is available here: <https://bit.ly/2022FamilyCamp>.

Come with your own family, whether that's you and your spouse, you by yourself, you with grandchildren or children or fur babies, or any other combination!


If your son or daughter is interested in going to summer camp at Honey Creek, please let Rev. Denise know, as scholarships are available.



Information on the Lay Leaders' Conference - September 9-10, 2022

After a break of 12 years, I am bringing back conferences at Honey Creek for our lay leaders. Like our clergy conferences, these will include time to worship and learn together with other lay leaders from across the Diocese. This conference will begin with dinner on Friday and the program starting at 7 pm. The conference will end mid-afternoon on Saturday. Dr. Lisa Kimball, Associate Dean of Lifelong Learning and James Maxwell Professor of Lifelong Christian Formation at VTS, will be with us during the gathering to offer reflections on Lay Ministry and its importance to the Church and the world. I know her to be a Christian with deep faith and a passion for firing up the laity for their serving in the church and their communities. While not every conference will have each of these, over time breakout workshops will include training for Lay Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, Acolyte Leaders, Music Leaders, Volunteer Administrators, and more. Contact Honey Creek to register.

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
			1	2 <i>ECW Meeting Lunch at Hardware Pizza 11:45 am. Office Closed</i>	3 <i>Rev. Denise's Day Off</i>	4
<p>5 The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Covered Dish Luncheon after the 10:30 service.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Bee Keepers Meeting Parish Hall 6:00 pm.</i></p>	7	8	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rev. Denise's Day Off</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Racial Justice Team Meeting in the Parish Hall 10:00 am — 4:00 pm.</i></p>
<p>12 The First Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	13	14	15	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rev. Denise's Day Off</i></p>	18
<p>19 The Second Sunday after Pentecost.</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>10:30 am Live-stream Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Happy Father's Day! ECW Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service.</p>	20	21	22	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Ascension Day</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rev. Denise's Day Off</i></p>	25
<p>26 The Third Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>10:30 am Live-stream Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	27	28	29	<p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Office Closed</i></p>		

Our Parish Prayer List

We pray for the safety and security of

The United States of America and especially those serving our country: 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

Mike Stocky, nephew to Tom & Betty Jo Sadler, for comfort and healing.
Finta Beasley, friend of the Derrick family, for comfort and healing.
Lisa Bozeman, Ann Bowman's daughter for good test results and healing.
Richard Belles, for comfort and healing.

Jean and Mark Szatkowsky, for comfort and healing.

Peggy Collins, friend to Jean Szatkowski, for healing.

Fred Dennis, friends of Dennis and Therisa Ingley for healing.

Roxanne Kimbell, for comfort and healing.

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

Jean Goff, Johanna Derrick's sister, 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.

Samantha Leamy, daughter of Ann Childers, for comfort.

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

Jack & Pat Childers, 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.

Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness

Chuck Thompson and his sister Mary, for comfort and healing.

Danny, Christopher & Rob Bowen, family of Beverly Thompson, for comfort & healing.

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

Blanche Reaves, mother of Glenn Reaves, for comfort and healing.

Johanna Derrick, for healing.

Barbee Adams for healing.

Prayers for those who suffer from age related illnesses, and for the care-givers

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

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

Mildred Moore for comfort and healing.

Ann Bowman, for comfort and healing.

Ruth Hopkins, Sherron Threlkeld's mom, for comfort and healing.

Donna Roberson, 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.

June Birthdays: Matthew Jordan 2nd; Alan Smith 5th; The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn 7th; Gordon Glass 9th; Carter Chapman 14th; Robert Glass 14th; David Paine 14th; Rebecca Miller 15th; Kristin Champion 20th; Jaxon Holly 20th; Beth Thompson 22nd; Gabriel Bonilla 26th; Susan McMichael 27th; Ann Bowman 29th.

June Anniversaries: Jack & Lynette Dell 9th; Donnie & Cissy Alderman 16th; David & Carol Rice 17th; Hugh & Patrice Jordan 25th.



Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – April 24, 2022 at 11:50 am

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Dorsey McMichael, Frank Champion, Matt Storkamp, Twalla Haley, Beverly Thompson



Member Absent: Victoria Bausch

Treasurer Present: Christina Storkamp; Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson

Meeting was called to order by Rev. Denise with prayer at 12:20 pm, following lunch.

Vestry Meditation was read and discussed.

Vestry Meeting minutes for March 2022 were reviewed; Frank moved to approve minutes, 2nd by Dorsey, motion passed. Beverly Thompson, Clerk, noted an error that had been overlooked on February 2022 vestry minutes; all agreed that she will make the correction and resubmit February 2022 vestry minutes to church office.

Treasurer's Report: (Christina) March 2022 Financial Report was reviewed. March Income was \$26,842.17; this includes a pledged offering received as a stock check in the amount of \$18,539.75. March Expenses were \$14,346.75. Net income for March was \$12,495.42. Amount in the Max and Christie Manry Memorial Investment Fund at State Street Global is \$175,828.93 as of 3/31/2022. Amount in the Bank of America Church Corp Investment Fund is \$252,136.53 as of 3/31/2022. Frank moved to approve March Financial Report, 2nd by Matt, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Dorsey) The bench being built by Ed Wonn in memory of Fr. Ron is almost finished. Ed has cautioned that it will need to be revarnished at times to withstand outside weather.

Junior Warden's Report: (Frank) Frank will clean the church door mechanisms, since some are sticking. He will pressure wash concrete in front of Parish Hall before Diocesan Council meets. Seal on stained-glass window will be assessed after a heavy rain. Frank will repair windowsill in parish hall nursery.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) A planning meeting for youth and parents will be held on 4/27 at 6 pm with pizza; Jen Martinez is coordinating meeting. Abigail and Wes Chapman's wedding is planned for 4/30. Hughes "Hach" Horton will be baptized at 10:30 am service on 5/1. Rev. Denise will be off on May 3-7 or May 10-13. National Day of Prayer is planned for 6:30 pm on 5/5 at Courthouse in Lyons. ECW Coffee Hour will be held on Mother's Day, 5/8. Diocesan Council Meeting will be held in Parish Hall on 5/14, 10 am to 3 pm. Graduation Reception will be held to honor Greg Rau on 5/15 after 10:30 am service. Youth Sunday will be 5/29. Vestry decided to have May meeting on the 15th instead of 22nd.

Business:

Discussion was held regarding the continuation of the recording of our Sunday service. Rev. Denise will look at numbers and this will be discussed further at next vestry meeting.

Beverly will continue to pursue implementation of two outreach programs: Promise 686 and Food Talk.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

Meeting was adjourned with 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.

JUNE 2022 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
June 5		Rebecca Miller	Madison Storkamp Eleanor Martinez	Beverly Thompson
June 12		Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell
June 19		Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Harry Moses
June 26		Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Matthew Storkamp

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
June 5	Lynette Dell	Jackie Moses	Madison Storkamp	Lynette Dell
June 12	Lynette Dell	Lynette Dell	Youth	Lynette Dell
June 19	Susan Threlkeld	Susan Threlkeld	Youth	Susan Threlkeld
June 26	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Youth	Anne Roller

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter	Video Tech
June 5	Feast of Pentecost Covered Dish	Carol Rice Beverly Thompson	Christina Storkamp
June 12		Hugh Jordan Jack Dell	Christina Storkamp
June 19	ECW Father's Day Coffee Hour	Jane Hall Jack Dell	Matthew Jordan
June 26		Hugh Jordan Dorsey McMichael	Christina Storkamp