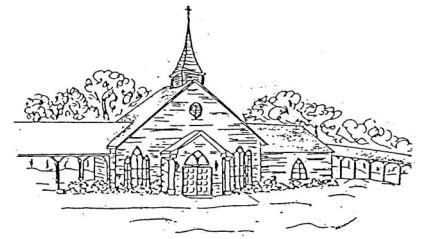




Our Parish Life



August 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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Rector, Annunciation

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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

Church Audit Tuesday, August 9, at 5:30 pm.

A church audit must be submitted to the Diocese by September 1st, annually. The internal controls checklist found in the Business Methods Manual, the official guide to overseeing the temporal affairs of congregations, is used. Audit completed by the Treasurer Christina Storkamp, Stewardship Chair Hugh Jordan & Assistant Stewardship Chair Wes Chapman.

Sunday, August 14, Instructional Eucharist

At 8:00 & 10:30 am. An Episcopal service with explanation and teaching.

Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour

Sunday, August 21, 2022, after the 10:30 service

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, August 28, 2022 at 11:45.

Safety Measures Return for Sunday Mornings

Due to the number of recent incidences of gun violence, the vestry voted to begin locking the main doors to the church again several minutes after the service begins. If you get locked out, there is now a door bell located at the side of the door. Push and someone will let you in. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Non perishable food needed for our church pantry.

Our food pantry is seeing an increased number of people needing help. Would you consider spending an extra \$5.00 at the grocery store to help with this outreach to our community? If every one of us purchased a few items each month we could keep our pantry stocked. Thank you!

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,



This past March, a national study 'Jesus in America' was released in partnership between the Episcopal Church and Ipsos, a multinational market research and consulting firm. A total of 3,119 Americans, ages 18 and older, across a range of religions (Christian, non-Christian, atheist, and gnostic) participated in the study between November 22, 2021, and December 2, 2021. Interviews were conducted in English and Spanish.

"The research found that the while a majority of Americans polled believe Jesus was an important spiritual figure and want equality in society, it also showed Christians are not necessarily practicing what Jesus taught, and they felt judged when talking about their beliefs. The study also found that the global pandemic has negatively impacted participation in organized religion-or religious activity-and more people are finding spiritual fulfillment in nature." (Episcopal Church Bulletin Inserts May 29, 2022)

This negative participation in church worship and study has been a reality at Annunciation since the pandemic began and we are not alone or unique. I have heard this same reality from other clergy in the Episcopal Church and from my colleagues in other denominations.

Research data showed:

- The majority of Americans (84%) believe Jesus is an important spiritual figure and want their children to grow up in a world where everyone is treated equally (86%).
- Christians describe themselves as being giving (57%), compassionate (56%), loving (55%), respectful (50%) and friendly (49%), while non-Christians associate Christians with characteristics like hypocrisy (50%), being judgmental (49%), self-righteousness (46%), and arrogance (32%).
- The COVID-19 pandemic has decreased participation in organized religion or religious activities for about 3 in 10 Americans (31%).
- Younger Americans are more likely to say they are not religious (Gen Z 24% and Millennials 28%) than their older counterparts (Gen X 18% and Baby Boomers 12%).

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said "This is a wake-up call for us, and based on what we have learned, we are refocusing our efforts on being a church that looks and acts like Jesus and models it's behavior on his teachings. In this process, we hope to ignite a revival of love that encourages all Americans to do a better job of loving their neighbors." The Episcopal Church challenges all Americans, but particularly Christians, to model Jesus' teachings and treat all people justly, especially the most marginalized in society.

For more information and the full range of results from the Jesus in America study, visit <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/jesus-in-america/>.

I pray we will take to heart what our Presiding Bishop has called us to as a church and as Jesus reminded us in the gospels: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." May our lives show this walking in the way of Jesus' love today and everyday.

With the love of Christ,

Denise+





Lambeth Conference July 26-August 8

Convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 2022, the Lambeth Conference is an international meeting of Anglican bishops. The conference discusses church and world affairs and the global mission of the Anglican Communion for the decade ahead. The conference theme is ‘God’s Church for God’s World - walking, listening and witnessing together.’ The conference will explore what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world. Meeting around every ten

years since 1867, the Lambeth Conference is one of the four Instruments of Unity in the Anglican Communion. The 2022 meeting will be the 15th Lambeth Conference. **Our Bishop Frank Logue is attending this Conference in England. Please pray for the Bishops of the Anglican Communion using the prayer for a Church Convention page 818 of the BCP.**

What Is the Anglican Communion?

Based in 165 countries and representing tens of millions of Christians – the Anglican Communion is one of the world’s largest Christian denominations. It is a network of independent and interdependent churches in communion – or a reciprocal relationship - with the See of Canterbury. The Communion is organized into a series of provinces and extra-provincial areas. The provinces are subdivided into dioceses, and the dioceses into parishes – at the heart of their communities around the world. The Provinces are autonomous and free to make their own decisions in their own ways – guided by recommendations from the four Instruments: the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lambeth Conference, the Primates’ Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council. With such scale and reach, the Anglican Communion can have a significant influence in responding to world issues – both locally and globally.

Member Churches

The Anglican Episcopal family comprises tens of millions Christians who are members of 46 different Churches. These make up 41 member churches (also called provinces) and five other national or local churches known as Extra Provincials, spread across the globe. These are listed below arranged by member church or by country.

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Thank You's.....

To Christina and Matthew Storkamp for renting the waterslide for the Fourth of July Cook-Out. The kids had a wonderful time!



To all who helped with the Fourth of July Cook-Out, thank you for all your help that day. Everyone had a great time! Can't wait to do it again next year!

To Christina Storkamp, Martha Dekle, Beverly Thompson and Rev. Denise for helping to distribute cold bottled water and snacks at the Back to School Bash.

To all who donated school supplies to be delivered to J.D. Dickerson Elementary School.

Instructional Eucharist – An Episcopal Service with Explanation and Teaching

Many have expressed a desire for some sort of real-time worship teaching or commentary which would shed light on the various elements of the service. Such a teaching service is often known as an “instructed Eucharist.” **On Sunday, August 14** at both the 8:00 & 10:30 am worship services, an “instructional Eucharist” will be presented. If you have ever wondered why something is done a certain way at an Episcopal Service, this service is for you!

Back to School Bash



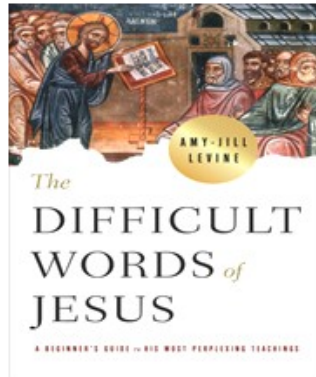
Blessing of the School Supplies and Backpacks



The Difficult Words of Jesus Study

There are times when Jesus taught things that seem problematic to contemporary readers. His comments lead to difficult questions about family values, economics, social justice, and religious respect. Jesus spoke 2,000 years ago, but the questions he raises are the ones with which we continue to struggle. In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings would have sounded to the people who first heard them, how have they been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation. A six-week study that includes a DVD featuring Dr. Levine.

1. Sell What You Own
2. Hate Father and Mother
3. Slave of All
4. Nowhere Among the Gentiles
5. Outer Darkness
6. Your Father the Devil



Dive into the most difficult teachings of Jesus with author Dr. Amy-Jill Levine, a University Professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies at Vanderbilt Divinity School. Dr Levine is the expert in first century Judaism and Jesus.

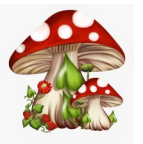
If you are interested in attending, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Those interested will determine start date and time. The book can be purchased on Amazon or other venues but it's not necessary to purchase a book. Dr. Levine knows not everyone will want to read the book, so the DVD is designed to provide enough information.

Christian Education for Adults and Children will begin Sunday, September 11



Adults will gather at 9:30 am in the old sanctuary to study the scriptures with our intern Ken Schrader. **Elementary age children and younger** will meet at 10:25 in the old sanctuary. With the input of several parents, the program to be used this year was developed by the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary, called the Episcopal Children's Curriculum (ECC). ECC is a Thematic Sunday school curriculum tied to the seasons of the church year. Our children will return to the service at the time of the passing of peace.

Altar Flowers

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



August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>7 The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost</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>8</p> <p>Bee Keepers Meeting Parish Hall 6:00 pm.</p>	<p>9</p> <p style="color: green;">Church Audit 5:30 pm.</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Rev. Denise's Day Off</p>	13
<p>14 The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>Instructional Eucharist</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Live-stream 10:30 am Morning Prayer Rt. II</p>	15	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Rev. Denise's Day Off</p>	20
<p>21 The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost</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 style="color: green;">ECW Coffee Hour after 10:30 service</p>	22	23	24	<p>25</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rev. Denise's Day Off</p>	27
<p>28 The Twelfth 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 style="color: green;">Vestry Meeting 11:45 am.</p>	29	30	31			
						

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

The family of Devon Wood, friends of Beverly Thompson, for comfort.
Brodie Jones, for comfort and healing.
Glenn Reaves, for comfort and healing.
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.



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.

August Birthdays: Eleanor Martinez 5th; Chuck Thompson 15th, Caroline Butehorne 22nd; Paul Threlkeld 24th; Heath Davis 24th; Jesus Hernandez(Junior) 25th; Ansley Threlkeld 26th; Alexa Britton 26th; Alison Maxine Champion 26th.

August Anniversaries: John & Sue Ladson 28th.



Members present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Dorsey McMichael, Matthew Storkamp, Frank Champion, Twalla Haley (via phone)



Members absent: Victoria Bausch

Treasurer absent: Christina Storkamp

Clerk absent: Beverly Thompson

Vestry Meeting Minutes—Annunciation—June 26, 2022, at 12pm

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Denise and then followed by vestry meditation, The Armor of Love, which was read aloud and discussed.

Vestry meeting minutes for May 2022 were made available via email after the meeting adjourned and were approved.

Treasurer's Report: May 2022 financial report was reviewed. This was approved with one correction—that the \$16,500 that was listed as “Building repair and maintenance” under restricted funds be reallocated to “Unpledged offerings.” The move to approve the statements with said correction was made by Frank Champion and was seconded by Matthew Storkamp.

Senior Warden's Report: Ed Wonn continues to work on making the bench in honor of Father Ron Southerland. Otherwise, there is nothing of note to mention.

Junior Warden's Report: Dublin Construction Company has now replaced the roof on the old church building. A leak did develop after construction within the area of Rev. Denise's office and this leak caused damage to the ceiling tiles. Dublin Construction Company has offered to return at a later date to repair the damage to these tiles at no additional cost. There is a considerable amount of damage to other ceiling tiles throughout the old church building that occurred prior to the roof being replaced. It was suggested that we attempt to bleach these tiles, repaint them, and then replace them for now. No formal motion was made.

Rector's Report: Rev. Denise sent an email to Canon Katie Easterlin requesting a withdrawal of \$16,500 from the BOA account and this request was granted. A check for said amount was obtained on June 24th. An additional \$7,500 was also transferred from our money market fund to the general fund (to appear on next month's financial report). Ken Shrader, a postulant from the Episcopal Church in Dublin, will begin doing his internship here at Annunciation. Rev. Denise proposed that \$50 each month be taken out of her rector travel expenses to help cover gasoline costs for Ken during the time that he will be with us. Frank Champion made this motion and Matthew Storkamp seconded it.

Business:

1. Rev. Denise suggested that we begin reviewing the Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order for the Diocese of Georgia and make any adjustments that may now seem necessary. The Vestry is to begin doing so at the July meeting.
2. The \$16,500 from the BOA account is to be moved from the restricted fund to the general fund and will be reviewed at the next Vestry meeting.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

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

Dorsey McMichael, Senior Warden



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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 2022 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
August 7		Rebecca Miller	Matthew Storkamp	Beverly Thompson
August 14	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Harry Moses
August 21		Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Teresa Edge
August 28		Rebecca Miller	Youth	Jack Dell

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
August 7	Christie Roller	Christie Roller	Youth	Christie Roller
August 14	Phyllis Roan	Phyllis Roan	Youth	Phyllis Roan
August 21	Jackie Moses	Jackie Moses	Sarah	Jackie Moses
August 28	Lynette Dell	Lynette Dell	Youth	Lynette Dell

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter	Video Tech
August 7		Beverly Thompson Jack Dell	Christina Storkamp
August 14		Carol Rice Hugh Jordan	Christina Storkamp
August 21	ECW Coffee Hour	Teresa Edge Jane Hall	Christina Storkamp
August 28		Jack Dell Dorsey Ladson McMichael	Christina Storkamp