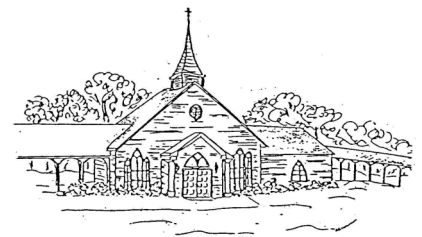




# Our Parish Life



## September 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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*Intern & Postulant for Holy Orders*

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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

**Labor Day, Monday, September 5, Office Closed.**

### **Christian Education for Adults and Children & Covered Dish Luncheon**

Sunday, September 11. Adults 9:30 am  
Children elementary school and younger 10:20 am.

### **Baby Shower for Shannon and Shea Martin**

Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour  
Sunday, September 18, at 11:45 am. All are welcome.

**Vestry Meeting, Sunday, September 25 at 11:45.**

### **The Difficult Words of Jesus Bible Study**

Wednesday, September 28, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

### **Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, October 2, 4:00 pm, in the St. Francis Memorial Garden. In September, please bring in donations of dog & cat food. See list of needed items to support SOAPS on page 6.

### **United Thank Offering**

Collection boxes located in the Narthex. Filled boxes will be collected Sunday, November 6, 2022 on All Saints Sunday.

### **Non perishable food needed for our Church Pantry**

Microwavable items preferred. See list of needed items on page 6. 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.





*And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces. Luke 9:16-17, NRSV*

Dear People of Annunciation,

I am grateful to you, and to all the members of our congregation. Throughout the year I have witnessed such generosity as you contribute your ideas, your funds, and your time to our community. Every dollar that we raise, every minute of volunteerism, every good plan comes from the heart and goes toward our mission.

Our pledge campaign this year focuses on the miracle of sharing, the ways in which our means meet the needs of the world, the ways in which we respond to the Gospel, the ways in which we sustain our community. Our theology of giving focuses on the three-legged stool of *Wealth, Works, and Wisdom*, the ways in which we make our gifts to the world. In today's letter, I would like to focus on Wisdom.

Our ancient texts treat Wisdom in a personified manner, in some of our traditions, almost as a fourth member of the Godhead. Wisdom is a source of inspiration, creativity, and guidance that has been a part of the world since it was chaos. Wisdom smooths out the edges of our Creation and gives us ways to make order, plan for change, prepare for renewal, appreciate what we have. She (the pronoun often ascribed to Wisdom) is in all of us, resonant, reactive, reaching forward to make connections with our traditions and culture and experience.

*More Than Enough*, the theme for our campaign, brings us back to that moment of miracle described in Luke's Gospel, having just been fed by Jesus from a scant few loaves and fishes. The people in that story heard Jesus' call to share what they had in order that all might benefit; and that is what you do with the gift of Wisdom you possess. When we have strategies that need to be developed, or committees that need to be staffed, or problems that need to be solved, you answer the call of your church, and share your wisdom and experience.

Wisdom adds to wisdom, and our whole community is filled with inspiration and action. You are that inspiration and action, without whom our church and our ministry would be diminished. In a few weeks, you will receive an invitation to name and pledge the gifts you will make in the coming year to help our church and our neighbors. I ask that you pray with us as we launch our annual gathering of gifts and gratitude, and consider how you will contribute your gift of wisdom.

In Abundant Gratitude,

Denise+





## MORE THAN ENOUGH

# Theological Statement

When Elijah meets the widow of Zarephath, as the story is told to us in First Kings, he asks to be fed from the very last of her stores. She explains to him that she's gathering wood for the fire she'll make to cook the last meal she expects to eat before she and her son die of starvation. Still, he asks her to make him some bread.

Even though Elijah promises that she won't run out of flour and oil, how can she know this is true? The first miracle of the story is that she shares the very last that she has with this entitled man who is asking for food and drink. In my opinion it overshadows the other miracles that follow – the never-empty jugs of oil and flour – because for the first miracle to be effective, the widow must first make the most daring risk.

I see this miracle replayed often in the Church. When faced with diminished resources, I have witnessed congregations get creative, roll up their sleeves, and find ways to engage their mission. In situations where old models were failing to attract new energy, I have seen members volunteer their ideas, their wisdom, to help a congregation move beyond its capacity. I have seen vestries take risks in order to extend more services, more ministry in their communities, even if the path to staffing or funding it wasn't immediately clear.

In every one of these circumstances, miracles were present, because in every one of these circumstances there was more than enough. More than enough people to do the work, more than enough money to cover the costs, more than enough creativity to carry the project forward. Even when we feel depleted, there is more than enough.

Maybe the recent pandemic has made you wonder if your congregation will be able to continue, able to provide ministry and pay the bills. Maybe you have had to make serious adjustments in your own household budget or your plans. Our stewardship of our personal and collective resources reminds us of the abundance around us. There will be more than enough because our faith will unlock the generosity of others. Expect miracles. | [tens.org](https://tens.org)

*Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and is a member of Holy Innocents, San Francisco*



## 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.

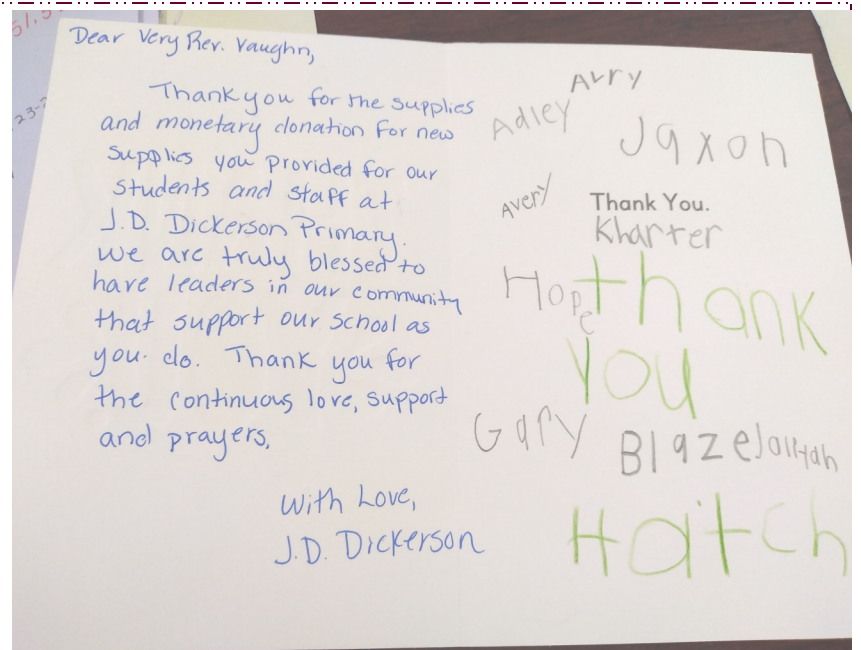


### Baby (Girl) Shower for Shannon & Shea Martin

Sunday, September 18, at 11:45 am in the Narthex.  
Everyone is welcome.



**Thank you from  
J.D. Dickerson for  
all the donated  
school supplies.**



## United Thank Offering

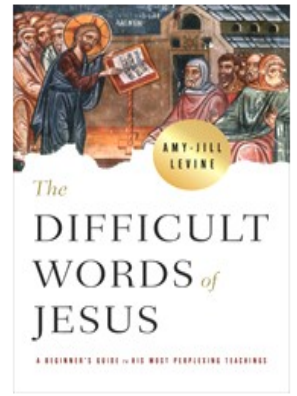


How to live a life of gratitude for daily blessings? It is unbelievably easy! Just breathe a quiet prayer of "Thank you, God!" as good things come to you throughout your day. To make it even more special, share that goodness with others and drop a coin or bill in your United Thank Offering Blue Box. It may become part of a grant for a van to carry someone to a clinic for medical care, or to a church in a faraway place with no transportation, or even a motorbike to make it possible for a priest or deacon to make rounds for services in a jungle or desert somewhere. Just putting your spare change in your box Amazing things happen when we share the love of Jesus! Boxes will be on the table in the Narthex. **Collection of boxes All Saint's Sunday, Tuesday, November 6.**



## The Difficult Words of Jesus Study

**begins Wednesday, September 28, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.**



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.

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.

**All are invited to attend. 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.**

### An Overview of 'The Difficult Words of Jesus' Study

Session 1 '**Sell What You Own**' examines Jesus' call to a would-be disciple to sell all his possessions. Participants will explore why Jesus believed wealth was an obstacle to living in God's realm and discuss some specific ways Jesus' words remain relevant to people who have bank accounts.

Session 2 '**Hate Father and Mother**' questions the common assumption that Scripture teaches "family values" by scrutinizing Jesus' call for his followers to "hate" their families, and even their very lives. Participants will have the opportunity to evaluate the cost of their discipleship as well as to discern how the same Jesus who taught people to love their enemy could demand any form of hatred.

Session 3 '**Slave of All**' sheds light on prevalent biblical language about slavery, including Jesus' call for his disciples to "become as slaves" to others. Participants will discern not only what this metaphor means in terms of being a faithful disciple but also whether and ofr whom slavery remains a helpful metaphor today.

Session 4 '**Nowhere Among the Gentiles**' reminds us that according to Matthew's Gospel, Jesus initially commanded his disciples to restrict their evangelism to "the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Participants will discuss why Jesus did not originally see Gentiles as part of his mission, and discuss how his encounter with a Gentile woman, desperate for a miracle, continues to challenge us about whom we regard as worthy of our time, attention, and care.

Session 5 '**Outer Darkness**' invites participants to reflect on their beliefs about hell-is there eternal punishment for those who do not believe the gospel? The session offers a bird's-eye view of how idea's about hell developed, and it confronts us with some of Jesus' sayings on the subject. Participants will consider whether the Gospels speak of a literal hell, and whether the idea helps or hinders how we think and how we act.

Session 6 '**Your Father the Devil**' tackles the problematic languages about "the Jews" found throughout the Gospel of John, including on the lips of Jesus, who was himself a lifelong observant Jew. Participants will hear how these Scriptures have been used to justify prejudice and violence against Jews to the present day and discuss ways to interpret them in ways that promote love instead.



## Blessing of the Animals at 4:30pm Sunday, October 2, 2021 Memorial Service at 4:00pm All pets are welcome!

At 4:00pm, a Memorial Service to remember and scatter our deceased pet ashes will be held in the St. Francis Memorial Garden. Immediately following the Memorial Service, the blessing of our beloved living pets will take place along with blessing of the pet supplies collected to be donated to SOAPS. Refreshments will be served for humans and animals.

**To Support SOAPS and the good work they do in our community please bring to church in September donations of dry puppy and dog food (Purina or Pedigree), towels and blankets (gently used), leashes & collars-all sizes, Tractor Supply or Walmart gift cards.**

### Non-perishable food items needed for our pantry

Oatmeal  
Peanut Butter  
Non Refrigerated Milk  
Canned Meat (pop top lids)  
Pasta Sauce  
Pasta  
Heat and Eat meals that don't need refrigeration  
Mashed potatoes you mix with hot water  
Cereal Variety  
Fruit and Grain Bars  
Crackers

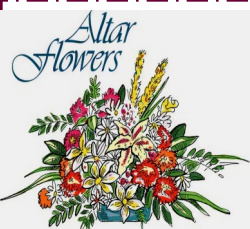


Grits  
Canned foods (pop top lids)  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Deodorant  
Toothpaste  
Toothbrushes  
Laundry Detergent  
Bottled water  
Cookies

Thank you....

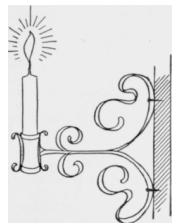
To the Audit Committee, Hugh Jordan, Wes Chapman & Christina Storkamp, for their time and hard work.

To all who helped with the David Deane Memorial Service Luncheon. Please continue to keep Connie Deane and her family in prayer.



### Altar Flowers

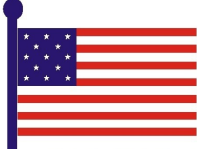

**Altar flowers are available for dedication, memorial or in thanksgiving. The cost is \$50 for one.**



### Sanctuary Lamp

**Available for dedication, Memorial, or in Thanksgiving. The Cost is \$15.**

# September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b>				1 Office Closed	2 Rev. Denise's Day Off	3
<b>4 The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II	<b>5</b> <b>Labor Day!</b> <b>Office Closed</b> Bee Keepers Meeting Parish Hall 6:00 pm.	<b>6</b> 11:00 am Central Convocation Clericus via Zoom.	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Office Closed	<b>9</b> Rev. Denise's Day Off	<b>10</b>
<b>11 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II Live-stream 10:30 am Morning Prayer Rt. II Covered Dish at 11:45 am in the Parrish Hall.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Rev. Denise Time off thru September 17th.	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Office Closed	<b>16</b> Rev. Denise's Day Off	<b>17</b>
<b>18 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II Live-stream 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II Shea & Shannon Martin Baby Shower 11:45 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Office Closed	<b>23</b> Rev. Denise's Day Off	<b>24</b>
<b>25 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Live-stream Holy Eucharist Rt. II Vestry Meeting 11:45 am.	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Difficult Words of Jesus Bible Study 6:00 pm.	<b>29</b> Office Closed	<b>30</b> Rev. Denise's Day Off	
 <b>HONOR LABOR</b>						

## **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**

Connie Deane & family, for comfort.  
Jen Martinez & family, for comfort.  
The family of Devon Wood, friends of Beverly Thompson, for comfort.  
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](mailto:theannunciation@bellsouth.net).**

**September Birthdays:** Larry Threlkeld 6th; Lillian (Ellie) Champion 11th; Hughes (Hach) Horton 15th Shea Martin 23rd; Courtney Davis 25th; Shanna Annabelle Edge 27th; Bobby Hamilton 29th.

**September Anniversaries:** Fred & Karen Warnock 3rd; Thom & Jane Hall Williams 4th.





## Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – July 31, 2022 at 11:45 am

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

Members Absent: Victoria Bausch, Twalla Haley

Treasurer Present: Christina Storkamp; Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson; Postulant Intern Present: Ken Shrader

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Denise at 12:15 pm, following lunch shared by members. Vestry Meditation was read and discussed.

Vestry Meeting minutes for June 2022 were emailed to vestry members on August 1, 2022; minutes were approved as read through member responses.

Treasurer's Report: (Christina) Financial Report for May 2022 with correction made at June meeting was presented for approval; Financial Report for June 2022 was presented for review and approval. June Income was \$19,518.34 and included \$7593 transferred from Ameris Money Market Fund. June Expenses were \$24,043.15. It was noted that payment for the re-roofing of parish hall was made in June. Deficit for June is \$4524.81. Frank moved to approve both the corrected May Financial Report and the June Financial Report; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beverly; motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Dorsey) No new report from Ed Wonn on the building of the bench.

Junior Warden's Report: (Frank) Church has paid Jesus Hernandez to cut shrubbery. A couple of repairs are needed. 1) Front door needs work; cleaning of the mechanism should fix it. 2) Stains on ceilings in office building; Denise will spray with rubbing alcohol to kill mold and Frank will do some test spots with painting. 3) Sprinkler heads that water the cherry trees need repair; Frank will work on them.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Bishop Logue has requested that churches review safety measures since the Alabama shooting. Vestry discussed the issue and decided to lock doors when service starts; greeters will watch for latecomers. August 14<sup>th</sup> will be an Instructional Eucharist; Ken will help. Kristen Champion, Jane Hall, and Jen Martinez met recently with Rev. Denise to review potential Christian Education curricula; the Virginia Theological Seminaries Curriculum was chosen for Annunciation. Classes for adults and children will begin on 9/11. Audit is due 9/1/2022; Wes Chapman, Hugh Jordan will meet with Christina to complete the audit prior to 9/1/22.

### Business:

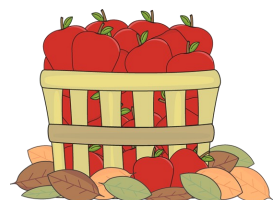
1. Church doors will be locked at beginning of services for safety purposes.
2. Sunday School for children and adults will begin on 9/11/2022.
3. Audit will be completed by Wes Chapman, Hugh Jordan, and Christina Storkamp.
4. Bylaws Articles I, II, and part of III were reviewed and suggested changes were made that will be presented for approval at Annual Parish Meeting in 2023.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

Meeting was adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 2:00 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.*



**SEPTEMBER 2022 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE**

	<b>8:00 am Lector</b>	<b>8:00 Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Lector</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister</b>
September 4	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Beverly Thompson
September 11	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Youth	Jack Dell
September 18	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Teresa Edge
September 25	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Matthew Storkamp	Harry Moses

	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Greeters/Bread &amp; Wine</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Alms/Usher</b>
September 4	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Youth	Anne Roller
September 11	Christie Roller	Christie Roller	Youth	Christie Roller
September 18	Phyllis Roan	Phyllis Roan	Sarah Solis	Phyllis Roan
September 25	Jackie Moses	Jackie Moses	Youth	Jackie Moses

	<b>Special Reception Coffee or Lunch</b>	<b>Collection Counter</b>	<b>Video Tech</b>
September 4		Hugh Jordan Beverly Thompson	Christina Storkamp
September 11	<b>Covered Dish Luncheon</b>	Jack Dell Jane Hall Williams	Christina Storkamp
September 18	<b>ECW Coffee Hour &amp; Baby Shower for Shannon &amp; Shea Martin</b>	Teresa Barrera Edge Beverly Thompson	Christina Storkamp
September 25		Carol Rice Dorsey Ladson McMichael	Christina Storkamp