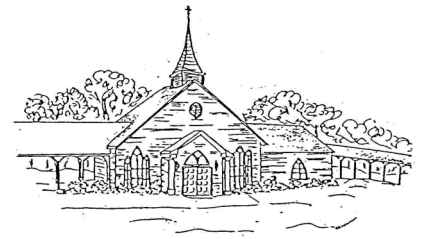




# Our Parish Life



October 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

#### **Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, October 2, 4:30 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.

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

Wednesday, October 5 & 12, at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

#### **All Hallows Eve Treats and ECW Coffee Hour**

Sunday, October 30, after the 10:30 service.

#### **Vestry Meeting, Sunday 30, at 11:45.**

#### **All Saints Sunday and Necrology**

Sunday, November 6.

#### **United Thank Offering**

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

#### **Christian Education for Adults and Children**

Adults 9:30 am. Children elementary school and younger 10:20 am.

#### **Nursery Available**

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

#### **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.



Dear People of Annunciation,

It does seem Luke likes to talk quite a bit about a lifestyle of stewardship in his Gospel and in the Book of Acts, and our Sunday gospel readings from Luke lately fit right in with what we fondly call 'Stewardship Season.' Stewardship season is that time of year when we are re-reminded to be thankful for all the blessings we have been given by God, and we are re-reminded of the ways we are to be generous with those blessings of our time, talent, and money to further God's work in our world. You see...when we are generous with our time, talent, and money, we find there is '*More Than Enough*' (our pledge campaign's theme for this year) for us and for others. I was re-reminded of this truth recently when the Sunday morning adult bible study group read the reflection below, a story told by Bishop Greg Rickel of the Diocese of Olympia and taken from '*Understanding The Sunday Scriptures: A Companion to The Revised Common Lectionary Year*.'

Greg Rickel retells this story about a man who collects pearls.

One day, while walking through the downtown, he sees in a store window the most beautiful, the largest, most magnificent pearl he has ever seen. Instantly he knows he must have it. So he enters the store and an old guy enters from the door to the rear of the showroom.

The man addresses the storekeeper, "I want that pearl. How much is it?"

The storekeeper says, "How much you got?"

"Well, I have \$300 in my pocket."

"Good, I'll take that. What else you got?"

"Well, I have a Chevy Suburban outside, low mileage, about two years old, paid off."

"Good, I'll take that too. What else you got?"

"Well, I have two CDs worth about \$18,000."

"Good," says the storekeeper, "I'll take those too. What else you got?"

This goes on and on. The man gives away his house, his property, even his family. Until finally the storekeeper says, "OK, here. The pearl is yours."

The man turns to leave the store. But as he is walking out the storekeeper stops him and says, "Hey, you know what? That family of yours? I don't need a family. So I'm going to give them back to you. But remember, they are mine now, not yours. You must take good care of them. And that house in Connecticut, well, I don't need a house so you can have that back too. Although it does belong to me, I just want you to care for it. And as for the CDs and the stocks and the Suburban and even this \$300, you can have it all back too. But remember, it is all mine. Take it. Use it wisely. Care for it for me."

So the man left with everything he had when he walked into the store—plus the great pearl.

But there was a big difference. He walked into the store owning everything he had. He walked out owning nothing. Instead, everything he had before was now a gift. That is Christian stewardship.

When we give of our time, talent, and money, we are making a spiritual act of thanksgiving for all of God's gifts. It is an act of graciousness, of appreciation for God's work throughout our daily lives. Please be generous, for we are returning to God a portion of what God has given us.

With the love of Christ,  
Denise+





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

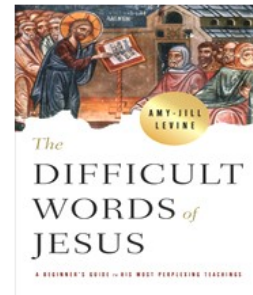
At 4:00pm, a Memorial Service to remember and scatter our deceased pet ashes will be held in the St. Francis Memorial Garden. Immediately following the Memorial Service, the blessing of our beloved living pets will take place along with blessing of the pet supplies collected to be donated to SOAPS. Refreshments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

## The Difficult Words of Jesus Study October 5 & 12 at 6:00 pm.

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. **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.**

## 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

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

## All Saints Sunday Necrology

**Sunday, November 6**, the names of family members or friends who have died this past year will be remembered in the service. Please call or email Karen in the church office the names of those you wish to have remembered.



## 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.**

## Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

**We are collecting items for Operation Christmas Child now through November 17.**

### What is Operation Christmas Child?

The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child collects shoebox gifts—filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items—and delivers them to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. For many of these children, the gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 146 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories.

The COVID-19 global pandemic has disrupted everyday life for millions of people around the world. Yet, Samaritan's Purse continues to share the eternal hope of the Gospel and to serve in Jesus' Name. We want boys and girls around the world to know that God loves them and has not forgotten them during this time of fear and uncertainty. Children need great joy now more than ever. Most of all, they need the hope found only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Will you partner with us to share that glorious hope with boys and girls around the world—many of whom have never heard the Name of Jesus? We're looking forward to a great Operation Christmas Child season as we prayerfully consider ways to modify our collection and processing in light of COVID-19. We are already monitoring local, state, and national guidelines and making adjustments to help protect the health of those involved in preparing shoebox gifts.

Anyone can pack a shoebox. Individuals, families, churches and groups fill empty shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys, such as dolls or soccer balls. During the National collection week Samaritan's Purse will collect the gift-filled shoeboxes at nearly 5,000 drop-off locations in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. **Do not include:** candy; toothpaste, used or damaged items; war related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; seeds; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items, such as snow globes or glass containers; or aerosol cans. **National Collection Week is Nov. 14-21, 2022.**



# Episcopal Relief and Development

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION—DONATE TODAY



Episcopal Relief & Development works with our partners worldwide to alleviate hunger, create economic opportunities, respond to disasters, promote health and strengthen communities. We are a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. All gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Federal Tax ID: 73-1635264. Website: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/>

## SUPPORT OUR US DISASTER FUND—DONATE TODAY

Episcopal Relief & Development works with our dioceses and local partners to respond swiftly to disasters and emergencies. Your donation today will help us bring compassionate support to individuals, families and communities in crisis.

By supporting our US disaster fund you will enable us to:

Prepare: Help local partners prepare for hazards that might affect their communities.

Respond: Mitigate the impact of disasters by providing emergency supplies, food etc.

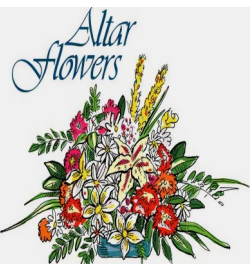
Provide long-term assistance offer ongoing support to those affected so they can make full, sustained recoveries.



## 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.**



**Thank you to everyone that helped with the Shannon and Shea Martin's baby shower. Everyone had a great time getting ready for the newest little member of our church to arrive. Many thanks for all the wonderful gifts.**



# October 2022

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<b>2 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</b> <b>10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</b>  <i>Live-stream</i> <b>10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Bee Keepers Meeting Parish Hall 6:00 pm.</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>Difficult words of Jesus Bible Study 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Rev. Denise's Day Off</b>	<b>8</b>
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<b>16 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</b> <b>10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</b>  <i>Live-stream</i> <b>10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Rev. Denise Off thru 29th.</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>No 8:00 am Service</b> <b>10:30 am Morning Prayer Rt. II</b>  <b>10:30 am Live-stream Morning Prayer Rt. II</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30 The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</b>  <b>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</b> <b>10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</b>  <b>10:30 am Live-stream Holy Eucharist Rt. II</b>  <b>ECW Coffee Hour 11:30 am.</b> <b>Vestry Meeting 11:45 am.</b>	<b>31</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**

Rita Ponder, for comfort and healing.  
Connie Deane & family, for comfort.  
Jen Martinez & family, for comfort.  
Mike Stocky, nephew to Tom & Betty Jo Sadler, for comfort and healing.  
Finta Beasley, friend of the Derrick family, 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.  
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**

Jean and Mark Szatkowsky, for comfort and healing.  
Richard Belles, for comfort and healing.  
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**

Tom and Betty Jo Sadler & family for continued healing.  
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).**



**October Birthdays:** Betsy Rice 2nd; Anna Bring 6th; Ann Smith 8th; John Vincent Martinez 11th; Jason Bring 11th; Patrice Jordan 12th; Grace Storkamp 14th; Dennis Ingley 15th; Shirley Gillis 17th; John Collins 17th; Jen Martinez 18th; Richard Mann 26; Lynette Dell 26th; Shannon Martin 28th.

**October Anniversaries:**



## Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – August 28, 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 Absent: Christina Storkamp; Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson; Postulant Intern Present: Ken Shradar

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 July 2022 were reviewed; Frank moved to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: (Denise for Christina) Financial Report for July 2022 was presented for approval. July Income was \$6992.00. July Expenses were \$12,958.02. Deficit for July is \$5966.02. There is balance of \$165,240.76 in the Max and Christie Manry Memorial State Street Investment Fund; due to negative market activity, this fund has suffered a loss of around \$22,000. The BOA Church Corp Investment Fund has balance of \$206,537.05; due to negative market activity, this fund has suffered a loss of around \$30,000. Also \$16500 has been withdrawn from the BOA Church Corp Fund to pay for re-roofing of the office building. Frank moved to approve the July Financial Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Dorsey) A concern has been expressed regarding the lack of air conditioning and heating in the Sunday School Room. Denise shared that the Children's Sunday School classes will meet in the old Nave and in the Nursery Room. Both rooms are cooled and heated.

Junior Warden's Report: (Frank) The city has called the Church office with notification that the upcoming water bill is going to be significantly higher than usual: around \$250 instead of the usual \$50 water bill. Jack Dell has checked for leaks in the sprinkler system and there are none. However, some sprinkler heads are broken and may be the cause of the increased water usage. Jack will supervise Jesus Hernandez in replacement of the broken heads; Frank will communicate with Jack about the problem.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) When the roofers were re-roofing the office building, there was a leak that did some ceiling damage in the Rector's office; the roofers replaced the ceiling without charge. The ceiling in the secretary's office still needs work on removal of water stains from previous leakage. A lock is needed on the nursery door for the safety of the children. The annual audit has been completed with no needs specified and will be submitted to the Diocesan Office by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. Ed Wonn has not yet started on construction of the bench. The Stewardship Campaign begins in September and ends around the third Sunday of November with an Appreciation Dinner possibly on the first Sunday in December. The theme for this year is *More Than Enough*. Denise asks that vestry members make sure that the doors are locked at the beginning of the service for safety purposes. Also, she asks vestry members to keep watch for any late comers and open the door for them.

### Business:

1. Per letter from Bishop Frank Logue, assessment of Annunciation's Pledge to the Diocese for 2023 will be \$15,506; Matt moved to approve this amount, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dorsey, motion passed.
2. Work on Bylaw revision will be tabled until September meeting.
3. Dorsey and Matt will roll off Vestry in January 2023; as the nominating committee, they will present candidates for Vestry Membership before the end of 2022.

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.*



**OCTOBER 2022 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE**

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
October 2	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Ken Shradar	Jack Dell
October 9	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Beverly Thompson
October 16	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Teresa Barrera Edge
October 23	No 8:00 am service	No 8:00 am service	Larry Threlkeld	Morning Prayer No Eucharist
October 30	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Youth	Teresa Barrera Edge

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
October 2	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
October 9	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Youth	Anne Roller
October 16	Christie Roller	Christie Roller	Youth	Christie Roller
October 23	Phyllis Roan	Phyllis Roan	Youth	Phyllis Roan
October 30	Jackie Moses	Jackie Moses	Youth	Jackie Moses

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter	Video Tech
October 2		Jack Dell Jane Hall Williams	Christina Storkamp
October 9		Beverly Thompson Hugh Jordan	Christina Storkamp
October 16		Teresa Barrera Edge Beverly Thompson	Christina Storkamp
October 23		Hugh Jordan Jane Hall Williams	Christina Storkamp
October 30	<b>ECW Coffee Hour and All Hallows Eve Treats</b>	Carol Rice Dorsey Ladson McMichael	Christina Storkamp

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