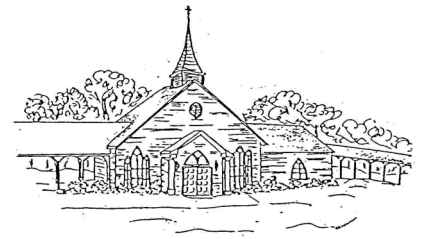




# Our Parish Life



## October 2023



## 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*

**Rebecca Miller, Treasurer**

**Jen Martinez, ECW President**

**Karen Hidalgo, Church Secretary**

**Beverly Thompson, Clerk to the Vestry**

### 2023 Vestry Members

Twalla Haley Sr. Warden	912-245-3002
Frank Champion Jr Warden	912-245-0822
Beverly Thompson	912-293-2385
Carol Rice	912-537-8590
Martha Dekle	912-261-8980
Len Edge	254-253-0298

### OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

#### Christian Education (Sunday School)

9:30am for the Adults every Sunday.

In October, for children and youth, the 8 & 22 at 10:20 am.

Nursery is available every Sunday. Refreshments after the 10:30 service.

#### Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 8, 4:30 pm, in the St. Francis Memorial Garden. Please bring in donations of dog & cat food in September. More information on page 4.

#### Vestry Meeting

Sunday, October 15, at 11:45.

#### Smoked Chicken Dinner to raise funds for Restricted Building Repair and Maintenance

Wednesday, October 18, 4:30—7:00 pm in the parish hall. Take-out is available. Sit-down dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 a plate and are available to purchase Sundays at church and in the church office. Menu will include: smoked chicken, potato salad, green beans rolls and dessert.

#### Downtown Spooktacular October 26th

This year we will be participating in the Downtown Vidalia Association's Downtown Spooktacular. They are expecting 1200+ kids to attend. We are asking for donations of candy please.

#### All Hallows Eve Treats

Sunday, October 29, after the 10:30 Service

#### All Saints Sunday Necrology

**Sunday, November 5, 2023**, 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

Collection of boxes All Saint's Sunday, November 5.

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

Canned meat, soups with pop tops, rice, crackers, oatmeal, cereal, these are some of the items in need.



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.

Dear People of Annunciation,

For several Sunday's in September the theme of the scripture lessons focused on forgiveness. In my opinion, no person understood forgiveness and reconciliation better than the late Archbishop Desmond M. Tutu, South African Anglican bishop and theologian who was known for his work as an anti-apartheid and human rights activist. He was the first black African to hold the positions of Bishop of Johannesburg and then Archbishop of Cape Town. In 2009, he received the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

He was often asked as chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, how the people of South Africa were able to forgive the atrocities and injustices they suffered under apartheid. South Africa, until 1994, was a country that institutionalized racism, inequality, and oppression. After living in that time of apartheid, Archbishop Tutu was asked what he had learned about forgiveness from his experience and from the many places he had visited during his life where there was conflict and suffering. His book *The Book of Forgiving* is his response to these questions and to the unspoken question that lies behind: How *do* we forgive? The following quotes from his book are just a few to peak your curiosity.

He says, "There is nothing that cannot be forgiven, and there is no one undeserving of forgiveness. In our own ways, we are all broken. Out of that brokenness, we hurt others. Forgiveness is the journey we take toward healing the broken parts. It is how we become whole again. There are countless studies that enumerate the social, spiritual, psychological, and even physiological benefits of forgiveness. To walk the path of forgiveness is to recognize that your crimes harm you as they harm me. To walk the path of forgiveness is to recognize that my dignity is bound up in your dignity, and every wrongdoing hurts us all. Without willingness, this journey will be impossible. Before forgiveness there must be the willingness to consider forgiving. The path of forgiveness is not an easy one but it is the way we return what has been taken from us and restore the love and kindness and trust that has been lost."

*The Book of Forgiving*, which I highly recommend, is an invitation to walk with Archbishop Tutu and his daughter on the path of forgiveness and reconciliation not because it will be easy but because, in the end the path of forgiveness is the only path worth taking. Archbishop Tutu offers this prayer to start the path...

### *Prayer Before the Prayer*

I want to be willing to forgive but I dare not ask for the will to forgive  
In case you give it to me and I am not yet ready  
I am not yet ready for my heart to soften  
I am not yet ready to be vulnerable again  
Not yet ready to see that there is humanity in my tormentor's eyes  
Or that the one who hurt me may also have cried  
I am not yet ready for the journey I am not yet interested in the path  
I am at the prayer before the prayer of forgiveness  
Grant me the will to want to forgive Grant it to me not yet but soon  
Can I even form the words forgive me?  
Dare I even look? Do I dare to see the hurt I have caused?  
I can glimpse all the shattered pieces of that fragile thing  
That soul trying to rise on the broken wings of hope  
But only out of the corner of my eye I am afraid of it  
And if I am afraid to see how can I not be afraid to say forgive me?  
Is there a place where we can meet? You and me  
The place in the middle the no man's land where we straddle the line  
Where you are right and I am right too and both are wrong and wronged  
Can we meet there? And look for the place where the path begins  
The path that ends when we forgive

May the path of forgiveness be your path,  
Denise+



**Blessing of the Animals at 4:30pm Sunday, October 8, 2023  
Memorial Service at 4:00pm All pets are welcome!**

Blessing of  
the Animals



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 (Purina or Pedigree), towels and blankets (gently used), Leashes & collars-all sizes, Tractor Supply or Walmart gift cards.

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**Thank You's...**

**To our pulled pork cook Frank Champion and to everyone who helped make the BBQ Pulled Pork Fundraiser a success. The church raised \$1055 dollars.**



**Christian Education (Sunday School)  
For All Ages**

For the adults, 9:30 am every Sunday. For children and youth every other Sunday. In October 8 & 22 at 10:20 am. Nursery is available every Sunday.



**Downtown Spooktacular**



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**Scams: the FTC's advice:**

If you get an unexpected email from anyone asking for any kind of help:-Don't pay for anything with a gift card. Gift cards are for gifts, not for payments. If anyone asks you to pay with a gift card, it's a scam.- Double-check with the person. Call using a known number — not something that was written in the email. -Take a pause. Can't reach the person? Wait and try again later to check.



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## 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, November 5.**



## 1Book1Diocese for Advent 2023

Kate Bowler is a professor at Duke Divinity School who specializes in the study of the prosperity gospel, a creed that sees fortune as a blessing from God and misfortune as a mark of God's disapproval. At thirty-five, everything in her life seemed to point toward "blessing" when she was diagnosed with stage IV colon cancer.

Her book *Everything Happens for a Reason (and other lies I have loved)* will be the 1Book1Diocese read for Advent 2023. We will journey with Kate as she is stripped of the certainty she held only to discover that without it, life is hard but beautiful in a way it never had been before.

As the days shorten and the lectionary considers the Second Coming even as we prepare to celebrate Jesus' first advent in Bethlehem, Bowler brings home the depth of our incarnational faith. Look for a Discussion Guide in *From the Field* as we get closer to beginning this study. Below, see her 2018 TedTalk that led to this *New York Times* Bestseller.



PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING

# TOOMBS COUNTY'S BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM



THIS LOCAL PROGRAM PROVIDES WEEKEND FOOD TO STUDENTS WITHIN THE TOOMBS COUNTY AND VIDALIA CITY SCHOOLS DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR. CREATED IN 2014 IN RESPONSE TO THE GROWING NUMBER OF STUDENTS CHALLENGED WITH FOOD INSTABILITY, THE BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM SERVED 131 CHILDREN EACH WEEK DURING THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR. IT IS OPERATED BY TOOMBS COUNTY FAMILY CONNECTION IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MANY LOCAL CHURCHES AND SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. THE NEED FOR FUNDING CONTINUES TO GROW AS THE COST OF FOOD RISES. IN THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, WE PROJECT THE NEED TO SERVE 160 STUDENTS. THE AVERAGE COST OF EACH BAG IS \$2.40 AND OUR BUDGET FOR 2023-2024 IS \$11,500. PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A ONE TIME OR MONTHLY DONATION .

## GIVING OPTIONS:

- A ONE TIME DONATION OF \$1,536   
(ONE MONTH OF WEEKEND FOOD)
- A ONE TIME DONATION OF \$384 (1 WEEK OF FOOD)
- A ONE TIME DONATION OF \_\_\_\_\_
- A MONTHLY DONATION OF \$384   
(1 WEEK OF FOOD X 9 MONTHS)
- A MONTHLY DONATION OF \$50 (X 9 MONTHS)
- A MONTHLY DONATION OF \$25 (X 9 MONTHS)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT PAIGE WILLIAMSON | 912-245-2542  
TO DONATE: PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO  
TOOMBS CO. BOE AND EARMARK "BACKPACK BUDDIES".  
MAIL CHECKS HERE: TOOMBS CO. BOE | ATTN: TOMARA NICHOLS  
600 BULLDOG ROAD UNIT 1 LYONS, GA 30436  
•THE SCHOOL SERVES AS FAMILY CONNECTION'S FISCAL AGENT. •



## THE DOMINICAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP

*2023 Fall Pilgrimage*

November 13-18, 2023

Join us this Fall as we journey together to the Dominican Republic. During our trip we will visit with 8-10 different congregations within the Dominican Episcopal Church. With every stop along the way, you will gather information to help discern where God may be calling you to serve.

SPACE IS LIMITED. PLEASE CONTACT US WITH QUESTIONS AND TO SIGN UP FOR A MANDATORY INFORMATION SESSION.



Have you felt God's calling to participate in mission?



Has your church or small group been searching for a place to serve?



Would you like to learn more about the ministry of the Dominican Episcopal Church?

FOR MORE INFO:

[CWallace@DominicanDevelopmentGroup.org](mailto:CWallace@DominicanDevelopmentGroup.org)

## Outreach Opportunities

### 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.





## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are available for dedication, memorial or in thanksgiving. The cost is \$50 for one. The Sanctuary Lamp is available for dedication and the cost is \$10.



# October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<b>1 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II	<b>2</b>  <b>Bee Keepers Meeting</b> 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.	<b>3</b>  <b>Clergy Conference at Honey Creek.</b>	<b>4</b>  <b>Clergy Conference at Honey Creek.</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Office closed</b>  5-6 pm Pre-Convention Convocation Meeting	<b>6</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>10am-3pm Cursillo Day of Deeper Understanding</b>
<b>8 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II  <b>Coffee Hour after 10:30 service</b>  <b>Blessing of the Animals 4:30</b> <b>Memorial Service 4:00 pm</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>Columbus Day</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b>  8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II  <b>Vestry Meeting at 11:45 am.</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Smoked Chicken Dinner Fund-raiser 4:30-7:00 pm.</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22 The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost</b>  8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Office closed</b>  <b>Downtown Spooktacular</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Office closed</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost</b>  8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II  <b>All Hallows Eve treats &amp; Coffee Hour</b>	<b>30</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**

Betty Jo Sadler, for comfort and healing.

### **We continue Prayers for**

Crystle May, friend of Abigail Chapman, for comfort and healing.  
Patrick Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew, for comfort and healing.  
Maxine McCall, friend and neighbor to Beverly & Chuck Thompson, for comfort and healing.  
Jane Hall -Williams, for continued healing.  
Nell Collins, Martha Dekle's Aunt, for comfort and healing  
Avis Peek, friend and neighbor to Burt & Johanna Derrick for comfort and healing.  
Cathy, Jerry Yates's sister, for comfort and healing.  
Steve Fullam, for comfort and healing.  
Steven and Chelsey Parkey, for comfort and healing.  
David and Leslie Hodges, friends to David Parker, for comfort and healing.  
The Most Rev. Bishop Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop, for comfort and healing.  
Brenda Williams, Thom Williams mom for comfort and healing.  
Fernando Hidalgo, for continued healing.  
Lisa Bozeman, Ann Bowman's daughter, & Karen Hidalgo's sister, for comfort and healing.  
Barbara Creamer, friend of Jane Hall & Tom Williams 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.  
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.  
Grace Alexander for comfort and healing.  
JoAnne, for healing.  
Quinten Turpin, for comfort and healing.  
Todd Alexander, for healing.  
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.  
Fran Williams, for comfort and healing.

### **Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness**

Mindy Coleman, Ann Bowman's niece, for comfort and healing.  
Mark Szatkowsky, 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.  
Johanna Derrick, for healing.  
Barbee Adams for healing.  
Mark Quigley, friend of Jane Hall for comfort and healing.

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

Patton Gillis, and for care-giver, Karen Gillis.  
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; Texie Joy Martin 10th; John Martinez 11th; Jason Bring 11th; Patrice Jordan 12th; Dennis Ingley 15th; Shirley Gillis 17th; John Collins 17th; Jen Martinez 18th; Lynette Dell 26th; Richard Mann 26th; Shannon Martin 28th.**



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**RESTRICTED FUNDS RECONCILEMENT**

8/31/23

Fund	Bal. Fwd.	Additions	Subtractions	Current Bal.	Net Change
Building Fund (held in Ameris)	9,300.00	-		9,300.00	-
Memorial Fund	6,006.14		(625.85)	5,380.29	(625.85)
Flower Guild	2,355.66	100.00	(88.12)	2,367.54	11.88
Bldg Repair/Maint.	-			-	-
Other: (Total)	4,648.34	350.00	(1,625.00)	3,373.34	(1,275.00)
<b>TOTALS FOR MONTH:</b>	<b>22,310.14</b>	<b>450.00</b>	<b>(2,338.97)</b>	<b>20,421.17</b>	<b>(1,888.97)</b>

RESTRICTED OTHER Breakdown					
Category	Bal. Fwd	Additions	Subtractions	Current Balance	Net Change
Grill Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Pastoral Care	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Worship	-			-	-
COLUMBARIUM	1,310.12	-		1,310.12	-
COLUMBARIUM Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
Chair Rec.	-	-	-	-	-
Bldg. Fund	-	100.00	-	100.00	100.00
Clergy Disc. Fund	14.34	150.00	(100.00)	64.34	50.00
Bishop Disc. Fund	-			-	-
Scholarship				-	-
Youth Acct.	1,253.15		(1,200.00)	53.15	(1,200.00)
ECW	8.68			8.68	-
UTO	-			-	-
EYC	-			-	-
DOK	-			-	-
Cursillo	605.40			605.40	-
Georgia Power Fund	-			-	-
IYCS Ann Thx	-			-	-
Outreach	-			-	-
Parent's Morning Out	-			-	-
Pew Cushions	-			-	-
Honey Creek	-			-	-
Music Gift	228.80		(325.00)	(96.20)	(325.00)
Misc. - Playground Equip.	490.88	100.00		590.88	100.00
Misc - Bishop				-	-
Misc.	637.00			637.00	-
Misc. - Priest	-			-	-
Misc. - Deacon	-			-	-
Misc. - Alter Veil	-			-	-
Totals for "Other Restricted"	4,648.37	350.00	(1,625.00)	3,373.37	(1,275.00)





**Episcopal Church of the Annunciation  
Profit & Loss Budget Performance  
August 2023**

	Aug 23	Budget	Jan - Aug 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
45000 · Investments	0.00	0.00	9,884.85	0.00	0.00
Unpledged Offerings	143.00	375.00	2,388.00	3,000.00	4,500.00
47000 · Pledges	13,682.29	11,666.00	82,613.50	93,328.00	140,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>13,825.29</b>	<b>12,041.00</b>	<b>94,886.35</b>	<b>96,328.00</b>	<b>144,500.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>13,825.29</b>	<b>12,041.00</b>	<b>94,886.35</b>	<b>96,328.00</b>	<b>144,500.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>					
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>					
1405 · Clergy Cont. Ed. Fund	0.00	41.66	304.00	333.28	500.00
1501 · Rector's Stipend	3,808.25	3,808.25	30,466.00	30,466.00	45,699.00
1502 · Social Security Offset	439.37	433.33	3,514.96	3,466.64	5,200.00
1503 · Rector's Housing/Util Allow	1,495.00	1,495.00	11,960.00	11,960.00	17,950.00
1505 · Rector's Medical Ins.	803.00	803.00	6,424.00	6,424.00	9,636.00
1506 · Rector's Pension	796.74	921.74	7,248.92	7,373.92	11,060.88
1510 · Secretary's Salary	817.31	750.00	5,721.58	6,000.00	9,000.00
1515 · Workers Comp Ins	0.00	125.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,500.00
1517 · Misc Admin	46.02	166.74	1,259.92	1,333.92	2,000.00
1611 · Janitor	90.00	500.00	2,734.00	4,000.00	6,000.00
1704 · Rector Local Auto/Bus Exp	0.00	83.37	417.70	666.96	1,000.00
<b>Total ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>8,295.69</b>	<b>9,128.09</b>	<b>70,051.08</b>	<b>73,024.72</b>	<b>109,545.88</b>
<b>BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>					
1603 · Water Buildings/Disposal	52.00	45.87	401.64	366.96	550.00
1604 · Water Yard Sprinklers	14.00	25.00	81.71	200.00	300.00
1607 · Building Maintenance	55.00	250.00	458.25	2,000.00	3,000.00
1610 · Yard Care	325.00	375.00	2,650.00	3,000.00	4,500.00
<b>Total BUILDINGS &amp; GROUNDS</b>	<b>446.00</b>	<b>695.87</b>	<b>3,591.60</b>	<b>5,566.96</b>	<b>8,350.00</b>
<b>DIOCESIAN EXPENSE</b>					
1401 · Pledge to Diocese	1,292.17	1,292.17	10,337.36	10,337.36	15,506.00
1404 · Convention Expense	0.00	41.74	288.27	333.92	500.00
<b>Total DIOCESIAN EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,292.17</b>	<b>1,333.91</b>	<b>10,625.63</b>	<b>10,671.28</b>	<b>16,006.00</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>					
1508 · Office Expense	64.26	187.50	1,504.77	1,500.00	2,250.00
1509 · Postage	0.00	50.00	332.22	400.00	600.00
1512 · Telephone	104.62	166.74	1,139.46	1,333.92	2,000.00
1513 · Internet	99.95	125.00	815.08	1,000.00	1,500.00

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	Aug 23	Budget	Jan - Aug 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
1601 · Nursery Care/Furnishings	0.00	8.37	30.00	66.96	100.00
1602 · Electricity	949.32	666.66	5,280.87	5,333.28	8,000.00
1605 · Natural Gas	92.65	91.66	890.28	733.28	1,100.00
1606 · Property Insurance	0.00	481.41	0.00	3,851.28	5,777.00
1609 · Supplies	0.00	66.66	586.99	533.28	800.00
1614 · Misc Operating Expense	0.00	8.37	0.00	66.96	100.00
<b>Total OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1,310.80</b>	<b>1,852.37</b>	<b>10,579.67</b>	<b>14,818.96</b>	<b>22,227.00</b>
<b>PROGRAMS &amp; MINISTRY</b>					
1400 · Outreach	200.00	200.00	1,400.00	1,600.00	2,400.00
1402 · Christian Ed /Sunday School Exp	31.20	58.33	435.34	466.64	700.00
1403 · Youth Activities	0.00	16.66	46.05	133.28	200.00
1407 · Ministries(Fellowship Past. Car	118.91	83.33	751.25	666.64	1,000.00
1511 · Altar Expense	0.00	83.33	661.94	666.64	1,000.00
1612 · Music	0.00	8.37	50.16	66.96	100.00
<b>Total PROGRAMS &amp; MINISTRY</b>	<b>350.11</b>	<b>450.02</b>	<b>3,344.74</b>	<b>3,600.16</b>	<b>5,400.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>11,694.77</b>	<b>13,460.26</b>	<b>98,192.72</b>	<b>107,682.08</b>	<b>161,528.88</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>2,130.52</b>	<b>-1,419.26</b>	<b>-3,306.37</b>	<b>-11,354.08</b>	<b>-17,028.88</b>
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## **Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – August 20, 2023 at 11:45 am**

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Twalla Haley, Carol Rice, Martha Dekle, Len Edge, Frank Champion, Beverly Thompson; Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson; Treasurer Not in Attendance: Rebecca Miller

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Denise at 12:15 pm after light lunch was enjoyed together.

Vestry Meditation, *Variety of Gifts - But the Same Spirit*, was completed.

Vestry Meeting minutes for July 2023 were reviewed; Martha moved to approve minutes with one correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Twalla, motion passed.

Financial Report: (Rev. Denise for Rebecca) Financial Report for July 2023 was presented. July Income was \$7154.00. July Expenses were \$11,726.90. Net Income for July was -\$4572.90. Current amount in Max and Christy Manry Memorial State Street Global Advisors Account is \$173,670.58. Amount in Bank of America Church Corp Investment Account as of 6/30/2023 was \$223,412.81; report on this account is updated quarterly. Income and expenses are typical for this time of year. Rev. Denise reported on the discrepancy in the Restricted Fund balance that was noted at July Vestry meeting. We are working through Dennis Ingley's Office to reconcile the figures in the Restricted Funds. Frank moved to approve the July Financial Report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Twalla) – No report.

Junior Warden's Report: (Frank) Retaining wall and other needs discussed at July Vestry meeting are still in the works.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Savor the Flavor of Labor Day Covered Dish luncheon will be shared on August 27<sup>th</sup>; BBQ will be provided by church. ECW Coffee Hour will be September 10<sup>th</sup>. Next Vestry Meeting will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Denise will attend Clergy Conference on October 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>. If anyone from Annunciation is interested in serving on Diocesan Council, a new member will be elected from our Central Convocation at end of September or beginning of October. Our Stewardship Campaign, "Rooted in Abundance", begins in September and will end around November 19<sup>th</sup> with an Appreciation Luncheon. Hugh Jordan will serve as Stewardship Chair.

### Business:

1. Diocesan Assessment for 2024 is \$15,860.00. Frank moved to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Martha, motion passed.
2. Convention delegates are needed for Diocesan Convention in Augusta on November 10-11, 2023. Tentatively, Martha Dekle and Len Edge will serve as voting delegates and Beverly Thompson will serve as an alternate delegate.
3. Safe Church, Safe Community Training is recommended for all Clergy, Vestry Members, Staff, Altar Guild, Eucharistic Ministers, Sexton, Treasurer, and those who work with Children's Ministry/Youth. There are 9 online courses, each lasting around 15 minutes. Different courses are recommended for persons with differing roles in the church. Rev. Denise has information on how to register and which courses to take. Courses should be completed by 1/1/2024 or before.
4. Frank Champion shared information on our campaign to raise funds for our Repair and Maintenance Restricted Fund. It will begin with a BBQ Pork Dinner on 9/20/2023. Tickets will be sold for \$15 per plate. Meals may be picked up between 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the Parish Hall, or may be eaten in the Parish Hall. Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve.
5. Playground Upgrading Project has been initiated. Jane Hall Williams has made an appeal to the congregation for donations. A sail is needed to shade the slide area. New swing seats are needed for the younger children's swing set. A climbing dome will be added to the playground. Harry Moses will help put up the new equipment.
6. Sunday School Program will begin on 9/10/2023. Adults and youth will meet at 9:30 am to 10:15 am. Children will have Sunday School twice a month beginning at 10:30 am with two age levels – one class for younger children and one class for older children. Nursery will be provided every Sunday at 10:15 AM.
7. Work on revising Annunciation Bylaws is tabled until September meeting.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

Meeting was adjourned with Lord's Prayer around 2:00 pm.

*Beverly Thompson*

Submitted by 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 2023 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>
October 1	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Teresa Barrera-Edge
October 8	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Shannon Martin	Jack Dell
October 15	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Beverly Thompson
October 22	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Martha Dekle	Teresa Barrera-Edge
October 29	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell

	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Greeters/Bread &amp; Wine</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Alms/Usher</b>
October 1	Jackie Moses	Jackie Moses	Youth	Jackie Moses
October 8	Lynette Dell	Lynette Dell	Youth	Lynette Dell
October 15	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
October 22	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Youth	Anne Roller
October 29	Christie Roller	Christie Roller	Youth	Christie Roller

	<b>Special Reception Coffee or Lunch</b>	<b>Collection Counter</b>	<b>Video Tech</b>
October 1		Hugh Jordan Teresa Barrera-Edge	TBD
October 8	<i>Coffee Hour after 10:30 service</i>	Jack Dell Jane Hall-Williams	TBD
October 15		Beverly Thompson Carol Rice	TBD
October 22		Hugh Jordan Martha Dekle	TBD
October 29	<i>All Hallows Eve treats &amp; Coffee Hour</i>	Jack Dell Beverly Thompson	TBD