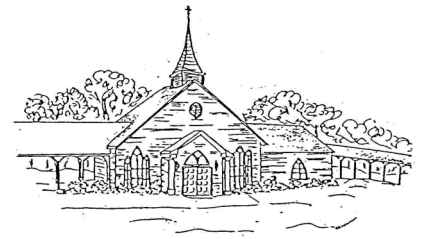




Our Parish Life



September 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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The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn
Rector, Annunciation

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2023 Vestry Members

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OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

Labor Day

Monday, September 4, 2023. Church closed.

Christian Education (Sunday School) For All Ages Begins September 10

9:30 am every Sunday for the Adults.

For children and youth every other Sunday. In September the 10 & 24 at 10:20 am. Nursery is available every Sunday. Refreshments provided by the ECW will be served after the 10:30 service.

Vestry Meeting

Sunday, September 17, at 11:45.

A BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner to raise funds for Restricted Building Repair & Maintenance

Wednesday, September 20, 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Eat-in and take-out will be available. Tickets are \$15.00 a plate and will be available to purchase Sundays at church and in the church office. Last date to purchase a ticket is September 17. Dinner will include: Pulled Pork, Coleslaw, BBQ beans, Texas Toast, & Dessert.

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.

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.



They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. - Jeremiah 17:8



THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

Dear People of Annunciation,

The most important words to say in Church are “thank you.” Say it often, and mean it, and today I say it to you. Thank you for the many gifts that you share with our community.

You have heard the familiar expression “can’t see the forest for the trees” before. We most often use it to describe that occasion in which we lose sight of the big picture while focusing on the details. From my position, I often experience the blessing of being able to see the big picture of our congregation – the ministry we bring to our neighbors, the impact we have on our community, the ways that week after week we come together to celebrate our faith and praise God. This is the forest.

And I get to wander amongst the trees. From the small shoot reaching out from its seed and finding the sunlight, to the mightiest tree, standing tall, showing strength, offering sheltering love to those who need it. You are those trees, each drawing strength from our meal and showering the world with the love and grace you have come to know here. I am blessed in that here in our congregation, I can see both the forest and the trees!

When I walk through a forest, I am aware of the tangle of roots, how one tree is connected to another. Trees use these networks, secretly talking to each other through their roots, passing information along. Adult trees share their sugars with young saplings, a dying tree can send its remaining resources back out to help the community. These networks, these roots of abundance, keep trees in place just as much as they free them to grow and share.

The theme of our annual pledge campaign this year is *Rooted in Abundance*, and we are reminded that we are a mighty forest comprised of ancient trunks and sprightly saplings, each of us contributing our gifts to a world that needs us. As you hear the messages and stories of abundance this year, take note of how generosity spreads and widens our root structures of faith and action.

In gratitude,

Denise+



**Principal Norfleet at J. D. Dickerson
Primary School accepting the blessed school
supplies you donated.**



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Thank You's...



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NOTICE
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THANKS TO GOD FOR YOUR BLESSINGS
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AN OFFERING FOR EACH BLESSING
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YOUR BLESSING BECOMES A BLESSING FOR OTHERS

7/24/2023

Dear Church of the Annunciation,

Thank you so much for your generous
donation of \$255.00 to the United Thank
Offering Ingathering. 100% of your gift will
support innovative mission and ministry
projects addressing welcome and inclusivity.
We are so grateful for your support.

Sincerely,
The UTO Board and Staff

This receipt conforms to the IRS guidelines and should be maintained with your tax papers. Any
goods or services provided to you consist solely of intangible religious benefits.

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.**



Scams: the FTC's advice:

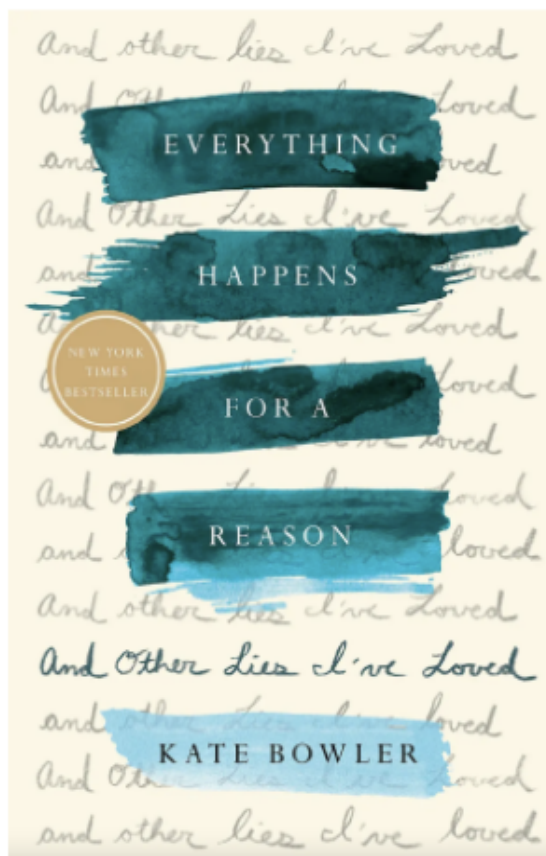
If you get an unexpected email from anyone asking for any kind of help:-Don't pay for anything with a gift card. Gift cards are for gifts, not for payments. If anyone asks you to pay with a gift card, it's a scam.-Double-check with the person. Call using a known number — not something that was written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

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.



Blessing of the Animals at 4:30pm Sunday, October 8, 2023 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.






Racial Justice Georgia, the diocesan racial justice and healing ministry, invites you to attend this year's St. Anna Alexander pilgrimage on the weekend of September 22-24. The lone Black deaconess in the Episcopal Church, the only person from the diocese recognized as a saint, St. Anna selflessly pursued a ministry of teaching, preaching, and community work for decades in the early 20th century, despite the confinements of Jim Crow. Centered in the Brunswick area, the pilgrimage immerses you in her world and concludes with a special service at Good Shepherd, Pennick, the church she established and faithfully served. This year we're excited to have St. Timothy's choristers from the Diocese of Atlanta, performing music they have created for the pilgrimage. The pilgrimage begins Friday evening and concludes Sunday afternoon.

To register or for more information please contact RacialJusticeGA@gaepiscopal.org



September 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>3 The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	<p>4 Labor Day Office Closed</p> <p>Bee Keepers Meeting 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.</p>	5	6	<p>7 Office Closed</p>	<p>8 Office Closed</p>	9
<p>10 The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Christian Education Begins ECW Coffee Hour</p>	11	12	13	<p>14 Office Closed</p>	<p>15 Office Closed</p> <p>Daughters of the King Fall Assembly</p>	<p>16 Daughters of the King Fall Assembly</p>
<p>17 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Vestry Meeting at 11:45 am.</p>	18	19	<p>20 BBQ Pulled Pork Dinner 4:30-7:00 pm.</p>	<p>21 Office Closed</p>	<p>22 Office Closed</p>	23
<p>24 The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	25	26	27	<p>28 Office Closed</p>	29	30



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

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.
Jean and 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.



September Birthdays: Larry Threlkeld 6th; Lillian Champion 11th; Hughs(Hatch) Threlkeld 15th; Shea Martin 23rd; Courtney Davis 25th; Shanna Annebell Edge 27th; Bobby Hamilton 29th.

September Anniversaries: Tom & Jane Hall Williams 4th.



Episcopal Church of the Annunciation Profit & Loss Budget Performance July 2023

	Jul 23	Budget	Jan - Jul 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
45000 · Investments	0.00	0.00	9,884.85	0.00	0.00
Unpledged Offerings	294.00	375.00	2,245.00	2,625.00	4,500.00
47000 · Pledges	6,860.00	11,666.00	68,931.21	81,662.00	140,000.00
Total Income	7,154.00	12,041.00	81,061.06	84,287.00	144,500.00
Gross Profit	7,154.00	12,041.00	81,061.06	84,287.00	144,500.00
Expense					
ADMINISTRATIVE					
1405 · Clergy Cont. Ed. Fund	0.00	41.66	304.00	291.62	500.00
1501 · Rector's Stipend	3,808.25	3,808.25	26,657.75	26,657.75	45,699.00
1502 · Social Security Offset	439.37	433.33	3,075.59	3,033.31	5,200.00
1503 · Rector's Housing/Util Allow	1,495.00	1,495.00	10,465.00	10,465.00	17,950.00
1505 · Rector's Medical Ins.	803.00	803.00	5,621.00	5,621.00	9,636.00
1506 · Rector's Pension	921.74	921.74	6,452.18	6,452.18	11,060.88
1510 · Secretary's Salary	598.28	750.00	4,904.27	5,250.00	9,000.00
1515 · Workers Comp Ins	0.00	125.00	0.00	875.00	1,500.00
1517 · Misc Admin	150.00	166.74	1,213.90	1,167.18	2,000.00
1611 · Janitor	78.00	500.00	2,644.00	3,500.00	6,000.00
1704 · Rector Local Auto/Bus Exp	0.00	83.37	417.70	583.59	1,000.00
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	8,293.64	9,128.09	61,755.39	63,896.63	109,545.88
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
1603 · Water Buildings/Disposal	70.64	45.87	349.64	321.09	550.00
1604 · Water Yard Sprinklers	0.00	25.00	67.71	175.00	300.00
1607 · Building Maintenance	300.00	250.00	403.25	1,750.00	3,000.00
1610 · Yard Care	325.00	375.00	2,325.00	2,625.00	4,500.00
Total BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	695.64	695.87	3,145.60	4,871.09	8,350.00
DIOCESIAN EXPENSE					
1401 · Pledge to Diocese	1,292.17	1,292.17	9,045.19	9,045.19	15,506.00
1404 · Convention Expense	0.00	41.74	288.27	292.18	500.00
Total DIOCESIAN EXPENSE	1,292.17	1,333.91	9,333.46	9,337.37	16,006.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
1508 · Office Expense	58.54	187.50	1,440.51	1,312.50	2,250.00
1509 · Postage	63.00	50.00	332.22	350.00	600.00
1512 · Telephone	149.12	166.74	1,034.84	1,167.18	2,000.00
1513 · Internet	99.95	125.00	715.13	875.00	1,500.00
Total OPERATING EXPENSES	1,239.26	1,852.37	9,268.87	12,966.59	22,227.00
PROGRAMS & MINISTRY					
1400 · Outreach	100.00	200.00	1,200.00	1,400.00	2,400.00
1402 · Christian Ed /Sunday School Exp	0.00	58.33	404.14	408.31	700.00
1403 · Youth Activities	0.00	16.66	46.05	116.62	200.00
1407 · Ministries(Fellowship Past. Car	50.00	83.33	632.34	583.31	1,000.00
1511 · Altar Expense	56.19	83.33	661.94	583.31	1,000.00
1612 · Music	0.00	8.37	50.16	58.59	100.00
Total PROGRAMS & MINISTRY	206.19	450.02	2,994.63	3,150.14	5,400.00
Total Expense	11,726.90	13,460.26	86,497.95	94,221.82	161,528.88
Net Ordinary Income	-4,572.90	-1,419.26	-5,436.89	-9,934.82	-17,028.88
Net Income	-4,572.90	-1,419.26	-5,436.89	-9,934.82	-17,028.88

Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – July 23, 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 12:20 pm after light lunch was enjoyed together. Vestry Meditation, Taking Nothing Extra on Your Journey, was completed.

Vestry Meeting minutes for June 2023 were reviewed; Carol moved to approve minutes, 2nd by Frank, motion passed.

Financial Report: (Rev. Denise for Rebecca) Financial Report for June 2023 was presented. June Income was \$7751.00. June Expenses were \$11,337.80. Net Income for June was -\$3586.80. Current amount in Max and Christy Manry Memorial State Street Global Advisors Account is \$169,330.86. 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. Frank commented that there is a discrepancy on Restricted Income Account balance total; Denise will look into this. Frank moved to approve the June Financial Report, 2nd by Carol, motion passed.

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

Junior Warden's Report: (Frank) New wood on portico needs to be painted (primed and satin white). Window in Parish Hall Nursery needs repair. Denise shared that dirt runs down onto sidewalk between office building and church building. Frank may work with Jesus Hernandez to build a retaining wall with pavers that will help prevent this. Len may help also.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Back to School Bash will be on July 29th at STC; Annunciation will provide bottles of cold water to attendees. Youth Sunday and Blessing of Back Packs will be on July 30th with a pizza party and swimming at Vidalia Aquatics Center after the 10:30 am service; school begins on August 4th. Church Audit will be conducted on August 8 at 6 pm by Hugh Jordan, Wes Chapman, and Rebecca Miller. ECW Coffee Hour will be held on Sunday, August 13th. Next Vestry meeting will be on August 20th after 10:30 am service. Savor the Flavor of Labor Day Covered Dish luncheon will be held on Sunday, August 27; BBQ will be provided.

Business:

1. Campaign to raise funds for Repair and Maintenance Restricted Fund was discussed; Frank will head a committee to develop plan to sell dinners at \$10 per plate. Volunteers will be needed to serve on committee as well as to carry out ticket sales, cooking, plating, and cleanup.
2. Revisions to Annunciation Bylaws were discussed and changes were approved on Article III, Section B, Parts 1 - 7.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

Meeting was adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 1:20 pm.

Beverly Thompson



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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 2023 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 a.m. Eucharistic Minister
September 3	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Martha Dekle	Beverly Thompson
September 10	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Shannon Martin	Teresa Barrera-Edge
September 17	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Beverly Thompson
September 24	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
September 3	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
September 10	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Youth	Anne Roller
September 17	Christie Roller	Christie Roller	Youth	Christie Roller
September 24	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Roller	Youth	Karen Hidalgo

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter	Video Tech
September 3		Beverly Thompson Martha Dekle	TBD
September 10	ECW Coffee Hour	Carol Rice Teresa Barrera-Edge	TBD
September 17		Jane Hall-Williams Len Edge	TBD
September 24		Hugh Jordan Jack Dell	TBD