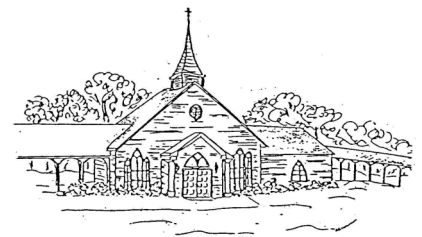




Our Parish Life



December 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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Karen Hidalgo, Church Secretary

Beverly Thompson, Clerk to the Vestry

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Twalla Haley Sr. Warden	912-245-3002
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OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

Christian Education (Sunday School)

9:30am for the Adults every Sunday.
December 3rd & 17th at 10:20 am. for children and youth,
Nursery is available every Sunday.

First Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 3.

Look for the Angel tree to be in the Narthex filled with Christmas wishes for children and families assigned to us by the local Salvation Army. Wrapped gifts with the angel ornament attached due Sunday, December 17th.

Episcopal Church Women Christmas Cookie Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 10, 2023.
Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share.
Donations to go to the Youth Fund for Summer Camp.

Chili (Three Meat or Vegetarian) Dinner

To raise funds for the Restricted Building and Maintenance. Wednesday, December 13, 4:30-7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$15 and will be available to purchase Sunday's at church and in the church office.

Menu will include: meat or vegetable chili, corn muffin and dessert.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, December 17, at 11:45.

Youth Christmas Gift Exchange, Lunch and Party with Santa

Sunday, December 17 after the 10:30 service.

Greening of the Church

Begins, Monday, December 18th through the 23rd.

Advent Lessons & Hymns

December 24th 10:30 am Fourth Sunday of Advent.
No Eucharist & no 8:00am service.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist 5:00 pm

Sunday, December 24, 5:00 pm with children's Christmas Pageant .
Reception following the services.

The First Sunday after Christmas Day December 31st

10:30 am Morning Prayer Rt II. No 8:00 am service.

Reverse Advent Calendar for the Church Pantry

With list of needed items on page 4. Bring your items into the Narthex or Church office. Thank you for your donations.

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,

Matthew writes in his gospel chapter 1 vss. 18-23, “Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way....She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, God is with us.”

An Experience of the Holy Presence by William Porcher Dubose

“Three cadets (at The Citadel, Charleston, SC), returning from a long march and a series of encampments, and a brief stoppage at their common home, spent on their way back to their garrison a night in a certain city, and returned at midnight hilarious and weary from what was called a “roaring farce” at the little theatre, to occupy one bed at the crowded hotel. In a moment the others were in bed and asleep. There was no apparent reason why I should not have been so too or why it should have just then occurred to me that I had not of late been saying my prayers. Perfectly unconscious and unsuspecting of anything unusual, I knelt to go through the form, when of a sudden there swept over me a feeling of the emptiness and unmeaningness of the act and of my whole life and self. I leapt to my feet trembling, and then that happened which I can only describe by saying that a light shone about me and a Presence filled the room. At the same time an ineffable joy and peace took possession of me which it is impossible either to express or explain. I continued I know not how long, perfectly conscious of, simply but intensely feeling, the Presence, and fearful, by any movement, of breaking the spell. I went to sleep at last praying that it was no passing illusion, but that I should awake to find it an abiding reality...God has His ways of coming to us, of entering into our world and into our life and making them new: heaven is with us when our eyes are open to see it...

After the spiritual crisis (passed), I returned to my natural habits and duties, the form which the intervening change in me assumed was mainly that of a sensitized and transfigured—not only consciousness, but conscience. I had sense of walking in the light, and of at least desiring and intending to have no darkness in me at all.”

God has ways of coming to us; providing us with many signs of His presence. Some of these signs we accept and recognize; others we see but fail to recognize as God’s presence because we are not open to it. Yet, God is with us! God is with us in those around us, in the beauty of creation, and in the Christmas child named Jesus. The proof is positive; the verdict is in—God is with us! God in Jesus came to us as a human baby in a manger to show us God’s presence and love. In this Advent season, let us turn to God again as our preparation begins to welcome the coming of God’s Son in history. Let us seek to recognize the many ways in which God comes to us and is with us-Emmanuel!

With the love of Christ,

Denise+





THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

Every Perfect Gift

The Gift of Light

"Keep awake!" Jesus tells us, as if we could possibly let ourselves sleep right now. This year, full of plot twists has not given us a chance to rest. Staying vigilant has been standard operating procedure since the first cases of COVID-19 started making news. This was followed quickly by economic unrest and work disruptions, changes of our routines. Suddenly our living rooms were classrooms and our kitchens stocked snacks for quick meals between web conferencing. Our summer was marked by political upheaval, demonstrations for justice, natural disasters of every kind – more sleepless nights. Thank you for the words of advice, Jesus, but keeping awake has not been a problem this year.

But I don't think Jesus was worried about our sleep cycles; rather, his words were a caution to stay focused, to pay attention. Further, I believe Jesus was not asking us to merely pay attention to the news cycle, to the obvious events that shape the big moments in the world around us, but to notice the subtleties, the patterns of behavior, the nuances.

Advent is a subtle season. Its quiet refrain offers us hope and patience in equal measure. Around us it is characterized by a frenzy of shopping and planning; but deep into the darkening evenings and cooler days of the Northern Hemisphere, or fully into the languid heat and brightening skies of the south of our globe, there is a silent stirring of movement and of expectation, as the things we have planted deep, begin to take root and find the light. Those small moments, the delicate actions and thoughts of Advent, open our hearts to see that faint light as it breaks through the chaos of our culture.

These are the gifts of the season: patience, hope, anticipation, and like every perfect gift, these presents bestow on us just what we need when we need it most. In a season marked by the opposing forces of starkness and extravagance, God's generosity appeals to us in the simplicity of God's desires for us: to be patient, to live in hope, to anticipate the freedom that will unshackle us from oppression. "And what I say to you, I say to all: Keep awake!" | tens.org



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What are the gifts that you can give that meet the needs of the world?

What patterns in yourself to you want to nurture with the coming Light?

Angel Tree



ECW is again sponsoring the **Angel Tree** this Christmas season. Look for the **Angel Tree** located in the Narthex, filled with Christmas wishes for children and families assigned to us by the local Salvation Army. Take one or more “**Angels**” to help with this Christmas outreach project; write your name and family letter from ornament on the sign-up sheet; and return ornament(s) with gift(s) by Sunday, December 17th. Thank you.



Christmas Flowers and Decorations



The Flower Guild will soon be purchasing Christmas Flowers and decorations for the Altar, Windows and Doors. If you have a loved one you wish to remember, please complete the order form in the Sunday bulletin and return it to the Church office, or you may place it in the offertory plate. Please make checks payable to Annunciation, earmarked “Flower Guild Christmas Flowers” Flowers are \$25 each, but any amount may be given to offset the Flower Guild expenses. Our Thanks to each of you!



Reverse Advent Calendar



Beginning December 1st, each day add an item to a box and on Christmas Eve or before, donate the contents to our food pantry.



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| December 1– box of cereal | December 13– canned beans |
| December 2– peanut butter | December 14– box of crackers |
| December 3– stuffing mix | December 15– package of rice |
| December 4– boxed potatoes | December 16– package of oatmeal |
| December 5– macaroni and cheese | December 17– package of pasta |
| December 6– canned fruit | December 18– spaghetti sauce |
| December 7– canned tomatoes | December 19– chicken noodle soup |
| December 8– canned meat | December 20– tomato soup |
| December 9 – dessert mix | December 21– can corn |
| December 10– jar of applesauce | December 22– can mixed vegetables |
| December 11– canned sweet potatoes | December 23– can carrots |
| December 12– cranberry sauce | December 24– can green beans |



Thank You's....

Thank you to everyone who donated the shoeboxes delivered to Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. We were able to send 12 boxes to brighten a child's holiday.





Episcopal Church Women Christmas Cookie & Coffee Hour



Sunday, December 10, 2023. Bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share with everyone. Donations will go to the youth fund for summer camp.

Youth Christmas Gift Exchange, Lunch & Party with Santa Sunday, December 17th after the 10:30 service.

Parents, please purchase no more than a \$10 gift for each of your children. Wrap it with their name on it and bring it to the party. Santa will then give your child their gift. This way each child will get something they will enjoy.



December 24th Advent Lessons and Hymns.

10:30 am No Eucharist & no 8:00am service.



December 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rite II

Youth Christmas Pageant and reception following the service

The Blessing of Christmas is that God put a baby in a manger. But the greater blessing is that the baby didn't stay there. Jesus is Emmanuel. God *with us*.

1Book1Diocese for Advent 2023 Copies of the Study Guide can be found in the Narthex


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.



December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 						
3 The First Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II <i>Angel Tree</i>	4 Bee Keepers Meeting 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall.	5	6	7 Office closed	8 Office closed	9
10 The Second Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II <i>Episcopal Church Women</i> Cookie & Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service all proceeds go to the Youth Fund	11	12	13 Chili Dinner 4:30 to 7:00 pm. In the Parish Hall.	14 Office closed	15 Office closed	16
17 The Third Sunday of Advent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II Vestry Meeting at 11:45 12:00 pm Youth Gift Exchange Lunch & Party with Santa. Angel Tree Gifts Due Today	18 Greening of the Church begins today through the 23rd.	19 Greening of the Church	20 Greening of the Church	21 Office closed Greening of the Church	22 Office closed Greening of the Church	23 Greening of the Church
24 The Fourth Sunday of Advent No 8:00 am service 10:30 am Advent Lessons & Hymns ===== Christmas Eve Service 5:00 pm Holy Eucharist Rt. II Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Children's Pageant	25 Merry Christmas The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ	26	27	28 Office closed	29	30
31 The First Sunday after Christmas Day No 8:00 am service. 10:30 Morning Prayer Rt. II						

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

Frank Champion's mom, for comfort and healing.

We continue Prayers for

Tonia Boswell, Twalla Haley's daughter, for comfort and healing.

Nathan Taylor, Twalla Haley's grandson, for guidance and support.

Betty Jo Sadler, for comfort and healing.

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.

Avis Peek, friend and neighbor to Burt & Johanna Derrick for comfort and healing.

Cathy, Jerry Yates's sister, 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.

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.

Lisa Bozeman, Ann Bowman's daughter, & Karen Hidalgo's sister, 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.

Brenda Williams, Thom Williams 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.

December Birthdays: Harry Moses 1st; Natalie Rau 1st; Brody Jones 7th; Katherine Moira Ladson 8th; Marianne Perez 9th; Abigail Embry 12th; Shanna Edge 12th; Christie Roller 12th; Dyson Ingley 13th; Martha Dekle 15th; Carol Rice 23.

December Anniversaries: Dennis & Therisa Ingley 19th; Larry & Susan Threlkeld 30th.





Episcopal Church of the Annunciation - ANNUN
RESTRICTED FUNDS RECONCILEMENT
 10/30/23

Fund	Bal. Fwd.	Additions	Subtractions	Current Bal.	Net Change
Building Fund (held in Ameris)	9,300.00	-		9,300.00	-
Memorial Fund	5,380.29			5,380.29	-
Flower Guild	2,486.54	220.00	(298.60)	2,407.94	(78.60)
Bldg Repair/Maint.	955.00	1,382.00		2,337.00	1,382.00
Other: (Total)	3,425.34	90.00		3,515.34	90.00
TOTALS FOR MONTH:	21,547.17	1,692.00	(298.60)	22,940.57	1,393.40

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	-
Clergy Disc. Fund	186.31	90.00		276.31	90.00
Bishop Disc. Fund	-			-	-
Scholarship				-	-
Youth Acct.	53.15			53.15	-
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	(96.20)			(96.20)	-
Misc. - Playground Equip.	520.88		-	520.88	-
Misc - Bishop				-	-
Misc.	637.00			637.00	-
Misc. - Priest	-			-	-
Misc. - Deacon	-			-	-
Misc. - Alter Veil	-			-	-
Totals for "Other Restricted"	3,425.34	90.00	-	3,515.34	90.00

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

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11/08/23

Accrual Basis

	Oct 23	Budget	Jan - Oct 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
45000 · Investments	10,000.00	0.00	19,884.85	0.00	0.00
Unpledged Offerings	219.00	375.00	2,792.00	3,750.00	4,500.00
47000 · Pledges	9,745.00	11,666.00	98,538.50	116,660.00	140,000.00
Total Income	19,964.00	12,041.00	121,215.35	120,410.00	144,500.00
Gross Profit	19,964.00	12,041.00	121,215.35	120,410.00	144,500.00
Expense					
ADMINISTRATIVE					
1405 · Clergy Cont. Ed. Fund	100.00	41.66	404.00	416.60	500.00
1501 · Rector's Stipend	3,808.25	3,808.25	38,082.50	38,082.50	45,699.00
1502 · Social Security Offset	439.37	433.33	4,393.70	4,333.30	5,200.00
1503 · Rector's Housing/Util Allow	1,495.00	1,495.00	14,950.00	14,950.00	17,950.00
1505 · Rector's Medical Ins.	803.00	803.00	7,227.00	8,030.00	9,636.00
1506 · Rector's Pension	921.74	921.74	9,492.40	9,217.40	11,060.88
1507 · Supply Priest Expense	0.00	41.74	55.00	417.40	500.00
1510 · Secretary's Salary	699.33	750.00	7,077.22	7,500.00	9,000.00
1515 · Workers Comp Ins	0.00	125.00	0.00	1,250.00	1,500.00
1517 · Misc Admin	150.00	166.74	1,709.92	1,667.40	2,000.00
1611 · Janitor	109.00	500.00	2,987.00	5,000.00	6,000.00
1704 · Rector Local Auto/Bus Exp	0.00	83.37	598.70	833.70	1,000.00
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	8,525.69	9,169.83	86,977.44	91,698.30	110,045.88
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
1603 · Water Buildings/Disposal	0.00	45.87	453.64	458.70	550.00
1604 · Water Yard Sprinklers	0.00	25.00	95.71	250.00	300.00
1607 · Building Maintenance	0.00	250.00	458.25	2,500.00	3,000.00
1610 · Yard Care	444.00	375.00	3,563.00	3,750.00	4,500.00
Total BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	444.00	695.87	4,570.60	6,958.70	8,350.00
DIOCESIAN EXPENSE					
1401 · Pledge to Diocese	1,292.17	1,292.17	12,921.70	12,921.70	15,506.00
1404 · Convention Expense	298.20	41.74	586.47	417.40	500.00
Total DIOCESIAN EXPENSE	1,590.37	1,333.91	13,508.17	13,339.10	16,006.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
1508 · Office Expense	61.78	187.50	1,832.25	1,875.00	2,250.00
1509 · Postage	0.00	50.00	332.22	500.00	600.00
1512 · Telephone	149.12	166.74	1,482.20	1,667.40	2,000.00
1513 · Internet	99.95	125.00	1,014.98	1,250.00	1,500.00

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Accrual Basis

	Oct 23	Budget	Jan - Oct 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
1601 · Nursery Care/Furnishings	0.00	8.37	30.00	83.70	100.00
1602 · Electricity	659.21	666.66	6,808.44	6,666.60	8,000.00
1605 · Natural Gas	81.70	91.66	1,058.65	916.60	1,100.00
1606 · Property Insurance	741.50	481.41	2,224.50	4,814.10	5,777.00
1609 · Supplies	107.41	66.66	716.61	666.60	800.00
1614 · Misc Operating Expense	0.00	8.37	35.00	83.70	100.00
Total OPERATING EXPENSES	1,900.67	1,852.37	15,534.85	18,523.70	22,227.00
PROGRAMS & MINISTRY					
1400 · Outreach	200.00	200.00	1,800.00	2,000.00	2,400.00
1402 · Christian Ed /Sunday School Exp	52.95	58.33	488.29	583.30	700.00
1403 · Youth Activities	0.00	16.66	46.05	166.60	200.00
1407 · Ministries(Fellowship Past. Car	208.34	83.33	1,042.34	833.30	1,000.00
1511 · Altar Expense	10.79	83.33	672.73	833.30	1,000.00
1612 · Music	130.00	8.37	180.16	83.70	100.00
Total PROGRAMS & MINISTRY	602.08	450.02	4,229.57	4,500.20	5,400.00
Total Expense	13,062.81	13,502.00	124,820.63	135,020.00	162,028.88
Net Ordinary Income	6,901.19	-1,461.00	-3,605.28	-14,610.00	-17,528.88
Net Income	6,901.19	-1,461.00	-3,605.28	-14,610.00	-17,528.88

Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – October 15, 2023 at 11:45 am

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

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Denise at 12:20 pm after lunch was enjoyed by all.
Vestry Meditation was omitted.

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

Financial Report: (Rev. Denise for Rebecca) Financial Report for September 2023 was presented. September income was \$6365. September expenses were \$12,634.64. Net income for September was \$-6269.64. Frank moved to approve the September Financial Report, 2nd by Twalla, motion passed.

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

Junior Warden's Report: (Frank) Frank said that latticework screen behind parish hall kitchen needs to be replaced with PVC pipe instead of wood. He suggests that we use Restricted Memorial Funds and place a plaque to honor the donor. He will use church account at Handy Andy for materials. Hot water heater is still on to-do list. Timewise he cannot take care of water erosion around the retaining wall and tree. Rev. Denise will see about hiring Hiram to take care of it and pay him \$12 per hour. Frank said that's fine with him, but he would like to let Hiram know what we expect before he starts the job.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Stewardship letters have been sent out. Cost of church's property insurance is increasing to around \$2000 more, effective first of year 2024. Increase is due to property values going up, repair and maintenance costs increasing, and significant Diocesan losses due to hurricanes and tornadoes. Frank suggested that Rev. Denise check into reducing the increase by asking about raising the deductible to possibly \$5000, \$7500, or even \$10,000. Rev. Denise will do that and report back at next month's meeting. Martha Dekle has requested that Rev. Denise perform a wedding on Friday, October 20th for her daughter Sonya Crosby and Stanley "Andy" Calhoun. Rev. Denise advised that the computer used for streaming Sunday services has died; cost to replace is \$780.44. She feels that we don't need to replace it at this time, unless another Covid outbreak causes sheltering again. Next Vestry Meeting will be November 12th instead of November 19th, due to the Celebration Sunday and Thanksgiving Dinner on the 19th.

Business:

1. Vestry decided with General Consent to move \$1000 from Ameris money market account to checking account; vestry also decided with General Consent to move \$10,000 from Manry Memorial State Street Global account into checking account; these steps are being taken in order to make payments that are due and leave a surplus towards the end of the year.
2. Regarding the planned dinner in October to raise funds for the Building and Maintenance Fund, the church is buying the chicken and rolls. Rebecca Miller is making potato salad. Rev. Denise is cooking green beans, and Carol Rice is taking care of dessert. Rev. Denise will get paper goods from Heritage. Frank is smoking chicken at the church. All agreed that we will not have a dinner in November due to the many commitments that November brings.
3. Rev. Denise has had a phone request for usage of the church and parish hall for the wedding of Ashley Veneghast on Dec. 16th. Frank moved that we charge rent of \$1000, seconded by Len, motion passed.
4. Nominating committee presented two candidates to serve on vestry in 2024-2026: Kristen Champion and Carol Rice will be presented and voted on at Annual Meeting in January 2024.
5. Additional revisions to Annunciation Bylaws were made. Frank moved to approve the revisions made today and in recent meetings, 2nd by Len, motion passed. Rev. Denise will send the revised Bylaws to the Diocesan Chancellor, who will look over them and make recommendations. Then the amendments will be presented for approval at Annual Meeting in January 2024.
6. Martha Dekle will attend Diocesan Convention on November 10-11 as voting delegate; Len Edge may attend as second voting delegate. Rev. Denise will attend as Rector.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

Meeting was adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

Twalla Haley

Submitted by Twalla Haley, Senior Warden





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SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: In-Person Sunday Service

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

Mission Statement

Mindful of God's call to be His people, we, the parishioners of The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation, accept as our mission the growth and nurture of relationships with God, each other, and the community.

Vision Statement

Through our faith in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, we hope, pray, and work to share Christ's love and to make a positive difference in the lives of each other, our community, and the world.



DECEMBER 2023 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 am Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 am Eucharistic Minister
December 3	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Beverly Thompson
December 10	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Harry Moses
December 17	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Shannon Martin	Jack Dell
December 24 (10:30 am)	No 8:00 am Service	No 8:00 am Service	Hugh Jordan, Shannon Martin, Martha Dekle, Larry Threlkeld & Rebecca Miller	
December 24 (5:00 pm)			5:00 pm Lector Josiah Perez & Sarah Solis	Teresa Barrera-Edge
December 31	No 8:00 am service	No 8:00 am service	Martha Dekle	Rebecca Miller Officiant

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
December 3	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Youth	Anne Roller
December 10	Christie Roller	Christie Roller	Youth	Christie Roller
December 17	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
December 24	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
December 31	Morning Prayer	Lynette Dell Greeter	Youth	

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter
December 3		Beverly Thompson/Martha Dekle
December 10	<i>Episcopal Church Women Christmas Cookie & Coffee Hour</i>	Carol Rice / Hugh Jordan
December 17		Jack Dell / Teresa Barrera-Edge
December 24	Christmas Eve Reception	Beverly Thompson / Jane Hall Williams
December 31		Martha Dekle / Jack Dell