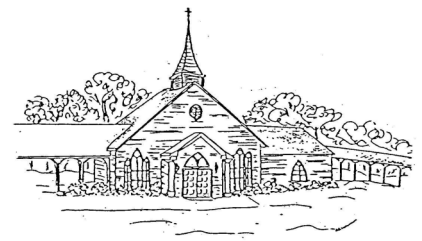




Our Parish Life



February 2024



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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Beverly Thompson, Clerk to the Vestry

2023 Vestry Members

Twalla Haley Sr. Warden	912-245-3002
Len Edge Jr Warden	912-423-9012
Beverly Thompson	912-293-2385
Martha Dekle	912-261-8980
Carol Rice	912-537-8590
Kristen Champion	678-634-9329

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PARISH LIFE

Christian Education (Sunday School)

9:30am for the Adults every Sunday.
February 4 & 18 at 10:20 am. for children and youth,
Nursery is available every Sunday.

ECW Valentines Day Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 11 after the 10:30 service.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 13, 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
Pancake cooks and helpers needed. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Ash Wednesday Services

February 14, Imposition of Ashes at 12:00 & 6:00 pm.

Lent Madness Begins

Wednesday, February 14th Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, February 18, at 11:45.

14th Annual SOAPS "Spayghetti" Dinner

Tuesday, February 27, 2023 see page 4 for additional information.

Annual Meeting Ministry Reports, Pages 6-8.

Yearly Financial Reports, Pages 10-12.



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.

2024 Annual Meeting Rector's Report

Mark Twain once said "There isn't time, so brief is life, for bickering, apologies, heartburnings, callings to account. There is only time for loving, and but an instant, so to speak, for that." This is the opening quote from the book 'The Good Life' the book our diocese is reading together for Lent written by Dr. Robert Waldinger and Dr. Marc Schulz. The Dr.'s ask..."If you had to make one life choice, right now, to set yourself on the path to future health and happiness, what would it be? For 84 years and counting, Harvard Study has tracked the same individuals, through generations, asking thousands of questions and taking hundreds of measurements to find out what really keeps people healthy and happy. One continuously demonstrates its broad and enduring importance: Good relationships keep us healthier and happier. Period. As Christ followers, we already know how important relationships are for us. Our relationship with God, our families and our neighbors are what Jesus asks us to love in the great commandment, and God, family & neighbor are what we have sought to be faithful to this past year.

I believe it was a good year. Our income was up a bit and expenses down. Our ASA numbers are up a bit also. But numbers don't tell the whole story and really the numbers aren't as important as how we showed our love of God, to each other and to our neighbor. We helped over 100 people who have visited our pantry and many others through our outreach ministry. Thank you to those of you who have helped with donations of food and money. Our children's Sunday school flourished last year under the leadership of Jane Hall Williams, Brianna Perez & Karen Hidalgo. Three of our youth went to camp at Honey Creek with your help and with a donation from the Episcopal Church Women. We all gave of our time, talent, and money as we worshiped together, gathered in fellowship, studied, and lead in various areas of ministry. It does take a village and we are a ministry-oriented church. We believe that each of us has a ministry recognized in the Baptismal Covenant. It might be the ministry of feeding the hungry, it might be the ministry of cleaning or vestry but everyone has a ministry. Speaking of the Vestry, your vestry and I have spent at least the past two years working on updating our bylaws. I want to thank the Vestry for their good work. I thank our sexton Teresa Edge and her family for taking on the task of cleaning the church every week and doing a great job. I thank Karen Hidalgo who always jumps in to help when and where she is needed, and I thank you for your good work. Please continue to put your love of God, neighbor, and our church, first. As Jane has told me several times...God must want to keep us around despite our best efforts. May God be with us all now and always.

2023 State of the Parish Review

Number of Holy Eucharist's – 94
Weekday Eucharist – 6
Communion to the homebound or shut-ins – 19
Daily Office (Morning Prayer) Sunday's – 5
Average Sunday Attendance -31 (2023 -30)
Baptisms – 1 -Texie Joy Martin
Burials -1 - Deaths – 2 – Tom Sadler & Jerry Roan
Weddings – 1 – Sonya & Andy Calhoun
Members reported – 91

God Bless,
Rev. Denise





THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

Every Perfect Gift



The Gift of Letting Go

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume," Jesus tells us. As we enter the season of Lent this year, we encounter their truth anew. In this year that has seen so much loss, the idea of our treasures disintegrating around us is not hard to imagine.

A few years ago, early in the Marie Kondo craze, I got excited about purging my stuff. I followed the directions, had heartfelt check-ins with my possessions about whether or not they sparked joy, and then reorganized them all. Bookshelves were cleared, clothes were piled, drawers were emptied. I let go of so much. When I put the things I was keeping back, everything had a place to go, a box to sit in, a basket to keep it. And goodness! The moths and rust I found along the way—even a mouse nest in some long-untouched camping equipment.

And so, what I discovered, is that I could see my stuff more clearly. The photos or the clothes, the electronics or the linens, all had a purpose, a place, a reason for being where they were. My possessions were now useful to me.

Months later I applied this to my finances as well. It started by analyzing the monthly subscriptions hitting my checking account. I began cutting things for which I had been paying but about which I did not care. It did not end there. By the time I finished making cuts, I had reduced my cost of living in some significant ways and was more conscious of every outflow from my account. As with my possessions, I could now see the gifts I was making more clearly. The monthly deductions to my church, my Alma Mater, and other organizations, shone out in radiant splendor from the black type and white screen.

Freed from shackles of stuff and spending money for more of it, I could now focus on participating more fully in my community, in caring about the people my church served. The gifts that I made even had more meaning, because they stood out. In short, where I put my treasure, I found my heart was right there as well. Treasure and heart aligned – I discovered this in Jesus' invitation to let go. | TENS.org



QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

What is standing in your way of knowing and seeing the impact of your gifts on the world?

What are the methods you have used to clear out a spiritual closet of stuff to make way for freedom?

The Season of Lent

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday February 14. Seeking to keep a holy Lent has always been a challenge for many of us. We tend to think of this season as rather serious with no fun allowed. I guess that is somewhat true. It is a time we step back and consider the ways we fall short in living out our faith. It is a season of self-denial, with an emphasis on repenting from sin and receiving God's forgiveness. Lent can be hard work and not always pain free, but if we do the hard work, it can be the start of profound healing and a time of strengthening our spiritual lives. It can be a time that we discover anew our love and need of God in our lives.

The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencton*, referring to the springtime of the year when the days grow longer and warmer and brighter. Lent first came about in our Christian history, as a season of final preparation for those who would be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter. In time, the season took on added meaning. It became a time of repentance and of taking on additional practices to help us consider our spiritual health. Some of the classic Lenten practices include prayer, study of scripture, fasting, and self-denial.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 13, 5:30-7:00 pm.

Helpers Needed! Please let the church office know if you can help. Sign-Up sheet for additional food items needed in the Narthex.



Ash Wednesday Services

Imposition of Ashes

February 14, 12:00 noon & 6:00 pm.

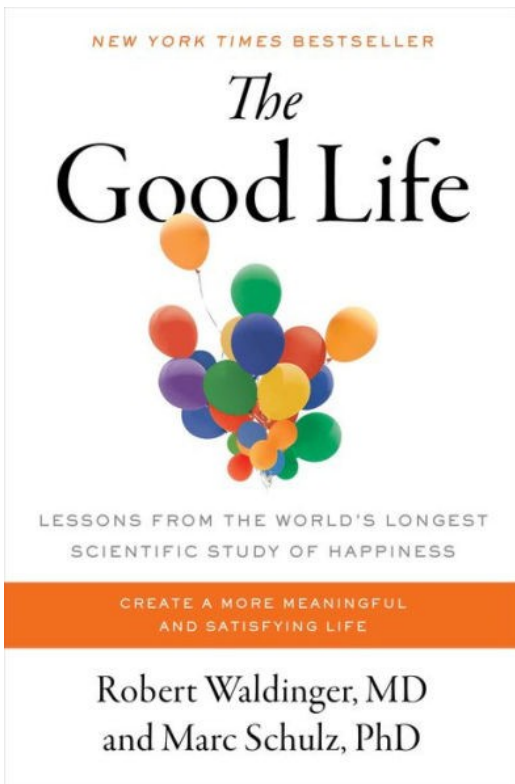


Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is Lent Madness.

Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Read about them and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round.

We hope you'll participate fully this Lent and vote with reckless abandon!

Pick-up a Lenten score card in the Narthex.



1Book1Diocese for Lent

This Lent, we will offer a study using a book written by the directors of a more than eight-decade long study of what makes for a fulfilling life. The Harvard Study of Human Development offers a window into lives of meaning and purpose through the data they have collected. The book also looks at what is gleaned from similar studies around the world. While the book itself does not make connections to our faith in Jesus, the discussion guide from the Diocese will.

As the authors write, "The good life is joyful ... and challenging. Full of love, but also pain." And for those of us who follow Jesus, the good life is one in which loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself is central. We will see how these two greatest commandments connect to the key insights of the study that is the heart of this book. Join Episcopalians around the Central and South Georgia for 1Book1Diocese in Lent 2024.

Sign-Up sheet to participate is in the Narthex.

Soaps 14th Annual "Spayghetti" Dinner



February 27, 2024

Vidalia Community Center from 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Pick up only. Tickets \$10/all sales in advance; no sales at door.

Tickets can be purchased at any of the Vidalia Vetrinarian Clinic Offices or The Office of Ingley, Roper and Moore or from any SOAPS member.

Contact SOAPS at sweet.onionaps.org or through our Facebook page.




Thank You's....

To everyone who helped with the de-greening of the church after the Christmas Season.

To Frank Champion, Carol Rice and everyone else who helped with the Chili Dinner fundraiser.

To Jack Dell and Thom Williams for replacing the lattice wall.


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Franklin Graham
President



11/22/2023

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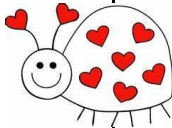

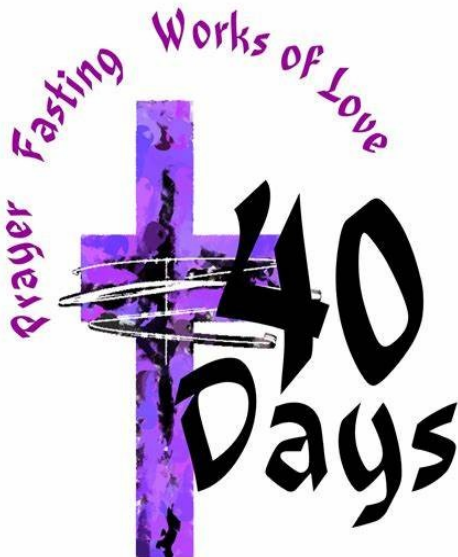
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The UTO Board and Staff

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February 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
  				1 Office Closed	2 Office Closed	3
4 The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II	5 Beekeepers Meeting	6	7	8 Office Closed	9 Office Closed	10
11 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II <i>ECW Valentine's Day Coffee Hour after the 10:30 service.</i>	12	13 <i>Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-7:00 pm.</i>	14 Ash Wednesday Services 12:00 & 6:00 pm. <i>Happy Valentines Day!</i>	15 Office Closed	16 Office Closed	17
18 The First Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I <i>Vestry Meeting at 11:45 am.</i>	19 President's Day	20	21	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24
25 The Second Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I	26	27 14th Annual SOAPS "Spayghetti" Dinner 5:00-7:00 pm.	28			

2023 Ministry Reports

Senior Warden's Report

I joined the vestry with a bit of trepidation; however, I must say it has truly been a wonderful experience so far. I have learned so much about what it takes to make our church function. I have a new appreciation for prior vestry members, as well as those with whom I now serve. This year our vestry has worked on updating our bylaws, and Rev. Denise has been very diligent in reviewing them and has forwarded the approved changes to the Diocese for their review and approval. Our vestry has also approved changes to improve our financial outlay for increased insurance fees, which will be covered in the Financial report. I cannot express strongly enough how much I appreciate Rev. Denise's leadership as well as her devotion to our church and our congregation.

Twalla Haley, Senior Warden

Junior Warden Report

Completed

- Work was done on the outside of the sanctuary stained glass window to stop rain water from leaking on to the window sill inside.
- The rotten wood on the side of the portico was replaced.
- Jack Dell painted the front door and painted the repaired wood on the portico.
- Jesus Hernandez sprayed Clorox on office ceilings to kill the mold and did some trimming of shrubbery around the church grounds.
- The broken light in front of the church was fixed.
- Hiram Herrin trimmed shrubbery around the church and put together the new playground equipment.
- A new refrigerator was purchased to replace the refrigerator in the parish hall that quit working.
- Brianna Perez pressured washed the picnic tables, playground equipment and cement area around the columbarium.
- Len Edge and family replaced six ceiling spotlights in the sanctuary with LED bulbs. 3 more will be replaced. Thank you to Harry Moses for his contribution toward the cost of the new LED bulbs.

To Do

- Narthex window's need repair/caulking around the windows. Some of the wood is rotted on the outside and need repainting. Water is leaking onto the window seals.
- Mold on the ceiling in old nave needs to be wiped clean.
- Nursery window needs rotten wood removed and replaced.
- Hot water tank in office building (purchased in 2019) needs draining to get rid of the odor.
- Dirt from the tree outside of the Office Building runs down onto the sidewalk. Discussion as to what to do is underway.
- Repair of Lattice wall outside of the parish hall is underway by Jack Dell & Thom Williams
- Repair is needed on stained glass window in the old sanctuary. There are several broken panels and the outside Plexiglas needs repair.

Frank Champion, Junior Warden

Adult Christian Education Report

Christmas & Epiphany bible study *Feasts of Feasts* written by Bishop Frank & Victoria Logue.

1Book1Diocese Lenten book study *Beginning to Pray* by Anthony Bloom.

Lent Madness by Forward Movement

Racial Justice GA July book discussion *Praying For Sheetrock* written by Melissa Fay Greene

1Book1Diocese Advent book study *Everything Happens For A Reason* written by Kate Bowler

Children's Sunday School

God is good! We now have 15 children in Sunday School ranging in age from 1-12. We have two classes: nursery and Big Kids. In the nursery, we supervise children as they play, read Bible stories and sing or play Christian songs. Brianna Perez is the primary teacher of the older children. She uses material from the Episcopal Sunday School Curriculum or Sermons for Kids. She begins by reading a story from the Bible and the kids discuss what happened in the story and relate it to their own lives. This class meets every other Sunday so that the children can serve at the altar.

Jane Hall-Williams

Outreach Report

- Annunciation donates \$50 monthly to United Way and Salvation Army.
- Annunciation donates \$100 monthly to J.D. Dickerson Backpack Buddies program.
- From the Rector's Discretionary Fund:
\$365 to Power Company(s). \$165 was donated to the Rector's discretionary fund by ECW.
\$350 for Motel Rooms
\$300 donated to the Rector's discretionary fund by the ECW for Angel Tree Walmart Gift cards - 6 families were helped.
\$40 for Gasoline
\$50 to help with a water bill
\$75 for birth certificates to help two parishioners
\$245 to help purchase a car part for a parishioner
- Our Food Pantry continues to help individuals and families with food items and can use your donations to keep it filled. It had 105 visits last year for help.
- Karen Hidalgo & Rev. Denise purchased and delivered food on several occasions to a shut-in family. Karen researched and helped to set up Meals on Wheels for the family.
- A homeless woman camping on our church grounds was helped with food and other necessities by several of our parishioner until she could find a place to live.
- Several parishioners in April cooked and served a meal to the homeless through Feeding Toombs County Homeless.
- School Supplies were collected in July and donated to J.D. Dickerson Elementary School.
- 4 oz bottles of water were collected and given out by youth and adults at the Annual Wide Back to School Bash.
- Pet food and supplies were collected and donated in October to SOAPS at the Blessing of the Pets and Memorial Service in St. Francis Memorial Garden.
- Bags and bags of candy were collected and handed out at the Downtown Vidalia Spooktacular in October.
- 12 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Operation Christmas Child were collected and delivered.
- \$ 406.91 was collected for the United Thank Offering
- Bee Keepers Association meets in the parish hall once a month.
- Episcopal Church Women host a coffee hour each month.
- Diocesan Cursillo met several times in our parish hall.

Youth Activities & Service Report

- Every fifth Sunday is designated Youth Sunday. The youth read the lessons and participate in the service in other various ways.
- A High School Graduation Reception was held for Josiah Perez in May.
- Several Youth helped to plant Easter Flowers on the church grounds to celebrate Rogation Day.
- Lilly Sullivan, Gabriel Bonilla & Sarah Solis attended a week of camp at Honey Creek in June.
- Several youth participated in the Back to School Bash helping to pass out bottles of water
- Several youth had their backpacks blessed at the Blessing of the Backpacks in July.
- In August, after pizza and games in the parish hall, several families went swimming at the Vidalia Aquatic's center.
- Several families participated in handing out candy at the Spooktacular in downtown Vidalia.
- A youth Christmas gift exchange, lunch & party with Santa was enjoyed by adults and children.

Pastoral Care-2023

This committee serves as an adjunct to Reverend Denise in providing help for those who experience joy and/or sorrow in daily life. We try to be available to those in need to provide support through prayer, cards, food, transportation to appointments and/or childcare. In a very real sense, we try to be Annunciation in the world not just in the church space. Your care and love was evident in your support of Betty Jo Sadler when her husband Tom went home to the Lord. A memorial service was held last April.

Jane Hall-Williams

Altar Guild Report

The Altar Guild is a lay ministry that serves God by preparing the sanctuary for worship, maintaining and caring for sacred vessels, altar linens, and vestment and serving the clergy and the parish. Altar guild members are in charge of "setting up" for services, removal and cleansing of vessels and linens after the service. Altar Guild members are: Lynette Dell, Susan Threlkeld, Jackie Moses, Christie Roller, Anne Roller and Karen Hidalgo. Thank you to Therisa Ingley for providing our schedule for the past year.

Lynette Dell, Ministry Chair

Stewardship Report



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 2024 pledge campaign *Rooted in Abundance* reminded us that we are inspired to give because so much has been given to us. Rev. Denise reminded us in her letter that we are like a mighty forest comprised of ancient trunks and sprightly saplings, each of us contributes our gifts to a world that needs us. In the Senior Wardens letter, Twalla Haley, thanked everyone for the ways in which they shared their gifts of wealth, works, and wisdom. Our campaign chair, Dr. Hugh Jordan asked us to tap into that nourishing structure of faith and generosity shown to us by an extravagant God, a patient Shepherd, and a gathering Spirit who calls us to extend our networks and share our gifts with the world. 17 pledges were received for 2024, a total of \$112,380. Thank you to everyone who gave of their gifts of wealth, works, & wisdom to the work and ministry of Annunciation.

Hugh Jordan, ministry chair

Fellowship

- January: A reception was provided by the Episcopal Church Women after the Baptism of Texie Joy Martin & lunch was provided at the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- February: The Episcopal Church Women held a Valentine's Day Coffee Hour & the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper was enjoyed by all.
- March: Corned beef, cabbage & carrots were provided at the St. Patrick's covered dish.
- April: An Agape Feast of Mediterranean foods were enjoyed after the Maundy Thursday service. A reception was held after the Easter Sunday services with an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and a covered dish reception was held for Bishop Frank's visit for confirmation. A lunch reception was provided at Tom Sadler's Memorial Service.
- May: A Mother's Day coffee hour was provided by the Episcopal Church Women and on the Day of Pentecost, a covered dish luncheon was held to celebrate the graduation of Josiah Perez from High School.
- June: A Father's Day coffee hour was provided by the Episcopal Church Women.
- July: A 4th of July cookout & covered dish with hotdogs and hamburgers provided was a hit! The youth and parents on Youth Sunday enjoyed a pizza lunch then swimming at the Vidalia Aquatic Center.
- August: The Episcopal Church Women held a coffee hour. For Labor Day, a covered dish luncheon with barbeque meat provided was enjoyed by all.
- September: The Episcopal Church Women provided goodies for a coffee hour.
- October: All Hallows Eve treats were provided by the Episcopal Church Women.
- November: A celebration/Thanksgiving luncheon was provided by the church.
- December: Episcopal Church Women's Christmas Cookie coffee hour raised almost \$400.00 for our youth to go to camp. The youth enjoyed a pizza lunch and party with Santa, and a reception was held after the Christmas Eve Candlelight service.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) – Annual Meeting Report - January 28, 2024

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) completed many activities within our church and in our community in 2023. Using the proceeds from our ECW Rummage Sale held on 4/29/23 and 5/6/23 (\$2080.75), along with individual donations to ECW and leftover funds from 2022, we were able to provide help to many families and individuals in our church and community in 2023. We gave assistance for rent and other housing needs, including appliances. We gave assistance to our youth so that they were able to attend summer camp at Honey Creek. We helped purchase a new refrigerator for the Parish Hall kitchen. With the participation of many church members, we helped provide gifts for several families in our community with the Angel Tree project in December of 2023. We contributed to the Rector's Discretionary Fund during 2023 so that Rev. Denise was able to help those in need. We provided Coffee Hour after the 10:30 AM service once a month. We hope to continue our current endeavors as well as to develop new ones in 2024. We very much appreciate the support of the parishioners of Annunciation who make it possible for the women of our church to carry out our ECW activities.

Beverly Thompson

Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – December 17, 2023 at 11:45 am

Members Present: The Very Reverend Denise Vaughn, Twalla Haley, Martha Dekle, Len Edge, Carol Rice.

Members Absent: Frank Champion, Beverly Thompson; Clerk Absent: Beverly Thompson.

Treasurer Not in Attendance: Rebecca Miller

Meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Denise at 12:00 pm.

Due to time constraints, no Vestry Meditation was completed.

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

Financial Report: (Rev. Denise for Rebecca) Financial Report for November 2023 was presented for review. November Report now reflects addition of \$1000 transferred from the Ameris Money Market Account into the General Fund. The Ameris Money Market Account was closed due to monthly fees that the bank was charging once the account balance had dropped below a certain amount. Amount in State Street Investment Fund through Episcopal Church is now \$160,254.62. A total of \$21,000 has been taken out of investment funds during 2023 to cover expenses. November Report reflects an addition of \$1329.81 to the Restricted Building & Maintenance Fund. Twalla moved to approve the Financial Report, 2nd by Carol, motion passed.

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

Junior Warden's Report: (Len for Frank) Len advised that he rented scaffolding to change the bulbs in the ceiling of sanctuary; five have replaced with LED bulbs. Three more are on back order and hopefully will be received and installed in January. Len will check on the Altar area which is wet again due to current rains.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Christmas Eve services will include an Advent Lessons and Carols Service at 10:30 am and a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5 pm; Christmas carols will be sung at 4:45 pm prior to the Candlelight Service. Rev. Denise will be visiting family the week after Christmas Eve; Rebecca Miller will lead Morning Prayer on Sunday 12/31. Since the Youth Christmas Gift Exchange and Pizza Party is being held today with a visit by Santa, the length of today's vestry meeting is shortened. Next vestry meeting will be held on 1/21/2024 at 11:45 am.

Business:

1. As approved at November meeting, Rev. Denise arranged for the Church Insurance deductible to be increased; with this change the cost of property insurance will only go up \$500 to a total of \$6105 per year, which will be paid monthly out of checking account.
2. New budget for 2024 will be reviewed and approved at January Vestry Meeting.
3. Due to the hospitalization of Frank's mother, the December chili dinner to raise funds for the Building and Maintenance Fund has been postponed to January.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

Meeting was adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

Twalla Haley

Submitted by Twalla Haley, Senior Warden for Beverly Thompson, Vestry Clerk

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

	Dec 23	Budget	Jan - Dec 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
45000 · Investments	0.00	0.00	20,884.85	0.00	0.00
Unpledged Offerings	524.00	375.00	3,998.04	4,500.00	4,500.00
47000 · Pledges	19,385.00	11,674.00	124,498.50	140,000.00	140,000.00
Total Income	19,909.00	12,049.00	149,381.39	144,500.00	144,500.00
Gross Profit	19,909.00	12,049.00	149,381.39	144,500.00	144,500.00
Expense					
ADMINISTRATIVE					
1405 · Clergy Cont. Ed. Fund	0.00	41.74	449.00	500.00	500.00
1501 · Rector's Stipend	3,808.25	3,808.25	45,699.00	45,699.00	45,699.00
1502 · Social Security Offset	439.37	433.37	5,272.44	5,200.00	5,200.00
1503 · Rector's Housing/Util Allow	1,495.00	1,505.00	17,940.00	17,950.00	17,950.00
1505 · Rector's Medical Ins.	803.00	803.00	9,633.00	9,636.00	9,636.00
1506 · Rector's Pension	921.74	921.74	10,935.88	11,060.88	11,060.88
1507 · Supply Priest Expense	0.00	40.86	55.00	500.00	500.00
1510 · Secretary's Salary	657.30	750.00	8,417.82	9,000.00	9,000.00
1515 · Workers Comp Ins	0.00	125.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
1517 · Misc Admin	150.00	165.86	1,859.92	2,000.00	2,000.00
1611 · Janitor	72.00	500.00	3,149.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
1704 · Rector Local Auto/Bus Exp	420.00	82.93	1,018.70	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	8,766.66	9,177.75	104,429.76	110,045.88	110,045.88
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
1603 · Water Buildings/Disposal	52.00	45.43	609.64	550.00	550.00
1604 · Water Yard Sprinklers	14.00	25.00	154.96	300.00	300.00
1607 · Building Maintenance	0.00	250.00	458.25	3,000.00	3,000.00
1610 · Yard Care	325.00	375.00	4,213.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
Total BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	391.00	695.43	5,435.85	8,350.00	8,350.00
DIOCESIAN EXPENSE					
1401 · Pledge to Diocese	1,292.17	1,292.13	15,506.04	15,506.00	15,506.00
1404 · Convention Expense	13.59	40.86	820.78	500.00	500.00
Total DIOCESIAN EXPENSE	1,305.76	1,332.99	16,326.82	16,006.00	16,006.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
1508 · Office Expense	56.59	187.50	2,049.28	2,250.00	2,250.00
1509 · Postage	11.22	50.00	343.44	600.00	600.00
1512 · Telephone	150.62	165.86	1,783.44	2,000.00	2,000.00
1513 · Internet	99.95	125.00	1,214.88	1,500.00	1,500.00

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

	Dec 23	Budget	Jan - Dec 23	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
1601 · Nursery Care/Furnishings	0.00	7.93	30.00	100.00	100.00
1602 · Electricity	519.32	666.74	7,797.53	8,000.00	8,000.00
1605 · Natural Gas	71.53	91.74	1,191.88	1,100.00	1,100.00
1606 · Property Insurance	964.36	481.49	3,188.86	5,777.00	5,777.00
1609 · Supplies	5.82	66.74	722.43	800.00	800.00
1614 · Misc Operating Expense	0.00	7.93	35.00	100.00	100.00
Total OPERATING EXPENSES	1,879.41	1,850.93	18,356.74	22,227.00	22,227.00
PROGRAMS & MINISTRY					
1400 · Outreach	200.00	200.00	2,200.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
1402 · Christian Ed /Sunday School Exp	0.00	58.37	593.32	700.00	700.00
1403 · Youth Activities	100.00	16.74	146.05	200.00	200.00
1407 · Ministries(Fellowship Past. Car	33.24	83.37	1,173.45	1,000.00	1,000.00
1511 · Altar Expense	0.00	83.37	970.90	1,000.00	1,000.00
1612 · Music	130.00	7.93	498.48	100.00	100.00
Total PROGRAMS & MINISTRY	463.24	449.78	5,582.20	5,400.00	5,400.00
Total Expense	12,806.07	13,506.88	150,131.37	162,028.88	162,028.88
Net Ordinary Income	7,102.93	-1,457.88	-749.98	-17,528.88	-17,528.88
Net Income	7,102.93	-1,457.88	-749.98	-17,528.88	-17,528.88

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation - ANNUN
RESTRICTED FUNDS RECONCILEMENT
12/31/23

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	2,403.40	850.00	(283.77)	2,969.63	566.23
Bldg Repair/Maint.	3,429.96	2,245.00	(609.61)	5,065.35	1,635.39
Other: (Total)	3,756.73	1,437.00	(773.82)	4,419.91	663.18
TOTALS FOR MONTH:	24,270.38	4,532.00	(1,667.20)	27,135.18	2,864.80

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	517.70	1,075.00	(773.82)	818.88	301.18
Bishop Disc. Fund	-			-	-
Scholarship				-	-
Youth Acct.	53.15	362.00		415.15	362.00
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	(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"	3,756.73	1,437.00	(773.82)	4,419.91	663.18

**Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January 1, 2024**

	Jan 1, 24	Budget	Jan 1, 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
45000 · Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Unpledged Offerings	0.00	12.10	0.00	12.10	4,500.00
47000 · Pledges	0.00	349.46	0.00	349.46	130,000.00
Total Income	0.00	361.56	0.00	361.56	134,500.00
Gross Profit	0.00	361.56	0.00	361.56	134,500.00
Expense					
ADMINISTRATIVE					
1405 · Clergy Cont. Ed. Fund	0.00	1.34	0.00	1.34	500.00
1501 · Rector's Stipend	0.00	122.85	0.00	122.85	45,699.00
1502 · Social Security Offset	0.00	14.25	0.00	14.25	5,300.00
1503 · Rector's Housing/Util Allow	0.00	48.23	0.00	48.23	17,940.00
1505 · Rector's Medical Ins.	0.00	28.23	0.00	28.23	10,500.00
1506 · Rector's Pension	0.00	32.26	0.00	32.26	12,000.00
1507 · Supply Priest Expense	0.00	1.34	0.00	1.34	500.00
1510 · Secretary's Salary	0.00	24.19	0.00	24.19	9,000.00
1517 · Misc Admin	0.00	5.38	0.00	5.38	2,000.00
1611 · Janitor	0.00	4.03	0.00	4.03	1,500.00
1704 · Rector Local Auto/Bus Exp	0.00	2.69	0.00	2.69	1,000.00
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	0.00	284.79	0.00	284.79	105,939.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
1603 · Water Buildings/Disposal	0.00	1.61	0.00	1.61	600.00
1604 · Water Yard Sprinklers	0.00	0.81	0.00	0.81	300.00
1607 · Building Maintenance	0.00	8.06	0.00	8.06	3,000.00
1610 · Yard Care	0.00	12.10	0.00	12.10	4,500.00
Total BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	0.00	22.58	0.00	22.58	8,400.00
DIOCESIAN EXPENSE					
1401 · Pledge to Diocese	0.00	42.63	0.00	42.63	15,860.00
1404 · Convention Expense	0.00	2.02	0.00	2.02	750.00
Total DIOCESIAN EXPENSE	0.00	44.65	0.00	44.65	16,610.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
1508 · Office Expense	0.00	6.05	0.00	6.05	2,250.00
1509 · Postage	0.00	1.34	0.00	1.34	500.00
1512 · Telephone	0.00	5.38	0.00	5.38	2,000.00
1513 · Internet	0.00	3.36	0.00	3.36	1,250.00

**Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January 1, 2024**

	Jan 1, 24	Budget	Jan 1, 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
1601 · Nursery Care/Furnishings	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.27	100.00
1602 · Electricity	0.00	21.51	0.00	21.51	8,000.00
1605 · Natural Gas	0.00	3.36	0.00	3.36	1,250.00
1606 · Property Insurance	0.00	16.87	0.00	16.87	6,277.00
1609 · Supplies	0.00	2.15	0.00	2.15	800.00
1614 · Misc Operating Expense	0.00	0.27	0.00	0.27	100.00
Total OPERATING EXPENSES	0.00	60.56	0.00	60.56	22,527.00
PROGRAMS & MINISTRY					
1400 · Outreach	0.00	6.45	0.00	6.45	2,400.00
1402 · Christian Ed /Sunday School Exp	0.00	1.88	0.00	1.88	700.00
1403 · Youth Activities	0.00	0.54	0.00	0.54	200.00
1407 · Ministries(Fellowship Past. Car	0.00	3.36	0.00	3.36	1,250.00
1511 · Altar Expense	0.00	2.69	0.00	2.69	1,000.00
1612 · Music	0.00	9.68	0.00	9.68	3,600.00
Total PROGRAMS & MINISTRY	0.00	24.60	0.00	24.60	9,150.00
Total Expense	0.00	437.18	0.00	437.18	162,626.00
Net Ordinary Income	0.00	-75.62	0.00	-75.62	-28,126.00
Net Income	0.00	-75.62	0.00	-75.62	-28,126.00

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

Jane Hall-Williams and family for comfort.

Erin Bozeman Yacho, Karen Hidalgo & Ann Bowman's friend, for comfort and healing.

We continue Prayers for

Chuck Thompson, for comfort and healing.

Ann Layne Smith, for comfort and healing.

Becky Champion, Frank Champion's mom for comfort and healing.

Shelby Palmer, friend of Twalla Haley, for healing and quick recovery.

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's 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.



February Birthdays: Seth Wyatt Denmark 7th; Betsy Norton 9th; Meg (Ladson) Floyd 15th; Thom Williams 17th; Gretta Morgan 21st; Jerry Yates 22nd; Bray Barbee 26th; Janice Reid 26th; Jane (Hall) Williams 26th.

February Anniversaries:



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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.



FEBRUARY 2024 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 am Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 am Eucharistic Minister
February 4	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell
February 11	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Teresa Edge
February 18	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Martha Dekle	Harry Moses
February 25	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Beverly Thompson
Ash Wednesday 12:00 noon	12:00 noon Larry Threlkeld	12:00 noon Harry Moses		
Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm	6:00 pm Rebecca Miller	6:00 pm Rebecca Miller		

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
February 4	Lynette Dell	Lynette Dell	Youth	Lynette Dell
February 11	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
February 18	Jackie Moses	Jackie Moses	Youth	Jackie Moses
February 25	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Youth	Anne Roller

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter	
February 4		Hugh Jordan / Jack Dell	
February 11	ECW Valentines Day Coffee Hour	Teresa Barrera Edge / Carol Rice	
February 18		Jane Hall Williams / Martha Dekle	
February 25		Beverly Thompson / Hugh Jordan	