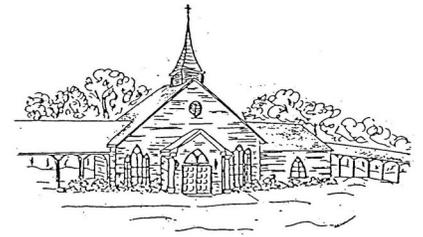




Our Parish Life



March 2026

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 Most Rev. Sean Rowe
Presiding Bishop

The Rt. Rev. Frank Logue
Bishop, The Diocese of Georgia

The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn
Rector, Annunciation

Rebecca Miller, *Treasurer*

Kristen Champion, *Assistant Treasurer*

Karen Hidalgo, *Church Secretary*

Beverly Thompson, *Clerk to the Vestry*

2026 Vestry Members

Carol Rice Sr. Warden	912-537-8590
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Kristen Champion	678-634-9329
Rebecca Miller	912-403-7531
Beverly Thompson	912-293-2385
Connie Deane	912-293-4866

Opportunities to Participate in our Parish Life

Sunday March 8, Daylight Savings Time Ends

Morning Prayer Sunday, March 8.

No 8:00 am service.

Beverly Thompson Officiant.

Lenten Bible Study

Sponsored by the Daughters of the King

“The Power of God’s Names”

By Tony Evans. March 9 & 16 at 11:00 am
At Connie Deane’s home, 122 Coogan’s Bluff Rd.

St. Patrick’s Day Covered Dish

Sunday, March 15, after the 10:30 service.

Corned beef provided.

Vestry Meeting

Sunday, March 22, at 11:45 am.

Adult Christian Education

9:30 am Sunday Mornings.

Christian Education (Sunday School)

9:30 am for Children and youth.

Nursery is available every Sunday.



Check out our Web site to find latest
newsletter, calendar, sermons and more.
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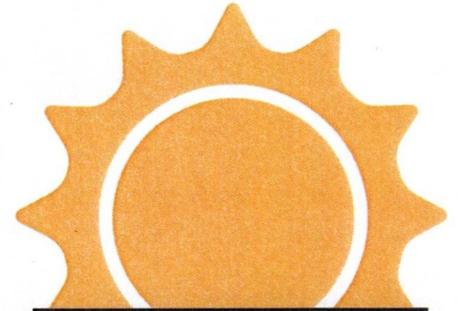
Tell Out My Soul

Farther Along: A Lenten Reflection

The parable of the Prodigal Son resonates with us because it is so relatable. It is such a human story of selfishness, greed, squander, loss, return, and love. In most families a version of this story, perhaps in less dramatic terms, plays out as children try to claim their place in the world. I never appreciated home as much as when I came back to it after having tried and failed in my first post-college experience.

The parable that we hear Jesus tell us about a misguided son, a doting father, and a jealous brother is most often understood from the perspective of the prodigal. Some focus might be on the father, but the jealous son gets almost no thought, save for his complaint. I think this is a shame, because all three characters in this story have a profound lesson for us. The prodigal teaches us about gratitude, the father models unconditional love even if we don't understand his motives, and the jealous brother shows us the face of steadfast loyalty and faith.

I grew up singing the hymn Farther Along. It's a story about one day knowing all the reasons why things happen to us even if they don't make sense in the present. It contains the line "Then do we wonder why others prosper, living so wicked year after year." I hear the jealous brother in this line. Some of the most hardworking members of our churches are the overlooked brother-type of member: loyal, faithful, honest, doing our portion of the work that is needed, no flash or hype needed. The hundreds of volunteer hours that we contribute, the countless ideas and talents that we share, the steadfast showing-up make us faithful stewards of the gifts we have been given, whether someone throws us a party, or not. tens.org



Questions for Reflection:

How do you feel about recognition for service or ministry? Does it inspire you or motivate you to serve? Or does it embarrass you?



Cn. J. Davey Gerhard serves as Executive Director of TENS: The Episcopal Network for Stewardship and reminds us that planned giving is the perfect way to ensure that an inheritance is not squandered.



THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP

Dear Church Family,

Scripture reminds us that “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it” (Psalm 24:1) The Places where we live, work, and gather are gifts from God, entrusted to our care.

One simple way we can live out that calling is by taking pride in our community and caring for The place God has given us to call home.

Our city has launched Keep it Clean Vidalia, a community-led effort that encourages neighbors, Businesses, and organizations to keep our streets, yards and shared spaces clean and welcoming. This is not about rules or enforcement –it’s about stewardship, gratitude, and love for our neighbors.

As followers of Christ, the seemingly smallest acts of service matter:

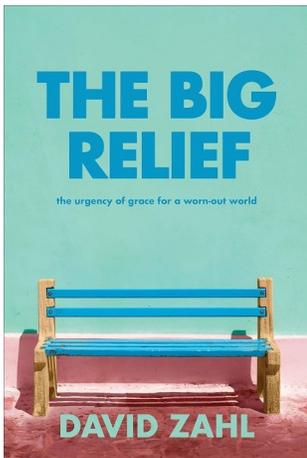
- Picking up litter as we walk;
- Keeping pick-up truck beds free of loose litter;
- Encouraging our children to care for their surroundings;
- Supporting local businesses that take pride in their property;
- Treating our community as a reflection of God’s goodness.

When we care for creation and for the places where we live and gather, we offer a quiet but meaningful Act of worship.

If you’d like to learn more or find simple ways to participate, please visit: WWW.VIDALIAGA.GOV/CLEAN. The group meets on the first Monday of every month at 4:00 pm at the Dr. Mark & Tanya Spivey Public Library.

Thank you for being a church that loves God, loves people, and cares for the place He has planted us.

1Book1Diocese for Lent



This Lent our 1Book1Diocese offering is "The Big Relief: The Urgency of Grace for a Worn-Out World." The author, David Zahl, is the founder and director of Mockingbird Ministries, an organization devoted to "connecting the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life."

The Big Relief explores the idea of God's Grace as Relief from different expectations and assumptions that society places on us, or that we place on ourselves. These include Relief from Regret (Forgiveness), from Rejection (Favor), from Control (Surrender), from Keeping Up (Rest), from Captivity (Rescue), and more. Each type of relief is associated with a more familiar word from the Christian tradition, and each chapter offers reflections on how this type of relief can lead to new and renewed life in Christ. The book also addresses our resistance to the Big Relief God offers us, and how we can begin to let go of those burdens.

The Diocese will offer a reflection guide for the Big Relief and Canon Varner will be leading a Zoom discussion group that will meet weekly during Lent. Registration for the Diocesan discussion group will open next week.

St. Patrick’s Day Covered Dish

Sunday, March 15, 2026. Corned beef provided. Bring your favorite St. Patrick’s day dishes and enjoy some fun and fellowship.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 The Second Sunday of Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I	2 Beekeepers Meeting 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. 	3 Rev. Denise out of town through the 8th.	4	5 Office Closed	6	7
8 The Third Sunday of Lent Daylight Savings Time Ends No 8:00 am Service 10:30 am Morning Prayer Rt. I	9 Bible Study 11:00 am at Connie Dean's Home	10	11	12 Office Closed	13 Rev. Denise Off	14
15 The Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I St. Patrick's Day Covered Dish	16 Bible Study 11:00 am at Connie Dean's Home	17 Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	19 Office Closed	20 Rev. Denise Off	21
22 The Fifth Sunday in Lent 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I Vestry Meeting at 11:45 am.	23	24	25	26 Office Closed	27 Rev. Denise Off	28
29 The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. I	30 Monday in Holy Week	31 Tuesday in Holy Week	April 1 Wednesday in Holy Week	April 2 Maundy Thursday	April 3 Good Friday Services 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm.	April 4 Holy Saturday 11:00 am Decorating The Church For Easter

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January 2026

	Jan 26	Budget	Jan 26	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Unpledged Offerings	221.00	375.00	221.00	375.00	4,500.00
47000 - Pledges	8,077.00	9,583.33	8,077.00	9,583.33	115,000.00
Total Income	8,298.00	9,958.33	8,298.00	9,958.33	119,500.00
Gross Profit	8,298.00	9,958.33	8,298.00	9,958.33	119,500.00
Expense					
ADMINISTRATIVE					
1405 - Clergy Cont. Ed. Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1501 - Rector's Stipend	3,974.92	1,333.00	3,974.92	1,333.00	16,000.00
1502 - Social Security Offset	453.18	150.00	453.18	150.00	1,800.00
1503 - Rector's Housing/Util Allow	1,495.00	500.00	1,495.00	500.00	6,000.00
1505 - Rector's Medical Ins.	981.00	327.00	981.00	327.00	3,924.00
1506 - Rector's Pension	1,011.59	337.00	1,011.59	337.00	4,046.00
1507 - Supply Priest Expense	0.00	1,041.00	0.00	1,041.00	12,500.00
1510 - Secretary's Salary	333.16	750.00	333.16	750.00	9,000.00
1517 - Misc Admin	150.00	250.00	150.00	250.00	3,000.00
1611 - Janitor	0.00	83.33	0.00	83.33	1,000.00
1704 - Rector Local Auto/Bus Exp	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00	300.00
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	8,398.85	4,796.33	8,398.85	4,796.33	57,570.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
1603 - Water Buildings/Disposal	59.50	62.50	59.50	62.50	750.00
1604 - Water Yard Sprinklers	17.75	20.83	17.75	20.83	250.00
1607 - Building Maintenance	0.00	250.00	0.00	250.00	3,000.00
1610 - Yard Care	325.00	333.33	325.00	333.33	4,000.00
Total BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	402.25	666.66	402.25	666.66	8,000.00
DIOCESIAN EXPENSE					
1401 - Pledge to Diocese	1,285.00	1,285.00	1,285.00	1,285.00	15,420.00
1404 - Convention Expense	0.00	41.50	0.00	41.50	500.00
Total DIOCESIAN EXPENSE	1,285.00	1,326.50	1,285.00	1,326.50	15,920.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
1508 - Office Expense	1,112.87	166.66	1,112.87	166.66	2,000.00
1509 - Postage	0.00	22.91	0.00	22.91	275.00
1512 - Telephone	50.94	83.33	50.94	83.33	1,000.00
1513 - Internet	138.33	166.66	138.33	166.66	2,000.00
1601 - Nursery Care/Furnishings	0.00	8.33	0.00	8.33	100.00
1602 - Electricity	762.86	750.00	762.86	750.00	9,000.00
1605 - Natural Gas	150.54	125.00	150.54	125.00	1,500.00
1606 - Property Insurance	686.00	583.33	686.00	583.33	7,000.00

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
January 2026

	Jan 26	Budget	Jan 26	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
1609 - Supplies	0.00	41.50	0.00	41.50	500.00
Total OPERATING EXPENSES	2,901.54	1,947.72	2,901.54	1,947.72	23,375.00
PROGRAMS & MINISTRY					
1400 - Outreach	200.00	175.00	200.00	175.00	2,100.00
1402 - Christian Ed /Sunday School Exp	0.00	41.50	0.00	41.50	500.00
1403 - Youth Activities	0.00	16.66	0.00	16.66	200.00
1407 - Ministries(Fellowship Past. Car	0.00	83.33	0.00	83.33	1,000.00
1511 - Altar Expense	67.74	83.33	67.74	83.33	1,000.00
1612 - Music	0.00	166.66	0.00	166.66	2,000.00
Total PROGRAMS & MINISTRY	267.74	566.48	267.74	566.48	6,800.00
Total Expense	13,255.38	9,303.69	13,255.38	9,303.69	111,665.00
Net Ordinary Income	-4,957.38	654.64	-4,957.38	654.64	7,835.00
Net Income	-4,957.38	654.64	-4,957.38	654.64	7,835.00

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
 Restricted Funds
 Balance January 31, 2026

	Income Jan 26	Expense Jan 26	Balance 1/31/2026	Balance 1/1/2026	YTD Income	YTD Expense
Building Fund (Held in BOA)			9300.00	9300.00	0.00	0.00
Memorial Fund			5127.59	5127.59	0.00	0.00
Flower Guild		221.13	2637.08	2858.21	0.00	221.13
Bldg Repair/Maint			15326.80	15326.80	0.00	0.00
Pastoral Care			100.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
Columbarium			1310.12	1310.12	0.00	0.00
Columbarium Improvement			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Clergy Discretionary Fund	50.00	126.22	636.74	712.96	50.00	126.22
Youth Account			1316.15	1316.15	0.00	0.00
ECW			387.49	387.49	0.00	0.00
UTO			66.33	66.33	0.00	0.00
EYC			0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cursillo			505.40	505.40	0.00	0.00
Misc. Playground Equip			520.88	520.88	0.00	0.00
Misc - Administrative			748.15	748.15	0.00	0.00
Total	\$50.00	\$347.35	\$37,982.73	38280.08	50.00	347.35

Discrepancy found in ECW and UTO
 from November 2025

Add \$40 to UTO and Subtract \$40 from ECW

Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – January 18, 2026

Members Present: The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn, Carol Rice, Len Edge, Martha Dekle, Rebecca Miller; Members Absent: David Cheney, Kristen Champion

Treasurer Present: Rebecca Miller; Clerk Present: Beverly Thompson

Meeting was opened with prayer at 12:10 pm following lunch.

Vestry Meeting Minutes for December 2025 were reviewed; Len moved to approve minutes, 2nd by Carol, motion passed.

Financial Report: (Rev. Denise and Rebecca) Financial report for December 2025 was reviewed. Income for December was \$18,428.00. Expenses for December were \$12,954.32. Net Income for December was \$ 5473.68. Balance in Church Corporation Bank of America Investment Account as of December 31 is \$269,871.14. Balance in Max and Christy Manry Memorial State Street Investment Account as of December 31 is \$164,708.89. Balance in Church Restricted Funds as of 12/31/2025 is around \$38,103.08; this amount will be reviewed and slightly adjusted after corrections by Treasurer. Carol moved to approve the December financial report with corrections to be made by Treasurer on Restricted Funds Report, 2nd by Len, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Carol) No Report

Junior Warden's Report: (Rev. Denise and Len) Portico posts will be painted by our helper, James, when weather permits. Sealing of two windows in Narthex still needed.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 25 at 11:30 am with lunch. There will be a short Vestry Meeting after the Annual Meeting. ECW Valentine's Coffee Hour will be on Sunday February 8 after 10:30 am service. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, February 17, 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Ash Wednesday Services will be February 18, at 12:00 and 5:30 pm. Rev. Denise's plans to retire are happening sooner rather than later. She will close on her new home in Florida in the first or second week of February. Her last Sunday at Annunciation will be on April 12. Rev. Loren Lasch, Canon to the Ordinary, will provide guidance to us during our upcoming period of transition. She will preach at Annunciation on February 15 and will meet with Vestry. She will return to preach at Annunciation on April 19. Next Vestry Meeting will be February 15, at 11:45 am.

Business:

1. Rebecca moved to approve the 2026 Budget as presented and reviewed by Rev. Denise with an increase on the Supply Priest Expense Line Item from \$10,000 to \$12,500, 2nd by Carol, motion passed.
2. Rev. Denise is retiring; her last Sunday at Annunciation will be on April 12, 2026, the Sunday after Easter; a Farewell Reception will be planned for that day.
3. Rev. Denise is booking the supply services of the Rev. Todd Hoover from Statesboro for Sunday's that he is available through the end of the year. When supply services are provided, the 8:00 am service will be held at 9:00 am.

4. David Cheney has resigned from his position as Vestry Member; he has moved to the Augusta area. Carol moved to elect Len Edge to serve the balance of David's term on Vestry (per Annunciation Bylaws Article III, Section B-9), 2nd by Martha, motion passed.
5. Transition from the old computer to the new computer in church office continues; Responsive Technology Partners has picked up the old computer and is transferring information to the new computer.

Ministry Area Reports: Already covered.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm with Lord's Prayer.

Beverly Thompson

Submitted by Beverly Thompson, Clerk to the Vestry

Our Parish Prayer List



We pray for the safety and security of

The United States of America and especially those serving our country.

Missionaries:

We add to the Prayer List this week

We continue Prayers

Josh Hargraves, for comfort and healing.
Martha Dekle, for comfort and healing.
Tonia Boswell, for comfort and healing.
Emily and Robbie Thompson, niece and nephew of Beverly Thompson, for comfort and peace.
Ryan Millian, friends of Jane Hall-Thompson, for comfort and healing for their baby.

Larry Miller, Ann Bowman's son, for comfort and healing.
Brandon Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew, for comfort and healing.
Deborah Collins, friend of Martha Dekle, for comfort.
Geni Betts, friend of Larry & Susan Threlkeld, for comfort and healing.
Brad Scoggin, Ann Bowman's grandson, for comfort and healing.
Erin Bozeman-Yacho, friend of Karen Hidalgo, for comfort and healing.
Michael Holloway, friend of Len Edge, for comfort and healing.
Parker Brown, friend of Jane Hall-Williams, for comfort and healing.
Maggie Stoa, Teresa Barrera-Edge's Aunt, for comfort and strength.
Patrick Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew, for comfort and healing.
Maxine McCall, friend and neighbor to Beverly Thompson, for comfort and healing.
Avis Peek, friend and neighbor to Burt & Johanna Derrick for comfort and healing.
David and Leslie Hodges, friends of David Parker, for comfort and healing.
Wilson Nash, Thom & Jane Hall-Williams's nephew, for comfort and healing.
Holly Mobley, Beverly Thompson's friend, for comfort, strength and 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.
Teresa Smith, friend of Beverly Thompson, for comfort and healing.
Felicia Adams, friend of Beverly Thompson, for strength and comfort.



Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness

Beccy Champion, Frank Champion's mom for comfort and healing.
Jesus Hernandez, for comfort and healing.
Jenny, Brody, River & Bonnie Jones, Martha Dekle's grandkids for healing.
Beverly Thompson's sister-in-law Mary, for comfort and healing.
Mindy Coleman, Ann Bowman's niece & Karen Hidalgo's cousin, 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.
Jane Fazio, Ann Bowman's sister, for comfort and healing.

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

Barbara Creamer, friend of Jane Hall & Tom Williams for comfort and healing.
Jan Louks, Shannon Martin's grandmother, for comfort and healing.
Brenda Williams, Thom William's mom for comfort and healing.
Ann Bowman, Karen Hidalgo's mom 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

March Birthdays:

Sue Ladson 3rd; Kayliegh Chapman Pierce 3rd; Susan Threlkeld 8th; Donnie Alderman 11th; Mary Lawson Bring 12th; Hamp Threlkeld 12th; Ella Bankes Threlkeld 15th; Steve Fullam 16th; Bonnie Ann Dekle 16th; Charles Gillis 17th; Alexis Mann 18th; Hugh Jordan 20th; Anne Roller 21st; Ann Layne Smith

March Anniversaries:

Harry & Jackie Moses 1st; Erle & Betsy Norton 18th; Len & Teresa Edge 19th; Frank & Kristen Champion 28th.



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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.

MARCH 2026 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 am Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 am Eucharistic Minister
March 1	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Burt Swancey	Beverly Thompson
March 8	No Service	No Service	Larry Threlkeld	No Eucharist
March 15	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Martha Dekle	Harry Moses
March 22	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Jack Dell
March 29	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Teresa Barrera Edge

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
March 1	Christie Roller	Christie Roller	Youth	Christie Roller
March 8	Lynette Dell	Lynette Dell	Youth	Lynette Dell
March 15	Susan Threlkeld	Susan Threlkeld	Youth	Susan Threlkeld
March 22	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
March 29	Jackie Moses	Jackie Moses	Youth	Jackie Moses

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter	
March 1		Beverly Thompson / Hugh Jordan	
March 8		Jane Hall-Williams / Jack Dell	
March 15	St. Patrick's Potluck	Carol Rice / Beverly Thompson	
March 22		Hugh Jordan / Jack Dell	
March 29		Teresa Barrera-Edge / Jane Hall-Williams	