

Our Parish Life

December 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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Opportunities to Participate in our Parish Life

First Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 1.

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 22.

1Book1Diocese Study for Advent

The Love that is God: An Invitation to Christian Faith

By Frederick Christian Bauerchmidt.

In the Parish Hall, Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 pm, lunch will be provided. December 11, 11:30 am & December 18, at 1:00 pm. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Episcopal Church Women Christmas Cookie & Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 15. Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share. Donations to go to the Youth Fund for Summer Camp.

Vestry Meeting, Sunday, December 15, at 11:45.

Youth Christmas Gift Exchange, Lunch and Party with Santa

Sunday, December 15, after the 10:30 service. More info on page 5.

Greening of the Church

Sunday, December 22 after 10:30 service and Monday, December 23.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Eucharist

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

Christmas Day Eucharist, Wednesday, December 25, 10:30 am.

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Sunday, December 29, The Kings College Festival of Lessons and Carols, no Eucharist.

Christian Education (Sunday School)

9:30am for children and youth. Nursery is available every Sunday.

Christmas Poinsettias

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!

The Rt. Rev. Frank S. Logue preached this sermon at St. Anne's Episcopal Church Tifton, Georgia on November 8, 2024 for the 203rd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia.

Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3-9 and Luke 24:13-35

The shepherd is out on the dusty road in the shank of the day, rounding up not one, but two lost sheep. He is seven miles beyond the old stone walls of Jerusalem. The Shepherd knows where to find these two who are wandering further from the flock. He expected this. He had spoken those words from the Prophet Zechariah hours earlier at Passover in an Upper Room, "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered."

Now, Jesus joins Cleopas and the unnamed other disciple on the road. They are in the depths of despair as they walk toward Emmaus. Neither of these first followers of Jesus know this seeming stranger on the road to be their Rabbi. This lack of recognition reveals the way despair clouds our vision and hinders us from seeing rightly.

Jesus asks them what has transpired this Passover as if he doesn't have a clue. Cleopas and the other disciple tell Jesus about how the one they thought was the Messiah had been put to death and then add, "Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

Despite Jesus' having prepared the group traveling with him by telling them in advance what would happen, they were unprepared for Jesus' crucifixion and burial. The devastating pain of Friday's grief had made it feel impossible to go on. That heartache remains so raw on this Sunday afternoon. These two have heard Jesus' resurrection proclaimed by the women who described a vision of angels, but as Peter and John found the tomb empty, without seeing Jesus, they remained in anguish.

Despair is diametrically opposed to hope. This is part of the teachings of the great Christian ascetics that we know as the Desert Mothers and Fathers who lived as hermits in the Egyptian desert in the 4th century after Jesus' resurrection. They named despair as one of what we know as the Seven Deadly Sins. Sloth is how we in the West translated their word which is better translated as Despair.

In Rowan Williams' *Passion of the Soul*, which will be our 1Book1Diocese read for this coming Lent, works from this desert wisdom as talks about despair as the difference between Peter and Judas. Both betrayed Jesus. Judas ends his life while in the midst of despair, while Peter makes it through that dark night of the soul to see the risen Jesus and so finds hope renewed.

Despair is the natural condition that arises from looking at the fallen world as it is. We see all the effects of our sin and disobedience to God's will. We see the painful divisions that we humans have collectively created. Despair is what arises in our spirits when we look realistically at this situation but do so without the hope in a God who acts in human history. Hope sees the world from the godly perspective, knowing that all we see is not all that there is.

I want to pause here to note how the Enlightenment that led to the gifts of modernity also found its way into our faith. The Desert Mothers and Fathers saw the struggle of good and evil playing out not just in their lives as they saw the cosmic struggle of good and evil playing itself out within their own hearts as they sought through their prayers and fasting to overcome temptations. They lived in a world shot through with a sense of transcendence, the knowledge that what we see is not all that exists in the universe as the time we live in is held in eternity.

The Enlightenment of the 17th and 18th centuries grew out of the Christian quest for knowledge of the natural world. The very pursuit that Christianity began and encouraged took on a life of its own when the only things that could be claimed as fact were things provable through the scientific method. Don't hear me as bashing reason though. I love modern medicine and air conditioning. But while Karl Marx was proclaiming Christianity was "an opiate for the masses" and Nietzsche declaring, "God is dead," the cultural concepts of God were not the only things dying. The whole Enlightenment project itself was beginning to unravel.

For anyone with eyes to see and ears to hear, the idea that everything was getting better all the time was revealed to be a lie to those who watched their friends die in the trenches of Europe in the First World War. Any sense that a scientific approach alone could provide a better future died in Auschwitz and incinerated at Hiroshima. We could no longer delude ourselves into believing that science alone could guide us into a better world. We need to be guided by the Spirit of the living God.

Yet, we see how a few centuries of increasingly explaining away faith in rational terms sapped belief of its believability. Science seemed to grow by leaps and bounds, leaving religion tagging along. This put our sense of the world in the box of the immanent, the sense that what I see and know is all that there is to know. Yet our faith in Jesus Christ is both immanent and transcendent. We worship Jesus as Emmanuel, "God with us." The eternal Word becoming flesh and living among us shows the immanence of God, God is in all things. But unlike in pantheism, where God is identified with the universe, which is a manifestation of the divine, we know that the creator is not contained within the creation. Augustine of Hippo wrote that the divine is both within me and beyond me saying that God is, "more inward than my most inward part, higher than the highest element within me."

God *is* in everything, but also *beyond* all matter, and not is bound by space and time. This is no small thing, as if we lose the sense that God will not show up, then despair makes perfect sense. Yet, we know that the God who made us out of love for love is not standing back like a disinterested clockmaker or an unjust judge. Our transcendent God entered into this broken world in the person of Jesus, to redeem us through his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. This same God is with us in everything we face and yet beyond us, seeing our finite world from the perspective of eternity.

I wanted to add this before we rejoin our trio on the Road to Emmaus as we see both of these aspects of God in this passage. Knowing the immanent God who is present in our hearts and minds as well as the transcendent one who inhabits eternity matters for how we Episcopalians in Central and South Georgia can navigate the coming years for our congregations and how each of us can thrive in our one wild and wonderful life no matter what happens.

On the Road to Emmaus, Jesus offered the best Bible study in human history. He patiently explains how everything he has done was predicted by the prophets which is apparent in the light of the resurrection. The prime example of this is Isaiah 53 that says, "Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed."

God gave Isaiah the gift of this prophecy so that after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension, the church could know that the crucifixion was Divine Providence. That while we were yet sinners, the Messiah would come and die for us. We see that in his teaching after the resurrection, Jesus finally broke through to get his followers to see how this was what was planned all along. In the incarnation, God becoming human in Jesus, was God's bold plan to enter into the creation to weave back together the fabric of the cosmos, torn by human disobedience and sin. The one who the cosmos could not contain humbled himself and in this we see that the Holy Trinity is not a distant observer, but knows and understands this broken world from the inside. When we experience betrayal, suffering, and crippling grief, we know that God truly understands as Jesus experienced all of this and more.

Jesus does not break into human history with blinding light and an audible voice. Often, I experience God in what could seem like coincidences and yet are clearly something more. One example that comes to mind here at St. Anne's. When I was assisting Bishop Benhase as Canon to the Ordinary, I was at a meeting with my colleagues in the same position throughout the southeast. We were in Charleston. On the last morning of the meeting, I decided that rather than praying Morning Prayer in my hotel room, I would go to Grace Cathedral to pray. When I got there, a woman was about and to lead a scheduled service of Morning Prayer that I did not know was set to happen. It was just the two of us in the chapel in the back of the cathedral dedicated to their martyred bishop. After praying together, I introduced myself and learned that she was the Cathedral Administrator Emily Guerry. When she learned what I did for a living, she said she was interested in moving to our Diocese to be near her parents, ideally along I-75. I explained that those calls were rare and I didn't always hear of them, but I promised to listen for any possibilities. The meeting ended later that morning and I drove home to Savannah. Once back, I opened my email to see that the Rev. Lonnie Lacey had written to say the vestry had budgeted money for a top-notch administrator. He wanted assistance in finding the right person. I replied that the Holy Spirit had already taken care of that for us and gave him Emily's contact information. She interviewed and Emily, Lonnie, and the Vestry could all see that this had been God's doing. Moments like this cause me to say, "God is showing off."

There are also the times when someone experiences and unbidden experience of peace or a sense of the oneness of creation that they know is from God. I know firsthand about such experience and second and third hand about so many more. Considering the stigma, many remain silent rather than share what they saw and felt and the long impact a mystical experience has had on their lives. I discovered that if I ask "Have there been any experiences hard to explain to others that have mattered a lot to you?" I will find someone has had a small mystical experience that is significant for them, yet they have trouble sharing as it could easily be dismissed by others.

Our loving God often works in and through the hearts of those who will listen. The Spirit can and does use seemingly small moments like when someone feels they should take a friend to chemotherapy and sit with them or when another person shows up to be with a co-worker after the death of their child. Every time we embody love to a neighbor we don't just have hope, we are living hope.

We saw what living hope looks like in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Along the storm's surprising path, Grace Church in Waycross used its existing connection to the Okefenokee Alliance for the Homeless to provide sleeping bags, tents, baby supplies, and more. Annunciation in Vidalia, St. Mary Magdalene in Louisville, Trinity in Statesboro provided gift cards and pastoral care to neighbors who were hurting. In Valdosta church members provided care and support for one another and those in the community impacted by the storm. In Douglas, the people of St. Andrew's provided meals, including a Thanksgiving feast, gift cards, and pastoral care aided by our friends in the Diocese of Alabama. Saint Paul's in Augusta opened their hearts to the downtown, even as they welcome people to recharge physically and spiritually through safe air-conditioned space and days of meals. At the Byllesby Center in Augusta, more than 2,000 hot meals were provided together with other support. Episcopalians in Savannah coordinated drop offs to get diapers and feminine products from local nonprofit Over the Moon to some of the hardest hit areas in our diocese. We experienced the generosity of the people in the Diocese of Central Florida in sending aid to Augusta. At Calvary in Americus, they collected support for our friends experiencing the immense tragedy of flooding in Western North Carolina. In each of these acts, we were not holding on to hope, but living hope. This is part of how the transcendent one acts in human history.

Seeing the ways God has broken into your life before gives confidence when looking to an uncertain future. For example, we can look at decline in church participation across the generations and join others in despair. Or we can look to the ways that the living God has been present with us in the past, is with us now, and already holds the future. That perspective makes it possible to be both realistic about where we are and what we face while remaining hopeful about the future. Whatever causes us to despair, when we tap into the certainty that God can, does, and will show up, we have a reason to hope.

The same is true for you and your family, that whatever may come, you know and are loved by the God who holds eternity and is also Emmanuel, with you in every storm of life. Knowing the power and presence of God is what makes turning from despair to hope not only possible, but also reasonable and right. For greater is the one who is in us than the one in our despairing world. *Amen.*



2024 Diocesan Convention

I (Senior Warden Twalla Haley) attended the Diocese Convention in Tifton with Rev. Denise Friday Nov.8th and Saturday Nov.9th. This was a first for me and I have to say that I really enjoyed it. We attended a service at St. Anne's which was very impressive; but I have to admit that I'm glad that we don't use incense at Annunciation as it really did a number on my sinuses. Bishop Frank Logue's sermon was wonderful. He acknowledged people's despair while giving hope and uplifting our spirits. We adjourned that service and traveled to the UGA convention center/Tifton for lunch and then reconvened at that location for reviewing the financial reports and voting for several positions that needed to be filled within the Diocese. We had supper also at this location. We returned the next day for more meeting and voting. I was pleased to learn that the Diocese is soon to be Debt-free.

Needless to say, this convention was informative, inspiring, and effective in accomplishing its goals, as well as Fun. If you are given an opportunity to attend convention next year, I highly recommend that you jump on it...you won't regret it.



Walk in Love

Yes Moments: An Advent Reflection



Over the years Advent has become a favorite time in the liturgical year for me. It wasn't always that way - there was a time when I raced through the season of Advent without a thought to what it meant or what a gift the "getting ready" time could be. However, years of working in Christian formation and intentional spiritual practices have provided a wonderful opportunity to experience Advent through a different lens.

The scripture we hear during Advent on Sundays, in daily reflections or during a pageant lovingly presented to the community offers opportunities to reflect on themes of spiritual preparation, journey, expectation, and the willingness to acknowledge/engage and say "yes". Those themes invite us all to walk in love during Advent.

I'm particularly drawn to scripture that provides a glimpse into these moments when a person's faith is embodied with some expression of embracing the plans God has set in motion. I think of those expressions as yes moments. For example, when Mary hears the angel Gabriel say "Greetings, favored one" and learns of the journey that God has planned - her response, "Here I am Lord..." is a yes moment. Joseph too says "yes" when he embraces what he is called to do in a dream and takes Mary as his wife. When shepherds learn of the Messiah's birth their journey to Bethlehem to see the child is yet another affirmation moment when they choose to "go and see".

Granted, heavenly heralds had much to do with the yes moments mentioned. However, I would suggest that heavenly invitations abound in our communities today. When we commit to walking in love, we open ourselves up to those yes opportunities to lend our wealth, works, and wisdom to a world in need. Imagine what God is calling us to say "yes" to as we walk in love during Advent and in the year ahead.

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Questions for Reflection:

How might you say "yes" and use your wealth, works, and wisdom in your community?

In a world that is often hurting who do you imagine is waiting for us to say "yes" and walk with them on their journey?



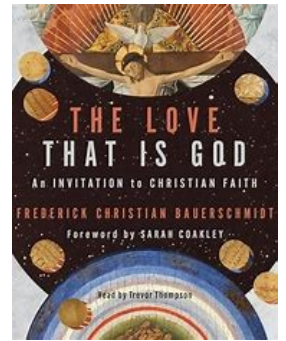
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THE EPISCOPAL
NETWORK FOR
STEWARDSHIP

1Book1Diocese Study for Advent Begins December 4

This Advent, we will explore what it means to say "God is love" through a book meant to be both the starting point of one's spiritual journey or a means of drawing one deeper into relationship with God. *The Love that is God: An Invitation to Christian Faith* is the work of Frederick Christian Bauerschmidt, a Roman Catholic Deacon who is a Professor of Theology at Loyola University. He earned his undergraduate degree at Sewanee and is the brother of the Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt, the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee.



The Study begins in the Parish Hall, Wednesday, December 4, 1:00 pm. Continues on Wednesday, December 11, 11:30 am. Wednesday, December 18, 1:00 pm. Sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Angel Tree In the Narthex



ECW is again sponsoring the Angel Tree 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 at the number that matches your angel ornament on the sign-up sheet; and return the ornament(s) with the wrapped gift(s) by Sunday, December 22nd. Thank you.



Episcopal Church Women Coffee Hour and Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 15, bring your favorite Christmas Cookies to share. Donations will go to the youth fund for summer camp at Honey Creek.



Youth Christmas Gift Exchange, Lunch & Party with Santa Sunday, December 15th 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.



Christmas Services

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

Youth Christmas Pageant and reception following the service

Christmas Day Eucharist, Wednesday, December 25, 10:30 am.

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

Sunday, December 29, The Kings College Festival of Lessons and Carols, no Eucharist.

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*.



DECEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
<p>1 The First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p> <p>Beekeepers Meeting in the parish hall.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1 Book 1 Diocese Study for Advent 1:00 pm. Lunch provided.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Rev. Denise off</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 The Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>1 Book 1 Diocese Study for Advent 11:30 am.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Rev. Denise off</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 The Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>ECW Christmas Cookie & Coffee Hour</p> <p>Vestry Meeting</p> <p>Youth Gift Exchange & Party</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>1 Book 1 Diocese Study for Advent 1:00 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Rev. Denise off</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22 The Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II 10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rt. II</p> <p>Angel Tree Gifts Due Today</p> <p>Greening of the Church after the 10:30 service.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Greening of the Church</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Christmas Pageant 5:00 pm Reception after the Service.</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Merry Christmas!</p> <p>Eucharist 10:30 am.</p> <p>Office closed.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Rev. Denise off</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29 The First Sunday after Christmas Day</p> <p>8:00 am Festival of Lessons & Carols</p> <p>10:30 am Festival of Lessons & Carols</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  </p>				

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation Profit & Loss Budget Performance October 2024

	Oct 24	Budget	Jan - Oct 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income	0.00	0.00	9,739.08	0.00	0.00
45000 · Investments					
Unpledged Offerings	802.00	375.00	3,208.50	3,750.00	4,500.00
47000 · Pledges	9,980.00	10,833.33	104,264.54	108,333.30	130,000.00
Total Income	10,782.00	11,208.33	117,212.12	112,083.30	134,500.00
Gross Profit	10,782.00	11,208.33	117,212.12	112,083.30	134,500.00
Expense					
ADMINISTRATIVE					
1405 · Clergy Cont. Ed. Fund	0.00	41.67	0.00	416.70	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	441.67	4,393.70	4,416.70	5,300.00
1503 · Rector's Housing/Util Allow	1,495.00	1,495.00	14,950.00	14,950.00	17,940.00
1504 · Rector's Disc Fund	0.00		100.00		
1505 · Rector's Medical Ins.	861.00	875.00	8,671.00	8,750.00	10,500.00
1506 · Rector's Pension	954.59	1,000.00	9,545.90	10,000.00	12,000.00
1510 · Secretary's Salary	596.28	750.00	6,915.17	7,500.00	9,000.00
1515 · Workers Comp Ins	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1517 · Misc Admin	150.00	166.67	1,527.40	1,666.70	2,000.00
1611 · Janitor	60.00	125.00	732.00	1,250.00	1,500.00
1704 · Rector Local Auto/Bus Exp	276.04	83.33	595.04	833.30	1,000.00
Total ADMINISTRATIVE	8,640.53	8,786.59	85,512.71	87,865.90	105,439.00
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
1603 · Water Buildings/Disposal	53.25	50.00	540.25	500.00	600.00
1604 · Water Yard Sprinklers	24.00	25.00	250.70	250.00	300.00
1607 · Building Maintenance	201.80	250.00	3,016.02	2,500.00	3,000.00
1610 · Yard Care	325.00	375.00	3,370.00	3,750.00	4,500.00
Total BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	604.05	700.00	7,176.97	7,000.00	8,400.00
DIOCESIAN EXPENSE					
1401 · Pledge to Diocese	1,321.67	1,321.67	13,216.70	13,216.70	15,860.00
1404 · Convention Expense	0.00	62.50	0.00	625.00	750.00
Total DIOCESIAN EXPENSE	1,321.67	1,384.17	13,216.70	13,841.70	16,610.00
OPERATING EXPENSES					
1508 · Office Expense	27.94	187.50	1,280.49	1,875.00	2,250.00
1509 · Postage	0.00	41.67	198.53	416.70	500.00
1512 · Telephone	197.12	166.67	1,558.16	1,666.70	2,000.00
1513 · Internet	138.62	104.17	1,038.17	1,041.70	1,250.00
1601 · Nursery Care/Furnishings	0.00	8.33	0.00	83.30	100.00
1602 · Electricity	494.20	666.67	7,270.29	6,666.70	8,000.00

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	Oct 24	Budget	Jan - Oct 24	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
1605 · Natural Gas	85.59	104.17	919.07	1,041.70	1,250.00
1606 · Property Insurance	691.20	523.08	4,708.54	5,230.80	6,277.00
1609 · Supplies	20.32	66.67	306.31	666.70	800.00
1614 · Misc Operating Expense	0.00	8.33	0.00	83.30	100.00
Total OPERATING EXPENSES	1,654.99	1,877.26	17,279.56	18,772.60	22,527.00
PROGRAMS & MINISTRY					
1400 · Outreach	200.00	200.00	1,700.00	2,000.00	2,400.00
1402 · Christian Ed /Sunday School Exp	0.00	58.33	311.12	583.30	700.00
1403 · Youth Activities	0.00	16.67	74.40	166.70	200.00
1407 · Ministries(Fellowship Past. Car	139.76	104.17	665.00	1,041.70	1,250.00
1511 · Altar Expense	31.15	83.33	958.61	833.30	1,000.00
1612 · Music	65.00	300.00	1,203.80	3,000.00	3,600.00
Total PROGRAMS & MINISTRY	435.91	762.50	4,912.93	7,625.00	9,150.00
Total Expense	12,657.15	13,510.52	128,098.87	135,105.20	162,126.00
Net Ordinary Income	-1,875.15	-2,302.19	-10,886.75	-23,021.90	-27,626.00
Net Income	-1,875.15	-2,302.19	-10,886.75	-23,021.90	-27,626.00

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation - ANNUN
RESTRICTED FUNDS RECONCILEMENT
10/31/24

Fund	Bal. Fwd.	Additions	Subtractions	Current Bal.	Net Change
Building Fund (held in Ameris)	10,000.00			10,000.00	-
Memorial Fund	5,205.74			5,205.74	-
Flower Guild	2,477.50		(331.00)	2,146.50	(331.00)
Bldg Repair/Maint.	6,232.77	2,715.00	(1,485.92)	7,461.85	1,229.08
Other: (Total)	5,885.06	150.00	(742.85)	5,292.21	(592.85)
TOTALS FOR MONTH:	29,801.07	2,865.00	(2,559.77)	30,106.30	305.23

RESTRICTED OTHER Breakdown					
Category	Bal. Fwd	Additions	Subtractions	Current Balance	Net Change
Pastoral Care	100.00	-	-	100.00	-
Worship	-	-	-	-	-
COLUMBARIUM	1,310.12	-	-	1,310.12	-
COLUMBARIUM Improvement	-	-	-	-	-
Chair Rec.	-	-	-	-	-
Bldg. Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Clergy Disc. Fund	883.54	150.00	(742.85)	290.69	(592.85)
Bishop Disc. Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Scholarship	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Acct.	1,410.15	-	-	1,410.15	-
ECW	387.49	-	-	387.49	-
UTO	19.33	-	-	19.33	-
EYC	-	-	-	-	-
DOK	-	-	-	-	-
Cursillo	505.40	-	-	505.40	-
Georgia Power Fund	-	-	-	-	-
IYCS Ann Thx	-	-	-	-	-
Outreach	-	-	-	-	-
Parent's Morning Out	-	-	-	-	-
Pew Cushions	-	-	-	-	-
Music Gift	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. - Playground Equip.	520.88	-	-	520.88	-
Misc - Bishop	-	-	-	-	-
Misc.Video Equip.	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. - Admin	748.15	-	-	748.15	-
Misc. - Deacon	-	-	-	-	-
Misc. - Alter Veil	-	-	-	-	-
Totals for "Other Restricted"	5,885.06	150.00	(742.85)	5,292.21	(592.85)

Vestry Meeting Minutes – Annunciation – October 20, 2024

Members Present: The Very Rev. Denise Vaughn, Twalla Haley, Kristen Champion, Carol Rice, Martha Dekle; Members Absent: Len Edge, Beverly Thompson

Clerk Absent: Beverly Thompson; Treasurer Absent: Rebecca Miller

Meeting was opened with vestry meditation after lunch was enjoyed by group.

Vestry Meeting Minutes for September 2024 were reviewed; Carol moved to approve minutes, 2nd by Kristen, motion passed.

Financial Report: (Rev. Denise for Rebecca) Financial report for September 2024 was reviewed. Income for September was \$5091.00. Expenses were \$13268.33. Net Income for September was \$-8177.33. Income and expenses are typical for this time of year. Balance in Bank of America Church Corp Investment Account as of June 30 was \$245,216.23. Balance in Max and Christy Manry Memorial State Street Investment Account as of September 30 was \$186,861.09. Kristen moved to approve September financial report, 2nd by Carol, motion passed.

Senior Warden's Report: (Twalla) No Report

Junior Warden's Report: (Rev. Denise) Have one quote for tree clean-up and trying to get more quotes. Mario and Patty, friends of Rebecca Miller, have been working to clean up smaller trees, limbs, etc., for \$15 per hour each. Handyman things still need to be done, e.g. sprinkler heads, new sign, and new post for older sign. Rebecca will check and see if Mario and Patty might be able to do some of these things.

Rector's Report: (Rev. Denise) Stewardship letter signed by Twalla went out. Second stewardship letter, to be signed by Hugh Jordan, will be going out soon. Stewardship campaign will end with Parish Thanksgiving Dinner on November 24, 2024. Vestry meeting will be held after the dinner. December Vestry meeting will be on December 15, 2024.

Business:

In anticipation of the tree clean-up expenses due to Hurricane Helene, Twalla moved to request \$15,000 from the State Street account to go into checking, 2nd by Carol, motion passed.

Ministry Reports: Already covered.

Meeting was adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 1:25 pm.

Twalla Haley

Submitted by Twalla Haley, Senior Warden



Our Parish Prayer List

We pray for the safety and security of

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

We add to the Prayer List this week

We continue Prayers for

Zack & Anne Fowler, for comfort.

Phillip Roan, Phyllis Roan's son, for comfort and healing.

Jenny, Brody, River & Bonnie Jones, Martha Dekle's grandkids for healing

Jane Fazio, Ann Bowman's sister, for comfort and healing.

Parker Brown, friend of Jane Hall-Williams, for comfort and healing.

Chris & Mary Sadler, Betty Jo Sadler's grandson & wife, for comfort and healing.

Jan Louks, Shannon Martin's grandmother, for comfort and healing.

Maggie Stoa, Teresa Barrera-Edge's Aunt, for comfort and strength.

Crystle May, friend of Abigail Chapman, for comfort and healing

Maxine McCall, friend and neighbor to Beverly & Chuck Thompson, for comfort and healing.

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

Cathy Parrish, Jerry Yates sister, for comfort and healing.

David and Leslie Hodges, friends of David Parker, for comfort and healing.

Holly Mobley, Beverly Thompson's friend, for 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.

Grace Alexander for comfort and healing.

Quinten Turpin, for comfort and healing.

Teresa Smith, friend of Beverly Thompson, for comfort and healing.

Felicia Adams, friend of Beverly Thompson, for strength and comfort.

Mikey Solis for comfort and healing.

Prayers for those who suffer with long-term illness

Mindy Coleman, Ann Bowman's niece, 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.

Lisa Bozeman, Ann Bowman's daughter & Karen Hidalgo's sister, for comfort and healing.

Ted Mim, friend of Karen Hidalgo, for comfort and healing.

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

Patrick Bowen, Beverly Thompson's nephew, 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.

Patton Gillis, and for care-giver, Karen Gillis.

Ann Bowman, for comfort and healing.

Ruth Hopkins, SherronThrelkeld'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.



**Merry
Christmas**

December Birthdays:

Harry Moses 1st; Brody Jones 7th; Katherine Moira Ladson 8th; Marianne Perez 9th; Abigail Embry 16th; Shanna Edge 12th; Christie Roller 12th; Dyson Ingley 13th; Anderson Hornick 13th; Martha Dekle 15; Carol Rice 23.

December Anniversaries:

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





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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 2024 SUNDAY SERVER SCHEDULE

	8:00 am Lector	8:00 am Eucharistic Minister	10:30 a.m. Lector	10:30 am Eucharistic Minister
December 1	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Burt Swancey	Teresa Barrera-Edge
December 8	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Harry Moses
December 15	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Larry Threlkeld	Jack Dell
December 22	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Martha Dekle	Beverly Thompson
December 24 (5:00 pm)	_____	_____	Shannon Martin	Teresa Barrera-Edge
December 25 (10:30 am)	_____	_____	Larry Threlkeld	
December 29	Twalla Haley	Rebecca Miller	Hugh Jordan	Beverly Thompson

	Altar Guild	Greeters/Bread & Wine	Acolyte	Alms/Usher
December 1	Anne Roller	Anne Roller	Youth	Anne Roller
December 8	Christie Roller	Christie Roller	Youth	Christie Roller
December 15	Lynette Dell	Lynette Dell	Youth	Lynette Dell
December 22	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
December 24	Karen Hidalgo	Karen Hidalgo	Youth	Karen Hidalgo
December 29	Jackie Moses	Jackie Moses	Youth	Jackie Moses

	Special Reception Coffee or Lunch	Collection Counter	
December 1		Jane Hall-Williams / Teresa Barrera-Edge	
December 8		Hugh Jordan / Beverly Thompson	
December 15	ECW Christmas Cookie & Coffee Hour Youth Gift Exchange & Party	Jack Dell / Carol Rice	
December 22		Jane Hall-Williams / Martha Dekle	
December 24	Christmas Eve Reception		
December 29		Hugh Jordan / Beverly Thompson	