

Annunciation is a place...
To be included
To be honest
To be empowered
To be challenged
To find hope



Parish News

for the Week of Sunday, September 26, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21
Worship Bulletin [here](#)



Calling all Singers!

Adult Choir rehearses this Sunday! After the service, stop by coffee hour and then come by the choir room for a short 'welcome back' rehearsal. We will be rehearsing every Sunday after church for the next few months. During this COVID-time we will be singing in church on the Sundays of All Saints, Christ the King, Advent 1,2,3,4 and of course, Christmas Eve. It will be great! Bring a friend, too!

EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Register for Convention

Online registration open through October 15

The 184th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will take place Saturday, November 20 from 9 am to 3 pm on Zoom. The event is free and everyone is welcome to participate. All attendees, including canonically resident clergy, lay delegates, licensed clergy, youth delegates and general attendees, must register online in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) by October 15. Convention is the annual business meeting of the diocese, during which we elect leaders, consider resolutions and hear reports from across the diocese and the wider church.

Hospitality Hotline

Thank you everyone who has signed up to host a coffee hour. We have all of October covered now except for October 10. Normally, if an occasional Sunday is not covered, I would host it. However, this is the one day



that I will not be in church. So please, for my sanity, sign up. If no one signs up, there will be no coffee hour that day.

The sign up process is extremely easy, just click on the link below and you will be taken to our SignUp Genius coffee hour site. Its use is very intuitive so I KNOW you can do it.

Coffee hour is pretty easy to host. I would suggest two people do it because everything has to be served to the

parishioners including the drinks.

Since we do not have a large crowd, maybe 30 - 40 at most, just have coffee (2 pots of regular and 1 pot of decaf) and cold drinks, something sweet and some fruit.

Since the food shouldn't be touched by anyone but the host(s), the coffee fixins, napkins and "silverware" work best on the table in front of the new parish hall partial wall.

If you have any questions, please see Miriam Berry.

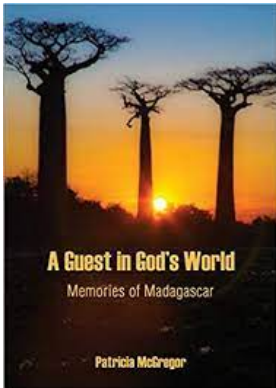
[To sign up to host coffee hour, please click here.](#)

United Thank Offering

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church. Individuals are invited to deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering. 100% of what is collected supports innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.



The UTO Blue Boxes are available on the Communication Wall shelf. The ingathering for the UTO boxes will be Sunday, November 28th. If you have questions, please speak with Deb Modde.



Wednesday Morning Study Group

Wednesday, September 22, was a wonderful class. We talked about what we had learned from reading 60 pages of letters from Patsy to her family and hers and Todd's home church. At the halfway point, Patsy joined us via Zoom.

We had a fantastic hour with Patsy and she helped us put so many things into perspective. We learned that neither she nor Todd were ordained when they went to Madagascar as missionaries. We knew missionaries did not have to be ordained but we were confused about when and how Todd went from a

degree from Trinity International's divinity school here in Deerfield (not exactly the same as an Episcopal seminary) to being an Episcopal priest. Patsy laid out a timeline for us which encompassed three of her books: *A Guest in God's World* (their time in the capital, networking and setting up medical dispensaries); *The Detour* (their time in Kenya when Patsy became a priest); and *Tamana: At Home in Africa* (their time in the Toliara area setting up the Diocese of Toliara). We know about their two daughters and what they are doing now, what Todd and Patsy are doing now that they are back in Florida and just a huge amount of other information. We even know who the lady was whose loss of a toothbrush was the start of our dental hygiene ingathering several years ago.

Patsy says she feels a real personal tie to us here at Annunciation and wants to keep in touch with us. We want to keep in touch with her as well.

Next Wednesday, September 29, we will be discussing chapters 5 through 7 where we already know more of the McGregor story will unfold. Although we are at least halfway through the book, we would love to have you join us. We meet in person in the Forum Room and on Zoom using the information below:

If you have any questions, please see Deb Gallinger or Miriam Berry.

[To Join the meeting, click here.](#)

Meeting ID: 889 6629 4587

Passcode: 007172

Madagascar Happenings

We received information that there will be confirmations in Ambovombe (southern Madagascar) starting this weekend. A total, we think, of 1114 people will be confirmed with 800 being confirmed THIS Sunday. The interesting thing is that the church building can seat around 100 people. So this will definitely be an indoor/outdoor event!!!! How wonderful that so many people want to go forward in their journey with Jesus.



Deacon Gaston and his son, Marc, did not get injured when their taxi-brousse turned over. Thank you, Lord, for that one.

Just as the seasons are changing here, so they are in Madagascar as well. It is now the beginnings of Spring. Hopefully rain will come to all of the island so crops can be planted and water will be available for everyone.

Please keep Bishop Samy and his wife, Holy, and their traveling companion, Deacon Florent in your prayers as Bishop Samy confirms all these fantastic people. Word is that he still gets tired due to his earlier bout with COVID. Also, pray for each of the confirmands as they take this big step forward. Lastly, pray for Spring rains. Don't forget, you can sign up to be a sponsor of a child to go to school. \$25 per month pays for their tuition, fees, school supplies and uniforms. Such a small price to give a child a chance.

See Miriam Berry if you have questions or want to become a sponsor. "My girls", Sahondra and Ronia, would love to have more classmates sponsored.

To visit the website for the Diocese of Toliara, click on the image above.

Healing Prayer

This Sunday, a minister will be in the chapel during communion to offer in-person socially distanced prayer. Their number will also continue to be posted on the Annunciation Connected at Home FB page and in the bulletin for those who are attending church remotely.



The minister for **Sunday, September 26** is:
John Anderson

Links to Zoom Worship for this Week

Sunday Worship

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20
September 19, 2021 9:00am

[Join Sunday Worship](#)

Meeting ID: 867 6614 6718

Passcode: 413783



Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost: Proper 21

September 26, 2021 | 9:00 am

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Monday Morning Prayer

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 892 8614 1525

Passcode: 352659

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Tuesday Morning Prayer

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 849 1855 9848

Passcode: 488546

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Wednesday Morning Prayer

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 815 8999 4169

Passcode: 429637

Dial by your location

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Thursday Morning Prayer

[Join Morning Prayer](#)

Meeting ID: 839 3757 8871

Passcode: 694677

Dial by your location

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Friday Morning Prayer

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Meeting ID: 814 6759 5595

Passcode: 645929

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Submissions due Thursday morning.
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Website Updates
Send to MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

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Food Tidings Meal Ministry
Surgery? New birth? If you need a little
help with supper, contact
Samantha Robison:
Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com

During the week:
Pastoral emergencies: 847-336-3730
The church office is open Tuesday,
Wednesday, and Thursday; 9:30-4:00