

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, January 23, 2022

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### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting for Annunciation will be held on January 30, 2022. There are open positions on the Vestry. For those who are interested in serving this congregation in this leadership role, speak with Pastor Jenni or the Wardens.



All ministries and committees are requested to submit a report detailing the work and ministry you have been engaged in during 2021 by 1/21/22.

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### Seeking Treasurer and Office Assistance

A season of transition is upon us and currently we are recruiting a parish treasurer. It is with immense gratitude that we thank Elizabeth Nemeth for her service as treasurer this last year.

The treasurer has the responsibility for maintaining our financial records and reporting, for writing payroll, and for advising the parish family on financial and business practices. We have a great training team for the treasurer position so you won't be lost in the weeds! As the adage goes, "Do you have a checkbook? Do you know what a budget is? Answer yes, you can be the treasurer!"

We also need a couple of volunteers who will help out with some of the administrative work of the office. We need someone who can help with the bulletins and with the electronic Parish News. Again, we have a great training for the various tasks that are done in the office.

Pray and discern! Are you called to either of these important ministries? Please speak with the Wardens or Pastor Jenni.

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## Recovery Service

Join us for the recovery service on Tuesdays at Noon. We will have the Noonday service with a reading of the 12 Steps as part of the prayers and then a time of meditation and reflection. The service will meet in the Chapel.



## Hospitality Corner

Two weeks ago I announced that we would be going back to the old paper signup sheets for you to sign up to host coffee hour. I will be passing around the clipboard at coffee hours, the Annual Meeting and any other place I can think of. You can sign up on paper then I will transfer the names to Sign-Up

Genius so we will always know what Sundays are still available, etc. I have already gotten two more people to host in February and March so this idea seems to be working. I am thinking you all are better at signing up when you can see the dates right there in front of you. So if I am not walking around with the sign up sheets and pen, they will be on the table used for coffee hour food.

Thank you to all those who have already helped out and to those people who have just signed up.

As a reminder, we will have two special coffee hours in February. A reprint of last week's write-up follows:

**The first will be SOUP-ER BOWL of Caring Sunday on February 13.** We will be offering several different kinds of soup along with other items for the 9 AM coffee hour. If you would like to make a favorite soup, please contact Miriam Berry.

*SOUP-ER BOWL of Caring was founded in Columbia, SC in 1990 by a Presbyterian seminarian who wanted to help soup kitchens and food banks by putting a slight spin on Super Bowl Sunday. This is a nationwide charity and since 1990, they have generated more than \$100 million for soup kitchens, food banks and pantries and other charities in communities across the country. Their prayer is "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."*

So, please come enjoy homemade soup and bring some cans of soup for our soup table where we will be building "the pyramid of soup." This has been a very successful event in past years so please participate.

**The second special event will be held on February 27 and will be the Feast of the Annunciation potluck.** We will have special decorations for the tables and will, hopefully, have lots of food provided by all of you. So, start thinking about what food you would like to share with us on that celebration day. Keep in mind that it will be the last Sunday before Lent so let the creative juices run. We will have a signup sheet for this special day starting on January 30.

If you have any questions or would like to sign the host signup sheets right away, please see Miriam Berry.

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

## Outreach, or Showing the Way of Love

Just a quick reminder that we will be having a sock and underwear drive in September to provide warm underwear for the PADS guests and the Midwest Veteran's Closet clients. In the next couple weeks, long underwear will probably go on sale. So, if you happen to see some on sale, grab them and bring them in to the Parish Hall where there is a



large box appropriately labeled. We will be happy to store these plus any other underwear or socks (men's, women's or children's) until the September timeframe.

Thank you in advance for your care.

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

## Madagascar Happenings

As I said in last week's article, things are happening slower in Madagascar right now because it is the height of summer and it is very hot. I just heard from Rev. Canon Donne's oldest son, Johary, so here is what he says.



He and his family had a nice Christmas (I told you how it is celebrated in Madagascar right before Christmas) and New Years. Johary said the whole family was together which is the last year this will happen and they all were very happy. Next year Johary, his wife and young son will be staying in the capital area (Tana) where his job is. He will get a month's vacation but they would have to spend 15 days of it traveling to Fort Dauphin and back so it would take too much out of them.

On New Year's Eve, the whole family were at home singing and playing music until midnight. (The Malagasy love to sing.) Then the family had their own worship service. At this service they thank God for all he did for them during the past year and ask him to bless the new year. Then they go to bed. This seems to be what all the families do. In the morning, around 6 AM, they have a communion service with all the Christians in the area. He says it is not so long - just an hour. (Remember, most of the services are 3 - 4 hours long!!!)

Everyone then goes home to prepare meals for the new year. Rev. Canon Donne's family went to a village named Lokaro which is about 30 km from Fort Dauphin where there is a nice beach. They swam and ate witre which Johary says is "something like a stone that they eat with vinegar or oranges." Johary and his little family stayed for one more week with his parents and siblings then they left to go back to Antananarivo (Tana). He says it has been raining constantly and the bridge near them is flooded. But, that is okay because the road is so horrible that his motorbike can't get through the mud anyway. He says when it rains like this it knocks out the electricity so there is nothing to do but eat and sleep. He says with all the water the fishing is pretty good. So, that is a plus.

Now, you might be asking, if Tana has a lot of rain, why do we keep reading about record droughts? Well, that is because the island has six climate zones and Tana is in the center and gets quite a bit of rain, Toliara is in the arid southwest and Amboasary (part of the Fort Dauphin District) is in the south which is the most arid part of the island. The Diocese of Toliara is trying to get grants which will provide the money to build underground water storage and get the water down to the south and southwest. That has not happened yet which is so sad.

If you have any questions about Madagascar or would like information about becoming a sponsor of a child's education, please see Miriam Berry. It is only \$25 per month and makes all the difference in the world for these children. Education lifts them from abject poverty.

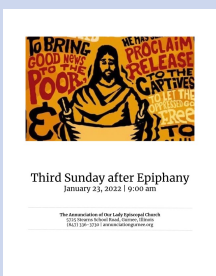
To visit the website for the Diocese of Toliara, click on the image above.

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, January 23** is:  
Carol Anderson



## Links to Zoom Worship for this Week



**Sunday Worship**  
Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 23, 2022 9:00am  
**Join Sunday Worship**  
Meeting ID: 890 0071 8934  
Passcode: 215354

### Monday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

**Join Morning Prayer**  
Meeting ID: 899 6756 6965  
Passcode: 676070

### Tuesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

**Join Morning Prayer**  
Meeting ID: 837 2223 9298  
Passcode: 848952

### Wednesday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

**Join Morning Prayer**  
Meeting ID: 848 5595 0812  
Passcode: 047321

### Thursday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

**Join Morning Prayer**  
Meeting ID: 811 9177 8341  
Passcode: 917299

### Friday Morning Prayer: 8:30am

**Join Morning Prayer**

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## Staying Connected



**Parish News and Prayer Requests**  
Submissions due Thursday morning.  
Send to [parishadmin@annunciationurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationurnee.org)

**Website Updates**  
Send to [MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com](mailto:MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com)

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

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