

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to the McNeill family (8am) and the Hagan family (10am) for hosting today's coffee hour!

Special thanks to The Very Rev'd Thomas C. H. Scott for serving as our priest today!

SAVE THE DATES

Mardi Gras Sunday — March 3, 2019
 Ash Wednesday — March 6, 2019 (12pm and 7pm services)
 Lenten Evensong — March 24, 2019, 6:30pm

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 Worship — 8am Worship — 10am	FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15 PADS Cooking — 2pm Tamil — 6:30pm
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11	SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16 Buildings and Grounds — 8am
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12 Cub Scouts — 6pm Boy Scouts — 7pm	SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 Worship — 8am Worship — 10am Sunday Night Live! — 5pm
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 Study Group — 10am Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm	
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14 Bible Study — 7pm	

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

Thank you for your financial generosity. Your pledges and contributions are essential for continuing the mission and ministries of the church.

	Received	Pledged	Net \$	Net %
First Quarter	\$52,396	\$52,335	\$61	0.12%
Second Quarter	\$50,734	\$52,335	(-\$1,601)	(-3.1%)
Third Quarter	\$47,090	\$52,335	(-\$5,245)	(-11.1%)
October	\$12,951	\$17,445	(-\$4,494)	(-34.7%)
November	\$15,634	\$17,445	(-\$1,811)	(-11.5%)
YTD #s	\$178,805	\$191,895	(-\$13,090)	(-9.3%)

STAYING CONNECTED

Office Hours — Week of Feb 10th: Wednesday 1-5pm

[If the front door isn't open/unlocked, please ring bell to the right of the front doors]

Parish News Deadline: Mondays at 12:00pm.

Contact — parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org.

Search Committee — searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org

Magnificat Deadline: 20th of each month.

Contact — jnpenticoff@sbcglobal.net

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Director of Music:

Westley Hodges — whodges@westleyhodges.com.

Treasurer:

Jane Penticoff and Stan Gallinger — treasurer@annunciationgurnee.org

Food Tidings Meals Ministry:

Contact — Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com

Wardens & Vestry: Maggie Attiyeh — Jr. Warden; Vestry members:

Miriam Berry, Andy Campbell, Michael Chatlien, Beth Hagan, Cindy Hibbard, Andrea Lindblad, Susan O'Morchoe, Dan Whipple; Clerk of the Vestry - Charles O'Morchoe (non-voting).

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call or text Rev. Linda Lutter at 847-340-3253.



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**Annunciation
of Our Lady**
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to Annunciation! We are pleased that you've chosen to worship here today. Everything you need to participate in the service is in this bulletin or in one of the two hymnals in the pew rack in front of you. Congregational prayers and responses are indicated by **bold, italic** type. At communion time, we invite everyone — whether you grew up in the Episcopal church or not — to receive the bread and wine at the Lord's table.

Children are invited to participate fully in the service, as well — in the prayers, in singing, in communion. The more that kids can see, the more they'll feel part of the service, and so parents are encouraged to sit wherever their children can view the action the best. We recognize that kids can't always sit still for a full service, and we're not bothered by their rustlings or outpourings of energy. If you feel like you need to step out of the service for a moment, though, know that you'll still be able to see and hear the service from the narthex (entryway) area. Age-appropriate KidsWord activity sheets, which help explain the day's scripture readings, are available on the table by the church office.

If you are visiting here for the first time, please sign our guest register before leaving and know that you are welcome to join fellow worshipers at coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service. If you would like to receive more information about Annunciation, or to receive the weekly parish news or monthly newsletter electronically, please include your email address in the guest register and/or email the church at parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who participated in our recent Rector Search Update discussions! We appreciated all of the thoughtful questions that were presented both in person and virtually via live stream! If you were unable to join us, there is a recording of the live stream available on the church's Facebook page.

Looking ahead, our next big step is the C.A.T. (Church Assessment Tool) Survey. The C.A.T. is a critical piece of the search process and the results help to paint a clear picture of our church in the present day. It also aids in creating our parish profile, which will ultimately serve as our chief "marketing tool" when we begin considering candidates. Stay tuned for more details about this important step, including a special "C.A.T. Sunday" event!

As always, we welcome your comments, questions, and prayers. Search Committee members are available for conversation or you can send an email to searchcommittee@annunciationurnee.org THANK YOU!

ANNUNCIATION SERVICE PROJECT

Over the last several weeks, parishioners were surveyed to gauge interest in participating in the Annunciation Service Project and to determine whether we consider a service project closer to home (as suggested by Outreach) or should we continue to travel to Appalachia to support the Appalachia Service Project. Based on the survey results and discussion at the meeting on January 6th, the congregation decided to participate in a service project with Habitat for Humanity of Lake County.

With the project closer to home, more of our parishioners have expressed interest in volunteering. We are planning to work a Friday and Saturday, either in late May or early June. Be on the lookout for more information shortly! Please contact Megan Dailey or Cindy Pullinger with questions.

OUTREACH UPDATE

Check out our communication wall and watch for the monthly Magnificat articles and more information about ongoing ministries and special events! If you have any questions or have ideas to share, please contact Sue Whipple.

ADULT FORUM INFORMATION

February 3rd and 10th — John Anderson will be leading Adult Forum, focusing on the history of Christianity. On February 3rd, he will be discussing the churches of the Reformation. On February 10th, he will share information on home grown American religions (think Latter Day Saints and Scientology.) You will be sure to learn something interesting!

UTO OFFERING

We plan on doing our UTO (United Thank Offering) ingathering on Mother's Day this year. UTO is a ministry of the Episcopal Church and it is just the practice of giving daily thanks for our many blessings by dropping spare change in a UTO box. The money is used to support grants for ministries at home and overseas as an outreach of the Episcopal Church.

We thought we would start early so we can all put a box in our car or kitchen and just drop loose change in and think of something we're grateful for throughout the day. This way by the time Mother's Day rolls around we'll all have collected some spare change that will be put together to do some good on a local and/or international level.

We know some people still have boxes that weren't turned in last year so for those of you with them, please keep adding and bring them on Mother's Day!!!

If you have any questions please contact Deb Modde or Jan Harastany. Thank You!

STUDY GROUP

Thursday Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 7pm to study the appointed scriptures for the following week.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

There is an opportunity for children ages 6-13 to come sing in the Spring! The Children's Choir will be singing in our Palm Sunday service on April 14 and will rehearse three evenings before the service: 2-20, 3-13, and 3-17 at 6:00pm in the choir room. This is a great opportunity for children to learn more about the liturgy of our church and to learn more about music. Please contact Westley with any questions.

ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir will be rehearsing at 730pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. And, we would love to have new voices join us! The number one reason people say they don't want to join the choir is that they can't sing. Don't let that stop you! We are a loving community that welcome all voices and we have a great time learning the music of our liturgy. Come and join us! Please contact Westley with any questions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

The Wednesday morning study group is continuing with our study and discussions of *My Grandfather's Blessings* (Stories of Strength, Refuge and Belonging) by Rachel Naomi Remen, MD. We plan to meet each Wednesday during January and February. We will break during Lent so we can give the Lenten Series our full attention. We will start back up after Easter.

We rotate the facilitator role through the group as well as the provider of snacks. So each week, a different person will lead the discussions and another person will provide the snacks.

A schedule of the readings is on the communications wall in the Narthex. Since each chapter is only a few pages long and stands alone, you can join us at any point. We meet at 10am in the Adult Forum room and this is a group well attended by both men and women. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry.

POINSETTIAS

Poinsettias, located in the vestibule, are ready for adoption! Paper sleeves are available for cold-weather protection.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

If you wish to return your dried palms, a basket is located in the narthex. Palms are burned for ashes used on Ash Wednesday.