



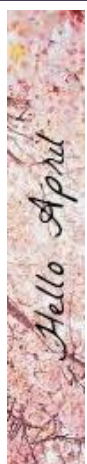
Annunciation of Our Lady

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Magnificat

Apr 2018

Events



Sunday, April 1st

EASTER, Service at 10am

Wed, April 4, Thur, April 5

Rector Study's Resume

Saturday, April 7

Farmers Market from 9am-1pm

Bunco 7pm

Sunday, April 8

Feast of Annunciation 9am

Wednesday, April 11

Meditation: Listening to God 7pm

Friday, April 27

Beer and Hymns 7:00pm

Winter Farmer's Market



Annunciation, in partnership with Faith in Place, will be hosting a community Winter Farmer's Market on **Saturday, April 7, from 9am-1pm**. Faith in Place is an Illinois non-profit organization which partners with churches in support of various "green" initiatives, i.e. more locally sourced produce and other food goods. Look for more information in the coming weeks about vendors, and how to spread the word in your neighborhood. If you have questions, or are interested in helping with promotions, setup, or day-of hosting, please contact Jan Harastany or Rev. Elizabeth.

Bunco - Saturday, April 7th, 7pm

Support Huntington's Disease research, and have a great evening at the same time! Bring your favorite beverage and a snack food to share.

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Don't worry if you don't know how to play
Bunco - instruction will be provided. Questions?
See Andy Hucker.

Feast of Annunciation

Celebrating the Feast of the Annunciation
Baptisms, Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation



Bishops Visits
9 am Service

With our usual blowout potluck luncheon.
Sign-up sheets to indicate what dish you'll be
bringing are on the communication wall in the
parish hall. Questions? See Kim or Dave Fulton.

In anticipation of our celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation on
April 8th, I offer this poem: Annunciation by Denise Levertov

We know the scene: the room, variously furnished,
almost always a lectern, a book; always
the tall lily.

Arrived on solemn grandeur of great wings,
the angelic ambassador, standing or hovering,
whom she acknowledges, a guest.
But we are told of meek obedience. No one mentions
courage.

The engendering Spirit
did not enter her without consent.

God waited.
She was free
to accept or to refuse, choice
integral to humanness.

Aren't there annunciations
of one sort or another
in most lives?

Some unwillingly
undertake great destinies,
enact them in sullen pride,
uncomprehending.

More often those moments
when roads of light and storm
open from darkness in a man or woman,
are turned away from
in dread, in a wave of weakness, in despair
and with relief. Ordinary lives continue.
God does not smite them.
But the gates close, the pathway vanishes.

She had been a child who played, ate, slept
like any other child-but unlike others,
wept only for pity, laughed
in joy not triumph.
Compassion and intelligence
fused in her, indivisible.
Called to a destiny more momentous
than any in all of Time,
she did not quail,

only asked

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Sunday April 15th, 5 pm
Youth Education
Full schedule and details
on the website!



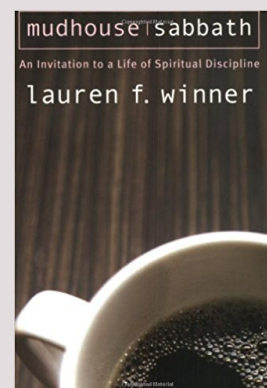
Adult Forum meets between the
8am and 10am services.
Sessions are held in the adult
forum room, just off the parish
hall, near the kitchen. Everyone
is welcome to attend, and no
advance preparation is needed;
just come with an open mind and
a willingness to participate in
lively discussion!

[Full schedule and details](#)
[on the website!](#)

Rector's Study Groups

Wednesday morning 10am
Thursday evening 7pm.
@ the church

This spring we'll be looking at
Lauren Winner's, *Mudhouse Sabbath*, and discussing the
spiritual practices she outlines in
her book and how they apply in
our Christian/Episcopal context.



[Reading schedule](#)

For more information, or if you
have questions, please contact
Rev. Elizabeth.

a simple, 'How can this be?'
and gravely, courteously,
took to heart the angel's reply,
the astounding ministry she was offered:
to bear in her womb
Infinite weight and lightness; to carry
in hidden, finite inwardness,
nine months of Eternity; to contain
in slender vase of being,
the sum of power-
in narrow flesh,
the sum of light.

Then bring to birth,
push out into air, a Man-child
needing, like any other,
milk and love-
but who was God.
This was the moment no one speaks of,
when she could still refuse.
A breath unbreathed,

Spirit,
suspended,
waiting.

She did not cry, 'I cannot. I am not worthy,'
Nor, 'I have not the strength.'
She did not submit with gritted teeth,
raging, coerced.

Bravest of all humans,
consent illumined her.
The room filled with its light,
the lily glowed in it,
and the iridescent wings.
Consent,
courage unparalleled,
opened her utterly.

Meditation: Listening to God.



Beginning in April, on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, Barbara Crowe will be offering instruction on meditation, followed by meditation practice time. The first session will take place on **April 11**, in the chapel, from **7-8:30pm**. These instruction and practice sessions are open to everyone, whether you're new to meditation, or an experienced practitioner. Barbara draws on the meditation training she learned as part of the Tibetan Buddhist tradition; she also used meditation practices as part of her previous work. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Barbara at 847-234-5408 or crowe2136@earthlink.net.

Appalachia Service Project:



Appalachia Service Project:
Warmer, Safer, Drier

Please keep the Appalachia Service Project team in your prayers as they prepare to travel to Jonesville, Virginia to help make someone's home "warmer, safer, drier." The team members are: Carol Anderson, Mike Bill, Megan Dailey, Cindy Hibbard, Lisa Kleine, Elizabeth Molitors, Brian Penticoff, Cindy Pullinger, and Dan Whipple. Trip dates are Saturday, April 14 thru Saturday, April 21.

Morning Prayer



Last Friday of the Month:
Friday, April 27 @ **9am**



Atoma - Latin for Indivisible,
Atomic, that which cannot be cut.
Atoma - "Annunciation" for Youth Group!

Atoma - Mission - to provide a safe and fun space for our youth; to interact & socialize with one another, to develop friendships with peers who are being raised with a common set of values, and to comfortably comment on their faith & its role in their daily lives.

5th grade and up.

Come and play with us. Look to the Parish News for our next meeting or contact Beth/Bill Hagan if you have any questions.



Book Club

West - Danos

Mon, April 9, 2018, 7pm-9pm

East - Potestas

Mon, April 16th, 2018, 6pm-8pm



Date:

Wednesday, March 25th

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Location: Lunch gathering for women of the parish at 1 pm. Location will rotate and date will be 4th Wed of each month. For

Beer and Hymns

Friday April 27, 2018, 7:00pm

Join us for an evening of hymn singing and fellowship. Bring your beer - or whatever beverage you want to drink - and a finger food to share. Contact Westley Hodges with questions.

music
is
soul
food

[Click to see the poster](#)

Music lessons by Westley



Starting in April, Westley will be offering lessons in Piano, Voice, and Organ at Annunciation on Wednesday afternoons. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking lessons from Westley, please contact him @ whodges@westleyhodges.com.

Ministry of Bereavement

*In
Loving
Memory*

You're Invited to a new ministry

You are invited to join the MOB! A new ministry has been established called the Ministry of Bereavement. It is our mission to offer hospitality and comfort by hosting or assisting families with receptions following funerals and memorial services. If you are interested in helping with setup, cleanup, serving refreshments, bringing a side dish or dessert, or just want more information, please contact Sue Whipple at mywhipp@aol.com or Carol Anderson at laughergl@comcast.net

A Resting Place at Annunciation

Columbarium - a room or building with niches for funeral urns to be stored.

A small team has been formed to gather information on interior columbariums and a list of parishes with interior columbariums in the area. The next step is to **identify more individuals** who are interested in understanding more about columbariums and visiting columbariums. The larger team will then go out 2 by 2 to visit different columbariums and fill out an information sheet. The larger team will then come together, review what we found and put together a proposal for the parish at large.



If you are interested in visiting columbariums or joining the team, please follow up with Jane Penticoff (jnpenticoff@sbcglobal.net)

NOTES FROM THE NURSE



Dale Sander, RN

Here is the sailor's psalm; Psalm 107 vs 23-31

"And then there are the sailors sailing the seven seas, plying the trade routes of the world. They observe the power of God in action. He calls to the storm winds; the waves rise high. Their ships are tossed to the heavens and

reservations contact Jane Schaefer at 224-372-7940 or at cs.js@comcast.net



Feed My Starving Children

for I was
hungry
and you
gave me food...
Matthew 25:35

If you would like to be a part of this ministry of feeding the hungry please join us. Mark your Calendars ... Here are the Saturday dates,

9:00 am to 11:00 am

+April 28, 2017

**Last Saturday every
Month**

God's Peace and Blessings!
text/call @ 847-340-3253
Linda.lutter@hotmail.com



PADS
LAKE COUNTY
Helping the Homeless Find a Way

**PADS ~ Hot Meal Program
Friday, April 20th**

**Our April meal will be
Shepherd's Pie, Lettuce
Salad, Fruit Salad and
Rolls will be on the menu.
Look for opportunities to
support our April 20th
meal. The signup sheets
will be posted on the
Communications Wall.**

Our March meal was enjoyed

sink again to the depths; the sailors cringe in terror. They reel and stagger like drunkards and are at their wit's end. Then they cry to the Lord in their trouble, and he saves them. He calms the storm and stills the waves. What a blessing is that stillness as he brings them safely into harbor! Oh that these men would praise the Lord for all his loving-kindness and for all of his wonderful deeds."

Comment from Dale: Research says that gratitude can have a profound impact on our health and well-being. Plus it helps us savor the highlights of our lives. Try this: At the end of the day make a note of some moments for which you are thankful. Knowing that you will want to pick special moments will help you pay more attention when they happen. Thank you for being a special part of MY Life.

From Our Rector

Rev. Elizabeth Molitors



I wonder ...

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From Our Deacon

Linda Lutter



Silence ...

[Read on](#)

From Our Director of Music

Westley Hodges



When I was a child ...

[Read on](#)

From Our Jr. Warden

Maggie Attiyeh

Have you ever heard of something called the Baader-Meinhof phenomenon?

[Read on](#)



From Our Vestry

Hospitality
Mirium Berry

As the new Vestry liaison to "hospitality" ...

[Read on](#)

by our guests of PADS. We served a total of 25 guests - 19 women, 4 men and 2 children. Thank you to all who donated, cooked, delivered/served: Cindy Hibbard, Judi Stanford, Andy and Darlene Campbell, Elizabeth Danos, Card Anderson, Sue and Dan Whipple, Elizabeth Molitors, Jami Haines, Maryann Esguerra, Terry Kline, Mike Bill, Steve Kulbis, and Barbara Crowe, who provided dessert. Thank you and see you in the kitchen! ~ Cheri Johnson

Meet Our Vestry



Sr. Warden - Mike Bill
Jr. Warden - Maggie Attiyeh

Vestry - Mirium Berry, Andy Cambell, Beth Hagen, Susan O'Morchoe, Michael Chatlien, Dan Whipple, Cindy Hibbard Andrea Lindblad

Rector - Rev. Elizabeth Molitors
Clerk - Charles O.Morchoe.



Outreach Central

[Read on to see what is going on ...](#)

Miriam Berry, Outreach Communications

See you on Church (any day of the week)!