

**IN GRATITUDE**

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

Special thanks to The Rev. Jane Schaefer for serving as our priest today!

SOUPer Bowl Sunday—Thanks to your generosity and team Annunciation spirit, we were able to deliver 301 soup items to the Warren Township food pantry!!! Thank you!

**ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Altar Flowers are given by Barb McNeill in memory of her mother, Lillian.

The Sanctuary Candle is given by the Donegan family in thanksgiving for Erin's birthday.

**SAVE THE DATES**

- Mardi Gras Sunday — March 3, 2019
- Ash Wednesday — March 6, 2019 (12pm and 7pm services)
- Outreach Meeting — March 24, 2019, 11:30am
- Lenten Evensong — March 24, 2019, 6:30pm
- Winter Farmers Market — April 6, 2019
- BUNCO for Huntingtons — April 13, 2019
- Vet's Sock Hop and Pig Roast — June 15, 2019
- Ice Cream Sunday Sundae and parade preparations — July 14, 2019
- Giving Tree Kick-Off — November 3, 2019
- Habitat for Humanity — May 17-18

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<p><b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17</b> Worship — 8am Worship — 10am Sunday Night Live! — 5pm</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21</b> Bible Study — 7pm</p>
<p><b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18</b> Book Club East — 6pm</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22</b> Morning Prayer — 9am</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19</b> Cub Scouts — 6pm Scouts — 7pm</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23</b> Emma Sandberg Celebration of Life — 2am</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20</b> Study Group — 10am Knitting Group — 7pm</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24</b> <b>C.A.T SUNDAY!</b> Worship — 8am Worship — 10am</p>

**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 17th: Tuesday: 9-12, Wednesday 9-12

[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](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org).

Search Committee — [searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:searchcommittee@annunciationgurnee.org)

Magnificat Deadline: 20th of each month.

Contact — [jnpenticoff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jnpenticoff@sbcglobal.net)

Website Updates:

Contact — [MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com](mailto:MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com)

Director of Music:

Westley Hodges — [whodges@westleyhodges.com](mailto:whodges@westleyhodges.com).

Treasurer:

Jane Penticoff and Stan Gallinger — [treasurer@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:treasurer@annunciationgurnee.org)

Food Tidings Meals Ministry:

Contact — [Robison\\_Samantha@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org).

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **INTERIM RECTOR**

We are very pleased to announce that we have hired an Interim Rector. The Rev. Dan Puchalla will join us starting on March 10! More information coming soon.

### **RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE**

We have "Cat Scratch Fever"!!! Our C.A.T. Survey is ready to launch soon! A link to the survey will be sent via email to all parishioners the week of 2/18 and the survey will remain open for three weeks. You may choose to complete the survey in the comfort of your own home, while sipping a coffee at Starbucks, OR... you can complete the survey on C.A.T. Sunday, February 24th! The search team will be on hand before and after both services, ready to assist parishioners on electronic devices or with hard copy paperwork. There will be extended fellowship, a fun atmosphere, and a few purr-iffic surprises. Whenever and however you choose to complete the survey, we are grateful for your time and thoughts!

### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 2 - 2019**

12 of 48 voices have been heard (pledge sheets returned) and one new pledge has been received. To date we have \$13,940.00 going toward the Parish Hall ceiling. Reminder, we can not move forward with the ceiling without the total cost (\$60,000.00) being realized/pledged.

### **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.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

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.

### **STUDY GROUP**

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

### **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.

### **LENTEN STUDY - THE WAY OF LOVE PRACTICES**

The Reverends Linda Lutter and Jane Schaefer are excited to begin our Lenten study on Sunday, March 10 at the Adult Forum. The program includes 9 sessions to be held on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings during Lent and will give us an introduction to the Way of Love Practices as recommended by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

The Sunday Adult Forum begins at 9:10 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and meet in the Adult Forum Room. On Wednesday evenings we will gather in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. for a supper of soup, salad, and bread followed by the program which will conclude at 8:15 with a brief time of worship.

We will explore the practices of Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest. One of the practices will be introduced at each session and then we will be encouraged to continue our reflection, discernment, and commitment to the practices throughout the week and, hopefully, for the rest of our lives.

Please indicate your interest in attending on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall so we will have adequate materials available. It is best to attend both the Wednesday evening and Sunday morning sessions . . . however, if this is not possible, feel free to come as you are able. Each session will cover a different spiritual practice and is not dependent on what preceded.

### **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!

### **LUNCH BUNCH, ETC.**

Lunch Bunch, Etc. will meet at Lazy Dog Restaurant and Bar, 1115 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, on Wednesday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. This new restaurant at Melody Farm brings "a slice of the Rocky Mountains with its warmth and care and small town community feel." It serves "carefully sourced and hand-crafted food" including Italian, Asian, Mexican, and American dishes. They have a huge variety of offerings from small plates, noodle bowls, pizza, sandwiches, salads, burgers, steaks, soup, specialty fish, chicken, and meat dishes, – something for everyone's taste. All women of the parish are invited. Separate checks will be requested. If you plan to attend, please contact Jane Schaefer at 224-757-5436 or at cs.js@comcast.net before Monday, February 25.

### **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.

### **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

Join us for our annual Annunciation Service Project with Habitat for Humanity "to build safe, affordable housing" for a family in Northern Illinois, "that comes from a desire to put God's love into action".

Based on feedback from parishioners and recommendations from Habitat for Humanity, we have selected Friday and Saturday, May 17th and 18th for Annunciation's Service Project. See the sign-up sheet on the Communication Wall. Sign up to work from 8-4 for either one day or two. Volunteers age 16-17 must have a parent working with them for the entire day. The donation to Habitat is \$1200 for the two days, and based on 10 volunteers would be \$120 per person. If people want to work half a day, they can sign up to work at the Habitat Re-Store in Waukegan. If you can't be on site, but still want to participate, you can sign up to provide food or contribute to lunch or snacks for the volunteers. Please contact Megan Dailey or Cindy Pullinger with questions or go to <https://www.habitat.org/us-il/waukegan/lake-county-illinois-inc-hfh>