

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*The Altar Flowers are given by Charles O'Morchoe in thanksgiving for Susan's 60th birthday.*

**IN GRATITUDE**

Thank you to the finance committee for hosting today's coffee hour.

The finance committee would like to thank everyone for their generosity over the years that allowed us to retire this debt.

**SAVE THE DATES**

- Crop Walk Kick-Off — September 16, 2018
- Crop Walk — October 21, 2018
- Outreach Meeting — Rescheduled for September 30, 2018
- Pet Blessing — Sunday, October 7, 2018, 3:00pm
- Rev. Elizabeth's Farewell Sunday — October 14, 2018
- Vocal Master Class — October 27, 2018, 9am-11am
- Christmas Giving Tree Kick-Off — November 4, 2018
- Veteran's Sock Hop — November 10, 2018
- Advent Evensong — December 2, 2018, 6:30pm

**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

<p><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16</b>                  Worship — 8:00am                  Worship — 10:00am                  Outreach Meeting — 11:30pm                  Choir Rehearsal — 11:30am                  Sunday Night Live — 5:00pm</p>	<p><b>WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19</b>                  Rector's Study — 10:00am                  Knitting Group — 7:00pm</p>
<p><b>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17</b>                  Book Club — 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20</b>                  Rector's Study — 7:00pm</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18</b>                  Vestry Meeting — 7:00pm                  Scouts Court of Honor — 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23</b>                  Worship — 8:00am                  Worship — 10:00am                  Choir Rehearsal — 11:30am</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%)
July	\$15,992	\$17,445	(-\$1,453)	(-30.1%)
August	\$12,199	\$17,445	(-\$5,246)	(-30.1%)
YTD #s	\$131,321	\$139,560	(-\$8,239)	(-5.9)

**STAYING CONNECTED**

Office Hours — Week of September 16th:  
 Tuesday 9am-1pm; Wednesday 9:30am-1pm;  
 Thursday 10am-12noon.

[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.

Magnificat Deadline: 20th of each month.  
 Contact — jnpenticoff@sbcglobal.net

Website Updates:  
 Contact — MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

To make an appointment with the rector:  
 emolitors@yahoo.com or call/text — 847-727-0862

Director of Music:  
 Westley Hodges — whodges@westleyhodges.com.

Treasurer:  
 Deborah Bill — hailstonesailor@gmail.com

Food Tidings Meals Ministry:  
 Contact — Robison\_Samantha@yahoo.com

Wardens & Vestry: Mike Bill — Sr. Warden; 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. Elizabeth at 847-727-0862.



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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:**

### **NEW DEADLINE FOR PARISH NEWS**

The new deadline for announcements in the parish newsletter is Monday's by Noon for the coming newsletter. Please send your announcements to Westley at [parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org](mailto:parishadmin@annunciationgurnee.org).

### **CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

Children's Chapel is back in the 10am service! Children (and parents who desire to accompany them) should follow the 2nd Crucifer out of the Nave following the Gospel reading in the 10am service. If you have questions or would like to be a facilitator, please contact Rev. Elizabeth or Susan Schrunk.

### **ADULT FORUM SERIES: HISTORY OF RELIGIONS**

Join us this fall for an adult forum series presented by parishioner John Herbert, a former Roman Catholic deacon with an MA in Theology, focusing on Interfaith Studies. This week, we will talk about the three faiths that look to Abraham as their father; Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The focus of the class will be on Judaism.

### **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN**

September 29th, the last Saturday of the month and you know what that means—Feed My Starving Children Annunciation Saturday! Please join us from 9:00am to 11:00am at 742 E. Park Ave., Libertyville to prepare boxes of food to send all over the world to help combat hunger. If you have any concerns or questions, call or text Deacon Linda at 847-340-3253. Thank you.

### **FABULOUS FOURTH FRIDAY**

Coming up is September 28th—Fabulous Fourth Friday—starting with 9:00am Morning Prayer, breakfast at Baker's Square, and 11:30am start setting up for our last time of bagging lunches for PADS. Please sign up to bring some of the items necessary for these lunches and to help out if you can. Sign-up sheets can be found on the information board under PADS. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Deacon Linda at 847-340-3253. Thank you.

### **SCOUTING—COURT OF HONOR**

Troop 627 is celebrating their 25th Anniversary this month during their fall Court of Honor. Please come and join in the celebration on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, 7:00pm

### **RECTOR STUDY GROUP BOOK FOR FALL**

The Rector Study Groups will resume meeting on September 12th/13th. The first book we'll be reading and discussing this fall is "Finding God in the Margins: The Book of Ruth" by Carolyn Curtis James. The reading schedule is available at the communication center in the narthex.

From the book's synopsis on amazon.com: In Finding God in the Margins, Carolyn Custis James reveals how the book of Ruth is about God, the questions that surface when life falls apart, and how God reaches into the margins and chooses two totally marginalized women who, in the eyes of the patriarchal culture, are zeros.

Against the backdrop of disturbing issues in today's world, this bracing narrative puts on display a radical gospel way of living together as human beings that shouts the Kingdom of God, foreshadows Jesus' gospel, and raises the bar for men and women, then and now.

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

We will enjoy lunch at Hill Country Market, 7510 288th Avenue, Salem, Wisconsin on Wednesday, September 26th at 1:00pm. Hill Country Market "melds new and old with a unique country feel featuring gourmet sandwiches, homemade soups and baked goods, local, organic and gluten-free products, spirits, meat and cheese, deli salads and more." You may want to take home some goodies from the Hill Country Market for your enjoyment later. If the weather permits, we will dine outside on the patio. After lunch, there will be an opportunity to go next door to the Breezy Hill Nursery Garden Shop to browse and purchase gifts, décor, fall flowers, and garden and landscaping items. 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](mailto:cs.js@comcast.net) before Monday, September 24th.

### **A SAFE PLACE**

The leading cause of injury to women — more than car accidents, muggings, and rapes combined — is domestic violence. We will be able to hear first hand what A Safe Place is doing to help these women and what we can do as a parish. Please join us Sunday, October 7th at 9:00 am or 11:15 am for a very special coffee hour in the Adult Forum room welcoming our speaker Charlene Quint, a survivor of domestic abuse, talking about her journey "from victim to victor". Charlene is an attorney whose practice focuses exclusively on helping victims overcome domestic abuse. Any questions or concerns, please text or call Deacon Linda Lutter, 847-340-3253 or Cindy Pullinger, 847-650-1790.

### **PET BLESSING**

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, and in gratitude for the creatures God has given us to care for, we invite you to Annunciation's Annual Pet Blessing, Sunday, October 7, at 3pm. Weather permitting, we'll gather by the St. Francis garden, otherwise, the service will be in the narthex. Please bring your leashed or caged or crated pet for a blessing, or, if your critter doesn't travel well, feel free to bring a photo or one of their toys. If you've lost a pet this past year, please contact Rev. Elizabeth with your pet's name, and we'll include them in a prayer of remembrance. Invite your friends and neighbors, too! Also, we will be accepting donations of cat or dog food as well as monetary donations which will be given to Our House of Hope in Libertyville which has a food pantry for animals.

### **VICTOR CONRADO**

The Reverend Victor Conrado, Associate for Ministries with the Diocese of Chicago, will be with us on Sunday, September 23rd. Victor's role with the bishop's office is to work with congregations who are going through clergy transitions, and he has already started that work by meeting with the wardens and vestry in August. Victor will be at Annunciation to preach at both services, and to present at the adult forum (9am), and also after the 10am service. Please plan to be present September 23rd to learn more about the process of saying farewell to Rev. Elizabeth and seeking out and welcoming Annunciation's next rector.

### **MEDITATION: LISTENING TO GOD**

"Silence isn't empty; it's full of answers." This fall and winter, you'll have an opportunity to learn about and practice meditation at Annunciation. Barbara Crowe, an experienced teacher and practitioner of meditation in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition, will be leading meditation sessions on September 26, October 24, November 14, and December 12 from 7-8:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join in. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Barbara at 847-234-5408 or [crowe2136@earthlink.net](mailto:crowe2136@earthlink.net).

### **OUTREACH UPDATE**

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

### **REV. ELIZABETH'S FAREWELL SERVICE**

Join us for one service at 9:00am on October, 14, 2018 as we send Rev. Elizabeth off to her next calling. Following the service their will be reception in her honor.