

MARCH 24, 2019

IN GRATITUDE

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

Special thanks to the choir for their hard work preparing for this evenings Choral Song.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

Today's Sanctuary Candle in giving by the Campbell's in thanksgiving for Andy's Birthday.

SAVE THE DATES

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
Easter egg Hunt following service — April 21, 2019
Spring Clean-up — May 4, 2019, 9am-noon
Habitat for Humanity — May 17-18
Ice Cream Sunday Sundae and parade preparations — July 14, 2019
Gurnee Days Parade — August 11, 2019
Giving Tree Kick-Off — November 3, 2019

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Worship — 8am
Adult Forum 9:10am
Worship — 10am
Outreach Meeting — 11:30am
Lenten Evensong — 6:30pm

MONDAY, MARCH 25

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

Cub Scouts — 6pm
Scouts — 7pm

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

Lenten Program — 6:30pm
Choir Rehearsal — 7:30pm
Stations of the Cross — 8pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Prayer — 9am

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Feed My Starving Children — 9am

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

One Service — 9am

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATE

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

A Congregation of

YES!

TO FOLLOWING WHERE GOD LEADS.

TO WELCOMING EVERYONE HOSPITABLY.

TO SERVING OTHERS GENEROUSLY.

STAYING CONNECTED

Office Hours — Week of March 24th: T: 9-12, W 1-5

If you would like to setup up a time to meet with Rev. Dan during his office hours, please contact him at 773-220-2562 or rector@annunciationgurnee.org. Please use his cellphone number for pastoral emergencies.

[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

Website Updates:
Contact — MarkRJohnson52@gmail.com

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 — Sr. Warden, Dave Fulton, Jr. Warden; Vestry members: Andy Campbell, Beth Hagan, Andrea Lindblad, Susan O'Morchoe, Dan Whipple, John Anderson, Debbie Rakestraw, Virginia Bosserman and Jami Haines.; Clerk of the Vestry - Charles O'Morchoe (non-voting).



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ANNUNCIATION PARISH NEWS

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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:

CHORAL EVENSONG

Join us tonight for our Lenten Evensong at 6:30pm. Reception will follow, and you are welcome to bring a bottle of wine to share!

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

The celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation is on Sunday, March 31st and we will have one service at 9am. As is our custom, we will have a potluck coffee hour after the service and sign up sheets are on the communications wall closest to the kitchen. Please sign up for what you are bringing. If you have any questions, please contact Miriam Berry.

RECTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who completed the C.A.T. Survey. 100 parishioners participated in this phase of our search process. Fantastic! We're one step closer to finding our new rector. The second phase of building our Parish Profile will be happening shortly after Easter. We will be engaging in holy conversations within small groups to further expand on what makes Annunciation tick, who we are as a faith community, and what our vision for the future looks like. Your thoughts and opinions are key to building our collective voice. Stay tuned for details!

OUTREACH MEETING

You are invited! — If you would like to learn more about any of our outreach opportunities, have new ideas to share, or would like to be part of any of our upcoming exciting events, then grab a cup of coffee and join us following the 10am service on Sunday, March 24 for our next outreach meeting. We hope to see you! See Sue Whipple with any questions.

LENTEN STUDY - THE WAY OF LOVE PRACTICES

This Sunday at the 9:10 a.m. Adult Forum we will consider the spiritual practice of Worship. Through the week we are the church scattered, but each Sunday we come back together to be re-membered as the Body of Christ. We will discuss why this gathering for corporate worship is important to our relationship with God and one another. On Wednesday, March 27 following the 6:30 p.m. Lenten Supper we will engage the practice of Bless discussing the ways in which we have been blessed and consider how we can be a blessing to others. On Sunday, March 31 we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation with one service at 9:00 a.m. so there will be no Adult Forum. Please note that each session is independent and does not require previous attendance. If you have not previously attended and would like to come, please contact Linda Lutter or Jane Schaefer.

EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers for our Easter services, please find the form on the communication wall and place it in the offering plate or give it to Westley. Suggested donation is \$20 and the deadline to turn forms in is Sunday, April 7, 2019.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPER

Join us for our Lenten Supper every Wednesday night during Lent at 6:30pm. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the communication wall for volunteers to set-up, clean-up, and provide soup, salad, and bread. If you have any questions please contact Andrea Lindblad (lindbladandrea@gmail.com)

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is taking a Lenten break during the month of March. Per the request of many, our next gathering will be at 1:00pm on April 24 at Royal Thai, 5324 Grand Avenue, Gurnee. Separate checks will be requested. If you plan to attend, please contact Jane Schaefer between April 1 and April 22 at 224-757-5436 or at cs.js@comcast.net.

BUNCO

Join us for a fun evening of Bunco on Saturday, April 13 at 6:30pm in support of Huntington’s Disease research and have a great evening at the same time! Bring your favorite beverage and a snack food to share. Don’t worry if you don’t know how to play Bunco – instruction will be provided. Questions? See Andy Hucker.

EASTER EGG HUNT

We are excited that the Gruber’s are hosting another Easter egg Hunt for our children after our Easter Sunday service! If you want to donated candy or toys (they must fit in a normal plastic easter egg) please bring them and place them in the basket labeled Easter Egg Hunt. Also, some eggs will have a piece of paper in it that says “prize”! If you would like to donate a bigger prize, that would be appreciated as well! For more information, please contact Carl Gruber at: cgruber124@gmail.com

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PHASE 2 - 2019

Thank you to all who have filled out your Capital Campaign pledge sheet and have let your voice be heard regarding the Parish Hall ceiling. As you heard last week, the Capital Campaign committee reviewed the ceiling project with the Vestry and the Vestry voted to move forward with the ceiling even though all the funds have not been pledged. They also requested that the Finance Committee review our funds and work with the Capital Campaign committee to identify other ways to pay off the Line Of Credit if we do not receive all the needed money through Capital Campaign pledges. We currently have \$28,000 of the \$60,000 committed. The contracts are underway and we are scheduling the work to start just after Easter Sunday. If you have questions please reach out to any Capital Campaign member (Cindy Pullinger, Deb Gallinger, Pat Donegan, Jane Penticoff, Maggie Attiyah, Dave Fulton).

Thank you again for your continued support, The Capital Campaign Committee!

WINTER FARMERS MARKET 2019 / FUN EVENT

Put this on your calendar and PLEASE tell your friends, co-workers, and neighbors and share it on Facebook! This is a fun event and a great way for the local community to come to our church and get a feel for who we are! In about 3 weeks we will be working with Faith in Place and Strang Hall will be filled with vendors offering some great items such as meat, fish, salsas, soups, jams, cheese, baked goods, produce, and more.

Now I’m looking for some help and I’ll have a sign up sheet posted. We’ll be setting up on Friday, April 5th at 4pm, and on Saturday we’ll need helpers from 7-9am with the vendors and then some greeters and counters during the event and of course clean up. Thanks so much and any questions contact Jan Harastany.

PALM FOLDING

We are in need of someone (teens, a family, etc.) who is interested in folding palms into crosses. The Penticoff's have made many crosses for Sunrise Assisted Living and would like to pass on this tradition. If you are interested, Jane is willing to teach you how to make crosses out of palms. There are many other patterns (Irish knots, fish, roses) to make this your own. Contact Jane Penticoff at jnpenticoff@sbcglobal.net or 847.224.1887 if your are interested.

UTO OFFERING

UTO (United Thank Offering) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church and is 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. Boxes are located by the communication wall and we will collect the boxes on Mother’s Day. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions please contact Deb Modde or Jan Harastany.

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>