

ANNUNCIATION PARISH NEWS

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday, January 7, 2018

Worship - 8am
 Adult Forum - 9am (Images of Christ)
 Sunrise Ministry - 9:15am (offsite)
 Worship (incl. baptism) - 10am
 Children's Chapel - 10am
 Tamil Language School - 11am
 De-greening - 11am

Monday, January 8

Book Club West - 7pm (offsite)

Tuesday, January 9

Boy Scouts - 7pm

Wednesday, January 10

Rector Study Group - 10am

Thursday, January 11

Rector Study Group - 7pm

Sunday, January 14

Worship - 8am
 Adult Forum - 9am
 Sunrise Ministry - 9:15am (offsite)
 Worship - 10am
 Children's Chapel - 10am

Welcome Westley Hodges!



Please welcome Annunciation's new Director of Music, Westley Hodges. Westley recently relocated to Chicago, after serving churches in Peoria, IL, McDonough and Alpharetta, GA, and Long Beach, MS. He has a passion for inspiring congregations (the "Great Choir") and choirs to sing in worship, and brings with him great gifts as an organist, pianist, flutist, clarinetist, and vocalist; Westley is also a musical composer (we'll be singing one of his compositions today; look for it in the bulletin). Welcome to Annunciation, Westley; we're thrilled that you're here!



Degreening - TODAY following the 10am service

Everyone is invited to stay after the 10am service to help with the de-greening of the church. Many hands, working together, will make the job go quickly! We need to deconstruct trees, take down wreaths and garland, and get items packed away for next Advent. Whether you can stay 5 minutes or an hour, your help is appreciated!

PADS Update - January Meal

Our next PADS meal will be January 19th; on the menu will be Beef Tips over Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Peas and Carrots, Lettuce Salad, and Garlic Bread. Look for opportunities to support January's meal, posted on the Communication Wall in the Parish Hall. Thank you, and see you in the kitchen!



Come one—come all!

If you can answer yes to any of the following questions then I look forward to seeing you at 9:15am this Sunday for choir rehearsal before the 10:00am service:

Do you like to sing?

Have you ever been told you cannot sing?

Do you feel that you have to be a professional vocalist to sing in a choir?



It's a New Year and this Sunday the choir is open to anyone willing to give it a try. Sit with us, meet me, and help us support the Great Choir (the congregation) through worship this Sunday. Questions? You can reach out to me at whodges@westleyhodes.com.

Musically,

Westley Hodges
Director of Music

Save The Date: Annunciation's New Year's Celebration

(formerly known as “Annual Meeting”)

Please plan to attend Annunciation's New Year's Celebration – formerly known as “the Annual Meeting” – on **Sunday, January 28, following ONE service at 9am**. Yes, we'll vote for vestry members and a new junior warden, review the financial results of 2017 and present the 2018 budget, but, like many magazines and news outlets do, we'll take a look back, celebrate the year just past, telling stories about the highlights, and talk about what we're looking forward to in 2018. An expanded coffee hour, hosted by the vestry, will be part of the morning, as well. Plan for the celebration to last around 60-75 minutes.

Confirmation and Reception: Class Dates & Times



In anticipation of Bishop Jeff Lee's visit on Sunday, April 8, we'll be offering classes for youth (7th grade and up) and adults who wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal church.

Confirmation is an intentional, mature affirmation of the baptismal vows made on your behalf when you were baptized (which, for most people, happened in infancy or very early childhood);

being Received is for those who were confirmed in another liturgical tradition (i.e. Roman Catholic or Lutheran), but who wish to make a formal commitment to the Episcopal faith.

There are 5 classes, each of them covering one of the five questions that are central to the baptismal covenant. The classes will be held on the following Sundays, beginning after the 10am service, and continuing until 1pm; lunch is included. We'll be meeting on the following days:

February 4
February 18

February 25
March 4

March 11

If you are interested in participating, or have questions about the classes, please contact Maggie Attiyeh or Rev. Elizabeth.

Outreach News:

Meeting Postponed: With the busy weeks in January - the de-greening, annual meeting, and our need to prepare more fully for the meeting - the meeting originally scheduled for today (1/7) will be rescheduled to Sunday February 4 after the 10am service.

Long John Sunday: Please join us on January 21st for a special coffee hour following both services as we celebrate *Long John Sunday* by wearing, sharing and eating them!! You're invited to wear your long johns or just come and enjoy some delicious long john donuts and fellowship. It is also a wonderful opportunity to help others, and so we will be accepting donations of long johns or underwear (new, please) for men and women veterans through the Midwest Veteran's Closet. All colors and adult sizes are welcome, especially in extended sizes. For more information, please see Bill Hagan, Miriam Berry or Sue Whipple.



Thank You!



Coffee Hour Hosts: 8am - The Bill family; 10am - The Sluga Family

Altar flowers: Today's Altar Flowers are given by The Shumate Family in thanksgiving for Tori's 17th birthday. Congratulations, Tori!



Lunch Bunch, Etc.



Lunch Bunch, Etc. will gather at Uncle Julio's Mexican from Scratch Restaurant, 850 Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL 60061, on **Wednesday, January 24 at 1:00 p.m.** This restaurant, known for its fresh guacamole and chocolate pinata, serves authentic made from scratch Tex-Mex and Mexican food. 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, January 22.

Update - Book Club

Change in Venue: Book Club West, scheduled to meet on Monday January 8 at 7pm - will now be meeting at Judi Stanford's house, 513 Willow Way, Lindenhurst (instead of Cindy Pullinger's home).



Staying Connected:

Office Hours - Week of January 9: Tuesday, 9am-1pm Wednesday, 10am - 2pm

Parish News Deadline: Wednesdays at 12noon. Contact - emolitors@yahoo.com

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.

Food Tidings Meals Ministry: Contact - Robison_Samantha@yahoo.com

If you have a pastoral emergency, please call or text Rev. Elizabeth at 847-727-0862.

