

IN GRATITUDE

Special thanks to ever one that has made the cookie walk possible.

Special thanks to Rev. Jane for being our supply priest today!

To my wonderful Annunciation Family,
A Big Thanks...for all the little things you do! And all your love and prayers. Also thank you for my beautiful prayer shawl. I will treasure it. With Love Always, Patsy van Rooy

SAVE THE DATES

Ornament Exchange — December 15, 7:00pm
Advent Lessons and Carols — December 16, 9:00am
Christmas Pageant—December 23, 2018, 10:00am
Christmas Eve Services — 4:00pm and 9:30pm
Christmas Day Service — 9:00am

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

<p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 COOKIE WALK! Worship — 8:00am Pageant Rehearsal — 9:00am Worship — 10:00am Choir Rehearsal — 11:45pm Tamil — 3:00pm</p>	<p>THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13 Bible Study Group — 7:00pm</p>
<p>TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 Cub Scouts — 6:00pm Boy Scouts — 7:00pm</p>	<p>FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 Tamil — 6:30pm</p>
<p>WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12 Study Group — 10:00am</p>	<p>SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15 Building and Grounds — 8:00am Ornament Exchange — 7:00pm</p>
	<p>SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 Worship — 9:00am Pageant Rehearsal — 10:30am Sunday Night Live — 5:00pm</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 December 9th:
Tuesday 9:00am-Noon; Wednesday 9:00am-Noon

[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

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. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

ARE YOU “ALL IN?”

Your pledge is IMPORTANT! If you have not filled out a pledge card to support Annunciation with your time, talent and treasure, please take a moment to find a card on the Communication table.

Question: What if my financial situation changes? Can I change the amount I pledge midyear?

Answer: Yes! There is no problem or judgment in changing the amount you pledge. Also, if you plan to give but don't know how much at this time, you can indicate that.

Question: I have very limited means...Should I pledge even if it is too small to make a difference?

Answer: Nothing is too small when it is given with love. Your financial contribution makes a difference—not just to the parish—but it will make a difference to you. In addition, there are TWO sides to the pledge card. If you cannot commit financially at this time, please commit to donating your time and talent to Annunciation. If you have any other questions, please reach out to Mike Bill, Maggie Attiyeh, or Andy Campbell!

A NOTE ON OUR TRANSITION

Your Wardens, Mike Bill and Maggie Attiyeh and the Vestry want to make sure you are updated during this transition time at Annunciation. At the end of November, we commissioned our Search Committee. Brian Penticoff will serve as chair for the committee. The other members are Bill Hagan, Tony Waynick, Leanne Ulmer, Samantha Robison, Ryan Mlyniec, Darlene Campbell, Megan Dailey, and Andy Hucker. Please keep them in your prayers as they get underway in their task of searching for and calling a new rector.

In addition, the Wardens and Vestry are actively seeking an Interim Rector for our parish. We have received names from the Diocese and have had conversations with two individuals to explore the possibility of working together. When there is more information to share, we will do so, but we just wanted you to know that we are making progress on this. Many thanks to Jane Schaefer for generously serving as our supply priest for most of the Sundays since Elizabeth's departure.

GIVING TREE

Thank you to all who donated to the Giving Tree Project! We had an overwhelming response and are very grateful to all of you for supporting our community with this outreach campaign! Christine from Caring for Kids is very thankful and feels both blessed and excited to have our support, so thank you - from your hearts to their hands!

We're missing a few items that look like they were from specific tags and ask that if you have your items, to please contact us as soon as possible so we can deliver them to Christine for distribution. Also, if you took a tag and are having difficulty, let us know and we will be glad to help! We are available to assist you in shopping or anything else you need, whatever it takes. Looking forward to successfully completing this awesome project!

Thank you and God Bless!

Andrea - 847.962.4807

Sue - 847.602-2756

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE

The ever popular annual Ornament Exchange/Stealing party will be held on Saturday, December 15 at 7 PM. Please bring an ornament (beautiful or questionable) wrapped nicely; a snack to share; and, something to drink. We will be suitably admonished as to our decorum then will begin the horse trading of ornaments. It is a lot of fun and the number of participants is growing each year. Please plan to join us. Look for the sign up sheet on the communications wall closest to the kitchen. If you have questions, please see Miriam Berry.

SERVERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS

If you are interested in severing during our Christmas services, please signup on the list on the communication wall. There are plenty of opportunities to serve! Contact Susan O'Morchoe for more information.

ONE SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY

Join us next Sunday, December 16, for one service at 9:00am for our Advent Lessons and Carols.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Please mark you calendars for our Christmas Services! Christmas Eve services are at 4:00pm and 9:30pm and Christmas Day is at 9:00am.

SING IN THE CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS EVE

If you enjoy singing and would like to join the choir for Christmas Eve, please contact Westley at whodges@westleyhodges.com

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The forms and envelopes for Christmas Flower Donations are located in the Narthex. Please place them in the offering plate are give them to Westley. The deadline is December 16, 2018. If you have any questions, please see Westley.

PADS UPDATE

The mission of the program is to provide support, resources, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis. We will again offer our support as a parish to St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lindenhurst and we welcome you to join us! If you would like to learn more, please check out our communication board for more information. If you have any questions see Mike Bill or Sue Whipple (site managers) or Deb Bill or Carol Anderson (food coordinators.)

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2018

Calling all youth! Join us for this year's Christmas Pageant, which will be presented on Sunday, December 23 during the 10:00am service. We have parts for kids of all ages! Pageant practice is every Sunday from 9:00-9:45am beginning November 4th. Please contact Samantha Robison to let her know that your child would like to participate: robison_samantha@yahoo.com

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.