



The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation Annual Vestry Report End of year 2019



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2019 Year in Review



Vestry retreat January 2019



Tailgate fellowship Canton Concert



Children's Sermon July 2019



Lake Worship Galts Ferry, Aug. 2019



Chris Renaud Hard at Work



Margaret Fogelman & Betty Cieriech

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CLERGY AND STAFF

Bishop of Atlanta – The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright

Assisting Bishop – The Rt. Rev. Don A. Wimberly

Rector – The Rev. Paul McCabe

Pianist & Choirmaster – Joe Lozier

Communications Coordinator – Pamala Foye

Youth Minister – Search in Progress

WARDENS AND VESTRY

Senior Warden/Vestry Liaison to Youth – Sandi Harden

Junior Warden/Vestry Liaison to Buildings and Grounds - Chris Renaud

Secretary/Vestry Liaison to Faith & Spirituality – Jan Samuel

Vestry Liaison to Parish Life – Horace Higgins

Vestry Liaison to Church Development – Wanda Ziembinski

Vestry Liaison to Servant Ministries – Suzie Hart

Vestry Liaison to Reach Ministries – Lainey Gaines

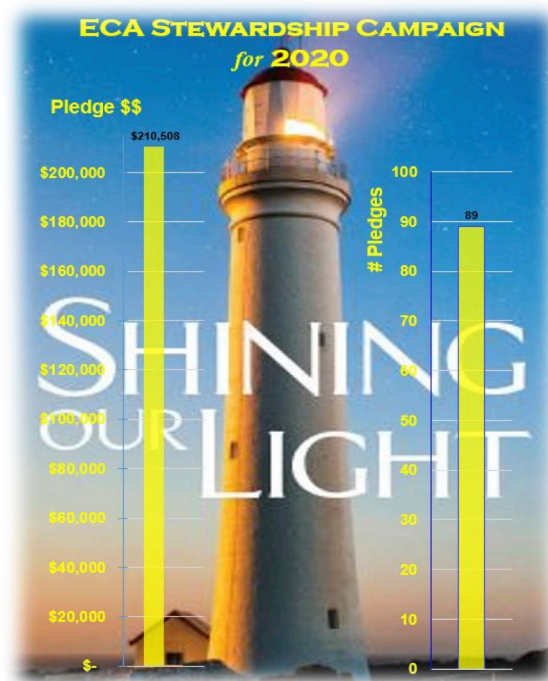
Vestry Liaison to Stewardship and Finance- Marcia Murphy

Vestry Liaison to Worship and Liturgy - Carol Scheidler

Respectfully Submitted by Marcia Murphy, Vestry Liaison to Finance & Stewardship

The 2020 stewardship campaign – “Shining Our Light” has been very successful – thanks to the help of Ron Sedgley, Penny Capawana and Fr. Paul, with guidance from Sandi Harden.

Bliss also shared with the congregation the benefits of having your pledge sent directly from your bank to ECA. At last update we have received 89 pledges with 60% increasing their giving. Total to date (as of December) - \$210,508.

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**Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
2020 Budget - Approved December 2019**

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Accounts	Annual Budget 2019	Total Actual - Dec 2019 YTD*	Annual Budget - P 2020
REVENUES			
Contribution Income			
400100 - Plate Offering	\$5,000.00	\$4,914.00	\$5,000.00
400200 - Pledge Payments	\$206,635.20	\$191,131.28	\$210,508.00
400300 - Non Pledge Payments	\$20,000.00	\$32,652.00	\$20,000.00
Total Contribution Income	\$231,635.20	\$228,697.28 *	\$235,508.00
Other Income			
410650 - Music Income	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
410800 - Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other Income	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$231,635.20	\$228,747.28 *	\$235,508.00
EXPENSES			
Mortgage Expense			
500100 - Loan #700028 Principle	\$11,916.58	\$11,916.58	\$12,564.83
500200 - Loan #700028 Interest	\$2,736.50	\$2,736.50	\$2,088.65
Total Mortgage Expense	\$14,653.08	\$14,653.08 *	\$14,653.48
Diocese			
500500 - Diocesan Pledge	\$20,439.00	\$20,439.00	\$20,410.00
590500 - Diocesan Functions	\$750.00	\$640.99	\$1,000.00
Total Diocese	\$21,189.00	\$21,079.99 *	\$21,410.00
"Reach"			
510200 - Yard Sale Income	(\$3,500.00)	\$3,500.00	(\$3,500.00)
510300 - Outreach Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$7,563.66	\$12,000.00
510400 - Inreach	\$1,000.00	\$714.44	\$1,000.00
590100 - Scrip Program Income	(\$500.00)	\$0.00	(\$500.00)
Total "Reach"	\$9,000.00	\$11,778.10	\$9,000.00
Clergy Compensation			
520100 - Clergy Salaries	\$38,700.00	\$38,700.00	\$42,020.00
520150 - Rector Housing	\$24,900.00	\$24,928.50	\$26,000.00
520200 - SECA Rector	\$5,268.00	\$5,344.00	\$5,402.43
520250 - Assistant Priest Salary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520300 - Assistant Priest SECA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520400 - Mileage & Cell Phone	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
520500 - Rector Medical Insurance	\$3,900.00	\$2,912.62 *	\$3,900.00
520600 - Rector Pension	\$12,397.00 *	\$11,880.14	\$12,711.60
520601 - Assistant Priest Pension	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520602 - Assistant Priest Health Ins.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520603 - Assistant Priest Life Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
520650 - Rector Term Life Insurance	\$238.50	\$238.50	\$238.50
520801 - Associate Priest Housing	\$24,000.00	\$16,000.00 *	\$0.00
Total Clergy Compensation	\$111,803.50	\$102,403.76 *	\$92,672.53
Clergy Expense			
520775 - Clergy Cont. Education	\$1,000.00	\$110.00	\$1,000.00
520800 - Supply Clergy Expense	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$6,000.00
520900 - Rector Discretionary Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Clergy Expense	\$1,000.00	\$410.00	\$7,000.00
Worship			
530100 - Music Director	\$16,200.00	\$17,200.00	\$17,345.00
530150 - Outside Musicians	\$1,500.00	\$1,550.00	\$1,500.00
530200 - Music Choir Supplies	\$0.00	\$192.92	\$0.00
530300 - Piano/Organ Maintenance	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$230.00
530400 - Bulletins and Printing	\$200.00	\$132.52	\$200.00
530500 - Spiritual Life & Acolyte	\$500.00	\$479.38	\$1,000.00
Total Worship	\$18,630.00	\$19,784.82 *	\$20,275.00

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Altar Guild			
530700 - Altar Expense	\$750.00	\$648.08	\$750.00
530800 - Flowers	\$1,500.00	\$679.98	\$1,500.00
530801 - Flower Income	(\$2,500.00)	(\$1,800.00)	(\$2,500.00)
530900 - Altar Guild Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Altar Guild	(\$250.00)	(\$471.94) *	(\$250.00)
Evangelism			
540400 - Web Page Expenses	\$200.00	\$181.24	\$200.00
Total Evangelism	\$200.00	\$181.24 *	\$200.00
Office & Admin Expenses			
550100 - Checking Account Service Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
550200 - Parish Administrator Expense	\$11,500.00	\$6,786.07	\$15,808.00
550300 - Telephone & Internet Exp.	\$1,200.00	\$1,128.06	\$1,200.00
550400 - Office Expenses - Copier lease	\$3,640.00	\$4,379.62	\$5,000.00
550500 - Postage	\$200.00	\$71.50	\$200.00
550700 - General Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
550800 - Equipment Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Office & Adm. Expenses	\$16,540.00	\$12,365.25 *	\$22,208.00
Parish Life			
560300 - Coffee Hour	\$200.00	\$86.00	\$200.00
560400 - Parish Life Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$790.14	\$1,000.00
560500 - Membership Directory Exp.	\$0.00	(\$70.00)	\$0.00
560600 - Stewardship, CDC, Nametags	\$750.00	\$370.05	\$750.00
560700 - Vestry Activities	\$500.00	\$1,396.00	\$1,750.00
Total Parish Life	\$2,450.00	\$2,572.19 *	\$3,700.00
Building and Grounds			
570100 - Fire & Liability Insurance	\$6,001.25	\$6,339.50	\$6,946.75
570200 - Propane Gas	\$1,300.00	\$1,299.24	\$1,300.00
570201 - Garbage & Recycle Exp.	\$500.00	\$539.28	\$650.00
570202 - Power	\$7,500.00	\$7,669.84	\$7,750.00
570203 - Water	\$500.00	\$1,118.38	\$750.00
570300 - Maintenance Exp. Equipment	\$500.00	\$63.43	\$750.00
570400 - Maintenance Exp. Buildings	\$500.00	\$424.98	\$750.00
570500 - Custodian	\$4,800.00	\$4,745.00	\$5,100.00
570501 - Cleaning Supplies	\$500.00	\$545.60	\$600.00
570600 - Grounds & Landscape Exp.	\$5,000.00	\$4,792.36	\$5,500.00
570700 - Pest Control	\$2,300.00	\$2,508.00	\$2,700.00
570900 - Room to Grow	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Building and Grounds	\$29,401.25	\$30,045.61 *	\$32,796.75
Christian Education			
580200 - Adult Education Exp.	\$250.00	\$149.00	\$250.00
580300 - Youth Christian Ed. Exp.	\$500.00	\$310.54	\$500.00
580400 - Nursery Supplies	\$100.00	\$14.28	\$100.00
580500 - Nursery Worker Exp.	\$4,410.00	\$3,361.50	\$4,410.00
580600 - Youth Coordinator Compensation	\$4,800.00	\$2,400.00	\$4,800.00
580601 - Youth Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$496.21	\$1,000.00
Total Christian Education	\$11,060.00	\$6,731.53 *	\$11,060.00
Total Expenses	\$235,676.83	\$221,533.63 *	\$234,725.76
Net Total	(\$4,041.63)	\$7,213.65 *	\$782.24

Worship Ministry

Respectfully submitted by Carol Scheidler, Vestry Liaison to Worship

This year, in addition to the regular 8:30 am and 10:30 am services, there were several special types of services held. These included six memorial services, Bishop Wright visitation with confirmation, services on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Saturday Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. A Pentecost Service using the Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal was held. There was also the service at the annual picnic at Galt's Ferry Landing which included 2 Adult baptisms.

We were fortunate to have baptisms for three children and two adults this year and 276 blankets and 8 prayer shawls were blessed. The Altar guild made several new linens (purificators, corporals and towels). Also, a Christmas inventory was completed to place in the Altar guild customary and a Lenten and Easter inventory is being prepared. New music was purchased and was used for Advent and Christmas services and the annual Advent Wreath workshop was held on Nov. 30th.



Baptism at Galt's Ferry in August 2019



Blessing the Blankets: Southern Comforters makes blankets to support the Linus Project.

Faith & Spirituality

Respectfully Submitted by Jan Samuel, Vestry Liaison to Faith and Spirituality

- Lenten program for 2019 explored "Habitual Recollections" and members of the parish shared their faith journeys and the experiences that strengthened their faith in God in Christ.
- Currently working on new worship format for families, looking at price for new AV equipment and installation.
- An opportunity for fellowship and scripture reflection, for the Men's group was started and meets every other Saturday in the Swift Bldg.
- Several opportunities were provided for parishioners to participate in diocesan training functions and ministries supported by the diocese.
- Rae Crookless and Cheryl Farr headed up our summer Vacation Bible school with help from several volunteers. It was another successful event with several children attending.



Emmaus House in December 2019

Reach Ministries

Respectfully Submitted by Lainey Gaines, Vestry Liaison for Reach Ministries

Emmaus House: Meal has been arranged for Grandparents Day and gifts have been purchased for the children's Christmas Party.

Poinsettia Sale: Fourteen poinsettias were sold and will be delivered December 8th. A total of \$141 profit was made.

Papa's Pantry: A huge donation of food was given to Papa's Pantry thanks to the generosity of the parishioners and the matching contributions of Ameris Bank.

Emmaus House: A food supply for the Grandparents Dinner is set up and gifts have been purchased for the Children's Christmas party.

Thanksgiving Dinners: Five families received fully cooked Thanksgiving dinners on Nov. 27th.

Angel Tree: four families have been chosen and the Angel Tree will be put in the Narthex during the first week of December.

Accomplishments:

- Reach Committee donated a total of \$10,500 in designated contributions through either check or goods to fifteen (15) charities in the Atlanta area. In additions, many families and military were helped as well.
- Open Hearts had two weeks of camp with fourteen (14) campers. All had a great time. Backpack with school supplies were given to all campers and 30 were given to local schools.
- Senior Game Day changed venues and provided a couple hours of fun for Senior Citizens in our community one Saturday each month.
- Reach Committee provided Coffee Hour for one Sunday with plans to do more in the coming year.
- Annual Yard Sale raised over \$4000 in funds for the Reach Budget.

Ongoing:

- We are working to acquire a 5013 for Open Hearts and planning more involvement in the community through this ministry.
- Yard Sale for 2020 will be a more laid-back form. Arrangements are in the planning stage.
- Script cards will be sold after 10:30 services.
- ECA has been asked by Christ Church to participate with them in Family Promise. The next one is the end of January 202 and training in being set up.
- Reach committee needs to determine "where our hearts are" and determine the ministries that we will participate in next year.

- Also are brainstorming how to get more parishioners involved in the community ministries.



Church of the Common ground 2019



Emmaus House in December 2019

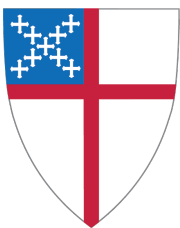
Church Development/Communications & Marketing

Respectfully Submitted by Wanda Ziembinski, Vestry Liaison to Communications

Our parish is always on the go with our weekly services, Sunday school classes for children and adults, fellowship, service projects and meetings. It is the role of the Church Development Committee to insure everyone is made aware of what, when and where all these different activities are taking place.

The best thing to report in regards to getting the word out to everyone at ECA was the addition of Pamala Foye as the Parish Communication Coordinator this past summer. As soon as she arrived, the changes were almost immediate. Our weekly announcements in the bulletin are up to date, and the ECA weekly newsletter took on a whole new look. In addition, our Facebook page is up to date with announcements of all the news happening around ECA. Welcome again to Pamala, and thank you for all your hard work helping this committee.

Thank you also to Brenda Pinkston for all the work she did in getting the latest telephone directory updated, printed and distributed to everyone. In 2020 Pamala and the committee will be working on also getting the directory back on the website, as well as continuing to add news and events to the site. In 2020 look forward to our updating and making more useful the individual mailboxes in the narthex.



ECA WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"Our Mission is to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others."

Servant Ministries

Respectfully Submitted by Suzie Hart, Vestry Liaison for Servant Ministries

- **Happy Cookers:** There was one meal provided during this time period.
- **Holy Haulers:** There are currently 3 people on our (active) list of pickups – p/ups were made numerous times this month.
- **Connecting Communication:**
 - *Jan Thurmond/Card Ministry- In November there were 23 Birthday and 4 Anniversary Cards sent.
 - *Weekly Reports are sent to F. Paul (by Suzie Hart) w/info pertaining to Guests, Servant Ministry and Pastoral Care.
- **Journey's:** Meeting was held November 9th and there were 3 of us in attendance. There was another activity going on this day that involved several of the Journey's regulars.
- **Pastoral Care:** Several emails were made to check on people and let them know they were being thought about. Two home visits were made, in addition to "thinking of you" cards sent to four people.
- **Eucharistic Visits:** We currently have four people on our list of those at home needing visits. During November, there was one visit made. All others declined but engaged in nice discussions on the phone and ending with prayer. Father Paul made these visits, himself, on Nov. 3rd and visited all.
- **In-Progress:** As requested, our PCC has been requesting information from Parishioners, via bulletin and ECA News, to let us know of current Military personnel so our list can be updated and we can provide better communication (thinking of you/birthday cards, etc).
- **General Comments:** None at this time.



Journeys Group Christmas Fellowship

Parish Life

Respectfully submitted by Horace Higgins, Vestry Liaison for Parish Life

Another successful year has come to an end in the life of our beloved Episcopal Church of the Annunciation (ECA).

Our year started with a working Vestry retreat weekend in Ellijay January 25th to 27th. These retreats are vital in the life of the church and are 3 full days of action. Once we returned, we jumped right in with the first of **many** receptions held for many different occasions. From the beginning (birthdays) to the end (Celebrations of life.) and any of several other reasons!

We held a large reception when Bishop Wright joined us on 2-17.

Some of the meetings that are held consistently with the cooperation / full support of with Parish Life are the ECW and men's groups. ECW enjoyed things such as (but not limited to) The British Tea, a trip to the Atlanta History Center, a trip to the Booth Western Museum and a tour and lunch at the Tate House. During their May meeting the ECW voted, and recommended to the Vestry, a donation of \$2,500 from proceeds received from the 2019 ladies Tea, to be used towards the reduction of our parish mortgage debt. (Applause are ok at this time!!!!)

The ECA Men's Group got together during the year also for events such as, a bowling night, a trip to an Atlanta Braves game (Braves won!), our annual fishing trip and hosted (with help from ECW) a community fish fry. We all also helped to support our REACH yard sale

The men's group is very proud of the formation of an every other Saturday morning men's bible discussion/reflection get together.

Parish life also offers the monthly dominos game night and other, sometimes spontaneous events, such as fire-pits.

All events are offered not only to our parish, but to family, friends and the community.

Parish life is just that – infusing time and talent into the life of the church from within, to OUR community.

During November 2019:

- Men's Group met for the ongoing bible discussion. (Postponed over Thanksgiving) The group is working on ideas that will allow others to join. The 7:30 time seems to be a hesitant to some, so the group is considering a change of time to see if that helps.
- A great time was had on November 2nd during the Taste & Brews Country Festival. A group of church members and friends met to enjoy the festival and music. After the music program everyone was invited to tailgate as we cooked lunch and fellowshiped into the late afternoon.
- On 11-16 the ECW toured Oakwood Cemetery followed by midafternoon meal at 6 feet under. (A restaurant!)
- ECW meeting was held on 12-24.

- Request from ECW to spend out of designated funds up to \$857 to subsidize the ECW retreat scheduled for January 17th to 19th. This total will include up to \$200 for up to 4 - \$50 scholarships if needed.
- A group got together for our monthly night of playing dominoes.
- Geoff Myers changed the electronic sign for events as needed and hopes to train out new communication director on how to do the same.
- Gamblers Anonymous is scheduled each Saturday at 9AM in the Activities Building

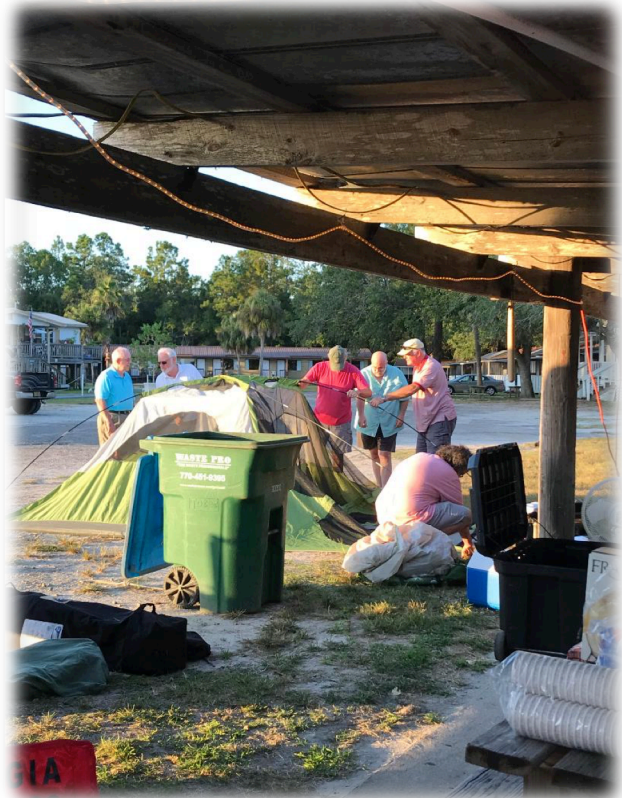
Requesting up to \$250 from Reach restricted funds to provide entire meal and supplies for 2019 Peoplestown Grandparents meal on December 19th.

December:

- ECW visited The Tate House 12-7.
- 12-19, we joined REACH to provide dinner for the Peoplestown Grandparents meal.



The Parish Fish Fry, October 2019



The Men's Annual Fishing Trip: "How many Episcopalian men does it take to pitch a tent?"

Buildings & Grounds

Respectfully Submitted by Chris Renaud, Jr. Warden and Vestry Liaison to Buildings & Grounds

Summary: The Buildings & Grounds committee has been active all year. Many people have offered their time and talent to maintain & beautify our church grounds. Without the generosity of our parishioners with their time, treasure and talent none of this would be possible.

- Electronic sign and new ECA sign top were installed.
- New A/C unit installed in the activities building.
- 55" flat screen TV installed in the activities building.
- A metal recycling bin was made \$87.00 collected for REACH.
- Planting a Japanese Maple given by Dana Godfrey on the side of the Sanctuary.
- Several workdays to clean, weed, plant, trim, mulch, pine straw, work at the pond and generally tidy our campus to include replacing some boards and hand railing on the ramp of the activities building, replacing solar lamps on the walkway, fixed the drainage area outside of the swift building, heater covers cleaned and painted in the Sacristy and in the restrooms, installed a new garage door at the back of the Activities Building
- Cleared the forest area & pushed back piles of branches across from the fire pit and removed dead pine tree and cleared the dam.
- Pine straw was placed on the berm and the dam, the pond overgrowth was cleared. mulched down by the sign, pine strawed east side of church, weeded bridge bed. Gutters were cleaned.

- Continually maintaining the beautiful Memorial Garden area.

My heartfelt thanks to everyone for contributing to ensure we have the most beautiful grounds in the Diocese and look forward to 2020 and the many future projects that are to come.



Above: ECA's Memorial Garden Area, maintained by Bldgs & Grounds. Photos to the right: Before & After



Christian Formation & Youth Ministry

Respectfully Submitted by Sandi Harden, Senior Warden & Vestry Liaison for Youth Ministries

Janie Guardado stepped down from the youth ministry in June of 2019 and a large void has happened since. The search for Youth Director continues. Father Paul had 6 youth in Confirmation Class this year.

Jan Samuel, Father Paul and I are creating an outline for the Contemporary Service. Consideration being given to having this service once a month – probably 4th Sunday, 10:30, in alignment with children's chapel.

Christian Formation (Sunday School) attendance ranges from 2-13.

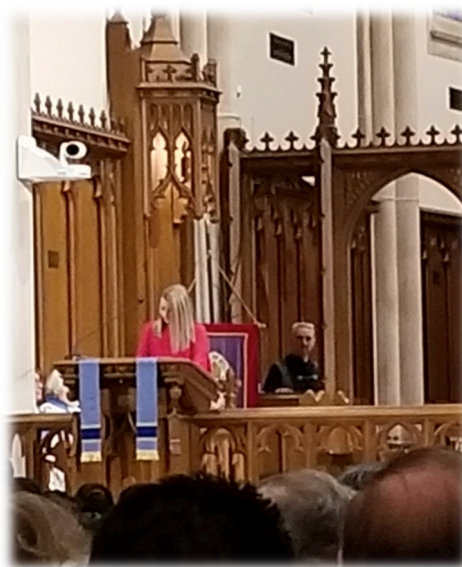
Preparation for the Christmas Pageant started after Thanksgiving. We had several volunteers to help with the Pageant. Thank you to Bliss Peterson for directing.



Image 1: The ECA Youth at the Cathedral for Confirmation in December 2019



Image 2: The Children's Christmas Pageant 2019



Kendall McCabe reading at the Cathedral for Confirmation in December 2019

Rectors Report

Respectfully Submitted by Rev. Paul McCabe, Rector of ECA

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! “Our Mission is to bear witness to God’s love and invite, encourage, and prepare God’s people to share that grace with others.” I can say without a doubt, we live out our mission statement pretty darn well. We have much to be thankful for at Annunciation and the phrase “Grace upon grace” rings so true for us and our ministry. I am in my 12th year as rector and it is the longest time ECA has had a priest serving in this parish. We have made many accomplishments this past year and I am thankful for the Vestry and all those who have helped make it possible. There is still much more to do and a part of my ministry next year will be helping the Vestry and this parish explore our purpose as a faithful Christian community.



Our Sunday attendance numbers have dipped slightly, but our greatest challenge is not attendance, it is our “complex” we seem to have about calling ourselves a “small” church. The building we worship in may be small, but our parish members impact many lives at ECA and in our communities in incredibly “BIG” ways. I would like to continue to focus on parishioner led initiatives instead of priestly led initiatives.

Continued focus on our REACH program and ways to reach out and inward to serve our parish and our communities beyond. “Open Hearts” continues to be a great program in our parish and out in the community. Our hope is to expound upon this ministry and expand opportunities during the summer to “at risk” youth who live in temporary housing such as motels and extended stay housing. Our Reach initiatives are a great way for us to live out or calling as disciples and serve those in need. We are actively in the process of evaluating how we can best serve in our communities and beyond. Please prayerfully consider involvement in our REACH initiatives.



Sunday Worship Service 2019



The parish grounds are such a beautiful expression of God’s creation and we are blessed with such a property. This past year we were finally able to get our new LED sign and new look in place. We hope to have a new pavilion in place before the end of 2020 as we are almost complete with the county permitting process. The pavilion will provide us more opportunities to have events without concern for wet weather. We will continue to have “fun” days to work on our property and with our buildings.

ECA Parish Grounds 2019

We are very blessed at ECA and I want to personally thank all members of the parish, but especially the vestry, for the incredible work that continues to take place amidst our challenges we have had. I also want to thank our outgoing Vestry members, Horace Higgins who is an unwavering advocate for those who are in need and a true servant heart when it comes to ECA. For Jan Samuel who is an energetic go getter for things we seek to accomplish and new programs we seek to implement. Last but not least, to Sandi Harden who is a dedicated servant for members of this parish and a listening ear when needed. I cannot thank them enough for their dedication and hard work at ECA. We are incredibly blessed beyond measure with their servant hearts and we will miss them on Vestry but look forward to their new endeavors as they seek other areas to participate in in the life of the parish and beyond. Thank you to all for continuing to trust me and our work together as Rector of Annunciation, I am deeply Thankful. To God be the Glory! Fr. Paul+



Father Paul with Parishioners on the Christmas Day Pajama Service 2019



“The gifts of God for the people of God”



4th Sunday of the month Children’s sermon 2019