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Episcopal Church Of the Annunciation

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The Messenger

The monthly newsletter of
The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

Dear Fr. Courtland,

Here is your November edition of *The Messenger*.

NOVEMBER AT ANNUNCIATION

Beloved in Christ:

November is another busy month our parish family. (Are there any other kinds?) Take a careful look at all that is happening.

All Souls Day Eucharist, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 1. This is the day that we remember our beloved departed. If you haven't sent us the names by now, do it at once. We can receive names through November 1. And join us for the service and for potluck following.



Annual Convention of the Diocese of Dallas Saturday, November 5. The Convention meets this year at the Parish Episcopal School upper campus on Midway. Our voting delegates are Laura Braun, Bob DuTeil, Mike Scharff, Mike Jones, Joanne Teeters, and Mother Freda Marie. Fr. Ralph and I can't vote because we are not resident in this Diocese but we will be there.

All Saints' Sunday is November 6. The Prayer Book states that the Sunday after All Saints' Day is to be celebrated as All Saints' Sunday. The color is white in honor of all those special holy people of God who have gone before us. Do you know the difference between All Saints and All Souls? Most people don't. A "Saint" is assumed to have been so close to God in this life that he or she at death is granted the full presence of God. Those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, martyrs for Christ, are presumed to have been granted the beatific vision at the moment of their death. Some who are not martyrs, such as Mother Teresa, reach such a holiness of life that they also are able to see God in his glory. There are saints among us whom we do not know and perhaps will never have recognized as saints, but God knows them. As to the rest of us, we are the "souls" who love the Lord and die in grace but are just not ready to see God face to face. That would be the most of us. By common definition the Saints are already with God in Heaven. The rest of us Souls, when we die, wait in Paradise until we are perfected. It is those, the "souls", for whom we pray on All Souls' Day. And if you aren't sure about the difference between Heaven and Paradise, ask me.

Stephen Gourley: An Organ Concert. Our fine young organist, the outstanding organ student last year at North Texas University, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, November 13. Proceeds will benefit the Organ Fund. Most of us hear Stephen during services but don't have an opportunity to hear him playing performance pieces. This is our chance. At the age of twenty-four, Stephen has already caught the attention of many musicians who recognize his talent. Be sure to come to this concert. You will be glad you did!

Thanksgiving Eve service is Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. Please note the time. Because this is a full Choral Eucharist we will not meet at the usual earlier hour, and will there be NO potluck super following. We all have been given so much. What a wonderful opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for the abundance of his gifts. We can also show our gratitude by bringing baked goods

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ANNUNCIATION FAMILY NEWS

Welcome New Member

Terry Holton

The Sympathy of the Church Family is Extended to ...

The friends and family of Jeff Pierce

Anne and Charlie Moon on the loss of her mother, Mary-Belle Huston

**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS ENDS
THIS SUNDAY!
DON'T FORGET
TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR.**

for our local firemen and policemen, and by bringing canned items for those less fortunate than ourselves.

And then, Advent. Yes, Advent begins on November 27. That means there are only four Sundays before Christmas. And you know what that means. Whatever happened to 2011? It seems like it has just begun and here it is, almost over. What a year, what a month. And I wouldn't have missed a moment of it.

Yours in Christ,

Courtland M. Moore, Priest in Charge

The Communion of Saints: We are ALWAYS Loved and Loving

I still miss Mikey sometimes. She was my best friend and mentor in my first management job at the hospital many years ago. Her name was Bernice, but I called her Mikey because, like the toddler in the old LIFE cereal commercial, she ate EVERYTHING. The name stuck among all of our work friends. We were true soul mates. Have you ever met anyone you could share anything with and knew they'd love you anyway? Even when you were absolutely un-loveable? That was Mikey! We'd have deep and profound reflections together and we'd laugh and joke and shoot the breeze together too...and it was ALL good!



Then one day she told me about the lump she'd found in her breast and from that point on life changed dramatically---for her and for me. We spent a lot of time together through the biopsy, mastectomy, chemo and radiation treatments (several times worth over several years) and through it all we remained best friends. Her support group friends were her support group friends, but our friendship was still something special.

I look back now on all the time we spent listening to Mahalia Jackson CD's and being with each other. Not talking---just listening and loving each other, and I am so grateful for those moments because they have helped make me into the woman I am today. When the memorial service was held at the hospital chapel (which was as large as Annunciation's nave!), it turned out that I wasn't the only one on whom Mikey had left an imprint of her heart. Testimony after testimony came of her laughter and integrity, her humility and generosity of spirit, her genuine care of the other and her undying faith in Jesus as Lord of her life. I realized that her love was lived out in ways that had affected each of us. I felt the very least we could do in response was to show our love for her by honoring and being mindful of the things that were dearest to her heart. This is how my intentional journey to God's heart truly began. I wanted to honor Mikey by showing her my love for her; I know she still loves me and prays for me.

This month we will celebrate the feasts of both All Saints and All Souls in the Church. We will remember those who now dwell on the other side of LIFE. By faith, we know that as we are all in Christ, we are all One. But while we're on this side of LIFE, there is still much work to be done. We still have the opportunity---indeed the responsibility, to show love for those who are in Paradise by honoring the virtues that made them honorable people in our sight; by being mindful of those values dearest to their hearts. Knowing Mikey has made me a less judgmental and more generous person. I know I am much more apt to share with others since life with Mikey than I was before. So, what about you? How are you honoring the one whom you lovingly remember now in Paradise? How are you being true to those things that were dearest to their hearts. Think about it.

With Love and Peace,
Marie+

Freda



Organ Concert
 Sunday, November 13 7:30 PM
 Free Admission

Episcopal Church of the Annunciation
 602 N. Old Orchard Lane
 Lewisville, 75077



Stephen Gourley plays the
 Annunciation Memorial Pipe Organ.
 Selections from Bach, Willan, Rowley, and Vierre.

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Tending Our Garden

2012 Stewardship

by Allen Lineberry, Stewardship Chairperson

On behalf of the Vestry and Steward Committee, thank you so much for your response to our 2011 Stewardship Campaign, Tending the Garden. As of the Blessing Sunday on 30 October, we had received 102 cards from Annunciation's Parishioners. If you have not yet been able to return your card, please do so as quickly as possible as the Vestry needs this information to determine its budget and programming possibilities for 2012. You may return a faith promise card placing it in the plate during the next couple of Sunday services or by mailing or bringing your card to the church office. Of course, if you need another card, please contact the church office.

I also want to thank your participation in the Time, Talent and Treasure tree. Let what you expressed there be a that tangible reminder of the Tending the Garden theme for this year. Turning in your faith promise card is just a first step and a single part of being a steward of all that God has given us. Please continue tending to our community through the use of your time and talents.

Thanksgiving Meal to be Served

On Thursday, November 3rd we are preparing a Thanksgiving Dinner for the men, women and children at the Austin Street Centre. We will be serving Turkey, Dressing, Cranberry Relish, Mashed



Potatoes, Green Beans and Gravy. We are asking you to prepare and cook the dressing, which will be provided. There will be boxes of dressing and containers to cook it in on the table in the Narthex so please sign up for this and take one (or more) of the containers. For desert, instead of fruit and cookies, we are again asking you to either bake or buy or donate money so that we can buy pies. We need about 60 pies as we will be serving between 350 and 400 hungry people. Please sign up for the pies and let us know how many you will be bringing.



Have your contributions to the church kitchen no later than 5:30pm on Thursday, November 3rd or by 4:30pm if it has to be heated. If you have any questions, call Pat Maguire at 972-436-7085 or 214-533-6841.

Jr. Daughters are sponsoring Austin Street Christmas Caps and Gloves Drive

For the past several years, members of Annunciation have made, bought and/or gathered scarves and caps for the guests of Austin Street Center. This year we feel that caps and gloves are a priority (and scarves are also welcome.) It is easy to find inexpensive caps and gloves at local retailers most for under \$5. Please keep these neutral colors as most of the guests are males.



Our goal is to have 400 caps and gloves (scarves) by Dec 1st. We have a head start with 88 scarves and 49 caps. A bin will be found in the parlor, please help our homeless brothers and sisters stay warm this winter.



Eagle Scout Project Book Drive - October 25 to November 18, 2011

To: All Supporters of my Eagle Scout Project

My name is William (Liam) McNichols and I am a Boy Scout with Troop 262 in Flower Mound. For my Eagle Scout Project, I am organizing a book drive for the Scottish Rite Children's Hospital in Dallas to help the 30,000 children who seek treatment each year. My goal is to collect a minimum of 2,000 gently used children's and adult books, as well as comic books. This can be reached with your help.

The Scottish Rite Hospital of Dallas is a nonprofit hospital. Throughout the 2010 business year, over 2,146 children's surgeries were performed and more than 110,000 hours were volunteered by more than 800 individuals. During a child's hospital stay, books become a child's best friend by keeping them busy reading and listening to wonderful stories being read to them.

This project will be carried out from October 25 until November 18, 2011. To help with this book drive, you have the following options. Bring or ship any new or gently used books to the following address, where a drop-off box is set up on the front porch.

William McNichols
4901 Bosque Court
Flower Mound, TX 75028
Phone Number- (817) 497-0111

Drop off books in the book collection boxes set up at these 2 locations:
-Bridlewood Amenity Center
-Episcopal Church of the Annunciation in Lewisville

Schedule a pick-up from your house, please call (817) 497-0111.

To make a monetary donation towards the book drive, send to the above address. You will get a tax deduction receipt.

There will also be a collection at Half Priced Books in Lewisville, 420 East F.M. 3040, on November 5 and November 12, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will match 1 book for every book that is donated.

Thank you for your help and support.

-Liam McNichols

21st ANNUAL THANSIVING COMMUNITY OUTREACH



A long-standing Annunciation tradition is entering its 21st year this Thanksgiving, as we deliver desserts to the dedicated police and fire personnel of Lewisville, Highland Village and Flower Mound. This year, there are 16 stations (approximately 160) people to thank for their community service. Each station is staffed 24/7 no matter the day or the holiday. Our dessert baskets are a way to bring a touch of home and a world of thanks to these courageous folks away from their families on Thanksgiving.



Bakers are once again needed to prepare their favorite holiday breads, brownies, bar cookies, cakes, muffins, pies, etc. So, dig out your favorite recipes and have an "old-time holiday baking session". Be sure to bake a few extras for the family.....after all, they get to smell the wonderful baked goodies.

Please deliver your home baked goodies to the church the Wednesday (Nov. 23) of Thanksgiving Week between 9am and 4pm. We will begin assembling the baskets at 4pm to have them ready for the Thanksgiving Eve Service. After the service, volunteers may take their baskets home for a Thanksgiving morning delivery. Please note, delivery times are now on THANKSGIVING MORNING any time after the 7am shift change.

To help with planning, please sign up on the Bulletin Board in the Parlor to let us know what goodies we can count on you to share. If you would like to deliver a basket on Thanksgiving morning, you can indicate so on the sign-up sheets as well. My boys look forward to visiting the local firemen every Thanksgiving. Why not make this your household Thanksgiving tradition as well?

On a final note, if you know you will be not be here for Thanksgiving, please feel free to prepare something that is not perishable an advance . Last year, jars of pickles, truffles and bags of mixed nuts with nutcrackers attached were delivered early and served as a wonderful touch to the baskets. Questions or to volunteer, please contact Susan McNichols at (817) 497-0111.

Navajo Angel Tree

Twenty eight years ago a small group of parishioners from Annunciation at the invitation of Bishop Plummer travelled out to the Navajo Reservation in Utah to start a partner relationship with St. Christopher's and St. John the Baptizer. Over the years we have formed deep friendships with these brothers and sisters in Christ. During the summers, teams from our church have taken crafts and Bible stories and held Bible School for what is now 2-3 generations of children. At Christmas, the Navajo Ministry Team sponsors an Angel Tree with the names and interests of the children we served the previous summer. We ask you to consider "adopting" a Navajo Angel this year. We suggest that you include a toy/game, clothing item such as a jacket, a book, and maybe some holiday candy, limiting your expense to \$50. We will provide an address for you to mail your package.



We ask that all packages be mailed by Dec. 10th. The Jr. Daughters of the King are shopping for two angels this year that they are adopting, and are willing to shop for you if you would like to participate but don't have the time to shop. Look for a table in the Narthex Starting November 13th between services.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 1 David Orr, Blake Wegener
Anna & Roger Herendeen
- 2
- 3 *Shirley & John Schofield , Pat & Bill Springfield*
- 4 Robert Fisher, Jacob Loder, Sharon Orthwein
- 5 Lindi Gensert, Cindy Gill, Lee Carroll
- 6 Greta Damon, Andrew Braun
Becky & Mike Madison
- 7 Frank Holterhoff, Pat Springfield, Madlene Pratt
Joanne & Dale Teeters
- 8 Emmanuel Nwelue, Elizabeth Wegener, Deanna Liss, Joe Kaszynski, Ben Payette
- 9 Eddie Bhamdeo, Abby Herrington-Kelso
- 10 Kris Hall, Edward Price, Connie Rooks
- 11 Davy Byers, David Jones, Dwight Moore, Mary Davis, Margaret Owen, Janice Chilton, Felicia Peterson
- 12 Carole Rook
- 13 *Lindsay & Scott Biggs*
- 14 Martha Gooding, Don Blythe, Ryan Brown, Jim Young, Chris Aynes
- 15 Connor Davis, Azalea Yuoh, Liam McNichols
- 16 Rob Grant, Christopher Wood, Justin King
Dianne & Jessie Aynes
- 17 Shirley Jones, Tamara Evans
Sharon & John Sherwood
- 18 Mel Moffitt, Sally Ann Meyers
Lisa & Blair King
- 19 Mary Ann DuTeil, Nancy Parker, Mary Margaret Taylor
- 20 *Emily & Jim Rogers*
- 21 Blake Wegener, Chase Akin
- 22 Mike Madison, Kim Shirk
- 23 Becky Duncan, Jeff Malin
- 24 Roger Herendeen, Albert Houpy, Nancy Woodall, Susan Pe'rez,
Gabrielle Herendeen
- 25 Scott Milligan, Suzy McBrayer, Elizabeth Washka
Mary Ann DuTeil & Allen Buffington
- 26 Kathi Jensen
Mary Beth & Paul Renick
- 27 Rachel Gilbert
Linda & Greg Garcia
- 28 Donna Wolfe
- 29 *Jeannie & David Harwell, Marcie & Richard Immell*
- 30 Becky Madison, Rose Page, Meredith Evans
Chandra & Rob Frey

Showing Gratitude and Caring for Others

Submitted by Deborah Herrington,
Head of School



Teaching our children to be truly grateful is a little more difficult in a wonderful country where we have so many blessings every day. We teach our children to say "please and thank you," but many times it is expressed in the same manner as "hello and good-bye." Teaching children to be thankful should begin with being thankful to God. All of us pray and thank God for our blessings at meals and at the end of the day, those prayers can begin as soon as a child begins to talk. Children as young as eighteen months can begin saying prayers with their parents help. Hopefully this will lead to a lifelong habit of communication to God for our many

blessings.

True gratitude is demonstrated by showing appreciation; it is shown through our actions. I believe in order for children to be truly thankful, it is necessary for them to see others less fortunate than themselves and assist others in need. In caring for others they can be more grateful for the blessings in their own lives.

The upcoming holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas are wonderful times to develop an attitude of "thankfulness" in your home. Helping children learn to appreciate their blessings and to show appreciation to the people who care for them will enrich their lives and your entire family. Children need to be guided to consider other people. One way to teach children to appreciate what they have and to care about others is to help those less fortunate. There are many opportunities for giving during the holidays.

At church I teach the first grade Sunday school class. This year our elementary classes are beginning a community project that was first begun at a church in Houston. This last Sunday, all of the elementary students packaged large zip lock bags with items for the homeless. Each bag had soap, toothpaste, a toothbrush, comb, a bottle of water, small package of tissues, hand sanitizer, and tuna with crackers, cheese crackers, fruit snacks, etc. The children wrote notes in the packages and there was a Bible verse adhered to the outside of the bag. Each child took one bag home. These are to be placed in their automobiles. When a family encounters a homeless person they can give the bag as a gift to that person. We made over fifty bags! The remaining bags are placed at church for the children to re-supply their automobiles after they have given their first bag away. We are hoping that this small act of caring for others will help our children see others less fortunate than they are and put into practice the lessons from the Bible. During the next few weeks we will be studying and memorizing the following verses:

Philippians 2:4 "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."

Ephesians 5:1 "Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children."

Hebrews 13: 1-2 "Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. 2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

At MES, we strive to teach children daily to be thankful to God and their parents. This is done through monthly service projects, our Good Shepherd Lessons, weekly Chapel, and daily prayer. For November we will be gathering canned goods for the North Texas Food Bank and in December, toys for the Children's Medical Center in Dallas. When your family makes a contribution to a charitable organization, you need to initiate a conversation about the character trait of thankfulness and kindness to others. Ask your child, what are you grateful for? What has God given you today? These are questions we can all ask ourselves throughout our lives!!

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NAS)

in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.



Thank You for Your Support!

The School Board and staff of MES would like to thank the parishioners of The Church of the Annunciation for their generous hearts and their support in our Fall Fund

raisers. The following is a report on this semester's fundraising efforts:

September Pizza Lunch was	\$1,470.48
Book Fair	\$3200 in sells, approximately \$1,600 in Scholastic Products
Fall Flower Sales	\$1,325.00
Belk Ticket Sales	\$ 100.00
Donor Bridge	\$2,418.88
Red Wheel Orders	still pending (approximately \$1,300)
Box Tops for Education	1,999 box tops (Cash amount to be reported at a later date)

There is still time to purchase a ticket to the Belk Charity Event schedule for this weekend!

The Belk Charity Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5th

Purchase a \$5 ticket by contacting the MES office, 100% of your donation goes to MES. In return you will receive:

- \$5 off your first purchase on November 5 from 6-10 AM.
- 20-70% storewide savings, including special savings on Rarely Discounted Brands
- Free gift card (up to \$1000 value) to first 100 customers in each store on Saturday, Nov. 5th

For those who can't get to the sale or want to sleep in on Saturday, items may be purchased as early as the week before the November 5th sale and picked up either the morning of the sale, or after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 5th

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