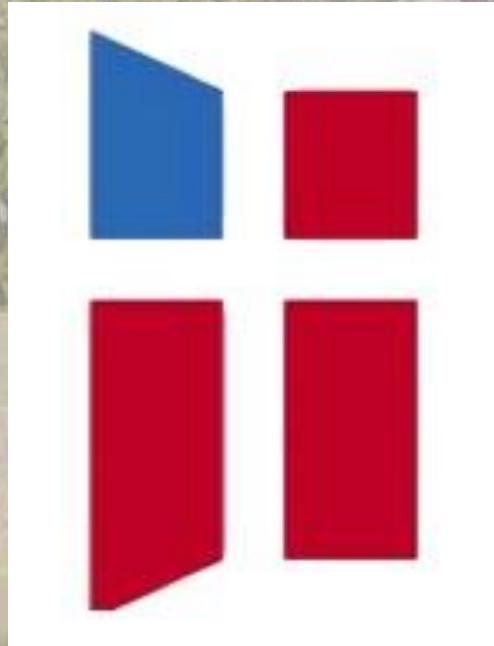


The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation

Annual Vestry Report End of year

2021



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2021 Year in Review

The year 2021 ushered in year two of a global pandemic that has affected every aspect of our life and worship at ECA. Despite this, the Lord has greatly blessed us. Challenges often reveal what is most precious to us. This is true of 2021. ECA was reminded of what is most precious – it's people.

We pulled together as the body of Christ to overcome many obstacles. Early isolation made fellowship sweeter, mass shut downs made community service more rewarding, financial uncertainty turned to provision, and separation turned into unity.

Matthew 10:39 tells us "*He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.*" What a complex and layered statement from our Lord. This year has found many losing what they thought was life as normal. Many have lost so much of what they thought made them who they are: routines, jobs, meetings, gathering with others.... One way of life lost only to find something deeper and more meaningful in the Lord. ECA has found gratitude in a new and profound way solidified with our stewardship theme this past year with "Every Perfect Gift" which is from God. Gratitude that only comes with losing one thing to find another. We have found perfect gifts in each other during this journey.

A look back at our year through the eyes of ministry in the reports below will reveal a common theme. Not as much happened in the physical, but much happened in the spiritual. It is exciting to see this new life unfold at ECA amidst what we are familiar with. We are grateful for 2021 and excited and expectant of 2022. Thank you for taking this journey with us!

Pamala Foye
Parish Communications Coordinator

CLERGY AND STAFF

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

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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 Finance & Stewardship – Wanda Ziembinski

Junior Warden/ Vestry Liaison to Buildings & Grounds Ministry – Jamie Hreha

Vestry Liaison to Parish Life – Scott Hogan

Vestry Liaison to Connecting Ministry – Janice Maxwell

Vestry Liaison to Children & Youth Ministry – John Capawana

Vestry Liaison to Reach Ministries – Nicole File

Vestry Liaison to Faith & Spirituality – Marcia Murphy

Vestry Liaison to Worship – Foster Peterson

Vestry Liaison to Servant Ministries – Robin Keith

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Stewardship and Finance

Respectfully Submitted by Wanda Ziembinski, Sr. Warden & Vestry Liaison
for Stewardship & Finance



The theme for our Stewardship campaign this year was *Every Perfect Gift*. It was a reminder to all of us of the many perfect gifts we all enjoy in our personal lives, as well as our life at ECA.

Thanks to many of you who agreed and decided to make their perfect gift to ECA, we more than exceeded our goal for our campaign. We received 95 pledges totaling \$234,088. Through your generosity we will be able to continue and enhance our many programs, give our Rector, our Music

Director, our Custodian and Parish Communications Coordinator a well-deserved pay raise for all their hard work during these strange times. We were also able to add additional monies to our maintenance buildings and equipment categories. Truly a blessing in these times of uncertainty.

Financially for 2021, it was another year of wondering whether we would have enough money coming in each month to maintain our church, as well as continue with our Inreach and Outreach programs. But thanks to everyone who continued to donate and keep up their pledges, our cash flow was strong. We are financially stable in these challenging pandemic times and we have so much to be thankful for with so much uncertainty still in our midst. Our Finance Committee (composed of Sue Tidwell, Pete Hogan, Foster Peterson, Ron Sedgley, Jane Whisler, Wanda Ziembinski, Jane Gray, and Robbie Miller) did a great job of managing and controlling our finances during the year. We are starting 2022 in great financial shape because of your generous gifts and incredible support.

As of : January 7, 2022	For 2022	Pledges : 95	95%	Still Outstanding Pledge Info:	
		Total \$\$ Pledged to date : \$234,088		Past 2021 Pledges Remaining	6
\$234,088	26%	Increase : 25	\$417	\$10,428	
Proposed 2022 Pledge Budget	12%	New : 11	\$1,614	\$17,750	
	17%	Decrease : 16	(\$603)	(\$9,644)	
	1%	Lost: 1	\$0	\$1,000	
		Avg. Pledge for 2022 : \$2,464.08	Net: \$19,534		
Overall 2021 Avg. Pledge vs. 2022 Avg. Change : \$7.85		0.32%	\$239,508		\$5,420.00

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2022 Budget - Vestry Final Budget Jan 2022**

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Accounts	Annual Budget	Total Actual 2021 YTD*	Annual Budget 2022
REVENUES			
Contribution Income			
400100 - Plate Offering	\$5,000.00	\$5,391.00	\$5,000.00
400200 - Pledge Payments	\$218,374.00	\$213,408.51	\$234,088.00
400300 - Non Pledge Payments	\$20,000.00	\$26,681.51	\$20,000.00
Total Contribution Income	\$243,374.00	\$245,481.02 *	\$259,088.00
Other Income			
410650 - Music Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
410800 -Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$243,374.00	\$245,481.02 *	\$259,088.00
EXPENSES			
Mortgage Expense			
500100 - Loan #700028 Principle	\$13,007.30	\$13,007.30	\$13,402.91
500200 - Loan #700028 Interest	\$1,629.39	\$1,645.78	\$1,250.17
Total Mortgage Expense	\$14,636.69	\$14,653.08 *	\$14,653.08
Diocese			
500500 - Diocesan Pledge	\$20,508.00	\$20,508.00	\$20,834.00
590500 - Diocesan Functions	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Total Diocese	\$21,508.00	\$20,508.00 *	\$21,834.00
"Reach"			
510200 - Yard Sale Income	(\$3,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$3,500.00)
510300 - Outreach Expenses	\$12,000.00	\$13,871.21	\$13,000.00
510400 - Inreach	\$1,000.00	\$182.34	\$1,000.00
590100 - Scrip Program Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total "Reach"	\$9,500.00	\$14,053.55	\$10,500.00
Clergy Compensation			
520100 -Clergy Salaries	\$42,020.00	\$42,020.16	\$44,600.00
520150 - Rector Housing	\$26,000.00	\$26,000.16	\$27,000.00
520200 -SECA Rector	\$5,402.43	\$5,402.43	\$5,865.33
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	\$3,149.90 *	\$3,900.00
520600 - Rector Pension	\$13,647.96 *	\$13,647.96	\$13,800.78
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	\$0.00	\$0.00 *	\$0.00
Total Clergy Compensation	\$93,608.89	\$92,859.11 *	\$97,804.61
Clergy Expense			
520775 - Clergy Cont. Education	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
520800 - Supply Clergy Expense	\$6,000.00	\$1,125.00	\$8,000.00
800350 - Rector Sabbatical Fund	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Clergy Expense	\$12,000.00	\$6,125.00	\$14,000.00
Worship			
530100 - Music Director	\$17,345.00	\$16,900.00	\$18,300.00
530150 - Outside Musicians	\$1,500.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,500.00
530200 - Music Choir Supplies	\$0.00	\$58.29	\$0.00
530300 - Piano/Organ Maintenance	\$230.00	\$240.00	\$230.00
530400 - Bulletins and Printing	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
530500 - Spiritual Life & Acolyte	\$1,000.00	\$312.81	\$1,000.00
Total Worship	\$20,275.00	\$18,761.10 *	\$21,230.00

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Altar Guild			
530700 - Altar Expense	\$750.00	\$582.12	\$750.00
530800 - Flowers	\$1,500.00	\$1,328.24	\$1,500.00
530801 - Flower Income	(\$2,500.00)	(\$2,520.00)	(\$2,500.00)
530900 - Altar Guild Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Altar Guild	<u>(\$250.00)</u>	(\$609.64) *	(\$250.00)
Evangelism			
540400 - Web Page Expenses	\$200.00	\$149.90	\$200.00
Total Evangelism	<u>\$200.00</u>	\$149.90 *	\$200.00
Office & Admin Expenses			
550100 - Checking Account Service Charge	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
550200 - Parish Administrator Expense	\$16,224.00	\$9,688.00	\$16,640.00
550300 - Telephone & Internet Exp.	\$1,200.00	\$1,541.74	\$1,200.00
550400 - Office Expenses - Copier lease	\$5,750.00	\$4,174.07	\$5,750.00
550500 - Postage	\$200.00	\$44.00	\$200.00
550700 - General Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
550800 - Equipment Repairs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Office & Adm. Expenses	<u>\$23,374.00</u>	\$15,447.81 *	\$23,790.00
Parish Life			
560300 - Coffee Hour	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
560400 - Parish Life Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$246.83	\$1,000.00
560500 - Membership Directory Exp.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
560600 - Stewardship, CDC, Nametags	\$750.00	\$429.51	\$750.00
560700 - Vestry Activities	\$1,750.00	\$267.29	\$2,000.00
Total Parish Life	<u>\$3,700.00</u>	\$943.63 *	\$3,950.00
Building and Grounds			
570100 - Fire & Liability Insurance	\$6,950.00	\$7,303.50	\$7,005.00
570200 - Propane Gas	\$1,300.00	\$1,202.05	\$1,500.00
570201 - Garbage & Recycle Exp.	\$650.00	\$815.04	\$1,000.00
570202 - Power	\$7,750.00	\$6,057.16	\$7,750.00
570203 - Water	\$750.00	\$1,075.24	\$1,200.00
570300 - Maintenance Exp. Equipment	\$750.00	\$937.21	\$3,500.00
570400 - Maintenance Exp. Buildings	\$750.00	\$183.16	\$3,500.00
570500 - Custodian	\$5,100.00	\$5,100.00	\$5,400.00
570501 - Cleaning Supplies	\$600.00	\$383.16	\$600.00
570600 - Grounds & Landscape Exp.	\$5,500.00	\$5,265.74	\$6,000.00
570700 - Pest Control	\$2,700.00	\$2,322.00	\$2,700.00
570900 - Room to Grow	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Building and Grounds	<u>\$32,800.00</u>	\$30,644.26 *	\$40,155.00
Christian Education			
580200 - Adult Education Exp.	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
580300 - Youth Christian Ed. Exp.	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
580400 - Nursery Supplies	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
580500 - Nursery Worker Exp.	\$4,410.00	\$4,340.00	\$4,410.00
580600 - Youth Coordinator Compensation	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00
580601 - Youth Expenses	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Total Christian Education	<u>\$11,060.00</u>	\$4,340.00 *	\$11,260.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$242,412.58</u>	\$217,875.80 *	\$259,126.69
Net Total	<u>\$961.42</u>	\$27,605.22 *	(\$38.69)

Buildings & Grounds

Respectfully Submitted by Jamie Hreha, Jr. Warden and Vestry Liaison to Buildings & Grounds

It has been a wonderfully productive year for the Buildings & Grounds ministry. ECA volunteers completed many essential projects and provided much needed maintenance, all while following COVID-19 safety protocols. We are truly blessed to have so many parishioners willing to help when asked to do so. Thank you, to everyone, that helped care for our church buildings and grounds this past year.



Buildings



- Back door in Activities Building has been replaced
- Storm door on St. Martha's Porch has been replaced
- A door was added to the Ruby Room for access to the Pavilion
- Breezeway between the Ruby Room and the Pavilion has been completed
- Lights and fans were added in the Pavilion
- Ramp on the front of the Activities Building has been repaired
- AC maintenance was completed in both the Swift building and Activities Building
- Track lighting has been installed over the choir area
- New gutters were installed on the sanctuary
- A locking metal cabinet for Altar Guild items was donated and installed

Grounds

- Two successful ECA Work Days this year – March and October
- New directional signs have been installed near the Swift building
- New plants in front of the Activities Building and Pavilion
- Decorative Stones have been placed in front of Activities Building
- River rock installed near the Pavilion to help with drainage

Behind the Scenes

- Constant effort to control weeds in flower beds, around the pond, mulched areas, and parking lot
- Scrap metal recycled
- Two trees, determined to be a danger, were removed
- Improved the landscape behind the Activities building to improve drainage and help keep water out of the basement
- Volunteer pressure-washed Church siding in breezeway
- Bi-weekly watering continues for new plants
- Garden Gnomes
- Picnic tables were pressure washed
- Donation made for sidewalks and breezeway to be pressure washed



Future Plans

- “Crush & Run” gravel to be installed in Handicap parking area near Pavilion
- Grass seed will be planted in area behind the Pavilion
- Considering options to repair driveway culvert/asphalt
- The Veterans memorial consisting of flag poles and a stone bench will be completed on the west side of the Church
- Repair children’s play area, including the rock-climbing wall
- Additional tasks will be planned to complete both landscaping and electrical projects

The Buildings & Grounds Committee typically meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Activities building. All are welcome!



Parish Life

Respectfully submitted by Scott Hogan, Vestry Liaison for Parish Life

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we did not know what to expect at the beginning of the year. It was hard to plan events and gatherings with the looming thought and threat of shutdowns that could force cancellations of scheduled activities. The last thing anyone ever wants is to get their hopes up for something just to be let down.



We knew gatherings were much needed after a year where most people had very little interaction with anyone outside their immediate family, but we didn’t know if anyone was truly ready for such gatherings. We decided to gauge the overall interest of a parish wide in-person event and the feedback we received was very positive. At that point we started planning for a Welcome Back gathering, which ultimately turned into a cookout and game night that took place in May.

With the pavilion completed, we were able to use it for several activities such as our first ever Pictures Under the Pavilion, which took place in August. We were able to hold a reception for a Baptism. We also held a Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and Blessing of the Backpacks under the pavilion in August. The Men’s Fishing Trip took place at the end of September in Florida. All Saints Sunday was celebrated in November, and we included a Fall Festival and Blessing of the Pets the same day. We closed out our calendar year in December with Fire Pit Caroling and our first ever parish wide Secret Santa event. In addition to these events, Dominoes started back up as well as some other small group formations that had several gatherings throughout the year.

We now turn our eyes and plans to 2022, which we hope includes more activities for our parish and less COVID-19 variants and outbreaks. With the pavilion fully open and operational we feel we can host activities rain or shine, warm or cold, and safely practice social distancing when required and for those who simply prefer it. We encourage and welcome any and all thoughts and ideas for different things we can do together as a parish.

Connecting Ministry

Respectfully submitted by Janice Maxwell, Vestry Liaison for Connecting Ministry



Connecting Ministry began not long before this global pandemic hit, and what a needed ministry it is! The need to feel connected has never been greater. We began the year with a lot of calls, letters and cards to check in on people who were quarantining at home. In August we had a successful 'Get Acquainted Luncheon' for some of the newer families worshiping with us. Most, if not all, who attended have joined ECA.

Once we were able to gather more, we formed a new social group for single ECA ladies to build upon relationships. This group meets for luncheons and/or dinners monthly. The attendance has increased as excitement grows among these ladies.

Holy Rollers continues to provide rides to those who need them in order to attend church, doctor appointments and even for a young ECA member who needed rides to school. We have continued to improve and utilize our online photo directory, which included asking members to provide new photos to keep profiles up to date. This has been a wonderful resource. We have gathered to socialize and connect around the fire-pit several times, and we fellowshiped on All Saints Sunday. Every gathering held gives us an opportunity to connect with others.

Our first annual Secret Santa exchange took place in December, thanks to the suggestion from Scott Hogan. Those wanting to participate wrote their name on a slip of paper and placed it in Santa's box. Names were drawn on the first Sunday then gifts were exchanged two weeks later (\$12 gift limit). The Vestry and other ECA leaders continue to make calls to those members who haven't returned to worship. Emails, texts, cards and flowers have also been sent when deemed appropriate.



We expect to increase the social activities in 2022 as COVID restrictions are relaxed. The ECA Book Club and Foyer Dinners will begin again, and re-establishing the coffee hour is at the top of our list too.

Despite the challenges of gathering and connecting to others during this time of COVID, we have been encouraged and strive to make members of ECA feel connected to one another.

Reach Ministries

Respectfully Submitted by Nicole File, Vestry Liaison for Reach Ministries

Reach is ECA's Outreach and Inreach group. We look for ways to care for parishioners who may have needs, as well as serving both ongoing and urgent needs in the community. We meet at noon on the second Sunday of each month. The Reach committee is co-chaired by Molly Norman and Robin Racoff, and the Vestry liaison is Nicole File.

In 2021, Reach had an extremely productive year of growth and service despite being in the second year of the pandemic. Parishioners truly stepped up to imagine, volunteer, organize, and act. As a result, we were able to share abundantly with a large number of our neighbors.

Our flagship accomplishment this year was starting a significant new mission to serve homeless people along with Shady Grove Baptist Church. We now serve about 3 dozen people who live primarily in the wooded areas near I-75 and the Canton Rd. Connector.

Our project began in September with delivery of 30 toiletry kits, including camp candles and full-sized bug sprays. People were especially grateful for the bug spray, which they said was "like gold."

We also delivered 50 insulated, water resistant, portable camping mats through our partnership with Softer Streets. Guests were really overcome by this gift. One man said he had been sleeping on two metal lounge chair frames – not the cushions, just the frames – to keep himself off the saturated ground during a period of heavy daily rain. He said the mat would let him sleep so much more comfortably without the metal rods digging into his body, as well as keeping him much warmer.

Another man, Scott, told us he served in Iraq and suffers from PTSD. He said he had become "intimately acquainted with every rock, root, and hole in the ground, and this will help so much." Even though we usually don't take photos of our homeless guests, Scott insisted on having his picture taken so he could keep it on his phone and show every other homeless person he meets what we are providing.



We also serve monthly hot dinners to the Shady Grove clients. We gather at ECA the 4th Wednesday of every month, prepare and individually box full hot meals, then take them to Shady Grove for dinner. We approved the expenditure of \$250 per month from our non-directed funds to pay for these meals for the last quarter of 2021. Next year we will include a line item in our budget to cover the costs. These meals provide a welcome alternative to the usual cold sandwiches that are handed out to homeless people. We have even served children at this dinner, including a little girl of about 6 who said, "I'm so excited to eat!"



Speaking of eating, our October food drive in honor of Cathy Norris set a fundraising record. We collected more than 2,800 food items and raised more than \$3,600 in monetary donations. This allowed us to write \$1,500 checks to Papa's Pantry and Never Alone. In addition, our continuous food donations were again very much appreciated by both food pantries. During one delivery, the people at Papa's Pantry said ECA "always donates the good stuff" and said our food is always high quality and based on their updated list of needs, adding that ECA should give lessons to other churches on what items to donate to a food drive.



Early in the year, Father Paul secured a \$10,000 Episcopal Relief & Development grant for Newnan, GA after an EF4 tornado devastated the town. He and Nicole File traveled to Newnan to discuss short- and long-term rebuilding plans with Rev. Hazel Smith Glover of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and other community leaders. A few weeks later, Nicole delivered about \$1,200 of supplies and gift cards to a large aid event in Newnan.





In other new ventures this year, Robin Racoff started a caregiver support group for those who are providing support for elderly or ill people. A few people meet by Zoom each month to share stories and support, as well as ideas and information for maximizing resources.

We also approved at the beginning of the year a \$2,000 emergency fund for urgent community needs. This money was used for everything from purchasing supplies for our homeless neighbors to helping a homeless former foster child, as well as a National Guard soldier who became her younger brother's guardian after their mother died. We also sent \$600 to Southern Comforters so they could absorb the higher cost of fabric and expand their ministry to take on a large new project. We aim to make this an annual budget allowance so we can be ready to serve whoever needs help.

We had one yard sale this year, which raised about \$3,000 – far above expectations during a pandemic and considering we only had one collection weekend. For the first time, we did not price items but instead, asked people to make an offer on whatever they selected. This greatly reduced the work and stress involved in preparations and did not impact our bottom line. In fact, in many cases people offered more than we would have asked. We also debuted “Surprise Boxes” at the end of the day, packing random items and selling the sealed boxes for \$2. They all sold quickly, raising a bit of money and preventing us from having to load items onto the trucks for the Salvation Army.

Other activities this year included a blanket, snack and sock drive that provided 48 blankets, dozens of pairs of socks and snack packs to Church of the Common Ground.





At the beginning of the year, Fr. Paul secured a \$10,000 ER&D COVID Grant for those who were affected by the pandemic. We attended food distribution events at Papa's Pantry and Never Alone to hand out gift cards. The gift cards could also be used to buy gas, which was highly appreciated by those who received them.

For the holidays, we funded six Thanksgiving meals, which Lainey Gaines delivered to families who needed them. Lainey also continued our Angel Tree tradition and we provided gifts for families including 5 children. Sadly, Emmaus House had to cancel its big walk and the Grandparents' Dinner this year, so we allocated the budgeted money to the toy drive instead. This meant we were able to take 3 full car/van loads of presents to Emmaus House for Christmas.



In 2022, Reach intends to continue its new homeless ministry with Shady Grove, expanding to include a permanent toiletry drive along with ECA's longstanding permanent food drive. We also intend to resume the Open Hearts summer camp, and take part in Emmaus House's Grandparents' Dinner if they hold it. We are also exploring some possibilities for new outreach to U.S. troops. Reach again plans to set aside a significant portion of the budget for urgent needs, allowing us flexibility to respond wherever God gives us an opportunity to help.

We always welcome ideas and participation in all we do!

Faith & Spirituality

Respectfully Submitted by Marcia Murphy, Vestry Liaison to Faith and Spirituality

The ECA Adult Christian Formation has continued to meet either virtually (due to COVID) or in person, when appropriate, at 9:30am on Sundays. Father Paul and Ron Allen lead adult CF. Attendees can choose if they prefer to meet in person or virtually, and a zoom link has been provided each week for those who choose to meet virtually. Topics have included a variety of things relevant to today's social and political climate. Children's Christian Formation has been on hold due to the COVID situation.



Education for Ministry (EFM) will continue this fall led by Katie Dunlap – with the minimum requirement of six members. We were able to celebrate our first graduates and others are welcome to be a part of EFM! Lainey Gaines will continue the Virtual Women's group, hopefully by the end of October.

Children and Youth Ministry

Respectfully submitted by John Capawana, Vestry Liaison to Children & Youth

The ECA Youth Group is for kids 5th grade and up. Junior EYC is for youth 6th – 8th grades. Senior EYC is for youth 9th-12th grades. Typically, Children and Youth Ministry meets at least twice a month and plan activities throughout the year along with community service events that promote both fun and fellowship. Due to Covid-19, this year has been very difficult for the younger members of our parish.

The year started off at a standstill. Covid-19 took its toll on all activities. We did, however, host our annual egg hunt on Easter Sunday. Then in May we had a much-anticipated event: Cookout and game night!

As the weather warmed up the congregation started to attend other activities held outside in the newly built pavilion that included the children and youth.

We hosted a movie night in August, as well as a parish-wide collection of school supplies for children in need. Then, the crown on top of the year: The children and youth Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve! It was a wonderful way to end our yearly events.

Currently, we are actively trying to hire a Youth Minister. With some luck, we will be successful, and Children and Youth Ministries will resume as normal in the coming months.



Worship Ministry

Respectfully submitted by Foster Peterson, Vestry Liaison to Worship

The year 2021 continued to be an interesting year for worship given the ongoing pandemic, but ECA has been able to consistently gather in person for worship in a safe manner. Some highlights of worship at ECA in 2021:



Men's Fishing Trip on October 3rd.

- Altar Guild: Jackie Collopy retired from leading the Altar Guild last year. Bliss Peterson stepped into Jackie's role and is a Co-chair with Brenda Pinkston. A new metal cabinet was installed in the sacristy for altar guild use. This cabinet has allowed for improved security for the service items and improved storage and labeling so that items can be easily located. Thanks to Chris Renaud for assembling the cabinet and to Bliss Peterson, Brenda Pinkston, and others for arranging the cabinet.

- Worship volunteers: Fr. Paul and I continue to make announcements in services and in ECA News/Bulletins about service volunteers. No formal training sessions were conducted in 2021 but rather volunteers were trained on an individual basis. On the acolyte front, we have two regular adult acolytes/servers at the 8:30 service and two youth who have returned to acolyting at the 10:30 service. Two people have volunteered to be vergers and will be trained as such – the verger training has not yet occurred since we are not yet using vergers live at the services.

- We had baptisms and funerals, and a wedding at the end of the year.

- It has been more difficult to find supply priests during the pandemic. Foster Peterson has been able to fill in when needed. Fr. Brian Sullivan filled in as a supply priest while Fr. Paul was on the

We held a full complement of Christmas services including 5:00 pm (Christmas pageant), 7:15 pm and 9:30 pm on Christmas Eve and at 10:30 am on Christmas Day. The service on the First Sunday after Christmas contained the dual blessings of a baptism and a wedding in the same service!

We have adapted to changing worship requirements (like the need to wear masks during times of increased transmission) with grace and continue to enjoy our worship together.



Servant Ministries

Respectfully Submitted by Robin Keith, Vestry Liaison for Servant Ministries

It has been our joy and pleasure to be able to serve so many during 2021. Despite being in the middle of a pandemic for the 2nd year in a row, ECA has maintained the following ministries throughout 2021, while following proper Covid-19 safety protocol.

Cards from the Heart – Those beautiful cards you receive in the mail for your birthday or anniversary are Cards from the Heart! Thank you to Jan Thurmond for seeing that these cards make their way to you. In 2021 we sent over 230 cards wishing people a happy birthday, happy anniversary, thinking of you and welcoming new babies!

Journeys – Journeys meets the 2nd Saturday of every month and is led by Suzie Hart. This is an opportunity for people to gather, share, and support each other during difficult journeys. There are typically 4-5 in attendance each month.

Caregivers Ministry – New to ECA in 2021 is our Caregivers Ministry, led by Robin Racoff. The Caregivers Ministry meets the 1st Tuesday of every month and is intended to help those who are in various caregiving roles in their life. Robin has experience in helping caregivers and knowledge of many helpful resources. There are typically 2-3 in attendance each month.

Prayer Requests – ECA is always happy to fulfill prayer requests and Daughters of the King focuses on praying for our parishioners as well as our prayer team.

Happy Cookers – Happy Cookers provide premade meals/casseroles to our parishioners in need, whether it be due to illness, new baby, or just a difficult time. We were able to provide a few meals this year, and Brenda Pinkston and Megan Miller make sure meals are available and get delivered.

Holy Haulers – Holy Haulers provide transportation to church, and other church events, and can even be available for rides to doctor appointments and school for parishioners in need. We have a list of available drivers, and you can reach out to Robin Keith if you are interested in setting up a new transportation need. Many thanks to our current drivers (Ron Allen, Nicole File, Janice Maxwell, Marcia Murphy, Jane Whisler, Suzie Hart, Irene Griggs and Janet Livingston)!

Eucharistic Ministers - While this has had to be put on hold during the peak of Covid, we have been able to resume some Eucharistic visits. The coordination and trainings are set up by Fr. Paul. Additionally, as always, Father Paul continues to be available to assist or counsel parishioners as needed.

Thank you to everyone who helps to care for our church family. By serving each other, we are able to be the hands and feet of Christ.



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! Just as we made it through 2021 and things began looking promising for some normalcy, 2022 is off to a rough start. My goal for 2021 was to not dwell on the negative impacts of the pandemic, but to continue to focus on the great things happening with ECA and our ministries. We did precisely that, and we will continue to do so as we move forward in 2022. We need to look at these times not as obstacles, but as opportunities to continue to do great work. We have had some great accomplishments throughout the year and I am proud to continue to serve as your rector in these challenging, but fruitful times. We focused our stewardship campaign this year on “Every Perfect Gift,” and our fellowship and worship with one another is a “perfect gift” for all of us. These moments with each other help encourage and strengthen us to do the work God has called us to do not only at ECA, but out in the world. While many parishes our struggling during these uncertain times, ECA continues to shine in incredible ways.

We were able to get a rhythm back up and running with our worship services and it was truly glorious to see one another again in our worship space. We are nowhere near our pre-pandemic numbers, but we are getting better. The pavilion has provided new opportunities to gather for fellowship and worship. We were able to do a couple of baptisms this year, and a wedding and baptism service together. The choir came back together and provided us with beautiful music to soothe our soul. Our Reach ministry was phenomenal this year and it is a true blessing to be a part of so much good that is happening in our communities. Even though I was activated by the GA. Natl Guard for pandemic and relief missions throughout the year, I was able to continue my ministry at ECA with very little disruption. The church’s support of this ministry continues to benefit our community as well as ECA. In my capacity, I was able to help secure 2 grants from Episcopal Relief and Development for \$10,000 each to help those in need.



The parish grounds continue to be a blessing in many ways during these strange times. This past year we were faced with some age related issues of our facilities and equipment, but with the continued flow of stewardship (time, talent, & treasure), we were able to make much needed repairs and complete the Pavilion. Many thanks to Richard Arnotti, Horace Higgins, Wesley McLendon, Chris Renaud, Cal Beck and Jamie Hreha to name a few, and others who are always willing to help with our many projects on the property. Thanks to donated use of heavy machinery, we were able to help repair a broken water pipe and reduced the expenses significantly saving us over \$7,000. We

were also under budget with pavilion costs helping us with other projects on the property. This is very important to help us offset future expenses we foresee.

Easter was gloriously celebrated this year and we enjoyed giving thanks not only for the resurrection of Christ, but our faith together. The Altar Guild and St. Martha’s Guild are always ready to coordinate and host worship activities and receptions for the different services and events at ECA. All Saints Sunday was our Stewardship Sunday celebration and we were able to bless and dedicate our newest space at ECA with great fellowship and food. None of the great events are possible without the dedication and love that comes from all the volunteers who make it all happen.





There are so many great things happening at ECA and we have much more planned for 2022. One of our goals is to get our youth program back up and running. It is my hope we will be able to bring a youth worker on our team this year. Our youth have had a couple of hard years with all that has taken place and we hope to be able to provide opportunities for them to take a break and have fun. We continue to find ways to help us connect with one another and we will keep planning events as often as we can to increase fellowship and fun activities. We also have great things planned for our REACH ministry. It is my hope that you will continue to find ways to participate and help those who are in need in our community. We were able to increase the REACH budget this past year because we felt this would

best represent what it means to be a servant of Christ in these challenging times. We are also always looking for ways to bless and enrich not only members of ECA, but those out in our community who also need to feel the love and warmth of God's grace found abundantly in Christ's body, the Church.

We are very blessed with many "Gifts" at ECA and I want to personally thank all members of this parish for your unwavering support both financially and spiritually. I also want to especially thank the Vestry members for the incredible and tireless work that continues to take place amidst the unprecedented challenges we have had. I would like to thank our outgoing Vestry members, Marcia Murphy and Wanda Ziembinski for their contributions over the past three years. Also, thank you to Foster Peterson, who not only stepped in to fill a void, but has also volunteered to continue to help with Vestry. I cannot thank them enough for their dedication and hard work at ECA. I am especially grateful for Wanda and her incredible servant heart and friendship. Thank you for being our Senior warden these last two years. Wanda has not only been an incredible gift to ECA, but to me also, listening whenever needed and providing her unwavering support of me during her time. Thank you to all for continuing to trust me and our work together as your Rector of Church of the Annunciation, I am deeply thankful for all your love and support. The year 2022 will be a better year because that is what WE will make it.

To God be the Glory! Fr. Paul+

