



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter July / August 2017

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Summer heat has arrived and our program has come to an end. You will notice that this newsletter is for July and August, and that there aren't too many activities happening.

Don't forget about St. Anne's while you are having fun in the sun. Even though you may be away, our expenses continue. I urge you to sign up for automatic payment with your bank.

Summer is a time for growth for the earth but also for ourselves and our faith. This is when we are supposed to work on our inner prayer life, and our growth as a follower of Christ.

I will be taking this time to plan for the liturgical and program year ahead. Michele and I will be planning fundraisers, and Brenda is working hard on the Sunday School. Peter will be planning the music for Fall, and many more people will also be working hard! All this happens behind the scenes.

Even if you are away, you can still serve Christ in the world. Make a new friend, talk about God, read a good theology book; these are just a few things you can do to continue growing in Christ even if you are away. You can also listen to my sermons online at my blog: www.therevlauren.com

I pray that this summer, we can stay strong in our mission and continue the good momentum we have begun this Spring. While we need vacation to rest and relax, God never takes a vacation, and our faith shouldn't either.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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Worship:
Sundays, 8am & 10am

From the Co-Wardens

As we approach the summer months, the weather gets warmer, schools close, and we get excited for vacation. As the saying goes, ".... the living is easy".

But even though our pace may slow down, St. Anne's doesn't. The thrift shop changed their hours to close on Saturdays but extended hours on Thursday. We will continue to have two services every Sunday morning. A new furnace and air conditioner is being installed thanks to a green grant we have received and a generous donation from a parishioner. And of course our bills continue to arrive no matter how many people attend on Sundays.

Summer months have always been difficult when it comes to church finances. There is some good news: since our finance meeting in April, there has been an uptick in pledges. We need to keep this momentum going. Many are opting to pay once a month via mail and this is a great way to make sure you can stay current with your pledge through the summer even if you're unable to attend due to vacation.

Please remember that we will hold a special parish meeting on June 25 to update you on our finances and some other church business.

FUNDRAISING!

Greetings brothers and sisters,

I write this on Sunday after a busy few days.

To begin, I want to say thank you for the help, generosity, and support you've given over the past few days. The Coins for Church had its second drop, an astounding \$245, which brings the total to \$296. That amount came from loose change and some paper money. Amazing!

The Strawberry Festival was once again an amazing success of community outreach, and giving of time, talent and treasure, yielding just over \$1000. Wow. Just wow.

Lastly, I'm humbled by the amount of donations given to the Reading fire victims. St Anne's truly is an amazing place to share God's love.

With love,

Andrea Jeffrey

Coins for the Church continues: So far the first 2 drops of coins yielded \$296.00. Your loose pocket change can certainly add up! The bottle will remain in the office during the week, and will be out on Sundays for any loose change you may wish to contribute! Thank you for your contributions.

Ken MacPherson is selling beautiful, hand-made (by Ken himself) crosses as a fundraiser for the church. They are only \$7.00 each! Contact Ken if you would like to purchase a cross (or many!).

Call Ken at [978-667-7734](tel:978-667-7734) E-mail him at kmacp1@verizon.net

A Note for the Parish

I wish to thank everyone at St. Anne's Church for the very nice retirement party and the monetary gift I received. The money I received will be used to obtain books to fill some of my time. Lastly, thanks to the many parishioners who have stepped-up to help when I needed a hand.

-Al Westerlund

Upcoming Events

July 2017

July 22nd: 9:00am Ladies' Breakfast
at Stelio's
9:00am Men's Breakfast
at Deli King

August 2017

August 24th: 7:00pm Vestry
August 25th: 9:00am Ladies'
Breakfast at Stelio's
9:00am Men's
Breakfast at Deli King

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Tuesdays:

Wednesday: AA 8:00pm

1st, 3rd, & 5th

Craft Group 10am

Saturdays: 4th Men's & Women's
Breakfasts

Sundays: Choir Practice 11:45am

Announcements

Attention Truck Owners!

-Do you have a truck and a free Saturday? We will be getting our original organ out of storage, but we need help! Please contact Ed Giroux if you are interested.

Prayer List

Submit the names of your loved ones. Please do so by e-mailing the office

stannesbillerica@gmail.com,
calling the office, 978-663-4073.

The prayer list will reset on Pentecost (June 4th).

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop hours are as follows:

SUMMER HOURS

Wed: 2-6pm

Thurs: 10am-8pm

Fri: 10am-2pm

Thrift Shop Ph: 978-667-6268

We are always looking for volunteers, so drop by and sign up to help out!

Tuesday Bible Studies

-The 10am study is on summer break.

-Tuesday evening bible study is on summer break.

Men's Breakfast

The Men's breakfast takes place on the 4th Saturday of the month at 9:00am at the Deli King restaurant located at 885 Mains Street in Tewksbury. The men's group is simply anyone who wants to show up for a good breakfast and little socializing. Everybody is welcome.

Women's Breakfast

Ladies – Let's get together for breakfast on the last Saturday of the month at 9:00am at Stelio's in North Billerica. It's a good time to reconnect and plan activities. Please come.

Choir

Our choir meets from 11:30am-12:30pm on Sundays. Feel free to contact Peter Morelli at [\(617\) 480-9775](tel:6174809775) or at morellimail@msn.com.

Pastoral Visits

Rev. Lauren warmly encourages visitations at home or hospital bedside. You don't even need to be a member of St. Anne's. But, you need to take the first step and invite her. Please give Rev. Lauren a call at 718-440-0811 or e-mail at

rector@stannes-billerica.org, and we will arrange for a visitation at a place and time of your convenience.

Altar Flowers

If you wish to donate altar flowers to Saint Anne's, please fill out one of the flower request forms and return it to Stacey in the office. Suggested donation is \$25 per arrangement.

St. Anne's Craft Group

St. Anne's Craft Group meets the first, third and fifth Wednesdays of the month from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Nichols Room. Then we go to lunch nearby. Most everything we make is for the Christmas Fair. One does not have to know how to knit, crochet, or any other type of needle work. Just come and gab with the rest of us. Please contact Marie Figenbaum (714-585-9744, cell, or 781-275-7294 home.)

Administrative office

Administrative office hours are Tuesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Wednesday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Bulletin Announcements

Announcements for the weekly bulletin must be submitted to the office by the Tuesday before you wish the announcement to appear. Please include details such as contact person and phone number/e-mail, dates and times, as well as the end date for the announcement. Please submit announcement to Stacey at stannesbillerica@gmail.com