



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter September 2017

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

We all need rest and relaxation (it is one of the 10 Commandments after all) and the Summer is the time when we get the most rest. I know that when I slow down, calm myself, and take time to rejuvenate, I can find more time for prayer and reflection. When we pray, we don't just ask for things from God, we invite God into our lives, and this means that we need to slow down and listen. Listen for God's answer to our prayers.

If you have been missing St. Anne's this Summer, don't worry, there are many activities and events starting up in September. Please look over the list in the following pages and mark your calendars!

The new FUN-raising group has been hard at work planning events that will be fun (as the name implies) and earn some much-needed income for St. Anne's. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Andrea Jeffrey or Michele O'Shea.

We also have been working on changing the so-called "Overflow Room" into a useable meeting space for Parish events, but also to rent out. The results of the voting are in! The new name is: All Saints' Alcove!

We will have a room dedication in September. Thank you all for your input and voting.

As our program year gets going and we have more and more events, please remember why we do what we do. St. Anne's is a wonderful community committed to spreading Christ's love in the world. This is the main mission of all Christ's churches in the world. As we serve the community in love, we will grow in faith and numbers.

During this time of unrest and conflict in our country, I found this prayer in another newsletter and found it helpful:

Happy moments, praise God
Difficult moments, seek God
Quiet moments, worship God
Painful moments, trust God
Every moment, thank God

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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Carol Lazott – 2019
Jane Kotelly – 2019
Russell Bent – 2020
Andrea Jeffrey – 2020
Janet Lyna – 2020
Worship:
Sundays, 8am & 10am

A Word About Welcoming and the Peace from Rev. Lauren

As people come back from vacation and return to church events, I know we get excited and want to greet each other warmly. The Peace in church is meant for a quick sign of peace and then a continuation of the service. Long conversations, greetings, catching up should be done after church is over. Also, please remember, that not everyone likes to hug and kiss. Sometimes it is awkward for people to deny hugs and kisses and it makes them uncomfortable. Please keep in mind that unless you know for sure that someone would appreciate such a sign of affection, stick to a firm handshake, or ask permission before hugging/kissing. As you may or may not know, I am not a fan of hugging/kissing and prefer a handshake. I know that if I feel that way, there are probably others who feel the same way. Let's make St. Anne's a safe and welcoming place for all people! Thank you.

~Rev. Lauren

From the Co-Wardens

As I write this, we are anticipating the solar eclipse and by the time you read it, it will have happened. We hope it was an educational and special time. We trust that everyone heeded the advice of experts to protect your eyes.

The recent events of civil unrest and cowardly, terrorist acts are still fresh in our minds as the end of summer and the beginning of another program year each draw near. As we continue to pray for the victims of hate and senseless violence, let's pledge to make a fresh start this program year. For the first time in my memory, St. Anne's will be participating in Billerica's Yankee Doodle weekend!! We will have a group marching in the parade and staffing a booth on Saturday (09/16). What better way to show Christ's love and reject hate than by helping to spread His word in our community? We need volunteers to march and to staff the booth. Please see Rev. Lauren, Mark or Ed for details. But as always, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the church office. There will also be an open house here at the church for anyone who would like to welcome any visitors who may come by. So there are lots of opportunities to participate.

We have held a few "FUN" raising events over the summer. If you have volunteered to participate in one, thank you!! There are more to come. So, please take a look at the schedule of events (I'm sure they are even listed in the following pages of this newsletter) and make your plans early!! And if you have a new fresh idea, don't keep it a secret, please let us know!! We'd love to hear from you. All ideas are valued!!

As always, thanks for reading and we hope your summer was peaceful and you found time to recharge.

Mark Komarinski
Ed Giroux
Co-Wardens

FUN - RAISING!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Though we may still be using our sunscreen and wearing flip flops, we are also looking to the late summer and autumn! We would welcome folks to join the FUN raising opportunities as there's lots of ways for everyone to help out!

Upcoming **FUN**-raising Events and Details:

Pre-order your T-shirt and show your St. Anne's Pride! Sign-up Sheets are posted on the bulletin board across from the office, or you can email the office at stannesbillerica@gmail.com

Please include your name, size: S, M, L, XL (\$10), 2X and 3X (\$12) quantity, and your phone number.

If you are participating in St. Anne's events, Rev. Lauren would like us to all be wearing our shirts.

Coins for Church will continue throughout the year on Sundays, and will be placed out for the events below. With the most recent coin drop we are at **\$382.00**. Thank you for your continued generosity!

There will be a meeting for all people interested in the Christmas Fair on Tuesday **September 5th** at 6:30 PM. Come and give input, hear the plans!

Yankee Candle Fall/Winter catalog sales will run through September 26th. Please stop by the office for a catalog, or if you do not want to wait, you can shop online at <https://www.yankeecandlefundraising.com/store.htm>, the St. Anne's group number is **999968569**

September 10th is the "Welcome Back" from the summer Sunday! Sunday School starts!

September 16th is the Yankee Doodle in Billerica! St. Anne's will be walking in the parade and having a booth. Later in the day, St. Anne's will host a pie open house. There are sign-up sheets for T shirt orders, parade walkers, booth workers, and pie folks. Carol and Bob Lazott can be contacted for the pies! Michele or Andrea can be contacted about the parade and booth.

Get ready for Trivia Night on **September 30th** at 6PM! Team sign-up sheet will be posted shortly. For more details, speak with Andrea.

The Pet Blessing will happen at St. Anne's on **October 1st** at 2pm. Bring your favorite four legged friends!

On **October 21st**, we will be hosting a Harvest Craft Fair from 10am-3pm. Showcase your harvest fare - jams, pickles, sauces or baked goods...support some local craft and food vendors, or donate your best chili or soup to be sold at the Cafe. Discounted tables for St. Anne's Parishioners! We're hoping to have a Pumpkin Patch with some kid events! We will also be showcasing our November event which is handmade pies, available for pre-order.

Late October and early November may feature some pie baking in advance of our pre-ordered pie pickup on **November 19th**.

December features our famous St. Anne's Christmas Fair on **December 2nd** from 10am-3pm. This annual event will feature the best of St. Anne's, with Bake Sale, Christmas Cafe, Knit Items, Wreaths, Baskets, and Santa, with very limited outside vendors. We are spreading out the holiday spirit by having our Ham and Bean Supper with Evening of Giving on **December 9th** at 6pm. We are also hoping to have our Angel Tree.

January will feature a busy month with the Bishop's visit on **January 7th** and our Annual Meeting on **January 21st**.

For the winter months, we are considering a Game Night, a Spaghetti Supper, a Silent Auction, a Chili Cookoff, and a Pancake Supper. As always, we welcome your input, thoughts or suggestions.

Fondly,
Michele O'Shea and Andrea Jeffrey - craftyandi@yahoo.com

Ken MacPherson is selling beautiful, hand-made (by Ken himself) Nativities and crosses as a fundraiser for the church. The Nativity is \$25.00 and the Cross is \$7.00.

To order e-mail Ken at kmacp1@verizon.net or call at **978-408-3019**



Upcoming Events

Sept. 2017

Sept 5th: 6:30pm Christmas Fair Meeting

Sept 9th: 6:00pm Annacreons Pizza/Ice Cream Party

Sept 10th: "Welcome Back" brunch after church- Sunday School Starts

Sept 12th: 10:00am Bible Study Resumes

Sept 12th: 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Sept 16th: Yankee Doodle Weekend

Sept 21st: 7:00pm Vestry

Sept 30th: 9:00am Ladies' Breakfast at Stelio's

9:00am Men's Breakfast at Deli King

Sept 30th: 6:00pm Trivia Night

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Tuesdays: Bible Study 10:00am

Wednesday: AA 8:00pm

1st, 3rd, & 5th

Craft Group 10am

Saturdays: 4th Men's & Women's

Breakfasts

NA 6:30pm

Announcements

New Group Meeting

We have a new group meeting at St. Anne's, Narcotics Anonymous. This is a much-needed group in our town right now and we are glad to host them. They meet Saturday nights starting at 6:30pm in the Davis Room (conference room). Let's make our neighbors feel welcome and support the group as it grows!

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.

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 resumes on Sept. 12th, continuing with the book of Acts. All are welcome!

-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 **7:30pm-8:30pm on Tuesdays**. Feel free to contact Peter Morelli at (617) 480-9775 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, followed by lunch. One does not have to know how to knit, crochet, or any other type of needle work. 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

Quote of the day:

"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." ~Mark Twain

Save the Dates:

- Sept. 5th, 6:30pm – Christmas Fair Planning Meeting
Sept. 10th, 11:00am – Welcome Back from Summer Sunday
Sept. 16th – Yankee Doodle Weekend
Sept. 30th, 6:00pm – Trivia Night!
Oct. 1st, 2:00pm – Pet Blessing
Oct. 21st, 10:00am-3:00pm – Harvest Craft Fair
Nov. 10th – Pie orders due
Nov. 19th – Pie pick up
Dec. 2nd, 10:00am-3:00pm – Christmas Fair!
Dec. 9th, 6:00pm – Ham and Bean Supper/Evening of Giving
Jan. 7, 2018 – Bishop Gates' Visit
Jan. 21, 2018 – St. Anne's Annual Meeting (snow date Jan. 28th)

St. Anne's Original Organ Returns!

Our original pump organ from around 1900 has returned home to St. Anne's. It was previously donated to the Billerica Historical Society to be used in a town museum. Since the museum is in limbo, we will house this piece of our history until such time as the museum gets off the ground. Many thanks to everyone who helped move the organ back home! Here are some photos:



Our helpers!

Before a polish (top)
After a polish (bottom)
Not bad for over 117 years old!

