



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter October 2017

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

Fall is in full swing and so is St. Anne's. Yankee Doodle weekend was a great time! Thank you so much to everyone who worked so hard on the parade, the booth, and the open house! We met a lot of people and spread good will in our town, and the weather was great too!

Starting in October we will be having our Pledge Drive for 2018. Stewardship and pledging are NOT synonymous even though we often think they are. Pledging is part of Stewardship. Stewardship is an everyday, all year 'round project, while Pledge Drives are reserved for the Fall. Please come to my presentation on Stewardship on Sunday, Oct. 1st after church (9am and 11:15am). After that, we will kick off our pledge drive.

I know that a lot of this is new to you as in the past, pledging was not emphasized as an important part of Stewardship. Unfortunately, with our current financial situation, this idea must change. Change is essential to being a

viable and vibrant parish. How does that saying go? "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting a different result." I know change is hard and often painful, but it is necessary to all aspects of life, even church. So please attend all our events with open minds and generous hearts.

Here is a prayer for the Parish Family from our Book of Common Prayer:

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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

From the Co-Wardens

It's hard to believe, but we are mid-way through September and although this week's weather doesn't feel it, summer is all but over. Another program year has begun and there is a buzz around the church. We were pleased to learn of an addition to Rev. Lauren's family as she and her husband are expecting their first child. Please join us in wishing them well as look forward to welcoming their little one into the St. Anne's family.

Rev. Lauren has done much work to make St. Anne's more visible in the community. Most recently, she represented St. Anne's at the Peace vigil. And just this past weekend, St. Anne's had a booth at the town's Yankee Doodle Homecoming weekend and a group of parishioners marched in the parade. In addition, more parishioners opened the church for an open house for anyone who wanted to learn about us.

While the news of her pregnancy is joyous, it means that Rev. Lauren will be away from St. Anne's for a period of time. Since we were recently without a Rector for a time, we were reminded of the responsibilities that belong to the lay leaders of the church. The Vestry is responsible for running the church from a business perspective. While arrangements will be made to ensure we have a Priest on Sundays, there are other tasks that come up on a daily basis that we as a parish will have to handle. I believe that these tasks are doable as long as we work together. We should use this time to get used to the rhythm of running the business side of the parish and continue when Rev. Lauren returns.

Mark Komarinski
Ed Giroux
Co-Wardens

FUN - RAISING!

As I write this there are 11 Saturday's until the Christmas Fair and 12 until the evening of giving and the Ham & Bean Supper. So, let's get this party started!

The Evening of Giving runs in conjunction with the Ham & Bean Supper and this year is no different. Tickets will go on sale in November and would like to know if you would care to donate an item. We are set up to receive and log any early gifts. We are starting our collection of gifts early for a couple of reasons:

- Life gets in the way
- Budgetary ups and downs and good sales

As always, the gifts are what you choose to donate. For example: wine, cash, or a gift certificate, just to name a few. Once you donate (or commit), please let me know how you want to be listed on the final prize sheet. I ask this because some of you like to remain anonymous.

Please reply and let me know you want to donate - SandraForStAnnes@yahoo.com

Thank you

Sandra Giroux

Thanks for your continued support of Coins for Church. We were able to make a very nice contribution to Episcopal Relief and Development for Disaster Hurricane Relief. Coins for Church will continue through the holidays. Your generosity is amazing.

October 21 will showcase our very first Harvest Craft Fair, featuring handmade and homemade items.

We are also planning to serve a light lunch from our "Harvest Café". If you would be willing to donate a crockpot of chili, soup, or chowder, perhaps donate drinks, dessert, or paper goods, or if you have some homemade jams, jellies or sweet treats to donate, please speak with Andrea Jeffrey. There will also be a sign- up sheet posted outside of the kitchen. We hope that you will come to this fair!

October 25 features another Paint Night in Tewksbury! The cost is \$35 per person, and includes all materials. You do not need to know how to paint! The church makes a nice percentage as well, and it's a really fun night. If you're interested, please speak with Barbara Weisensee.

November into December will feature a food drive to benefit Billerica and Lowell's food pantry. More details as this event draws closer; if you would like to help please speak with Michelle O'Shea.

Our Christmas Fair is coming on December 2 from 10-3! For more details, please speak with Andrea Jeffrey. Please note – **one BIG change is that the Ham and Bean Supper which usually follows our Christmas Fair is moving to December 9th**, so that those who work the Fair all day can have an evening to rest. The Ham and Bean supper will also feature the very popular Evening of Giving. Sandra Giroux will be selling Party Books very soon!

In addition to our ever- popular Christmas Fair and Ham and Bean supper, December will also feature our Angel Tree, benefitting a local chapter of DCF. Your continued generosity is always so valued and treasured by the children who most need it this time of year. As the time gets closer, we will once again put up an Angel Tree with ornaments that provide the option to buy gifts for a boy or a girl, with their ages. If you would like to help with toy purchasing, wrapping, or any other aspect of this wonderful ministry, please speak with Michelle O'Shea.

Fondly,
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

Oct. 2017

Oct 1st: 9:00am&11:15am
Stewardship Presentation

Oct. 1st: Pet Blessing 2pm

Oct 7th: 1:00pm Wine Tasting at
Nashoba Valley

Oct 19th: 7:00pm Vestry

Oct 21st: 10:00am-3:00pm
Harvest Fair

Oct 22nd: 2:00pm Faiths of Our
Community Fair

Oct. 25th: 7:00pm Paint Night

Oct 28th: 9:00am Ladies' Breakfast
at Stelio's
9:00am Men's Breakfast
at Deli King

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:

Housekeeper Needed!

-If you, or someone you know, are a housekeeper, please contact Richard Hyatt at 978-667-4943.

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:

Wed: 2-6pm

Thurs: 10am-4pm

Fri: 10am-2pm

Sat 10am-

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

-Tuesday evening Bible study will be on the second Tuesday of the month, beginning November 14th at 7:30pm.

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. Please include details, as well as the end date for the announcement. Please submit announcement to Stacey at: stannesbillerica@gmail.com

Save the Dates:

Oct. 1st, 2:00pm – Pet Blessing

Oct. 21st, 10:00am-3:00pm – Harvest Craft Fair

Oct. 25th, 7:00pm – Paint Night!

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)