



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter May 2018

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

Hello everyone and happy Spring! It is great to be back, but also bittersweet. The time at home with little Frankie went by so fast, and I can hardly remember most of it (probably due to lack of sleep, ha!). Thank you all so much for the "Welcome Back" pot luck and many thanks to Rev. Jonathan for filling in while I was away.

Now that I am back, let's start fresh and treat this opportunity like a clean slate. Like I said in my last newsletter article, I am working on being a more positive person. I think that I am very approachable, but I can see that my business-like, no nonsense manner can sometimes be off-putting. We also have some generation gap differences that we can work on bridging. Let's work together to make St. Anne's the great place I know it can be!

I am in the office Mondays-Thursdays, usually in the morning (unless I have another meeting or am running late) so come by and fill me in on what you have been up to the last 3 months, or call/e-mail

and we can set up a time to meet, whatever works for you. I appreciate your understanding as we figure out childcare options for Frankie. As much as I hate to leave him, we are exploring various day care facilities.

Let's continue the positivity we had at the Annual Meeting in January. Try to look at the big picture, not focus on minute details. What is God's Mission for St. Anne's? How are we spreading God's message of LOVE in the world? How can we better help our neighbors regardless of our differences? These are all things to ponder and then act upon. So, let's get to work, and remember the reading from 1 John 4 last Sunday:

"Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God ... if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

From the Co-Wardens

Spring has finally arrived!!

As we welcome spring, we are pleased to welcome Rev. Lauren back to St. Anne's church and Frankie as our newest parishioner. We're very glad to have her and her energy back to St. Anne's. I'm guessing that Frankie will use up some of her energy.

We'd also like to thank Rev. Jonathan for his time with us. Although he's not really going anywhere, he filled in every Sunday and kept us on track. This was especially true during Holy week with all the different services. Thank you, Rev. Jonathan!!

There are lots of events coming up including the Strawberry Festival. You can read more detail about them later in this newsletter. Just some random warden thoughts:

- Please remember that if you have a question about anything going on at the parish or a particular decision that was made, please ask. Firsthand information is always more reliable than rumors.
- We need Lay Readers, Ushers, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes at both services. If you've ever felt that you'd like to become more involved with the service in these or other ways, please let Rev. Lauren, Mark or Ed know. None of these roles are overly difficult or complicated. The more volunteers we have minimizes the time commitment.
- Please share your ideas. We have a lot of bright and very talented people at St. Anne's. You may have a great idea for a FUN raiser or a better way to do a particular task. Please share your thoughts.

If you have questions or suggestions please know that Rev. Lauren, Mark and Ed are accessible and want to help make St. Anne's a warm and welcoming environment. Simply put, we don't know what we don't know. And as with any family, and we are a parish family, communication is key. We may not always agree on everything, but communication helps us understand each other.

Thanks for reading!

Mark Komarinski

Ed Giroux

Co-Wardens

FUN - RAISING!

Ah.... May is on the horizon, with the promise of blooming flowers, sunny days, and warmer temperatures!

As I write this we held a lovely "thank you" pot luck for Rev Jonathan, thanking him for his service and ministry to the church. The following week, we held a Welcome Back potluck brunch for Rev Lauren, following her return from maternity leave. We look forward to spoiling little Frankie!

The FUN raising has been on a little winter break, but we are eagerly looking ahead to June, when we are having our Annual Strawberry Festival. This year, it will be held on June 16th from 10-2. If you have crafts to sell, or know someone who does, please speak with Andrea Jeffrey! Discount tables to St. Anne's parishioners!!!! Likewise, if you want to help out with the Cookie Walk and can give some time to manning the tables and selling cookies, please speak with Andrea. If you would like to help out with the world famous strawberry shortcakes, please speak with Judy Peck!

We also hope to be having a "Job Fair" here at St. Anne's which is not necessarily a "fun-raiser" but more of a way to get involved and learn something new! If you've always wondered how folks here do what they do, or if you thought perhaps you would like to join, then this Job Fair will be for you! Learn the ins and outs of the various ministries that make Sundays happen here. Jobs for all ages and levels of involvement! Don't like being front and center? How about Altar Guild, or helping out in Thrift Shop? Like to talk? What about Lector or Prayers of the People? Like to cook/bake? How about hosting Coffee Hour? There's lots of ways to lend a hand. More details soon!

As always feel free to speak with me about any ideas you may have for fun-raising, or getting involved in outreach. Prison Ministry? Billerica Community Pantry?

Much love,

~Andrea 

OUTREACH

Are you a Billerica Resident? Do you need a little help making ends meet? **YOU ARE NOT ALONE!** This is a growing trend and there is help. You may have heard of the Food Market that is open every month at the Marshall Middle School. There are NO financial forms to complete – you just need to prove you are a Billerica Resident. Just register by sending an email to BPFoodMarket@Billerica12.com or call 978-528-7920.

The Market is open once a month, we ask that you bring your reusable bags – there are so many goodies including FRESH produce. Where is this great FREE market you ask: we operate 10 months a year out of the Marshall Middle School (15 Floyd Street) and 2 months (summer) out of one of the local churches. Our next two gatherings are May 17th and June 7th. Open from 3-5pm but I would recommend getting there as early as you can, the line starts forming about 2:30.

We have other options also!

The Billerica Community Pantry Inc is a charitable organization formed by the Billerica Interfaith Association in response to Billerica's need. The FORMER Food Pantry run out of the Veteran's Office for the past 27 years and we thank Marie & Ken for their dedication.

The New Billerica Community Pantry will be run out of the Latter Day Saints Church at 70 Concord Road Billerica. This pantry will be opening in May 2018!

Due to special issues the food will be received on Monday and distributed on Tuesday. There will be TWO times for distributions to make it easier to access. The open distribution will be May 22 (always on a Tuesday) 10:00 – noon and 5:00 – 7:00pm.

To participate in the Billerica Community Pantry there is a single page registration (nothing too invasive) call 978-663-8433.

There are OPTIONS for help – **NO ONE SHOULD GO HUNGRY!**

If you have any questions please see me and we will get answers together.

"The war of hunger is truly mankind's war of liberation" – John F Kennedy

-Sandra Giroux-

Here is a cute picture of Frankie:



Upcoming Events

May 2018

May 5th: Annacreons Movie Night at Chunky's

May 8th: 11:30am Billerica Interfaith Asso. Meeting at St. Anne's

May 8th: 7:30pm Evening Bible Study

May 10th: 7:00pm Vestry

May 16th: 6:30pm Deanery Meeting at St. Andrew's, Methuen

May 22nd: 7:30pm Evening Bible Study

May 26th: 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

Thursdays: Dance Class 10:30am

Saturdays: 4th Men's & Women's
Breakfasts
NA 6:30pm

Announcements:

Thrift Shop

The Thrift Shop hours are as follows:

Wed: 2-6pm

Thurs: 10am-4pm

Fri: 10am-2pm

Sat 10am-2pm

Thrift Shop Ph: 978-667-6268

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

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 and fourth Tuesday of the month.

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 is now rehearsing on Sundays from 11:30am-12:30pm. Please consider taking part in the rehearsals, and singing in the choir at the services on Sundays. All ages and voices are welcome. There are options with time commitment availability and singing / music reading experience. With choral projects, your participation in preparing and singing any anthem is valued. If you're interested or have questions about the choir or the music program, please feel free to contact me at morellimail@msn.com or at (617) 480-9775.

If you can sing joyfully, you are welcome. God hears your song!
Sincerely,
Peter Morelli

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