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St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter July/August 2018

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

Summer has started in full force, time for some fun in the sun and relaxation! In the church life, as well as in secular life, things tend to slow down in summer, but God's work never slows or stops, and we should continue our faith journeys, even if we are away.

We are in the season after Pentecost commonly referred to as "Ordinary Time" where we use green as our liturgical color. It is not a coincidence that we use green in the Summer months. Summer is a season of growth and change on the earth but also in our faith. Since we have a long period between major feasts, we are to use this time to study, learn, and grow in faith. I think that is more than "ordinary."

So, whether you stay home this summer or go away, always remember God and St. Anne's. Try praying daily (as I mentioned last month) and maybe add to this practice by reading some articles or books about faith/theology. I recommend the daily reflections of Fr. Richard Rohr found at <https://cac.org/category/daily->

[meditations/](#). If you prefer books, Marcus Borg is a great theologian as well as Julian of Norwich.

Please also remember that our expenses here at St. Anne's continue even if we are away, so do not forget your pledge in the summer months.

July 1st is my 2-year anniversary of coming to St. Anne's, and what a 2 years it has been. We have had ups and downs and everything in between. This Summer, I will be working hard to plan new ministries for the Fall. One such ministry is a short church service for children (and their care givers) ages birth to 2nd grade. This could be a great ministry in our community. Also, Sandra and I have been discussing new Outreach possibilities including another blood drive and reaching out to the homeless population of Billerica. If you have any ideas, please make them known, there is so much potential here, we just need to embrace brave change and make it happen.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

FROM THE CO-WARDENS

Now that the calendar has turned to summer and many of the programs at St. Anne's are on summer hiatus, hopefully, you've all scheduled some down time for yourselves. Whether you travel far distances or stay in New England as many do, I hope that the summer is as relaxing and refreshing as it needs to be.

Please keep in mind that although summer is a time for relaxing and recharging, the Sunday services continue and as always, the doors will be open every Sunday morning all summer long, no matter how many people attend services. With that in mind, please know that St. Anne's expenses don't take the summer off. The bills come 12 months out of the year. So, it's important to keep your pledges current, so that we can pay our bills.

If you can't attend a service each Sunday, please consider setting up an automatic payment with your bank. Most banks today don't charge for this service and the money is sent by them to the church on your behalf. I know many of you may be uncomfortable with this, so there is also snail mail. Your envelope has the church's address on the front, so if you would prefer to write a check yourself, you could always put a stamp on the envelope and drop it in a mail box.

We know for many of you, we are "preaching to the choir", but it's always a good reminder as summer approaches. We hope to see you at church, but if your travels take you away for a period of time, please enjoy a safe and happy summer.

Thanks for reading!
Ed Giroux and Mark Komarinski
Co-Wardens

FUN - RAISING!

Hi folks! Let me begin by thanking everyone who came and supported St. Anne's! A very special thank you to the Gardening Angels for their delicious shortcakes! Cutting and mashing 40 quarts of strawberries....WOW! Extra special thanks to everyone who worked so so very hard in grilling, cooking, baking, toting tables, putting up tents, cleaning up....{I think Bob Peck, John Geen, the Lazotts, and Stacey did something in all those categories} but truly this festival was, as always, a labor of love by **everyone**. Rev Lauren sharing church information, dancing on the lawn, blowing bubbles in the air, and sharing Frankie with us truly put the fair over the top! In all categories - BBQ, popcorn, shortcakes, cookies, and vendors we're close to \$2,000 profit!!! I got so many positive comments from vendors and attendees about how fun and nice everyone was. And there's no price we can put on that.

In August I'm going to do a combo wrap up meeting for Strawberry Festival (discuss moving the date, and going over feedback) combined with a pre-planning Christmas Fair meeting. Will announce date and time for everyone; feel free to share feedback I might not have heard myself! Thank you for the fellowship, love, and for showing God's love in your word, thought, and deed.

Much love,

~Andrea 

KEEP READING FOR PICTURES FROM THE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL!

OUTREACH AND MISSION

Feed the Soul

As you have heard the Billerica Interfaith Association has the Community Pantry up and running with two months of distribution under their belt. As the Pantry grows to serve Billerica Residents there are some changes.

Starting in July 2018 distributions will be from 2pm to 6pm to maximize the volunteer force. Also starting in September there will be two dates each month, always a Tuesday at the Church of Latter Day Saints (Concord Road).

July 24th 2:00-6:00pm
 August 28th 2:00-6:00pm
 September 11th 2:00-6:00pm
 September 25th 2:00-6:00pm
 October 9th 2:00-6:00pm
 October 23rd 2:00-6:00pm
 November 13th 2:00-6:00pm
 November 27th 2:00-6:00pm
 December 4th 2:00-6:00pm
 December 18th 2:00-6:00pm

Please mark these dates - if you or someone you know are in need please stop by - remember there are NO financial requirements, everyone needs a helping hand and we know the generosity will be paid forward in other ways.

Also, remember the Food Market normally held at the Marshall Middle School is held at the First Congregational Church (18 Andover Road) for July and August.

Thursday July 19th 2:00-4:00pm
 Thursday August 16th 2:00-4:00pm

The Interfaith Association will be reaching out with specific needs at some point in the near future; be on the lookout for these challenges. There are volunteer opportunities if you are available interested, we can put you in touch.

The reason I mention both the Market and the Pantry is you can receive from BOTH - the only requirement is Billerica residency. There is NO reason for anyone to be hungry if you or someone you know are in need (even if it is temporary) please accept this as your invitation to receive - All Are Welcome at the Table.

-Sandra Giroux-

Upcoming Events

July/August 2018

July 28th: 9:00am Ladies' Breakfast
at Stelio's

9:00am Men's Breakfast
at Deli King

Aug. 6th: 7:00pm Vestry

Aug. 25th: 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 shop will be closed the first 2 weeks of July.

The Thrift Shop Summer hours are as follows:

Wed: 2-6pm

Thurs: 10am-4pm

Fri: 10am-2pm

CLOSED SATURDAYS

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 is on break until Sept. 11th, have a great Summer!

-Tuesday evening Bible study is on break for the Summer. It will resume Sept. 11th.

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 4th 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



