



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter Nov. 2018

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

November has arrived. And, now we kick ourselves into high gear to ready ourselves for Christmas and the New Year. This includes getting ready for the fair, the Angel Tree, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and also our Pledge Drive for 2019.

Soon you will receive a letter from the Stewardship Committee as well as a pledge card for 2019. This year's pledge drive will be lower key than last year, but it is no less important to make a commitment to St. Anne's.

God blesses us with life and with the world around us. What can we do to say "thank you" to God? We can decide to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to our care. This includes caring for the environment, our own health and well-being, our neighbors, and our church as well.

You can support the work of St. Anne's in many ways, including monetarily. No one likes to talk about money, but it is necessary to survival.

Please prayerfully consider your pledge to St. Anne's for next year. Please give what you can without causing yourself hardship and consider increasing your pledge from this year. God calls us to give what we can to honor God and do good works in the world. Think about what this parish means to you and then consider what you can give. If you cannot give money, you can pledge in other ways by using your gifts/talents to help God's mission in the world.

St. Anne's has a bright future ahead of her as long as we work together and commit to serving God as a unified parish. Please commit to help making St. Anne's the best parish she can be, embracing change, and moving joyfully into the future!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lauren

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Ed Giroux – Warden

Mark Komarinski – Warden

Sue Geen – Treasurer

Jane Kotelly – Clerk

Susan Kennedy – 2019

Kathy Brewster – 2019

Russell Bent – 2020

Andrea Jeffrey – 2020

Janet Lyna – 2020

Lisa Carpine – 2021

Louise Boyce – 2021

Mike Hopkins - 2021

Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

FROM THE CO-WARDENS

Change isn't always a bad thing. As we are now deep into fall, change is all around us. The leaves turn from green to red, yellow, or orange and then finally brown before the fall off the trees leaving the branches bare. The air around us changes, as it is getting colder and colder.

Change isn't always a bad thing. The faces we see at church on Sunday mornings change. This isn't always a bad thing because it allows us to make new friends and learn from others.

Earlier, I mentioned the change in the weather. As you probably read elsewhere in this newsletter, we have hired a husband and wife team to help us keep St. Anne's clean. They will be working only one day for a few hours. As we all get ready for the change to winter, we prepare ourselves, our homes and our families for the upcoming weather. Please remember that St Anne's is our home as well.

If you see something that needs to be done, like spreading sand on an icy morning and you are able, please spread the sand. If you can't do it yourself, please ask someone who can. But, no one comes to church expecting a chore list, so, before you ask, please remember that everyone likes to be recognized and acknowledged first. A friendly greeting like "Good Morning" and/or "How are you?" goes a long way and is appreciated even more when you are going to ask for a favor.

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

NEW CUSTODIAN

The Vestry approved the hiring of a new part time custodian. Jack Cornell (often assisted by his wife Elaine) started last week and came highly recommended having worked at St. Anne's in the Field, Lincoln and St. Andrew's, Ayer. Jack teaches high school during the day and uses his afternoons and weekends to clean area churches. Generally, Jack will be at St. Anne's on Friday afternoons, so if you see him be sure to give him a hearty welcome. Jack is not going to be managing the property, or doing repairs, etc. so if you see anything that you think is broken or needs attention, please notify Stacey in the office or one of the Wardens. Also, please extend your thanks and appreciation for all the hard work of Kathy Brewster and Bob and Carol Lazott, who have been volunteer custodians for the last 1.5 years. We thank you for all your hard work and dedication!

FUN - RAISING!

My dear friends,

Autumn leaves are falling yet my mind is already turning to the Christmas Fair. We will be joined by some familiar faces, and some new friends joining us as vendors. I'm eagerly awaiting the basket creations from our Vestry and parishioners which will grace our Basket Table, a tradition brought back from the past. I'd like to take a moment and thank Janet Blesso for her many years of beautiful lit baskets and beautiful creations. Barbara Weisensee will have some delightful Chance gifts, the Anneacreons will fill the kitchen with laughter and yummy treats. The St. Elizabeth Guild will sell delicious baked goods, and we are hoping to transform our Nichols Room to a mini North Pole for pictures with Santa! There will be wreaths, and I'm sure a few extra surprises along the way. I hope that all our St. Anne's friends near and far will join us on December 1, and if you would like to participate or donate please speak with Andrea Jeffrey or Lisa Carpine. More information will be sent in December about the Evening of Giving/Party Books with Supper.

Much Love,

-Andrea 

DIOCESAN CONVENTION

-Diocesan Convention this year is in Hyannis, Nov. 2-3. Rev. Lauren and Cyndi Hopkins will be representing St. Anne's. In addition to the regular business of the Diocese, we will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the election of Bishop Barbara C. Harris (first female bishop). To follow convention, check out the website: <https://www.diomass.org/diocesan-convention-2018>

OUTREACH AND MISSION



Each year St Anne's has generously supported those in need by providing a joyous holiday via the Angel Tree. This year we would like to Support **House of Hope in Lowell Massachusetts**. House of Hope helps 58 families that live in a shelter and more than 100 that are involved in the housing and stabilization program. We at St. Anne's can help provide some presents for the children and parents during the holiday season.

There are several ways we can help this year:

1. Toy/Gift Drive

Please participate by dropping off a new unwrapped toy/gift we can find it a great home. Items for teenagers are always in need, especially toiletries and small gift cards. The most requested gift cards are: Wal-Mart, Target, Visa, Simons Mall, Market Basket, CVS, Rite Aid, Movie Tickets, Barnes and Noble, Dollar Tree, Five Below.

2. Adopt a Family

We would love to give every adult in shelter a \$25.00 gift card (Wal-Mart/Target or a VISA), plus a personal item they would take with them when they leave the shelter. The Children of the family are granted 3 wishes (not to exceed \$30 each wish) plus an outfit. St Anne's will receive a list with sizes. If you wanted to donate cash, we will shop to grant the wishes.

3. The shelter always has these general needs:

- Bath towels/Hand Towels/Face Cloths
- Twin/Full Sheets--- Twin/Full Quilts
- Plastic Food Containers (Large size)
- Rectangle laundry baskets
- Toiletries for men and women (full size bottles shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, hair brushes, bar soap, razors, shave cream, lotion, feminine products)
- Paper products (tissues, napkins, paper towels, toilet tissue, 7-12oz plastic cups, brown lunch bags, plastic baggies)
- Snacks (granola bars, fruit cups, fruit snacks, juice boxes, crackers, cookies etc)
- Coffee/sugar/nondairy creamer/Splenda/hot chocolate
- New adult clothing --- for adults and teens (sweat pants and shirts/pjs/package underwear/slippers/sneakers)
- Bed Pillows
- Diapers size 4,5,6 and wipes
- Silverware utensils- forks, spoons, butter knives
- Batteries—AA, AAA and D

We all need help at some point in our lives. We at St Anne's have 3 ways we can impact and help these lives. I do hope you will be able to help. Please start bringing your gifts in at any time, we are ready to receive your generosity. Any questions please contact Sandra at 978-621-1112 or SandraforStAnnes@yahoo.com.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

-Please join the Billerica Interfaith Association for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Potluck and Worship service. This yearly event is a great chance to meet your neighbors of different faiths and share in fellowship and worship.

Tuesday, November 20th
 6:00pm Potluck (bring your favorite dish)
 7:00pm Worship Service
 First Parish UU
 7 Concord Rd. on the Common

Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

November 2018

Nov. 3rd: 4:00pm Anneacreons trip to the theater

Nov. 3rd: Diocesan Convention

Nov. 11th: Food Drive Ends

Nov. 19th: 7:00pm Vestry

Nov. 20th: 6:00pm Interfaith

Thanksgiving Potluck at First Parish UU

Nov. 21st: 7:00pm Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist

Nov. 24th: 9:00am Ladies Breakfast at Stelio's

9:00am Men's Breakfast at Deli King

Dec. 1st: CHRISTMAS FAIR

Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Tuesdays: Bible Study 10:00am

Bible Study 7:30pm

(2nd & 4th Tues.)

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-2pm

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!

Anneacreons

-November 3rd: Merrimack Reparatory Theater

-December 1st: Christmas Fair

-January 5th: Yankee Swap

-February 2nd: Dinner by Officers

-March 2nd: Movie/Dinner at

Stelio's

-April 6th: Progressive Supper

-May 4th: Kennedy Library Museum

-June 1st: Annual Meeting/Cookout

Tuesday Bible Studies

-The 10am study is ongoing and traveling through Luke

-Tuesday evening Bible study meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 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 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