



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter Oct. 2018

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

Fall is here, finally, and I am enjoying the cooler weather. I am not enjoying having an 8-month-old who is constantly sick. On the bright side, when he is older, his immune system should be EXCELLENT. (Ha!)

As our program year gets going, we are focusing on local mission and outreach. Sandra, Lisa, and I attended the Diocesan Ministry Network Showcase at the cathedral. We had a great day learning about different ministries all around the Diocese and how we could have similar programs. The programs that stuck most in my mind were outreach ministries to people suffering the affects of addiction (this could be a person who is addicted, their family, and friends). I know that Billerica as a town is very proactive and interested in issues of addiction, and some of these programs would fit a need in our community.

These days, people don't go to church out of obligation, they attend a

specific church because it feeds their spirit in some way or the mission is compatible with the person's life. In order to really grow, we need a focused mission in our own community.

This Fall we will be exploring this through Appreciative Inquiry, which is a process to find out what everyone's shared values are and how we can work towards them. The Vestry is going first, doing A.I. on Sept. 29th, then later in the Fall it will be done parish wide. This process will help us to have a unified mission and purpose in Billerica, then we will grow into the bright future. We are all on the same team, God's team!

Thanks so much for reading and for all you do for God and St. Anne's!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lauren

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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

"He then took a little child whom he set among them and embraced, and he said to them, Anyone who welcomes a little child such as this in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

These passages were in our Gospel reading from last week (09/23). As I look around St. Anne's however, I see very few children attending services. Although I can tell that Frankie is very faithful. But we can see evidence of children around us. Children are here during the week in the pre-school. We see evidence of the joys of childhood by the toys that they play with in Bixby hall. These items remind me of the joy that children bring.

For us to have children in church, we need to attract young families. But today, sports and other obligations take up room on family calendars. And if they don't participate in sports, they may just see Sunday morning as their only time to rest, relax and enjoy the company of their young family.

I for one hope to find a way to answer that and other questions on Saturday (09/29). On that day, the Vestry will be led by a Diocesan consultant in an Appreciative Inquiry. This will be a new experience for most of us. It should help us get on the same page in terms of what we'd like to see in the future for St. Anne's Church. You may recall that we went through a similar exercise during our Rector search. This was when the search committee interviewed small groups of parishioners about our vision for St. Anne's.

As I type this, I suspect that the finished newsletter may not go out until after the 29th, or you may be thinking that this is something I'd like to participate in, but I'm not on the Vestry, don't worry, this will be extended to the entire parish later in the Fall. Stay tuned to announcements in church and the newsletter for additional details.

I hope this will be an informative and interesting process. I also hope to tell you more next month after experienced it.

Thanks for reading!

Ed Giroux and Mark Komarinski
Co-Wardens

FUN - RAISING!

Plans are starting to roll for the Christmas Fair on December 1st, from 9-2. We will have the Christmas Cafe, the Bake Sale, the Craft/Knitter's Group, along with Wreaths, "Day Raffles" and Jewelry from the Thrift Store. We're starting to put a list together of vendors to join us for the Christmas Fair! If you know a local artisan or craftsperson, please have them email Andrea Jeffrey at craftyandi@yahoo.com for an application. Tables are \$45. Thank you!

Are you interested in making a themed basket (Value \$20-\$30) for the Christmas Fair? If so, please speak with Andrea for more information.

As it gets closer, we will put information up about the Angel Tree, as well as the Party Books and Evening of Giving, which will be held on a separate night, in January, to be determined.

Much love,

~Andrea 

OUTREACH AND MISSION

Be a people of Compassion.

I went to a birthday party recently and the host benefactor gave a great present to me; and hopefully to all those in attendance. "You are here because you made a difference in my life."

With the events of the recent past month (gas explosions and hurricanes and flooding in the Carolinas) life is precious never take anything for granted. I want to implore you to speak kindly choose your words carefully but tell a loved one, a friend a family member you haven't talked to in a while that you care and you appreciate them.

Be a people of compassion, share a good word or deed you never know what is going on in someone else's life. I had recently heard a store of a girl who was contemplating ending her life because she didn't feel like she made a difference went into a coffee shop (not locally) she was a regular. The clerk wrote on her cup that he would miss her when she wasn't there - the young girl of 14 broke down and was able to be saved. Kindness a simple gesture didn't cost the clerk anything but meant so much to another.

Be a people of Compassion.

-Sandra Giroux

ANNEACREONS

The event for Saturday, October 6, 2018 is a trip to the Nashoba Winery in Bolton, MA.

We plan to meet at the Church parking lot at 11:00 AM. If you need a ride, carpooling will be available.

A sign-up sheet is posted outside the kitchen for your convenience.

Here is the full schedule:

- 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

Upcoming Events

Oct 2018

Oct. 6th: 11:00am Anneacreons

Wine Tasting Day

Oct. 15th: 7:00pm Vestry

Oct. 18th: 7:00pm PAINT NIGHT

Oct. 27th: 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

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(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!

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