



# St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter  
Feb. 2019

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

## From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

We survived the first big storm of the Winter and sadly, had to cancel church and postpone the Annual Meeting. Thank you so much for your understanding. Thank you also for the outpouring of love for little Frankie as we baptized him on Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>. He is lucky to have such a wonderful church family.

The main focus of the Annual Meeting is to elect Vestry members. I want to thank our outgoing members, Kathy Brewster, Susan Kennedy, and Marguerite Massey. They are leaving Vestry, but not leaving leadership positions! Let us thank them for their faithful service to St. Anne's.

At the meeting, we also looked over all that we did in 2018 while looking ahead. It has only been a few days, but we have already had some great new ideas for Outreach and Missions for 2019. I know this year is going to be even greater than the last.

I will be leading a 6-part Lenten Bible study on the Tuesdays in Lent at 7pm. It is called "What Makes a Hero? The

Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus."

Cokesbury describes the study:

"*What Makes a Hero?* offers us an image of what it looks like to be victorious over trials and temptations. Looking at pop culture heroes and others through the lens of faith, Matt Rawle shows how Jesus turned the concept of hero on its head. In keeping with his theme, "Pop in Culture," the book examines how good vs. evil, right vs. wrong, and overcoming adversity are fundamental to how Christians understand salvation. Heroes help us discern the good, fight for what's right, define identity, execute justice, spark revolution, and save lives.

Rawle enters the Gospel story to tell quite a different victory story—one obtained through humility, obedience to the cross, and an empty tomb. How does Jesus redefine what it means to be a hero?"

I hope you will join us!

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lauren

(Study Dates: March 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16)

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Sue Geen – Treasurer

Jane Kotelly – Clerk

Russell Bent – 2020

Andrea Jeffrey – 2020

Janet Lyna – 2020

Lisa Carpine – 2021

Louise Boyce – 2021

Brenda Komarinski – 2021

Rosemary Kinser – 2022

Jose Torres – 2022

Michele O'Shea - 2022

Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

## **FROM THE CO-WARDENS**

From the Co-Wardens

It's the beginning of another year kicked off by the Annual Meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>. The Wardens (Ed Giroux and Mike Hopkins) and several new vestry members were elected, all of whom will be working together to help move St. Anne's forward into the new year, but it takes more than a vestry to get things done.

There is much to be done. Many parishioners at St. Anne's are very active getting things done behind the scenes, from taking care of the altar before and after services to cleaning out the shed at the thrift shop and washing dishes after an event or meeting – **Thanks to all of you!** But there is always more to be done and more help and ideas needed.

If you have some ideas you'd like have heard, come to a vestry meeting or speak to a vestry member or one of the wardens. I think you'll find we're all open to need ideas and new suggestions.

Thanks for Listening,

Ed Giroux and Mike Hopkins  
Co-Wardens.

## **FUN - RAISING/OUTREACH AND MISSION**

I am not a fan of award shows but after hearing Jeff Bridge's Golden Globe speech - I may start.

Here is an excerpt from his speech:

Jeff told of an observation from his friend Bucky Fuller, {a reference to prominent futurist R. Buckminster Fuller, who died in 1983 at age 88}.

"He made a great observation about these ocean-going tankers, and he noticed that the engineers were particularly challenged by how to turn this thing. You know, they've got this big rudder, it took too much energy to [get the rudder] to turn the ship, so they came up with a brilliant idea. Let's put a little rudder on the big rudder, the little rudder will turn the big rudder, the big rudder will turn the ship. That little rudder is called a trim tab. And Bucky made the analogy that the trim tab is an example of how the individual is connected to society and how we affect society. And I'd like to think of myself as a trim tab, and all of us are trim tabs. We may seem like we're not up to the task but we are, man, we're alive. We can really make a difference! We can turn this ship in the way we want to go, man! Towards love, creating a healthy planet for all of us."

How can we be a Trim Tab in this world?

Some of the Outreach ideas for St Anne's this year are:

- More blood drives
- Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper (which is open to the community)
- Continue working with the House of Hope - maybe a Christmas in July drive
- Have a food Drive - just think almost 200 families receive from the Billerica Community Pantry so we could use 200 of a particular item.
- More game nights - Dungeons and Dragons, Cards against Humanity and other group games.

A new idea is to have community-based discussion for youth to see how they fit in spiritually and does the spiritual world accept them. St Anne's would be used as a meeting place for these discussions.

My parents used to tell me we are fortunate - don't be a waste of oxygen; while I understand what they were saying I think R. Buckminster Fuller's way sounds a little more eloquent. Are we at St Anne's ready to be trim tabs?

~Sandra Giroux

**FLOOD UPDATE**

We are still waiting for a verdict from the insurance company regarding replacing our floors. Rev. Lauren will update everyone as information comes in.

**Here are some photos from Frankie's baptism and birthday. Thank you all for your love and support!**



## Upcoming Events

### February 2019

Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 6:00pm Anneacreons  
Dinner by Officers

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>: 2:00pm Billerica  
Interfaith Association Meeting

Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm Vestry

Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9:00am Ladies Breakfast  
at Stelio's  
9:00am Men's Breakfast  
at Deli King

### March 2019

Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 5:00pm Mardi Gras  
Evening of Giving Supper

Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>: 5:30pm Pancake Supper

Mar. 6<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday  
6:00am: Ashes to Go at  
train station  
11:45am: Lenten Lunch  
7:00pm: Service at Church

### Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Tuesdays: Bible Study 10:00am  
Bible Study 7:30pm  
(2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tues.)

Wednesday: AA 8:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>  
Craft Group 10am

Thursdays: Dance Class 10:30am

Saturdays: 4<sup>th</sup> 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

-February 2<sup>nd</sup>: Dinner by Officers  
-March 9<sup>th</sup>: Movie/Dinner at Stelio's  
-April 6<sup>th</sup>: Progressive Supper  
-May 4<sup>th</sup>: Kennedy Library Museum  
-June 1<sup>st</sup>: Annual Meeting/Cookout

### Tuesday Bible Studies

-The 10am study is ongoing and  
traveling through Luke  
-Tuesday evening Bible study  
meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at  
7:30pm.

### Men's Breakfast

The Men's breakfast takes place on  
the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:stannesbillerica@gmail.com)