



# 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,

Lent begins next week, and Easter is on the way! While we love Easter and all the joy and "Alleluias," we shouldn't rush through Lent. Lent is a time for quiet reflection and prayer, and we need to be very intentional about observing a holy Lent.

I know people like to give things up or take things on in Lent. One of my favorite theologians, Fr. Richard Rohr, said this about Lent: "In Lent, we take on things that bring us closer to God, and shed those indulgences, habits, and practices that steal our attentions." This is a wonderful way to look at Lent. While it is a penitential season, the word Lent is just an old word for "spring," because the forty days before Easter were used to educate new converts to the faith, and that happened every spring (just a fun fact for you).

So, whatever you are doing for Lent, always think about the reason behind it.

Take things on that bring you closer to God and get rid of those things that distract you from God. This way, we can strengthen our relationship to God, and be Christ's body in the world.

Our Ash Wednesday service is at 7pm (March 6<sup>th</sup>). The Lenten Lunches also begin Ash Wednesday. Join us for lunch at 11:45am followed by a prayer service. These are hosted by First Congregational, 18 Andover Rd.

Don't forget the Lenten Bible Study (starting March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm) "What Makes a Hero? The Death-Defying Ministry of Jesus."

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Lauren

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Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

## **FROM THE CO-WARDENS**

In our October edition of the newsletter, we quoted some text from the Gospel of 9/23 which was:

*"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."*

We commented on how few children were attending services at St. Anne's and you may remember that we mentioned that we would be meeting with a consultant from the diocese who was going to lead us in an Appreciative Inquiry, which I hoped would help us learn how to attract new families to our parish. Well that meeting didn't happen due to an accident in which the diocesan consultant suffered an injury.

Our vestry retreat has been rescheduled, however, for the middle of March and we have a retreat leader that I'm hoping can help us with this question and others as we gather to learn how we can work together to accomplish our goals....

Wish us luck!!

Ed Giroux and Mike Hopkins  
Co-Wardens

## **FLOOD UPDATE**

We are still waiting to hear back from the insurance company regarding the tile replacement. It is a very large job, so it will not be done until Summer, after the pre-school is out of session.

## **New Classes with Carolisa of Moonlightdjz!**

Try something new \* Fun & friendly classes \* Beginners & all fitness levels welcome!

### **Line Dancing 101—One Fun Night!**

**Thursday March 14** ~ 6:30-8:00 pm

\$10 early bird by 3/7 ~ \$12 at the door

Advance Sign up required @ [moonlightdjz@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightdjz@gmail.com)

Want to jump in when everyone hits the dancefloor at the next wedding or party? We'll review all the popular **"party" line dances** you'll need from the cotton eye joe to the nae nae; learn an Irish dance, a Greek dance, some country, & more! Move & Groove to some of the *best* pop & dance from each decade, using easy moves to get loose on the dancefloor. Have a fun night out with friends!

### **Zumba mix**

**Thursday March 7** ~ 6:30-7:30 pm ~ **\$10 "try it"**

or sign up for the series: five weeks \$45 ~ includes Line Dancing on 3/14!

Advance Sign up Required @ [moonlightdjz@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightdjz@gmail.com)

Move, Groove, Get Fit & have FUN! Get Funky to a fantastic mix of dance classics to current; latin, bollywood, Irish & more... plus "cardio line dances" included! It's easy to catch on; adjust to your level. Dance off calories in this fun & friendly class! Beginners & all fitness levels welcome!

### **Bellydance 101- 1 Fun Night**

Set up a "girls' night" for a special occasion or just time out with friends! [moonlightdjz@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightdjz@gmail.com)

Learn this beautiful and joyous dance! Fast & fiery to slow & smooth; includes the beautiful swirling Veil dance, a Greek dance & more. Increase flexibility, work all muscles (especially the core) and feel great in this FUN and friendly class! For women of all ages & fitness levels. Beginners welcome!

***Tuesday mornings starting in March with advance sign-up! group rates***

## Upcoming Events

### **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

Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>: 7:30pm Stations of the  
Cross (every Friday in Lent)

Mar. 12<sup>th</sup>: 7:00pm Lenten Bible  
Study begins! (Tuesday nights)

Mar. 16<sup>th</sup>: VESTRY RETREAT

Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9:00am Men's and  
Ladies' Breakfasts

Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>: 2:00pm Billerica  
Interfaith Association Movie event

### 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

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**

-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.

-Tuesday evening Bible study  
meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at  
7:30pm (except in Lent).

#### **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)



## Lenten Bible Study Series

When: Tuesdays in Lent

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>

7:00pm

Where: St. Anne's Episcopal Church

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Textbook is not required, but can be ordered online at [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com), search for "What Makes a Hero?"

### Description of the course:

Matt Rawle's *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?