



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 6th). 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 12th 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

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

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

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. 2nd: 5:00pm Mardi Gras

Evening of Giving Supper

Mar. 5th: 5:30pm Pancake Supper

Mar. 6th: Ash Wednesday

6:00am: Ashes to Go at
train station

11:45am: Lenten Lunch

7:00pm: Service at Church

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

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

Mar. 16th: VESTRY RETREAT

Mar. 23rd: 9:00am Men's and
Ladies' Breakfasts

Mar. 24th: 2:00pm Billerica
Interfaith Association Movie event

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

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

-March 9th: 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.

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

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



Lenten Bible Study Series

When: Tuesdays in Lent

March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, 9th, 16th
7:00pm

Where: St. Anne's Episcopal Church
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Textbook is not required, but can be ordered online at 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?