



St. Anne's Episcopal Church

Newsletter May 2019

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Holy Week and Easter Sunday are over, but the season of Easter continues for 50 days! As we continue celebrating Christ's Resurrection, we are to continue living our lives with Jesus in our hearts and sharing God's Love in the world.

Many thanks to everyone who made Holy Week and Easter Sunday extra special! The services were lovely, the church looked even more beautiful, and the music especially so. Thank you all!

After Easter Sunday, I attended the annual Clergy Conference for the Diocese of Massachusetts. This is a 3-day educational/professional development conference when we get together to learn and grow in faith. (Rev. Louise says "hi!")

This year, our speaker was the Very Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas and the program was "Beyond White Supremacy: Being Church in a Changing America." This was a very powerful and eye-opening presentation. We have a lot of work to do to dismantle racism in this country. If you are interested in hearing more about the conference, come see me!

May is shaping up to seem like a slow month, I say "seem" because we are preparing for the Strawberry Festival (see Andrea's article later in this Newsletter). I am excited for the festival and I can't wait to have little Frankie running around (and eating shortcake.)

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Lauren

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Rosemary Kinser – 2022

Jose Torres – 2022

Michele O'Shea - 2022

Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

FROM THE CO-WARDENS

Although the calendar says spring, it feels more like November outside.

But now with Easter Sunday behind us it is time to start making warm weather plans and look forward to the relaxation of summer. Things are already heating up around St. Anne's. The wardens and vestry are working, along with the finance committee on improving the buildings and grounds around our property. We have come up with a punch list of items that need to be addressed. Some things have already happened. The fire escape on the back of the Thrift shop has been repaired. Thankfully, we've never had to test it. Also, several large trees have been removed from the edge of our parking lot. These posed a danger if they ever fell as one did and took out our neighbors' garage.

The punch list we mentioned earlier is being prioritized and we'll slowly work through it using available funds. We are in need of someone to help by overseeing a buildings and grounds function for the parish. You don't have to do all the work, simply coordinate it. If you feel called to do this, please reach out to a warden or Rev. Lauren. We'd love to speak with you.

Don't forget our annual Strawberry Festival is coming up and as I'm sure is documented in this newsletter, volunteers are needed to make that event a continued success.

As always, we welcome any questions or new ideas from any and all of you. This is OUR parish home and many hands make for light work!!

Ed Giroux and Mike Hopkins
Co-Wardens

OUTREACH AND MISSION

In March we laid out the Mission for May - now it is time to carry that mission out! It has been a chaotic month so here is a recap:

Our monthly mission is to help others and the Billerica Community Pantry needs a helping hand. Do you realize that the Billerica Community Pantry has to spend money that could be spent on food on necessities like toilet paper? This is one of the MOST asked for item.

I am asking YOU every time you come to St. Anne's you bring an individual wrapped roll of Toilet Paper! If everyone brings a roll every Sunday, every Vestry Meeting, every Bible Study we can easily gather more than 350 rolls of toilet paper. (I will have a box ready to receive your paper) The Community Pantry can have 150 families that would be 2 rolls per family doesn't sound like a lot of toilet paper for a month.... Could we do more? YES WE CAN!

If you want to just donate cash - I can easily take your paper and make it toilet paper! Remember it must be individually wrapped. Being a member of St Anne's is more than attending service - it includes being a steward to our community - will you accept this mission?

If you have a future Community Mission - let's chat!

~Sandra Giroux

FUN-RAISING

The Strawberry Festival is coming! The date is June 15th from 9-2.

Once again, I'm asking the good people of St. Anne's to help make this a terrific event.

We need a few people to head up the Cookie Walk - this means moving cookies out to the tent that morning, labeling the cookies dropped off, and taking money and doling out cookies that day.

We will also need help with set up early in the morning - putting up the tents for Cookie Walk, taking out tables, and such.

Lastly - we need a couple of talented grillers if we're going to do another BBQ. We have the grill, and closer to the event I'll be asking for BBQ donations of burgers, dogs, and buns....only if we have a couple of folks to man the grill! . We'll also need clean up assistance

I'd accept any and all help with Strawberry Festival so please speak with me at church, or call me at 978-888-7316. Thank you!

To help with strawberry picking, or shortcakes, please speak with Judy Peck.

-Andrea Jeffrey

ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE RECYCLE DAY

St. Anne's Episcopal Church
14 Treble Cove Rd Billerica
Saturday, May 18th 9AM to 2PM

It's time to recycle all those old **electronics**! Clean out your basement or garage and bring your items to the church parking lot! The following is a list of recyclable items, including, but not limited to:

TVs, monitors, computers, towers, laptops, VCR, copiers, DVD, stereo equipment, microwaves, dehumidifiers, radios, small **electronics** of any kind, lighting, vacuums, any appliance such as stoves, washers, dryers, etc. Exercise equipment, lawn mowers, snow blowers, small engine items, empty propane tanks \$10.

TVs up to 18" \$15 each; TVs 19" to 24" \$20 each; TVs 25" to 31" \$25 each; TVs 32" to 35" \$30 each; TVs 36" and larger, wood console, and projection TVs \$35" each.

CRT monitors \$15 each; flat panel monitors \$10 each, AC units and dehumidifiers, \$15; Microwaves \$10 each; Small dorm refrigerators, \$1; Washers, dryers, stoves, \$20 each; Large refrigerators, \$25; Lawn mowers, ride on included, snow blowers, \$10 each; Grills \$10 each; Any kind of exercise equipment, \$10 each.

Keyboards, car batteries, cell phones, circuit boards, no cost

(event held rain or shine) (cash or checks)

Bicycle Recycle Please bring any and all unwanted or under used bikes to the parking lot. We will be accepting any model of bike: mountain, road, BMX, etc., in any condition. Our aim is to keep bikes from being thrown out when they can be reused.

St. Anne's will receive a small percentage of profit on this. Thank you!

SCAM ALERT

A scammer is texting parishioners of St. Anne's under my name, however it is NOT my phone number. The texts are asking for cash and gift cards to give to "cancer patients" in the hospital. The scammer is using formal language such as beginning with "Dear (first and last name)" and ending with "Many blessings be on you, Rev Lauren McLeavey." If you get a text from "me" asking for anything, please ignore and write the number down and give it to me so that I can report the scammer. This has been happening all over the country, as well as recently to our Lutheran brothers and sisters in Chelmsford.

For reference, my cell number ends with 811, but I do not text people in order to get donations. It is sad when someone tries to take advantage of people of faith for their own gain. Please keep a watch out!

-Rev. Lauren

Children's Easter Service

Thank you to all who helped make the Children's Easter service and Egg Hunt a success! We had 11 children ages 2 1/2 to 12.



Upcoming Events

May 2019

May 4th: Anneacreons trip to Kennedy Library

May 15th: 6:30pm Deanery Meeting at St. Andrew's, Methuen

May 18th: 9:00am-2:00pm Electronic Recycling Day

May 20th: 2:00pm-6:00pm Billerica Community Pantry Distribution

May 23rd: 7:00pm Vestry

May 25th: Men's and Ladies' Breakfasts

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

-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 8:30am 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 Monday 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Tuesday 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