



# St. Anne's Episcopal Church

## Newsletter August 2019

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

## From the Rector

by The Rev. Lauren T. McLeavey

Dear Friends in Christ,

I know that last month's Newsletter was technically the July and August Newsletter, but we have so many events coming up that I have to tell you about BEFORE September comes. This is great news!

This Summer has been very busy. The work on our building continues and is estimated finish on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>, just in time to move back in and have the little ones return to the Explorer's Preschool on Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>.

We had a great calendar planning meeting in July and have planned many new events as well as our traditional events. (There is more information in the following pages).

Besides working with the construction crew, this Summer I have continued my ministry with the inmates at the Middlesex House of Corrections in Billerica. This is a wonderful and fulfilling ministry both for me and for the men who reside

there. We learn a lot from each other and grow in faith together. If you ever get the chance to volunteer there, I highly recommend it!

Coming up in September we will have a booth at Yankee Doodle Weekend. This is a really fun day filled with activities and meeting new people. If you have a passion for St. Anne's and love to talk to people, this will be a perfect Outreach opportunity for you! Please see me if you are interested.

I hope everyone is having a safe and fun Summer, don't forget us here at St. Anne's (we have A/C!). Hope to see you soon.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Lauren

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Jose Torres – 2022

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Worship:

Sundays, 8am & 10am

## **FROM THE CO-WARDENS**

I think we can all agree the Air Conditioning in the church has been has proved its worth in the last couple of weeks. 90 degree temperatures on two Sundays in a row without the AC would have been quite uncomfortable for everyone.

The reconstruction of hallways and classrooms following our broken pipe incident is well underway and should be completed in early August. All the things we moved out in June will need to be moved back and bulletin boards decorated. We'll need to look carefully at planning space for different groups and activities so let us know if you have any ideas. It's the perfect time to come up with new ways to present information.

Anyone passing by the church after dark may notice the sign on the lawn is illuminated on BOTH sides. One of the two lights facing the sign was broken last fall and has now been replaced with a new LED light. The lights are on a timer to turn on at about 7pm and off again just before 10pm. We'll readjust the turn on time in the fall.

For anyone taking vacation time in August, please remember your pledges. We still need to keep the bills paid (and the AC working) even when we're not there.

Co-Wardens,  
Mike Hopkins  
Ed Giroux

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH CORNER**

**Church has left the building and is on its way work its magic in our Community.**

We have a couple of outreach projects in the works now or in the near future for the St Anne's Family.

In **August and September**, we are holding a Shampoo & Conditioner drive, to assist the Community Pantry. Remember food can be purchased at a discounted rate at the food bank but health & beauty or personal hygiene are purchased at **FULL PRICE**. We need approximately 200 sets of **FULL SIZE Shampoo & Conditioner** to be given out at the September distribution (4<sup>th</sup> Monday). Please bring in a couple of sets each week, as you are able. Please leave in the narthex. If you prefer to offer a cash donation, I will shop for you. Your small donation will go a long way in someone else's life. Remember we are looking for 200 sets. I know you are all generous you gave 400 rolls; the recipients of the toilet paper drive appreciate your generosity

I am **still looking for a volunteer** or two to help with working out the details of adding additional signage for the parking lot once the grant is received. If you would like to help, please let me know; many hands make for a lighter workload.

The **Youth Talk Out Project**; that I talked about last month should hit the ground running in September (once the grant is received). This program will benefit the community youth and therefore humanities future. Thank you to St. Anne's for offering a welcoming and safe space.

To fast forward for the planners and sale shoppers – we have been in touch with **The House of Hope!** They would be honored to receive the treasures from the **Angel Tree**. We will be in touch again in September but as of now unless you direct me otherwise, we will be responsible for "SURPRISE" gifts – this means you can donate any NEW gift you choose. The House of Hope will be giving a wish list in the Fall. If you wish to be responsible for a "family of wishes" let me know and you can adopt a family. We adopted 3 families last year.

**As you can see Church isn't and shouldn't be contained in a building!**

Sandra Giroux

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL 2019-2020**

Parents and guardians are children's first teachers. We are going to try something different this school year:

### **Take Home Sunday School!**

We'll still meet once a month during the 10:00 service to allow the kids to get to know each other. Each month will have a theme and there will be age appropriate packets to take home, full of stories and activities. If you can't make to the monthly gathering, you can still take home a packet. Packets will also be available to anyone who asks.

The monthly meeting schedule for the year is:

September 8

October 6

November 3

December 1

January 5

February 2

March 1

April 5

May 3

September's theme will be Communicating with God.

If you have any questions, please email me at [bkomarinski@gmail.com](mailto:bkomarinski@gmail.com)

In God's Grace,  
Brenda Komarinski

## **FUN-RAISING**

See the enclosed flyer about our Community Yard Sale!!!

-Andrea Jeffrey

## **ANNEACREONS**

The St. Anne's Social Group will meet on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at 6:00 PM in Bixby Hall, St. Anne's Church. Join us for an evening of joyful Fellowship, along with pizza, ice cream and beverages. Event planning for the coming year will also be discussed.

## **THRIFT SHOP**

The Thrift Shop will be closed Saturdays beginning June 22<sup>nd</sup> until September.

## Upcoming Events

### August 2019

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>: 2pm-6pm Billerica Community Pantry distribution at 70 Concord Rd.

Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>: Men's and Ladies' Breakfasts

### September 2019

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>: 10:00am Bible Study resumes.

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>: 6:00pm Anneacreons Pizza Party Kick Off

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>: Coffee Hour Resumes

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>: Sunday School Starts

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>: 6:30pm Youth Talk Out Program begins

Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>: YANKEE DOODLE

Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>: 2:00-6:00pm Billerica Community Pantry Distribution

### Ongoing Activities:

Mondays: Al-Anon 7:30pm

Tuesdays: Bible Study 10:00am

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(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

CLOSED SATURDAYS starting June

22<sup>nd</sup>

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 on Summer Break!

Meetings resume on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

Meetings resume on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Men's Breakfast**

The Men's breakfast takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 or someone you know doesn't even need to be a member of St. Anne's. But, someone has to tell her about it. 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 or your friends' 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:**

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS are

Tuesdays 9:00am-3:00pm.

#### **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)