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NOVEMBER 2019

SERVING CHRIST IN THE WORLD

Warden's Note

We find ourselves in the position of searching for a new Rector once again, and we are blessed to have two supply priests who have committed to being with us on Sundays until at least the Thanksgiving holiday. We all know Rev. Jonathan Mackenzie. He and Rev. Jennifer Beal have worked out a schedule to cover Sunday services for us over the course of the next several weeks. Concurrently, our diocesan Canon, Rev. Martha Hubbard is working with the vestry and the diocese to send us a bridge and/or interim rector to fill in the gap between the availability of supply priests and a rector.

And you may be asking how will we find the next rector for St. Anne's? The vestry has voted to choose the Priest-In-Charge (PIC) method for St. Anne's. A PIC is appointed by the Bishop after consulting with the vestry. Usually the appointment is for three years (although the appointment could be extended). During this time, the PIC works with the vestry and the parish on specific goals with the help of the diocese. Typically, the parish would prepare a very brief profile describing the state of the parish and its hopes for the next few years. The vestry

interviews the candidate and decides if the person is a good fit for the parish. According to Rev. Hubbard many times after the initial three years, the PIC is called to be the parishes permanent rector.

This decision was made after much consideration of this and the other two methods that could have been used, a full search or a short list search: A full search is the method by which we called Rev. Lauren. The short list search is a shortened version of the full search. The vestry felt that we simply don't have the human capital to perform another full search, or even the abbreviated short list search at this time. The PIC method should take much less time. And yes, the vestry has the ability to interview and vote on candidates.

After considerable discussion and consultation with a diocesan financial consultant, it is clear we cannot afford a full-time rector at St. Anne's, so the next question for us whether to look for a $\frac{3}{4}$ time or $\frac{1}{2}$ time rector. The consultant estimates a 2020 budget deficit of slightly over \$50,000 if the parish hired a full-time rector. If we decided on a

Ed Giroux & Mike Hopkins

three-quarter time priest, the deficit is cut in half, but could be manageable provided we continue to watch costs very closely and apply for and continue to receive an abatement on our diocesan assessment. (FYI: Our 2020 assessment has been reduced for the third year in a row to just over \$12,000). If we decided on a $\frac{1}{2}$ time rector, we may have a surplus. That leads to the questions of what we get in each case and what might not happen with a $\frac{1}{2}$ time vs $\frac{3}{4}$

The vestry has met to discuss these options and to be honest, we're struggling with this second decision. On the one hand, we're not sure what we as a parish would lose if we were to choose $\frac{3}{4}$ or $\frac{1}{2}$ time. Certainly, we'd save some money, but what would we lose in terms of a priest's presence in our community or parish events. What about pastoral care? How much time is spent on outreach or pastoral care by a parish priest? These are answers that we don't have. Please pray for us as we continue to make decisions that will make our parish home stronger and hopefully cultivate new growth for St. Anne's.



Dear People of St. Anne's,

Thank you so much for the generous gifts you collected for my last day. The brunch was also lovely. I am keeping you in my prayers!

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Jane

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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

Meet Mother Jennifer

Dear people of St. Anne's,

I am delighted to begin alternating your Sunday clergy leadership with the Reverend McKenzie. When Sandy invited me to introduce myself to you here, she asked about my naming preference. So, I asked about your past experiences with women clergy and I heard some stories. While I am very comfortable with just 'Jennifer', I also have loved being called "Mother Jennifer". I like the acknowledgment that I am set apart for work that is specific in this church community. It feels like an endearment to me. However, if this experiment seems useless to you, I answer readily to just my first name. Serving God together is the only important thing!

I come to you from nearby, actually! I live in West Concord, where I came to live almost ten years ago in order to live near my then 80-year-old parents. Prior to that move, I had lived in southern California for nine years and in the South End of Boston for nine years before that. My schooling has been in Ohio, CT, and England. I am trained as an interim minister and have served five parishes in that capacity. During the '90s, I served seven congregations in this diocese. My heart, these days, is equally split between visiting in the Billerica House of Correction and working with immigration advocacy.

My other commitments are to the Concord Chorus and my cello quintet that plays for community events in the Littleton, Harvard, Concord area. My retired husband and I also enjoy English country dancing. My 25-year old daughter and her fiancé live in Waltham, working as a nanny and in software programming, respectively. Life is full!

I was thrilled when Sue Geen told me that your Bible Study, years ago, had watched videos from Amy-Jill Levine, whom I quoted in my first sermon with you. We will have fun together as we uncover Jesus' path among us!

With gratitude to God and joy in you all, Mother Jennifer

Take Home Sunday School!

Packets are available for ages 0-3, 3-6, 7-12, and 13 up. If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or young friend that you want to share your faith with, please take a packet. If the age that you need has been all taken, let me know and I'll make up a packet for you. November's theme is Thanksgiving. We will be gathering in the Sunday School room on November 10 during the 10:00 service. You do not need to attend to have a packet.

If you have any questions, please email me at bkomarinski@gmail.com.

In God's Grace, Brenda Komarinski

Note on Music...

We can always say... "if we had time, or could sing with great tone, we'd participate more in the music at church." Though another take on that is... "if we can promote community oneness when we walk in the doors of St. Anne's, where will that take us?"

Regarding music for the 10am services, members of the congregation can arrange to participate in the rehearsing of one or two songs that they like, or whatever befits them.

And the choir is in great need of a few more voices - anyone interested please consider.

God hears our song! Respectfully, Peter Morelli

Thrift Shop Update

I know many of you help on Sunday after the 8 and 10 to bring in the donations that have been left outside, but have you ever been in our thrift shop when it is open for business? We are one of the last thrift Shops in the area. I know All Saints in Chelmsford has a shop, but not as large as ours. We have a good size clientele from surrounding towns and word is beginning to spread further out and we are attracting customers from Westford and beyond.

We have many hard working and dedicated volunteers who are not parishioners, but we still need help as only members can have keys to the shop and run the cash register. I know many workdays while the shop is open, but Saturday can always use more help. Our donations are so overwhelming some weeks, we can barely keep the floor cleared for customers to walk about. We have a full crew of volunteers who work every Tuesday and sometimes Monday to get the shop ready to open on Wednesday. If you would like to help, stop by anytime and see firsthand what we do and meet not only the people who work here, but also our customers.

The Thrift Shop was started over 40 years ago as an outreach program and even though we bring in a tidy sum to help with the church budget, it is still very much an outreach program. Many items which we don't feel would sell in our shop, we donate to Epilepsy for further outreach or recycling of cloth for rags, etc. In the past, we have help "living Waters" in Lowell with specific items for people they help go on interviews. We are looking into contributing to a program that helps former inmates get set up in housing with dishes, etc. As always, we continue to fill vouchers given out by other members of the Billerica Interfaith Organization to victims of flood and fire.

If you can't help on Saturday but could help bring in donations and sort at another time, please let us know. If enough people would volunteer perhaps, we could set up an evening or Sunday afternoon. We also give credit for community service hours for kids in High School. Thanks for listening. Marguerite Massey and Kathy Brewster

Pledge Update

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

By now, you should all have received mail containing a pledge card, return envelope and request letter. If it has been mislaid there are more in the rack at the entrance to the church.

A big "thank you" to those who have returned their pledge cards already. For those still thinking about it, please don't forget. Some folks give regularly but somehow overlook returning those slips of paper. It's not all about money. Completing a pledge card, even if it be for less than you intend to give but feel comfortable to commit, increases our count of active members to the diocese. Being counted as an active member of the body of Christ has direct impact on our ability to call another priest. It helps give a true impression of the extent of love and support we all experience here. It is a small but effective way of proclaiming your joy in Jesus' good news of God's love for us all.

Love and peace be with you, John Geen, Pledge Treasurer.



St. Anne's Episcopal Church
14 Treble Cove Rd N Billerica

Saturday December 7th

10AM – 2PM

**Vendors Crafts raffles Baskets bake
 sale**

Christmas Café

Pictures with Santa*

*Nominal fee –

pet pictures also available from 1-2 PM

Please join us in celebrating the season!

Daytime Raffles

Barbara Weisensee will once again be heading up the ever-popular Day Raffles for the Christmas Fair. If you were looking for a way to help, she would be very grateful for any donations of gift cards to her terrific raffles, each of which is valued over \$100. Scratch tickets, \$20 or \$25 gift cards or certificates to local restaurants (other than Good Thymes, who have already donated) would be most welcomed. Cash donations are always welcomed also. Any such donations may be left in the church office in an envelope addressed to Barbara.

If you have a tangible item like a new boxed appliance (think Crock Pot, Hot Pot, grill pan, cookware) you would like to donate, please leave word with the office and we can try to help if pickup is needed

Homemade Holiday!

St. Anne's is sponsoring a tree for the Billerica Holiday Festival. Our theme is Homemade Holiday and we are collecting homemade ornaments. There is a box in the office. Brenda will be heading up decorating the tree on Monday, November 18 at 3pm. Please let me know if you want to help.

Wreaths for the Christmas Fair

I will be doing wreaths again this year. A signup sheet will be posted by the kitchen in November. Thank you! -
Brenda Komarinski

What is a Deanery?

A deanery is a group of churches that are organized together. Every Episcopal congregation (church) belongs to a deanery. The Boston Diocese has twelve deaneries that are grouped into three regions: Northern and Western; Central; and Southern. St. Ann's belongs to the Northern and Western region in the Merrimack Valley Deanery. Our deanery is made up of fifteen churches located in Amesbury, Andover, Chelmsford, Groveland, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell (2), Methuen, Newburyport, North Andover (2), West Newbury, and Westford.

The clergy and elected lay members meet to learn about what is happening at the diocese. They also share what is happening in their parish, collaborate with other parishes in the deanery, elect two representatives to the Diocesan Council, and annually disperse grants from the diocese. Annual grants are the Sending Serving Grant and the House of Mercy Grant. The Sending and Serving Grant requires matching funds from the church that receives an award. This grant is to fund domestic and international programs for outreach. The House of Mercy Grant does not require matching funds and is to support programs and projects for women and children. It is exciting to hear what other parishes are doing for fund raisers, outreach, concerts, programs, speakers, and dinners.

The Merrimack Valley Deanery meets three times a year: January, May, and October currently at St. Andrew's Church in Methuen. At our most recent meeting the Head of School, Jadihel (Jadi) Taveras, from Esperanza Academy talked about his school. This academy is a tuition-free middle school located in Lawrence that accepts girls by a lottery system from diverse faiths, races, and cultures. We also learned that our lay representative to the Diocesan Council is part of the finance team and is presenting the 2020 budget at the upcoming convention.

As one of your representatives to the deanery and to the diocesan convention I will be giving you updates on a regular basis. If you have any questions don't hesitate to speak with me about the deanery or the diocese.

Submitted by: Marguerite Massey

Church Has Left the Building

St Anne's is a very generous church. Over the last couple of months, you have donated to specific drive for the Community Pantry (toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner), Pasta for the Sunshine Gals dinners served every Monday and Wednesday at the Boy's & Girls Club. Our Angel Tree drive for the House of Hope will be starting soon. I applaud your generosity and kind spirit.

If you are looking for a way to become involved with our community outreach, please let me know. Thank you

Sandra

Feed Billerica

Billerica Community Pantry

YOUR GIVING GOES A LONG WAY

- \$5 buys a case of spaghetti
- \$15 buys 30 dozen eggs
- Morning coffee and muffin (\$5-6) pays for enough food to provide 100 lunches
- For the cost of lunch (\$20) you provide an elderly senior with 100 easy to prep hot meals
- The cost of dinner out as a couple provides a family of 4 with 250 meals



Mail donations to
Billerica Community Pantry, Inc.
PO Box 285, Billerica, MA 01821

Feed Billerica

NOVEMBER IS FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR MONTH

Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26

6 pm Potluck Supper

7 pm Interfaith Service

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church
7 Concord Road, Billerica

Billerica Community Pantry

INVITES YOU TO THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE



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Community Thanksgiving Dinner



Thursday, November 28 at 2 PM

Menu: turkey, gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes,
squash, green beans,
cranberry sauce, rolls,
and of course, pie!

All are welcome! There is no charge for the meal.
If you know in advance that you will attend please
RSVP by calling the church at 978-663-8433,
or email communications@fccbillerica.org,
or sign up at the Senior Center.

First Congregational Church
18 Andover Road, Billerica



Fri: 10am-2pm

Thrift Shop Ph: 978-667-6268
-We are always looking for volunteers,
so drop by and sign up to help!

Tuesday Bible Studies

-Tuesday morning 10:00am
-Tuesday evening Bible study meets
the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7:30pm.

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

You or someone you know doesn't
even need to be a member of St.
Anne's. But, someone has to tell us
about it. Please e-mail at
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:

OFFICE HOURS:
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

Upcoming Event

December 7th Holiday Fair

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