

# ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY



St. Anne's  
Episcopal Church

JUNE  
2022  
Newsletter

Dear Episcopal Parishioners of Billerica,

Where does the Episcopal Church stand on xxx? I am asked this question frequently, but specifically on FaceBook recently, and I think it is a good question for all of us to consider. How would you answer? What would I answer? Where would I go to look it up?

Any issue could fill in that blank.

First, I always turn to our Book of Common Prayer because it is the only document we need that binds us together. In it, at the back, on page 845, starts our Catechism, or Outline of the Faith. I love these very short questions and answers as the most basic answers to what Episcopalians believe.

Next, I go to our Baptismal Covenant, page 304. Those six questions (remember to add the new sixth one about caring for creation) are meant to cover how we act in the world.

Then, I might go to the internet or Siri or Alexa or to whomever you ask all your questions! For example, "What do Episcopalians believe about abortion" led me to the Pew Research Trust. It was interesting. For its Episcopal sources, it used resolutions passed by our triennial General Convention of the whole country.

<https://www.pewresearch.org/religion/2013/01/16/religious-groups-official-positions-on-abortion/>

<https://www.episcopalarchives.org>

<https://bishopsagainstgunviolence.org>

In political matters, the Episcopal Church believes fervently that there are many right answers. What matters is our respect for each other, and even love for each other. That is how we are to be known. With love, regardless. Whew! May you live into this calling as disciples of Christ in an Episcopal context.

Especially in the wake of two mass shootings in May, we pray for God's guidance, comfort, and love. May we stand together.

Church has felt happy these past months and I am encouraged by how much leadership you are taking in choosing how we move forward together into our new alongside-Covid world. This is joy. Thank you.

With faith in you,  
Mthr Jennifer



## Worship:

9:00 am Sunday in person

Weekly worship on our YouTube Channel:

[“St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, N. Billerica MA”](#)

(Subscribe and see videos of our services!)

Our services are replayed on BATV

Check out our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/StAnnesBillerica](http://www.facebook.com/StAnnesBillerica)

(“Like” to see videos of our services as well as other news and information!)

Check our website ([stannes-billerica.org](http://stannes-billerica.org)) for a link to the services.

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## Vestry:

Rosemary Kinser	Warden
Michael Hopkins	Warden
Linda Kusnierz	Treasurer
Marguerite Massey	Clerk
Pat Cregg	2023
Dotty Callihan	2023
Maria Martin	2024
Marie Figenbaum	2024
Lisa Carpine	2025
Todd Baldwin	2025

## Mother Jennifer’s Office Hours:

Tuesdays 12-4 pm

Thursdays 2-5 pm

PLEASE call or email her with any  
kind of pastoral concern.

## Church Office Hours:

Thursdays 2-5 pm

## Thrift Shop Hours:

Wednesdays,  
Thursdays, Fridays 10 am-2 pm

## 12-Step Meetings:

Wednesdays (AA) 7:30 pm  
Thursdays (NA) 7 pm

## Newsletter Submissions:

The July newsletter will be a hybrid newsletter and will contain articles and announcements for both July and August. There will be no separate newsletter in August. Please send articles by July 6 to [stannesbillerica@gmail.com](mailto:stannesbillerica@gmail.com). The newsletter will be distributed in mid-July.

## 2022 Summer Schedule of Sunday Worship

Services at 9:00am, unless otherwise noted

July 3	Holy Eucharist
July 10	Holy Eucharist
July 17	Morning Prayer
July 24	Holy Eucharist
July 31	Holy Eucharist
August 7	Holy Eucharist
August 14	Holy Eucharist
August 21	Morning Prayer
August 28	Holy Eucharist
September 4	Morning Prayer



## Thrift Shop Updates

Time to think about your upcoming summer vacation plans. Stop by the Thrift Shop for some extra clothes, games, books, outdoor dishes, and so much more. **Shop open 10AM until 2PM Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.**

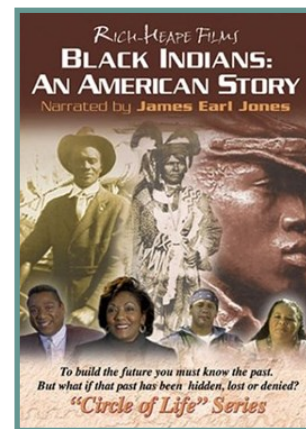


## Movie Night



On **Friday, June 3, at 7pm**, we will be watching "Black Indians: An American Story". This is a 52-minute film. A discussion will follow.

We will take a break for the summer and start back up in September.



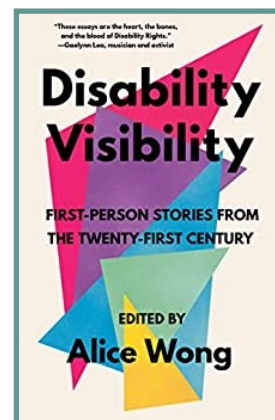
## St. Anne's Social Group



The Social Group will meet on **Saturday, June 4, at 3:00 PM**, at Judy Peck's for its annual cookout and the election of officers for the coming year. A sign-up sheet will be posted outside the kitchen area for adult parishioners who plan to attend and what item they will bring to share.

## Social Conscience Book Group

The Social Conscience Book Group will be meeting on **June 5th and June 19th at 10:30 am** to finish *Disability Visibility* edited by Alice Wong. We are planning to pick our next book for the fall. If you have any ideas for a book please join us.





**Attention students and parents:** watch for updated 2022 St. Anne's scholarship forms within the next few weeks! These forms will be made available in the next newsletter as well as in upcoming Sunday bulletins. There will also be copies in the church office and in the narthex. All students of any age are eligible for assistance with their continuing education.



For those interested in Barbara C. Harris Camp: **Family Camp** will be July 1-4 and August 5-7 this year.

**Youth Camp** is for those going into 4th grade through 12th grade. There are 4 sessions:

**Camp Session 1:** July 10-15, 2022

**Camp Session 2:** July 17-22, 2022

**Camp Session 3:** July 24-29, 2022

**Camp Session 4:** July 31- August 5, 2022

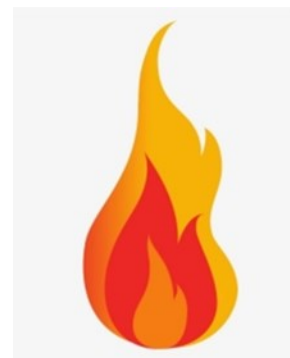


There are Campership funds available from Barbara C. Harris Camp, and St. Anne's has scholarship funds as well.

For more information about the camp, visit [bchcenter.org/bchcamp](http://bchcenter.org/bchcamp).



Take-home lessons from May are available now. If you'd like one, please let Brenda know ([bkomarinski@gmail.com](mailto:bkomarinski@gmail.com)). For those interested, our last in-person lesson for the school year will be **Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 3:30pm**. The symbol we will be looking at is the Flame.



We will be celebrating with a popsicle party after our lesson!





We now have a lost and found box in the office! If you find an item without an owner, bring it to the box. If you are looking for something and can't find it, check the box! (Do you have a medium size cardboard box in good condition? Consider donating it so that we can upgrade the currently rather homely looking box.)



The buildings and grounds committee is looking to get a group of people together to clean up and reline the church parking lot on **June 25 at 8 am (rain day: July 9)**. Volunteers are encouraged to bring leaf blowers, rakes, clippers, pole saws or anything that might help.



### ***Nominating Committee seeks to broaden leadership diversity*** (from [Diocesan FYI May 2022](#))

The recently reconstituted Nominating Committee is seeking to fulfill the mission strategy charge to “broaden the diversity of leadership for all diocesan project teams and governing bodies.” The committee notes:

“Our experience has been that there is so much untapped talent, particularly of our lay siblings, that we can bring to bear on the challenges and opportunities facing us as a diocese. So, we want to do our part to change that. The responses to this brief form will be a living repository of the amazing breadth of the deep faith, acquired skills, lived experiences and hard-earned wisdom of lay Episcopalians in eastern Massachusetts. If you are lay person, you can complete it right now. If you are a priest or deacon, please share it with your congregations and ministries. Please pass the link around widely so that as many people as possible know their voice is needed and welcomed in the shared governance of our church.”

The direct link to the form, for sharing widely, is: [https://edom.formstack.com/forms/diomass\\_recruitment](https://edom.formstack.com/forms/diomass_recruitment)

By gathering a wide pool of leaders, the committee seeks to more easily serve as a matchmaker for positions that are open for election by Diocesan Convention or appointment by the bishops. Completing the form is not a commitment to a particular role.

There will be a Diocesan Memorial Service in Celebration of the Life of the Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris on **Sunday, June 12, at 5 p.m.**, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston, with a reception following. Because seating is limited, in-person attendance is designated for members of the diocesan community. All in the wider church community are warmly invited to join via the livestream on the Cathedral's website ([www.stpaulboston.org](http://www.stpaulboston.org)).

Further details and a registration link are available here: [www.diomass.org/event/barbara-c-harris-memorial](http://www.diomass.org/event/barbara-c-harris-memorial).



## Juneteenth Program

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

7 pm at First Parish Billerica

sponsored by Billerica Interfaith Association



In honor of Juneteenth, you are invited to a viewing of the local documentary "Contradictory Place: Cotton Mills Alongside Anti-Slavery Efforts in Lowell, Massachusetts," followed by a discussion with UMass Lowell Professor Robert Farrant.

**Tuesday, June 21 at 7pm**, First Parish, 7 Concord Road, Billerica. Sponsored by the Billerica Interfaith Association.

Interested in learning **how to lead the Daily Offices, in particular, Morning Prayer?**

The Rev. Carol Morehead of Grace Church in Medford will give an online training on **Sunday, June 26, 4-6 p.m.** Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/4zk645x4>. (Space is limited to 25 people. Registration closes on **June 24**.)

This training is especially appropriate for anyone who wishes to be licensed by the bishop as a lay worship leader.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation ([mgardner@diomass.org](mailto:mgardner@diomass.org) or 617-482-4826, ext. 403).



## From the Wardens June 2022



### Communications

As with all parishes, communication is key at all levels. At St. Anne's we communicate via a monthly newsletter, with information about meetings and events in Sunday bulletins and announcements on Sunday mornings. Vestry meetings as well as most groups and committees are open and anyone is welcome to attend – scheduled meetings are published in the Sunday bulletins.

In most churches, including St. Anne's, the Rector and Wardens work closely together on many issues and communicate virtually every day via text and email. When I first became a Warden under Rev. Lauren, I asked my predecessor what to expect. His answer was, "Lots of emails and texts". He was right! It's surprising how many things come up daily to which the rector or one of the Wardens need to respond making it necessary that the Wardens and Rector communicate thoroughly and frequently. Even though Mother Jennifer is a half-time Priest-In-Charge, she often communicates during her off time, sometimes to hand something off for the Wardens to handle it, sometimes to get information or to just get another's opinion. These issues are generally not secret or confidential in any way but are mostly just normal communications between people trying to get things done and properly handled. Occasionally, an issue is brought to our attention that is confidential and we take that very seriously, but it's the exception and not the rule.

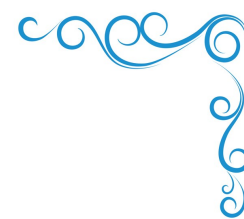
Some issues require more discussion than can be had by email or texts, so the Rector and Wardens meet in person twice a month. Rector and Wardens meetings occur in virtually all churches, sometimes regularly and sometimes only when necessary. In the past with full time rectors at St. Anne's, these meetings were less frequent, and the rector handled much of the day-to-day issues. During our times without a Rector and now a half-time Priest in Charge, a good deal of work that the Rector may have handled now falls to the Wardens and Vestry.

To give everyone an idea of what goes on at the Rector/Wardens meetings, the following is a summary of our agenda for the May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, some of which will be on the vestry agenda for May and some has already been addressed by the vestry at previous meetings.

- Covid Respite for Rector and other according to the Deanery's request; dates to vestry in May
- Pre-Steps to Growth Update – review of the Vestry retreat/committee meeting/next meeting
- Discussion on possible Pew removal – no action: placed on hold for now
- Dates for Mother Jennifer's vacation, fill-in with Morning Prayer, Jonathan's possible involvement, etc. all in conjunction with Covid Respite
- Baptism re-scheduled or Jun 26<sup>th</sup>
- Group Norms per vestry guidelines – in vestry guide books – Mother Jennifer to discuss briefly at May vestry meeting
- Cost of Columbarium niche – is \$700 the right price? Procedure for getting a niche?
- Thrift Shop Flooding issues – status -more to be done
- Endowment – status of meeting and Bonds – bank issues with amounts
- Safe contents and inventory – what to keep in the safe – historical value? Who does it?
- Use of rental space contracts and policy – will present to the vestry meeting in May
- 2021 Audit – status – how to handle differently from 2020 – doesn't involve vestry yet



- Other vacation dates/issues – Rosemary, MH ??
- Etc.....



We document what goes on at the Rector Wardens meetings and follow up as necessary. Also at these meetings, one of the Wardens (Rosemary) puts together an agenda for the next vestry meeting and that too is discussed at the Rector and Wardens meeting.

By the way, if you have something you would like the vestry, wardens or Rector to discuss, you need to let the Rector or one of the Wardens know, preferably by email or text rather than just a conversation at coffee hour. With so much going on at St. Anne's a quick conversation on Sunday morning might get lost in the shuffle, so if it's important, written communication is highly recommended.

Working with and within groups we have Realm up and running and being used by a few. It's important the everyone get involved with Realm whether you're in a group or not since some will be using it more frequently going forward. If you need help getting set up, let us know and we can have someone help.

Although it only happens once a year, each group and organization provide a report at the Annual Meeting. Those reports are all published and available to everyone.

Don't forget that communication is a two-way street. All the groups, the Rector, Wardens and Vestry especially, are always looking for input. What can we do better, what are we not doing, and what you like to see done? We really are all listening and looking for your contributions as we move forward. Your contributions will help us all as we move to the future for St. Anne's.

Your Wardens

*Rosemary Kinser and Mike Hopkins*



## ***Cursillo Update***

### ***"Grounding Ourselves in God's Love in These Liminal Times"***

The May Ultreya, on Zoom, was hosted by Kathy Doller.

#### **Fourfold Franciscan Blessing:**

*"May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.*

*May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

*May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.*

*And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.*

*Amen."*

***Ultreyas are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month via Zoom. All are Welcome! Please join us, bring a friend, share at your reunion group, or invite someone you have sponsored to join us. The next Ultreya will be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 P.M. Peace, Love, and Happiness - Rosemary***

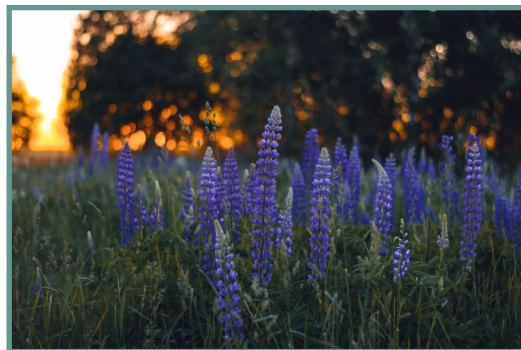


# Jennifer's Journal June 2022

## Parish

**My Summer dates** away will be many this year, because they include a spiritual retreat, 2 Covid Respite Sundays, and 3 Sundays of vacation. Reverend Jonathan and our Wardens will lead us.

**Pentecost service** on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Wear red to church – like the flames of fire that excited their faith and ours.



**Liturgical Seasonal change** of prayers in our service of worship. Our Episcopal way offers us many prayers from which to choose a balance between familiar and fresh. We will return to familiar Eucharistic Prayer A, but we will use Prayers of the People from Rite I. Tell me what you think of that novel mix.

**Morning Prayer & Reading in church** Conversation Classes will happen Tuesdays at 11:15 on May 31, June 7, Sundays at 10:30 first in month June 5, July 3, August 7. There is a Diocesan class being offered online on June 26, 4-6pm.

**News from our Church Safe.** As its contents are being inventoried, we realize how much we need a person to organize our documents and write our parish history. Kathy Brewster and I discovered a handwritten list of original members from around 1900. Several were single women, one who lived in N. Andover. The next day, I remembered this woman as I sat in the Parish Film Night and learned about the young women mill workers in Lowell. The active population in Lowell's mixed 19<sup>th</sup> century city could very well have included founding members of our St. Anne's. The maker of the film, Professor Robert Forrant, is glad to connect with us as part of the St. Anne's, Lowell legacy of abolition activity on the Underground Railroad and supporting worker's rights.

## Town

**Billerica Interfaith Association News:** Juneteenth event as in flyer elsewhere in this Newsletter. Pride Flag-raising will be on the Library steps on June 1<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. All are invited to support and attend.

## Merrimack Valley Deanery

**Diocesan Council Update** from John Satula+ (St. James, Amesbury) requests volunteers to join the Diocesan Council Working Group 7 which will figure out how to coordinate and address the Mission Strategy Goal 7: To influence public policy by advocating for justice for all people and for the creation. Email him with your questions and comments [stjames.frjohn@verizon.net](mailto:stjames.frjohn@verizon.net)

**Grant application presentations** were heard from Urban Bridges/Dinah's House at Trinity, Haverhill and Kaleidoscope Arts after school program at St. John's, Lowell. Both ministries demonstrate the power of giving to others. Both were awarded up to the maximum amount the Deanery could offer, \$7,000 total. Sending/Serving and House of Mercy Deanery Grants information available at <https://www.diomass.org/resources/grants-loans/deanery-grants>





## Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

**Reparations Listening Sessions.** At least two other faithful parishioners attended with me one of the ten sessions offered by our Racial Justice Commission to hear our thoughts, feelings, and ideas about reparations in our diocese beginning two years from now. We heard and we expressed different views that were both expected and new. What was most encouraging was the atmosphere of listening and thoughtfulness.

A **Juneteenth** service, as well as a Multicultural Celebration of **World Refugee Day**, will be marked on zoom on June 19, 3:00pm and June 24, 3:00pm respectively. These will be hosted by The Ministry of Immigration Partnership convened through the Diocesan Office of the Canon for Immigration and Multicultural Ministries. Stay tuned for registration information.

## The Episcopal Church nationwide

Due to the rise in Covid cases, the **General Convention** Office made the very, very difficult decision to drastically reduce the scope of General Convention. No visitors will be allowed. No Exhibition Hall will take place. Only the legislative work will happen. Do pray for all the re-organization that now must take place, in addition to a full work schedule.

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Re-Gathering June 2022

The Re-Gathering Team met in early May to review the changes implemented April 1 with regards to distribution of communion and the removal of other restrictions related to COVID. We noted that the Diocese has not issued further guidance since the April 1 effective date.

As we met, we recognized that there had been a surge in COVID cases in Billerica as well as surrounding communities and the State. We discussed what recommendations we would make, if any, in light of this and concluded we would not recommend a return to any of the former restrictions. In particular we discussed mask wearing; we do recommend that each individual evaluate and determine mask wearing to protect themselves and others.

In the weeks since our meeting COVID cases have continued to climb in Billerica.



The CDC reports and recommends the following:

“In **Middlesex County, Massachusetts**, community level is **High**.

Wear a [mask](#) indoors in public

Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines

[Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

Additional precautions may be needed for people [at high risk for severe illness](#)”

The virus continues to be in our midst; let us all continue to protect ourselves and others and pray for all those affected by and suffering from COVID.

## St. Anne's Prayer List

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your bosom: We commend to your loving care this child \_\_\_\_\_. Relieve their pain, guard them from all danger, restore to them your gifts of gladness and strength, and raise them up to a life of service to you. Hear us, we pray, for \_\_\_\_\_. Amen.

**Barbara Rogers, Bob MacKenzie, Chick Meech, Cyndi, Donald Fudge, Donald Sutton, Sr., Elaine McLaughlin, George Squires, Sr., Helen, Janet Lyna, Jean Flight, José Soreso, José Torres, Sr., Joshua Young, Kathy Chang, Kevin Senna, Lee Conley, Linda E., Marie Horgan, Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Paul Hamner, Sally DiRocco, Sue Kennedy, Tammy, Tom, Vicki Mahoney, Yvonne Hopkins**



We also keep in our prayers all who are ill with COVID-19, the families of those who have died, all who are affected by the war in Ukraine, all who died by violence in recent weeks, especially those in Uvalde, TX, and Buffalo, NY, and all who are grieving.

## Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

O God, our times are in your hand; Look with favor we pray, on your servant \_\_\_\_\_, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ed & Sandra Giroux	5/5	Cyndi Hopkins	6/3	Sue Geen	7/3
Ken Kinser	5/5	Jonathan & Carol MacKenzie	6/3	Elaine Jones	7/28
Elaine & Matthew Guzzetta	5/7	Jamie Stockton	6/8	Austin Mannetta	7/29
Maria Martin	5/9	John Geen	6/26		
Emma Baldwin	5/10	John & Linda Kusnierz	6/29		
Ken MacPherson	5/22				
Ken & Rosemary Kinser	5/22				
Marie Figenbaum	5/25				
Lisa Lavoie	5/28				
Doris Hamner	5/28				



If you or a loved one are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, and want it to be included in the next newsletter, please email [stannesbillerica@gmail.com](mailto:stannesbillerica@gmail.com) and let us know.

# Congratulations Class of 2022!

Kayla Lavoie is graduating from Billerica Memorial High School.  
We wish her the best in her future endeavors!



Prayer for Graduates (BCP p. 829)

## 47. For Young Persons

God our Father, you see your young people growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



**ZUMBA & LINE DANCE with Carolisa @ St Anne's**  
"June & July Mondays" 6:00 -7:00p \* (off 6/27, 7/4)

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

Try it -\$10 or 4 weeks \$36 \*

**Move, Groove, be Fit & Have FUN!** Get funky to a fantastic mix of dance classics to current plus plenty of 80's, 90's; latin and Bollywood. Mix it up with different line dances each week; review the "party" dances; Learn an Irish & a barn dance! It's easy to catch on; adjust the level to suit you. Best are sneakers without much tread. **Beginners & all fitness levels welcome – come with friends!** Dance off calories in this **FUN & friendly class!**



**\*Bellydance 101 ..Monday ~ June 13-6:30-7:45p @St Annes ~\$12 in advance**

**\*Wednesday eves start June 1<sup>st</sup> -6:30pm (Zoom) try it~ \$10**

**\*Thursday eves start July 5 @ Billerica Rec**  
Sign up & info @[moonlightdjz@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightdjz@gmail.com)

Make it a "girls' night" with friends to try this beautiful and joyous dance! Energizing yet relaxing; fast & fiery to slow & smooth, we cover all the basics including a Greek dance and the Veil dance! (Veils may be borrowed) Increase flexibility and work all muscles in this FUN & friendly beginners' class. Women of all ages and fitness levels welcome!

Schedule any dance **Workshop** or **Family Fun Dance** for your special occasion! Further info on all classes & Sign up: [moonlightdjz@gmail.com](mailto:moonlightdjz@gmail.com)



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: Carolisa's Classes