

ST ANNE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - SMALL BUT MIGHTY

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Newsletter

JULY 2023



Dear St. Anne's,

Please read first the wardens' message on page three!

I am so pleased. I am thrilled to accept your invitation to become your rector!

During our three years together already, we have learned about each other several significant pieces necessary to a healthy relationship. We've learned to:

- Recognize when we say something not quite right, and to apologize or make it right.
- Try something out, even if it might not work.
- Name our values of community, faith, love, and respect.
- Dream, and work to help it happen.

We have even begun to laugh together! These are qualities I like living with. 😊 Thank you for being you.

I hope for many years together.

With faith, hope, and love,

M. 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

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Wisdom for Worship July 2023

As Episcopalians, we seek a balance between familiar prayers and those that make us think. However, God and loving God and loving God's people are always our goals.

BCP workshops revisited the differences between the prayer books of 1928 and 1979, some books available for additional worship ideas being looked at for the 2030 BCP and the RCL. I think we all can know what these acronyms mean!

If you would like a BCP class and couldn't make the previous times, let me know.

During the summer, we will use Track One for the Old Testament and Psalm readings. See the article later in this newsletter taken from the very handy "Lectionary Page dot net" that gives all the readings for every Sunday. It's a good explanation of an expansion to our lectionary about 20 years ago.

Make sure you come to church on August 13th to hear the preacher who requested Track Two for that day 😊

Last, do you like adding a hymn at the beginning of the service? I want your feedback!

Prayer updates: Don Fudge is doing well and loves visitors at the Bedford VA.

Rev'd Jonathan requests our prayers for a mass on his pancreas.

From our Parish Register of Baptisms: June 18, 2023 Alyse Jean Midgette (Michelini)



We are on summer break. In the fall, we will be looking at People of the Bible. If you have questions, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com).

Altar Guild, and anyone interested, will meet with M. Jennifer on Saturday morning, July 15th 10-11am to discuss altar set-ups for our services.

Vestry:

Rosemary Kinser	Warden
Michael Hopkins	Warden
Linda Kusnierz	Treasurer
Russell Bent	Clerk
Sandra Giroux	2026
Brenda Komarinski	2026
Maria Martin	2024
Marie Figenbaum	2024
Lisa Carpine	2025
Todd Baldwin	2025

Mother Jennifer's Office Hours:

Tuesdays	12-5 pm
Thursdays	2-5 pm

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays	11-5 pm
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

Wardens' Message: Rosemary and Mike



As you know, Summer officially arrived on June 21st. Although, you really cannot tell from the weather; May was more like Summer and June like Spring. Summer brings longer days of light, outdoor activities, and social gatherings with family and friends. As June comes to an end, we, at St. Anne's, have been so blessed to celebrate new beginnings.

On June 13th, we welcomed the arrival of **Kenneth William Carpine**, son of David and Lisa Kinser Carpine and grandson of Ken and Rosemary Kinser. **Kenny** is proof that God answers prayers.

On June 18th, we celebrated the baptism of **Alyse Jean Midgette**, daughter of Jimmy and Jessica Michelini Midgette and granddaughter of Jim and Susan Michelini. It is such a joy to welcome **Alyse** to St. Anne's Church Community – her parents, grandparents, godparents, and family along with the congregation in person and online were present to witness, pray and celebrate with her.

On June 20th, Mark Komarinski, Chairperson of the Discernment Committee reported to the Vestry that the Discernment Committee, by unanimous vote, was pleased to report that **Mother Jennifer Beal** be asked by the Vestry to be the next Rector of St Annes with the Parish and Rector committing to a Covenant of Mutual Ministry.

The Vestry asked and Mother Jennifer accepted!

Summers are for vacations, too. As a friendly reminder, St. Anne's will provide Services **every** Sunday during the month of July and August at 9am! We look forward to seeing you.

Enjoy, Have Fun, Be Safe



What are “Track 1” and “Track 2”?

During the long green season after Pentecost, there are two tracks (or strands) each week for Old Testament readings. Within each track, there is a Psalm chosen to accompany the particular lesson.

The Revised Common Lectionary allows us to make use of either of these tracks, but once a track has been selected, it should be followed through to the end of the Pentecost season, rather than jumping back and forth between the two strands.

The first track of Old Testament readings (“Track 1”) follows major stories and themes, read mostly continuously from week to week. In Year A we begin with Genesis, in Year B we hear some of the great monarchy narratives, and in Year C we read from the later prophets.

A second track of readings (“Track 2”) follows the Roman Catholic tradition of thematically pairing the Old Testament reading with the Gospel reading, often typologically—a sort of foretelling of Jesus Christ’s life and ministry, if you will. This second track is almost identical to our previous Book of Common Prayer lectionary.

Within each track there may be additional readings, complementary to the standard reading; these may be used with the standard reading, or in place of it.

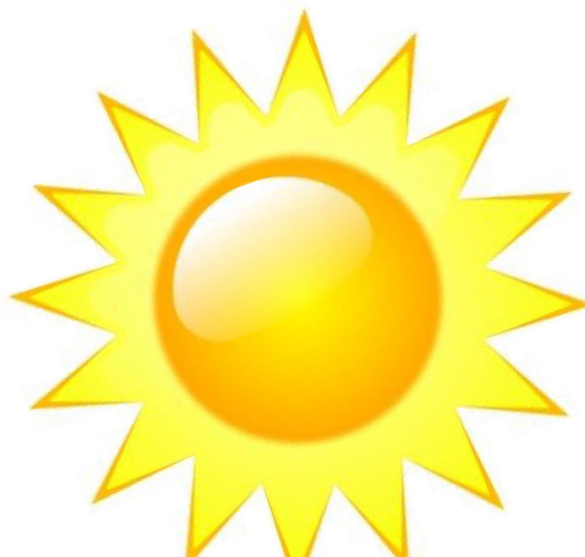
(credit to The Rev Dr. J. Barrington Bates) <http://www.lectionarypage.net/#april>

Eating is social and if we learned anything over the last few years is we all need to socialize.

Please join us; make a new friend.

There is no cost for the meal but free will offerings are appreciated and accepted. Everyone is welcome.

-Sandra Giroux



Sunshine Gals
Community Luncheon
4th Saturday each month - noon
First Parish Church Billerica Center

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Church has left the Building...

St Anne's is very fortunate to have Rev. Jennifer! Not only is she here for us she is a tremendous ally for the Billerica Community Pantry.

In June, Rev Jennifer attended the Pantry's appreciation event; she also gave the opening invocation.

The Billerica Community Pantry was celebrating their donors and volunteers. The Pantry utilizes almost 1,000 volunteer hours each and every month. With your help we are able to feed 750-800 individual men, women and children each month. Again, with your help a family of four receives a monthly treasure trove of items equaling approximately \$249.00

St Anne's Parishioners donate Time Talent and Treasure and the Pantry appreciates you - thank you!

St Anne's volunteers complete the majority of pickups from both Market Basket donation bins 4-5 times a week. Other volunteers work at the Pantry on distribution days filling various roles. We are always looking for more!

(Billericacommunitypantry.org please select volunteer)



As for for Donors - St Anne's parishioners donate their hard earned cash as well as products to fill those donation bins!

I know St Anne's is generous but we all have inner fears and insecurities; if yours is Food Insecurity the Pantry is here for you. There are NO income guidelines. There is only one stipulation; you must be a Billerica resident.

We know it can be hard to ask for assistance; please know if you are in need we are here for you. Please email or call BillericaPantry@gmail.com or (978) 357-7560.

2022 STATISTICS

From January 2022 to December 2022

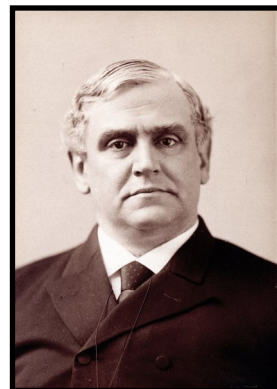
- Total clients served: 8059
- Volunteer hours: 11575+ (approximately 1000/month)
- Pounds of food distributed: 269,039
- Value of food: \$329,741.50
- Meals provided: 225,800
- Value of targeted wish list received from community: \$27,925.75
- Average value of food provided each month to a family of 4: \$249.00
- **Note** - food and meal details are based only on Greater Boston Food Bank acquisitions and do not include the many individual in-kind donations received from other donors



Billerica's Farmer's Market is back up and running for the 2023 Season at its new location 793 Boston Road (Pinehurst) Billerica 3pm to dusk.

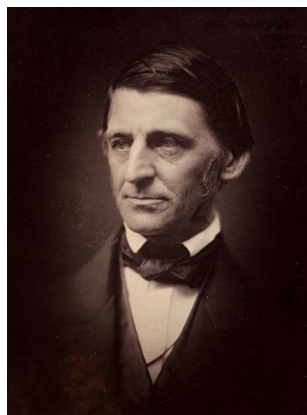
From the Administrator...

A few issues ago I mentioned that my home parish is St. Paul's in North Andover. An interesting historical tidbit is that Phillips Brooks, who was an Episcopal Bishop and probably best known for writing the lyrics to "O Little Town of Bethlehem", has ties to St. Paul's. One of his connections is the large stained glass window "Presentation of Christ in the Temple" that he gave in memory of his parents. His second connection is related to his highly respected preaching- the pulpit from which he gave his last sermon. The pulpit however was originally in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Boston.



When M. Jennifer and I spoke about the Brooks pulpit, she told me that Billerica has a well-known pulpit as well. What I learned is that the Unitarian Universalist Church in the center of town has an "Emerson pulpit", as in Ralph Waldo Emerson. Unknown to me was that for a few years Emerson was a Unitarian minister in Boston, and the pulpit from where he preached was purchased by the Billerica parish in 1844.

Sermons are traditionally an important part of the Christian liturgy, including our Episcopal service today. How fortunate it is that these two local historical artifacts have survived and are available for us to easily appreciate.



A Note on Music...



Following is the hymn story for "Christ for the world we sing!" (H537) that we sang in the 6/25 service!

Peter Morelli

Christ for the World We Sing

1869

... *"I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."* Hebrews 2:12 (NKJV)

Looking back on his teen years, George Williams described himself as a "careless, thoughtless, godless, swearing young fellow." But then he met Christ as Savior. "I cannot describe to you the joy and peace which flowed into my soul when first I saw that the Lord Jesus had died for my sins, and that they were all forgiven," he later wrote.

In June 1844, George, twenty, found a job as sales clerk at a drapery store in London. But his heart was torn by the masses of young men he saw living on the streets, in bars and brothels, occupied with gambling and fighting. On June 6, 1844, he began a program to win young men to Christ and to help them grow strong in body, mind, and soul. It was called the Young Men's Christian Association—the YMCA.

Williams' idea spread to America, and in 1869, Dr. Samuel Wolcott, pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church in Cleveland, Ohio, and a former missionary to Syria, hosted the local branch of the YMCA in his church. At the rally, he listened carefully to the speakers and noticed the banner over the pulpit that said, "Christ for the World and the World for Christ."

Wolcott had first attempted to write hymns at age fifty-six. Though he had "never put two rhymes together" and felt he could no more compose a hymn as perform a miracle, he felt strangely led to write a hymn of five stanzas. Imagine his surprise when his first hymn, "Father! I Own Thy Voice" was published.

He was trying to find a subject for his second hymn when the local chapter of the YMCA asked to use his church for their rally. That day in 1868, as Wolcott sat listening to the speakers and reading the banner over their heads, he received his inspiration. Walking home alone through the streets of Cleveland after the meeting, Dr. Wolcott composed all four stanzas of "Christ for the World We Sing."

Samuel Wolcott went on to write over two hundred hymns, but this one—his second attempt—is the only one still in popular usage. It came about because of a London sales clerk who cared about the souls of lost young men, and of a local pastor in Cleveland who shared the burden of winning "Christ for the World and the World for Christ."

We're the Episcopal Church!

We're the Episcopal Church! That means..... We believe that there are a total of seven sacraments. Two Dominical. See the Catechism p. 857 of the Book of Common Prayer.

LITURGICAL COLORS

The colors of the hangings in the Sanctuary and of the priest's vestments change from time to time during the Church Year. These changes signal different seasons or special holy days or events in the life of the Church. The prayers and Scripture readings of our liturgy also show these changes. Here is a Very Brief Summary of these colors:

VIOLET

Violet (sometimes called purple) is used in Advent & Lent. It can remind us of royalty, the coming of Jesus our King on the Last Day as well as the birth of Jesus our King & Savior. Violet also stands for penitence, (& fasting, prayer, almsgiving, & study) as we engage in Lenten self-discipline to prepare for Holy Week & Easter.

WHITE

White (sometimes gold & festive designs) is used for Christmas, Easter, Trinity Sunday, the Ascension & other festivals of our Lord. Also for events of importance in the life of the community: weddings, baptisms & funerals (We are an Easter people!)

White stands for purity, joy, "the bright light of truth" (Helen Stuart Griffith). White is used, too, for days when we celebrate the Saints whose lives are our shining examples.

RED

Red (two kinds) (1) Bright, fiery red for the tongues of flame marking the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, at Ordinations & Confirmations, and holy days when we remember the Saints (martyrs) who died giving witness to their faith. Maybe these martyrs should be included with the second red: (2) CRIMSON/OXBLOOD (think of animal sacrifice of old) of Christ's passion/suffering/dying on the Cross for us which we commemorate during Holy Week, beginning with Palm/Passion Sunday.

GREEN

Green is the color of life, of Creation & growth. During Epiphany season we focus on the earthly life of Jesus. On the Sundays after Pentecost our focus shifts to Christ's teaching. Both are seasons in which we grow in our knowledge of who & what Jesus is as well as what it means to love him & one another as he loves us.

You may be aware of some additional colors that I plan to mention when I write more specifically about the Seasons of the Church Year. Stay tuned.

-----the Revd Sarah V. Lewis



Movie Night

We had to skip the movie in June, but we will be back in September. We will be watching the movie "**Encanto**". It will be shown on **Friday, September 8 at 6:00pm**. This movie runs for 1 hour and 42 minutes. A discussion will follow.

Jennifer's Journal July 2023

- * The best part about a sermon is getting to listen in to that person's relationship with God.
- * Summer worship offers a different pace.
- * Try out these prayers from our Prayer Book online or BCP p. 810 and following:

[For Joy in God's Creation](#)

[For the Parish](#)

[For the Election of a Bishop or other Minister](#)

[For the Aged](#)

[For those we Love](#)

[In the Evening](#)

[For the Good Use of Leisure](#)

[A Litany of Thanksgiving](#)

- *In describing our parish to others, who is included?

We can describe where we have been; where do we want to go?

- *Our Buildings & Grounds Committee has been leading awesome work around our campus. Thank you, all, and especially the whole Baldwin family.
- *The Billerica Interfaith Association hosted a Juneteenth event that was informative and inspiring. It also contained a significant apology from a Town Selectboard member to the President and Vice-President of the High School's Students of Color Association for their lack of support during Black History Month. It was a wow.
- * I am so proud of our Community Pantry! Proud and impressed.

Cursillo Ministry

June 17th Ultreya

Theme: Mystery – Living in the Mystery of God and hosted by Doug Parsons



Mystic Theology is studying how we are supposed to know an unknowable God. During the Ultreya, we looked at how each of us lives with our individual mystery of our individual faith. The apostle Paul, in his Epistles, used the term "mystery" often (twenty-one times) when speaking of the Divine revelation. Paul spoke of the "mystery of the gospel," "the revelation of the mystery," "the mystery of God," "the mystery of Christ," "the mystery of the gospel," "the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven," and the "mystery of the faith."

Is Your Faith Walk a Magical Mystery Tour?

Next Ultreya will be on July 15th via Zoom. The Cursillo Community will take a break for the month of August and will resume on the 3rd Saturday in September.

Peace, Rosemary

Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Summer Break

Tuesday, June 13th, was our last meeting until September 5th. We are a small (presently 10 people) discussion group focused on helping each other in their spiritual journeys by relating scripture to everyday situations and problems. The discussions are informal, confidential and centered on Christian love for each other. We have been using study booklets from the IVP “Lifeguide” series, covering in the last year “Miracles”, “Spiritual Gifts”, “Peter - Learning to be like Jesus”, “Angels” and “Following Jesus”.

In September we will be looking at “The Sermon on the Mount”. If anyone wishes to join us you will find yourself in a warm, welcoming environment. We meet at 10 am in the room opposite the church office. If you need further details please contact Sue or John Geen on 978-657-0765.

Thrift Shop News

It's time to get your Christmas fix. Christmas in July will be celebrated again in the thrift shop. Customers to the shop use this event to start their projects for the holidays. They create items for their church fairs. They buy the perfect nativity for their grandchildren. Come shop with us and see what you can find.



St Anne's purchased **reusable bags for outreach**. If you would like you too can spread the word of St Anne's buy carrying one. For a \$5.00 donation we can replenish the outreach fund. Please see Sandra or Ed if interested in purchasing a bag or two.

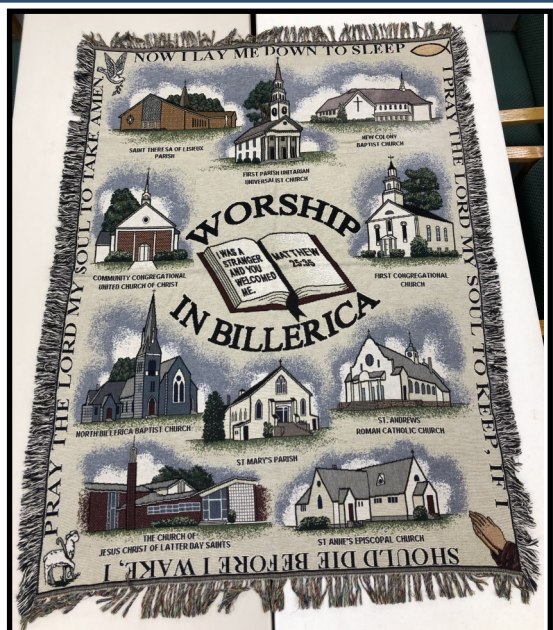


First Communion

Colin Baldwin, May 28th
(with his brother Eli)



The **Social Conscience Book group** is taking a break for the summer. We will be back in the fall. Keep on reading and share with our group in September what you have read over the summer.



If you are interest, St Anne's found four (4) of the **interfaith blankets** you see in the Nichols Room. If you would like to own one please see Sandra or Ed. We currently have them on consignment from another church. The price is \$25.00 each....

Newsletter deadline schedule!

August newsletter submission deadline: July 16, 2023

August newsletter distributed: July 26 2023

September newsletter submission deadline: August 20, 2023

September newsletter distributed: August 30, 2023

Community Events

* Carolisa's Classes * **Gift Certificates Available!** *

* **Schedule a Workshop @ St Anne's for a special occasion or just for fun!**

Further info on all classes and Sign up: moonlightdjz@gmail.com

Fb: Carolisa Moonlightdjz Fb: Carolisa's Classes

ZUMBA MIX @ St Anne's

Tuesdays 6:00p-7:00p

Try it -\$10 ~ seven weeks \$64. Advance sign up required @moonlightdjz@gmail.com * **NO CLASS JULY 4 & 25**

LINE DANCE MIX - 1 Fun Night! Date TBD* or by arrangement!

Want to jump in when everyone hits the dancefloor at the next wedding or party? We'll review the "party" line dances * Learn an Irish & a barn dance * Mix it up with some country and pop * Warm up with easy dance moves * Move, groove to some of the best dance classics & get loose on the dancefloor! * Have fun with friends * Beginners Welcome!

Bellydance 101 * Girls Night * Moms Night * Friends Night * Line Dance Mix

**Schedule a Workshop @ St Anne's! *Also on zoom ~ join friends from anywhere!*

FAMILY FUN DANCE.. Dancing, Fun & Games!

Did you Know??

Did you know that there is a line in our Diocesan budget for outreach ministries? What exactly does that mean?? Apparently, the funds in this budget line are used as grants made to parishes through the deaneries.

I should probably provide some context. As a recently elected representative of St. Anne's at Diocesan convention, I had the privilege of attending my first Merrimack Valley deanery meeting on Wednesday June 21. The meeting was held at St. Andrews church in Methuen and among the discussion items included on our agenda, (which were discussed after what else? A potluck meal of course ☐!) were three grant requests.

The first was a \$2,000 request by St. John's in Lowell to provide an after school Arts program for inner city youth in Lowell. Their program is divided into Culinary, Visual and Performance Arts.

The second request was a \$412 request from our host parish St. Andrews in Methuen to fund a health fair which is open to not only the members of the parish, but the funding would allow them to reach out to all members of the community to come in for needed health screenings information and treatment referrals.

The third, also from our host parish, was for \$400 for needed upkeep of their community garden. Methuen is a city and as such, many people don't have space in their yard for a garden. There are 14 "beds", 13 of which are used by members of the community, and one is reserved for the parish to supply its food pantry.

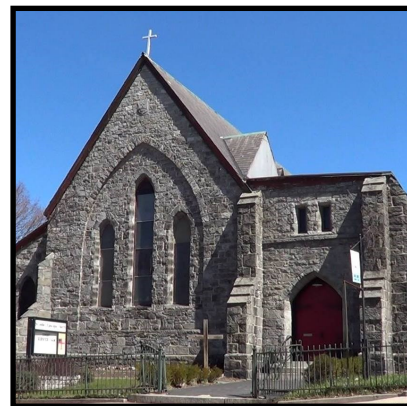
I didn't know that grant funds were available for activities like these, did you? It's good to know that there are funds available to help with these types of efforts. Could we put these funds to use? What ideas can we come up with at St. Anne's to reach out to and become more active in our community?

-Ed Giroux

Have you visited the churches mentioned by Ed in the article above?



St. Andrew's, Methuen



St. John's, Lowell

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 & her son Kevin, Brian Hering, Chick Meech, Chris Hering, Dale, Don, Donald Fudge, George Lyna, Janet Lyna, Jean Flight, Janet Strong, Jonathan, José Soreso, Joshua Young, Josy Herring, Kathy Chang, Lee Conley, Linda E., Lucy Ann Young & her daughter Paula, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander & her daughter Christine, Norm & MJ Zarella, Paul Hamner, Rebecca, Yvonne Hopkins

Marsha Hering, cousin of Brenda Komarinski, has passed away.

Kenneth William Carpine, son of Lisa and David Carpine, and grand-child of Rosemary and Ken Kinser, was born on June 13th.



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.

Book of Common Prayer pages 830 (*For a Birthday*) and 430-1 (*Blessing of a Marriage*)

Cyndi Hopkins	6/3	Suzanne Geen	7/3	Jennifer+ Beal	8/1
Sarah & Richard Lewis	6/4	Elaine Jones	7/28	Neil Hopkins	8/2
Jamie Stockton	6/8	Austin Mannelta	7/29	Dotty Callihan	8/3
John Geen	6/26			Peter Morelli	8/5
John & Linda Kusnierz	6/29			Mark & Brenda	8/5
				Lisa & David Carpine	8/8
				Lisa Higgins	8/8
				Mark Komarinski	8/15
				Robert Stockton	8/19
				Jane Clark	8/19
				Ed Giroux	8/23
				Camryn Stockton	8/24
				Mark Figenbaum	8/31



July 2023 St. Anne's Ministers' Schedule

Date	Ushers	Lector	LEM/Prayers/ Server	Acolyte	Video	Audio
July 2	George Cousens Dotty Callihan	Ken Kinser	Sue Geen	Mike Hopkins	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski
July 9	Marguerite Massey Russell Bent	John Geen	Mark Komarinski	Brenda Komarinski	Ron Desmarais	Mike Hopkins
July 16	Ken Kinser Rosemary Kinser	Marguerite Massey	Kathy Brewster	Mike Hopkins	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux
July 23	Dotty Callihan Patt Cregg	Russell Bent	Ron Desmarais	Brenda Komarinski	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski
July 30	Marguerite Massey Linda Kuszniarz	Michele O'Shea	Dotty Callihan <i>Officiant:</i> Rosemary Kinser <i>Preacher:</i> Mike Hopkins	Mike Hopkins	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux

Need Covid Tests?

To help keep everyone safe, please test for Covid-19. If anyone is in need of (free) rapid tests for Covid-19, we have them! Please contact the church office or pick them up at the back of the church.

July

St. Anne's Calendar 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8
9 am Sunday Service			10-2 Thrift Shop 9:30 am Craft Group	10-2 Thrift Shop	10-2 Thrift Shop	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9 am Sunday Service			10-2 Thrift Shop	10-2 Thrift Shop 4 pm Wardens & Clergy	10-2 Thrift Shop	10 am Altar Guild
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9 am Sunday Service 10:30 am Social Justice August newsletter deadline		7 pm Vestry	10-2 Thrift Shop 9:30 am Craft Group	10-2 Thrift Shop	10-2 Thrift Shop	8:30 pm Men's Breakfast 9 am Ladies' Breakfast 3 pm Diocesan event
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 am Sunday Service			10-2 Thrift Shop	10-2 Thrift Shop	10-2 Thrift Shop	
30	31					
9 am Sunday Service						



Enjoy the summer!

Concord River, 2023