

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Newsletter

AUGUST 2024



Dear St. Anne's Community,

An update about Mother Jennifer. She is home after orthopedic surgery and a one – week rehabilitative stay for bilateral knee replacements. Mother Jennifer is amazing and each day she is getting stronger. According to her husband, “she is moving like an Olympic athlete” – not quite, but it did make her laugh. Managing her pain is the biggest challenge, but she believes that it will get easier as she gets stronger. As we all say to her “one day at a time”. Mother Jennifer shared that “she loves hearing how St. Anne's is carrying on being the people of God, loving each other and the world in which we serve God's people”. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues her recovery phase.



Memorial Garden Update: As many of you are aware, we had some serious damage to the Memorial Garden involving the siding, broken windows and trim around the windows. In addition, we identified two broken windows on the side of the building facing the Pre-School smaller rooms. The damage was caused by a young neighbor and his friends hitting balls from his yard. Once we were able to determine which neighbors were involved, the Mom and I spoke, and she and her son expressed their sincere apologies. Right now, we are working with the Insurance company regarding this claim. On a special note, Jack, our sexton, picked up all the glass and balls and properly disposed of them. The following day, two of the Gardening Angels – Judy & Bob mowed the grass and spruced up the flowers. On Sunday morning, with the ray of sunshine, the Memorial Garden looked majestic. Thank you, Bob, Judy and Jack!

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Tuesday July 2 was M. Jennifer's last Office day.

M. Jennifer will not check her email or texts while out on Medical Leave. If there is something you would like her to know, please send it to her in October.

Our leadership team (of Wardens, Treasurer, and retired Clergy) will have her occasional progress reports. Already she is eager to return in October with brand new energy and strength!

Please contact our Wardens, Treasurer, or retired Clergy with your questions, concerns, or comments.

Long story short...

This year, on July 29th, 2024, the Episcopal Church will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the first priestly ordination of women. In September of 1974, we adopted our youngest son, Seth, a 3-month old. I believe that it was in October of that year that I was called by God to become a priest. At that time, my husband, a priest, did not accept the idea of women as priests. (Until it happened to me, I hadn't even given it a thought.) I didn't believe that my calling included changing his mind, so we put aside our differences as one might if one had opposite political leanings. About 20 years later, having found from a Roman Catholic theologian a reason for women to be ordained, my husband became my champion. I graduated from seminary in 2000 & (no shortcuts here) was ordained priest on August 7, 2004. Twenty years later, here I am, still loving & serving God. Here. With you.



Two interesting bits that tie us to the past (of which neither of us were aware at the time) [1] One of the ordaining bishops, the Rt. Rev. Robert L DeWitt of Philadelphia, was a suffragan bishop in the Diocese of Michigan when he ordained my husband a priest in Detroit on January 6, 1964. [2] The preacher at Dick's ordination was the Rev. William A Wendt, rector of Saint Stephen's & the Incarnation parish in Washington, DC. Dick did his seminary field work at St. Stephen's years before one of the Philadelphia 11, Alison Cheek, was invited by Fr. Wendt to celebrate her first Eucharist there. She was the first of the Philadelphia 11 to be a Celebrant. Small world? God's world, of which we all are a part.

—The Revd Sarah V Lewis

Worship:

9:00 am Sunday in person in July & August

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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www.facebook.com/StAnnesBillerica

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Dotty Callihan	2027
Norm Zarella	2027
Sandra Giroux	2026
Lisa Carpine	2025
Todd Baldwin	2025
Maria Martin	2025

Mother Jennifer's Office Hours:

Will resume in October

Church Office Hours:

Tuesdays 11-3 pm
(For July & August)

Thrift Shop Hours:

Tuesday 2-6pm
Wed & Thurs 10 am-2 pm

12-Step Meetings:

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

— Wardens' message continued...

Buildings & Grounds Update: We definitely keep this group busy. The most recent project involved the Thrift Shop. As many of you know, we were able to replace a broken heating system and add an air conditioning system this year. The managers and volunteers in the Thrift Shop work extremely hard whether the weather is cold or hot and as you know, this seems to be a record-breaking summer for heat. The Thrift Shop team discovered that although the first floor was cool, the second floor remained very warm and humid on those hot days. Due to the age of the building, and the limited number of vents upstairs, there would continue to be a problem. B&G installed a humidifier and stand-alone air conditioner on the 2nd floor. With the continued use of fans, along with this installation, it seems to have made the area more comfortable. Special thanks to the B&G members who made this happen!

At some point, later this summer or early fall, you may see a refurbished sign on the church grounds. Special thanks to Marguerite for leading this project.

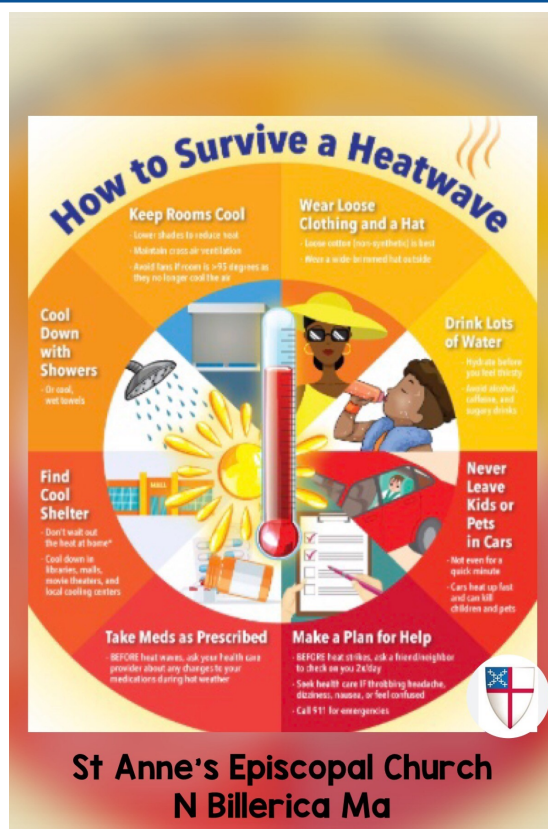
Miss Tina, the Director of the Explorers Pre-School expressed her sincere thank you to members of the B&G team who cleaned up the children's outdoor play area!

Vestry: We are not meeting in July or August but have been busy reviewing and approving the 2nd quarter financial reports virtually. In addition, several members have been working on fundraising events. There will be a "Family Fun Game Night" on August 16th – All are welcome – there will be something for everyone! Please support this special event.

We are so very blessed to have a wonderful Worship Team this summer. Our warmest thanks to The Reverend's Sarah and Dick Lewis for providing us with the Holy Eucharist and for all our lay leaders who will be officiating Morning Prayer and Sermons.

Philippians 4:13 – I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Peace - Mike and Rosemary



Movie Night

The next movie will be on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 7:00pm. It will be **“Cry, The Beloved Country”**. This film runs for 1 hour and 46 minutes. A discussion will follow.

— Brenda Komarinski



Prayer list updates- If you have made prayer list requests, please send updates so that we can update our list accordingly.

The first in-person class will be September 19, 2024. We will be studying the life of Jesus on Earth for the 2024-2025 school year. The schedule is below. If you have questions, please let Brenda know (bkomarinski@gmail.com).



Date	Topic
September 19, 2024 Thursday	The Birth Of Jesus
October 17, 2024 Thursday	The Boy Jesus Visits the Temple
November 21, 2024 Thursday	John Baptizes Jesus
December 19, 2024 Thursday	The Fishers of Men
January 16, 2025 Thursday	The Beatitudes
February 13, 2025 Thursday	Feeding the 5000
March 20, 2025 Thursday	The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
April 17, 2025 Thursday	The Last Supper
April 19, 2025 Saturday	Children's Easter Service on Holy Saturday
May 3, 2025 Saturday	Early/First Communion formation for children
May 4, 2025 Sunday	Early/First Communion Sunday
May 15, 2025 Thursday	Jesus is Crucified. Jesus is Risen!

Episcopal Church News

[Episcopal News Service – Louisville, Kentucky] The triennial Episcopal family reunion, worship extravaganza and legislative session that is General Convention was back in full force during its meeting here after the pandemic had pared down the previous gathering.

This year's June 20-28 convention, six legislative days that began June 23 with three days of events before, was shorter than most past conventions, where legislative sessions typically spanned eight days or longer.



Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe is flanked by 26th Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori and 27th Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Photo: Randall A. Gornowich

The 80th General Convention, on the other hand, was postponed from 2021 to 2022 because of the pandemic, was [shorted to just four days](#) and had limited face-to-face engagement. That gathering also implemented other health precautions, such as daily testing, to slow the spread of COVID-19.

This week's 81st General Convention was not without an appearance by COVID-19. Enough participants came down with the virus that some others wore masks and a nearby pharmacy reportedly ran out of Paxlovid, the antiviral used to treat the virus.

General Convention, as the church's primary governing body, splits its authority between the House of Bishops and House of Deputies. The two houses handled 390 resolutions, many passing via daily, sometimes massive, [consent calendars](#).

While in Louisville, the convention elected the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe to be its the 28th presiding bishop, reelected Julia Ayala Harris as House of Deputies president, elected the Rev. Steve Pankey as deputies' vice president, passed a \$143 million budget for the next triennium, approved a constitutional change to clearly define the Book of Common Prayer, reexamined its clergy disciplinary canons while agreeing to consider how lay leaders might be disciplined for wrongdoing, and supported changes in the structures of seven of its dioceses.

See more details here: <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2024/06/28/81st-general-convention-wraps-up-in-louisville/>

THE HOUSE OF HOPE, Lowell, MA.

For the last two or three years, Sarah and I have chosen to direct some of our Resources to support this local program. It provides shelter programs for those who are beginning again after a fire, eviction or other difficulties. The House of Hope shelter is on Fletcher St. in the city and is one aspect of their total program.

They have, in their last program year, aided 31 families in finding safe and decent apartments. Their case managers and housing advocates have done the hard work of connecting with landlords, helped with applications, done unit visits, and made sure the needed paperwork was complete for leases. In many cases they also provided translation services. There is also a two-years follow along to help ensure the family is stable (many are first time renters). House of Hope has 39 apartments at five sites. In the last program year six families were able to move out and six new families moved in from a shelter situations.

I am reporting this because we are accepting no payment for our Sunday Supply work this Summer. We have urged the Wardens and Vestry to consider making a contribution to this work. Part of the work outlined in Matthew 25 is to shelter the homeless. House of Hope is doing that and will appreciate any support that St Anne's might provide.



House of Hope Inc.

Thanks for reading this - (The Revd) Richard H Lewis
July 2024

Social Conscience Book Group

The Social Conscience Book Club is reading *Beloved* by Michelle Obama. I have a copy of this book on CD if anyone wants to borrow it let Rich know.

I'm currently reading *Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker* by Jennifer Chiaverini.

—Member of Social Conscience Book Club, Marguerite Massey



Bones

Ankle , elbow ,
ulna, hip, and toe.
Scattered, desicated,
shattered , yellow
and ivory-brown.

E'zek strides among us
shouting “ Unite. Now.”
in El's name. ‘‘

“click, clack “,
Then sinew-sewn,
enfleshed anew.

—Submitted by Rev'd Richard Lewis

Upright, yet
still inanimate.

Then - ruach, spirit, wind
blows, Breath of Life
infuses, flesh lives.

From grave to life,
from Exile to Zion
Israel sees El's glory
and rejoices !!

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Thrift Shop

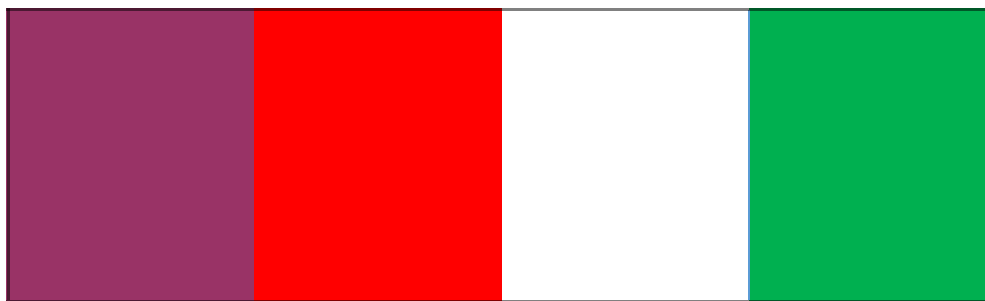
The thrift shop is overflowing with items. We have clothes, purses, jewelry, books, and toys. Anyone with a child or grandchild setting up an apartment we have glassware, mugs, utensils, dishes, and pots and pans. Come in and check out the thrift shop!

—From the Thrift Shop volunteers

— Microsoft stock image



Liturgical Colors & Seasons, continued...



Holy Week, which begins with the Sunday of the Passion, aka Palm Sunday, & includes Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, & concludes with the Easter Vigil, the First Eucharist of Easter. In a similar way as Holy Week marks the transition from the 40 days of Lent to Eastertide, & displays a variety of liturgical colors to remind us of this, so too, at the conclusion of the 50 days of Easter, a number of Sundays lead us to the Sundays after Pentecost:

First of all there is Ascension Day, which is not on a Sunday, but always comes on a Thursday! That is because it marks the 50th Day of Eastertide. (Easter begins on a Sunday after all.) The color is WHITE because it is a Festival of the Lord. Three days later comes the Seventh Sunday of Easter/Sunday after Ascension, also WHITE because it is in the octave of the Ascension. The following Sunday is the Day of Pentecost/Whitsunday, when we celebrate the coming of the promised Holy Spirit with bright RED, both on the hangings & vestments, & (if we're able) by wearing red ourselves to remember the tongues of flame descending on the disciples. Some Churches hold a Vigil of Pentecost on the Eve before Pentecost.

The First Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday comes next & its color is WHITE, because we celebrate our One God who is known to us in Three Persons.

The Second Sunday after Pentecost begins the long GREEN season of the Church Year. The first half of the Church Year is from Advent through Ascension & its Gospels reflect the life of Jesus the Christ. In the Sundays after Pentecost, the second half of the Church Year, the Gospels focus on our Lord's teachings. A couple of exceptions to this are:

All Saints Sunday / (24th Sunday after Pentecost) the Sunday falling either on November 1st (All Saints Day itself) & November 7th, WHITE hangings. Then back to GREEN through the twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost.

The Last Sunday after Pentecost – known in many Christian denominations at Christ the King Sunday, the last Feast of our Lord is WHITE, and marks the end of the Christian Year.

A new Christian Year begins on: the First Sunday of Advent, with VIOLET vestments & hangings & which begins 4 Sundays before Christmas Day.

When you look at a monthly calendar page during the 'long green season' of Pentecost, sometimes you will see a speckling of red and white days. These are days on which specific saints are celebrated. Each saint has their own collect & lessons. Those are holy women and men who are witnesses of the faith. (Martyr means Witness). Those whose color is RED, gave their lives for their faith. Those whose color is WHITE lived their lives in the faith. Not all of us may be called to give our lives for our faith. All of us are called to live our lives faithfully...with God's help.

— *Rev'd Sarah Lewis*

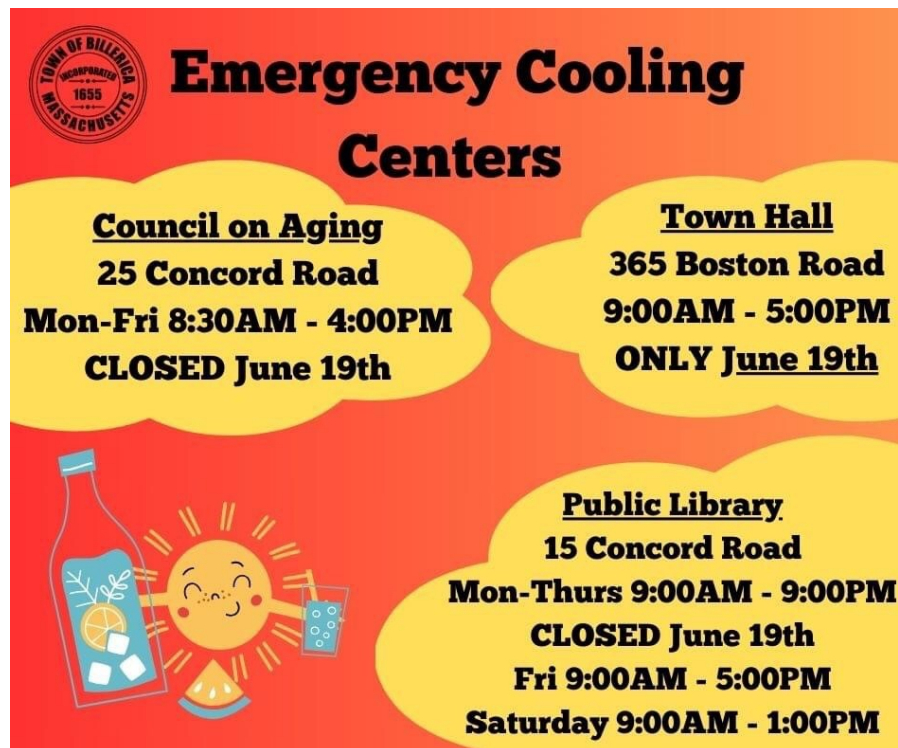
Newsletter deadline schedule!

September newsletter submission deadline: August 18, 2024

September newsletter distributed: August 28, 2024

October newsletter submission deadline: September 15, 2024

October newsletter distributed: September 25 2024



TOWN OF BILLERICA
INCORPORATED 1655
MASSACHUSETTS

Emergency Cooling Centers

Council on Aging
25 Concord Road
Mon-Fri 8:30AM - 4:00PM
CLOSED June 19th

Town Hall
365 Boston Road
9:00AM - 5:00PM
ONLY June 19th

Public Library
15 Concord Road
Mon-Thurs 9:00AM - 9:00PM
CLOSED June 19th
Fri 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Saturday 9:00AM - 1:00PM

Community Events

* Carolisa's Classes * Gift Certificates Available! *

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

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

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***BELLYDANCE- Beginners Workshop ~ August 6 –Tuesday *6:30-7:45p**

\$12 * Sign up by 8/1 @moonlightdjz@gmail.com

Try this beautiful & joyful dance! *Energizing yet relaxing * Veil * Greek dances * Increase flexibility & work all muscles *
Feel great in this fun & friendly class! *Women of all ages & fitness levels welcome!

***ZUMBA MIX ~ BACK in September! Tuesdays 6:00pm**

***HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN DANCE * Friday October 25 ~ 6:00 –7:30p**

for Kids & Adults! *Move * Groove * Rock Out * Party Line Dances * Fun & Games * Limbo * Musical Hulahoops *Barn
Dance * Come in costume!* sign up @ moonlightdjz@gmail.com

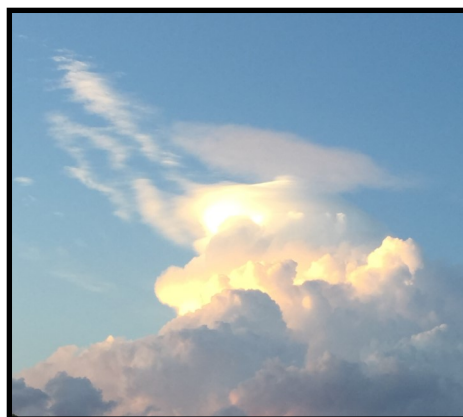
* Workshops * Girls Night * Line Dance Mix by arrangement

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 Weisensee, Chick Meech, Don, Donald Fudge, Frank Deloia, Gail, George Lyna, Heather, Irene Lander, Janet Lyna, Janet Strong, Jean Flight, Joanne Hering, John & Kathy Chang, Joshua Young, Ken Kinser, Kevin Rogers, Lee Conley, Lucy Ann Young & daughter Paula, Marie, Marie Horgan, Mary Lander, Norm & MJ Zarella, Pat McCleave, son & granddaughter, Paul Hamner, Pete Jeffrey, Rebecca, Rose Crotty, Rev. Tom Barrington, Sue Hering, Yvonne Hopkins

We pray for those that have recently passed away.



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)

Suzanne Geen	7/3	Jennifer+ Beal	8/1	Maureen Thibeault	9/7
Elaine Jones	7/28	Neil Hopkins	8/2	Jose Torres & Doris	9/8
Austin Mannetta	7/29	Dotty Callihan	8/3	Brenda Komarinski	9/10
		Peter Morelli	8/5	Michele O'Shea	9/11
		Mark & Brenda Komarinski	8/5	Trevor Josselyn	9/13
		Lisa & David Carpin		Judy Peck	9/20
		Lisa Higgins		Cindy Fawcett	9/24
		Mark Komarinski		Pete Jeffrey	9/27
		Robert Stockton	8/19	Nancy Packard	9/30
		Jane Clark	8/19		
		Ed Giroux	8/23		
		Camryn Stockton	8/24		
		Mark Figenbaum	8/31		

August 2024 St. Anne's Ministers' Schedule

Date	Ushers	Lector	LEM/Prayers/ Server	Acolyte	Video	Audio
August 4	Russell Bent Linda Kusnierz	Norm Zarella	Ron Desmarais	Norm Zarella	Ken Kinser	Ed Giroux
August 11	Ken Kinser Rosemary Kinser	Michele O'Shea	Dotty Callihan John Geen	Brenda Komarinski	Ron Desmarais	Mark Komarinski
August 18	Russell Bent Linda Kusnierz	Ken Kinser	Mark Komarinski	Norm Zarella	Sandra Giroux	Ed Giroux
August 25	Dotty Callihan Pat Cregg	Sue Geen	Ed Giroux	Brenda Komarinski	Eli Baldwin	Mark Komarinski



Sunshine Gals Luncheon

4th Saturday of every month
11:30am - 1:00pm

Free will offering accepted

First Parish Church
Billerica Center

Come enjoy a home
cooked meal and be
nourished by the
community.



AUGUST

ST. ANNE'S CALENDAR 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 10-2 Thrift Shop	2	3
4 9 am Sunday Service	5	6 2-6 Thrift Shop 11-3 Church Office	7 10-2 Thrift Shop	8 10-2 Thrift Shop	9	10
11 9 am Sunday Service	12	13 2-6 Thrift Shop 11-3 Church Office	14 10-2 Thrift Shop	15 10-2 Thrift Shop	16 6-9pm Game Night	17
18 9 am Sunday Service 11:30 am Buildings & Grounds Newsletter Input Due	19	20 2-6 Thrift Shop 11-3 Church Office No Vestry during the summer	21 10-2 Thrift Shop	22 10-2 Thrift Shop	23 6 pm Youth Group	24 8:30 pm Men's Breakfast 9 am Ladies' Breakfast
25 9 am Sunday Service	26	27 2-6 Thrift Shop 11-3 Church Office	28 10-2 Thrift Shop	29 10-2 Thrift Shop	30	31