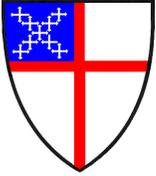


Glad Tidings

December 2017



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Vicar's Voice

I think that Advent is my favorite season of the Church year. Advent has a spare feel to it, a bareness, that opens me to new possibilities. Advent is a reserved season, a John the Baptist season, that brings me back to the basics. I like the simplicity of it.

As I contemplate Advent, I think about new things happening at St. Antony's. It seems like there's new life springing up. Visitors and newcomers on Sunday always bring a fresh feel, and we welcome them generously into our family, even if only for one Sunday.

Construction on our new church is progressing at a steady rate. I try to stop by at least once a week to take photos to add to the website. The three-year capital campaign we began in December of 2014 is almost fulfilled and we're beginning to see the results (I, for one, plan to continue giving to the Building Fund the same amount as I gave to the capital campaign).

The Godly Play program we began this fall is flourishing under its team leadership. Each Sunday morning our children are offered the freshness of the Word springing out of the Godly Play lessons. The generous response to our Harvest Tree request has resulted in a good start in acquiring the materials we need.

Our Counters are learning a new software program to help us improve the financial accounting of our pledges. As with any new program, there's a steep learning curve. In addition, Linda is learning how to use the same program for church management.

Our stewardship drive is underway, with Ingathering Sunday coming up on December 3. I'm sure we'll all continue our faithfulness and generosity as we support the work of God in our parish. Jim Foley, our Treasurer, has worked tirelessly to manage our stewardship drive at the same time he has overseen the opening of new bank accounts at Kitsap Bank.

Our choir is singing beautifully with a full voice, our participation at Lord's Neighborhood Diner is enthusiastic, our knitters are witty, and we offer our praise to God every Sunday with full hearts. Thanks be to God!



Bill

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who worship God, grow in Christ, and serve others.
Gather, Grow, and Go!*

Communications Commission

With the excitement of Advent and the holidays fast approaching us it is a good time to write in your calendars with things you want (and need) to do. It just seems to make all the planning ahead much easier. One of the planned church events for last week was the "Ladies Tea and Crumpets". Wow! It was a lovely time of getting together over cups of hot tea, and trays of yummy treats to eat our way into the afternoon. We had special door prizes to give away in a drawing, and Lady Chelsea Reeder volunteered to draw the names from a basket. Our winners were: Ladies Maggie Scott, Norma Tipton, Jan Peterson, Caroline Hoag, and Kathy Little. Among the 30 ladies in attendance we had a few who were taking pictures. Hopefully they will send them to Fr. Bill right away so he can place them on the web. Happy Holidays to all of us at St. A's and beyond.

Tovi Andrews, Communications Commissioner



Memorial Fund Activity

By Bill Fulton

The Memorial Fund of St. Antony's is dedicated to the memory of those we love who have died. Generous contributions over the years have resulted in a healthy fund balance. Now that we're nearing the completion of our new building, the Memorial Fund Committee has met to begin deciding how to use the fund to help furnish the building. Memorial fund items are usually things of enduring and lasting value, especially things used for worship.

At our first meeting, we reviewed the fund balance and the need for items such as new processional torches, altar linens for the new altar and credence table, hangings to go behind the cross, and a small brass cross for the side chapel. In addition, we also discussed the need for a new baptismal font (perhaps crafted by a local artist), a new section of the columbarium, a sign for the church, a piano, and new chairs and new chair coverings. I'm sure there will be more items for discussion. The Committee will eventually make recommendations to the Bishop's Committee, which will make the final decision.

Our next meeting is 1:00 pm, Monday, November 28, in the parish hall. If you're interested in the Memorial Fund, you're invited to join us.

Advent Contemplative Services

During the season of Advent, St. Antony's will hold a Contemplative Candlelight Service each Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the sanctuary.

These quiet introspective services are a beautiful way to settle our hearts, minds and bodies in anticipation for the wonders of Christmas. Come one... come all!

Carolyn Sorrell



Kitsap County Division of Aging & Long-Term Care Programs

Mark your calendars for 10:30 am on Sunday January 14, 2018 to learn about the variety of services available for seniors and their caregivers in our county.

Stacey Smith and Jennifer Calvin-Meyers will provide a presentation on the various programs provided by the Kitsap County Division of the Aging & Long-Term Care. Stacey Smith is the Division Administrator and Jennifer Calvin-Meyers is the Supervisor of the Caregiver Support Program. The majority of services are available to seniors of all income levels.

Gail Campbell-Ferguson,

Bishop's Warden Musings

Happy New Year.

December 3rd marks the beginning of Advent and the Church's new year. Advent is a season of waiting and anticipation. This year Advent will be a short as it can be, 21 ½ days (December 3 through sunset December 24). This year we will celebrate our savior's birth beginning at 5:00 PM Christmas Eve.

I imagine Mary and Joseph were doing a lot of anticipating and preparing of their own. Then everything changed as "a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem." (Luke 2:1, 3-4) As we know, that didn't stop Christmas, but it did complicate the season of waiting for Jesus' birth.

It occurs to me that here at St. Antony's we are living out this story in our own way. We are also in a season of waiting. It has taken longer than 21 ½ days. I hesitate to even attempt to count the days. (At what point would I start counting? Seeking for a field to plant our dreams? Buying the field? The building campaign? When planning began? When design work began? (Groundbreaking?)

The new facilities committee has, over the months and years, told us about decrees that revised our preparations too. This season of waiting does have an end. Then we will celebrate a new season. Until then, happy new year and have a blessed Advent.

Charles Smith, Bishop's Warden

News from the Altar/Floral Guild

Poinsettias

Advent is almost here! We are making plans to make the Altar area look beautiful! God willing, this will be our last Christmas in our present location! As always, you have been very generous and we would like to thank you in advance for signing up for a poinsettia.

The suggested amount is \$15.00. The sign-up sheets have been placed in the Narthex. Please make your check out to St. Antony's Altar Guild and write "poinsettia" on the memo line.

The Christmas Eve Bulletin will have your name listed.
Thank you very much for signing up by December 17th!



Flowers and Sanctuary Lamps 2018

The 2018 sign-up sheets for Altar flowers and Sanctuary lamps have been put out in the Narthex. Reserve your favorites dates by putting your name down. We especially would like to draw your attention to Sanctuary lamps. Signing up for one is such a simple and economical way to honor a loved one or to just give thanks! We always have a lot of openings and we really need your help with this.

Christmas Garland

We will be making the large Christmas garland on December 16th, right after the men's breakfast and gift exchange. The men are so great spreading the tarps in the Narthex to protect the floor, hauling in the greens, cutting and sizing them to manageable sizes and wiring bundles of green to a big rope, and lastly attaching holly.

Please start bringing greens to church starting on Dec. 10th. We like to use fir, cedar and holly (no hemlock) cut into manageable size, not whole branches. It is truly a fun time. So bring your gloves, clippers and great stories to tell! Father Bill is the expert in hanging the garland!

Caroline Hoag



Parish Life

Advent is a time of prayerful anticipation of the birth of Christ. As our days grow shorter, darker and colder, we are drawn towards quiet, inward reflection as we wait. Advent provides a welcome respite from the oft frantic busyness of the secular holiday season.

Parish Life Events.

The first annual St. Antony Ladies Tea and Crumpets event on 18 November was well attended, and provided an opportunity to slow down, leisurely sip tea and get to know one another on a more personal level. Thank you to Tovi Andrews, Sylvia Campbell and Loretta McGinley for putting this event together.

Cookie Exchange. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending the St. Antony Cookie Exchange and Sing-along on Sunday, 17 December from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the church hall. Please bring 2 dozen cookies to exchange and enjoy a relaxing hour of fellowship and music.

Pastoral Care.

Lay Eucharist Visitors are available to provide the Eucharist to homebound parishioners. Please contact the church office to request a visit.

Pastoral Care Team: Contact the church office if you would like, or know of someone who may benefit from a care call, a visit, meals and/or transportation assistance.

Please contact Father Bill or Loretta McGinley if you would like to join either the Lay Eucharist Visitor Ministry or to be a part of the Pastoral Care Team.

Loretta McGinley, Parish Life Commissioner

2019 Lilly Grant Proposal

The committee continues to work on the Lilly Grant to fund a 3-4-month sabbatical in 2019 for Fr. Bill. The purpose of the sabbatical is to allow him time away from his daily and weekly responsibilities which will give him time for personal reflection and renewal. The grant will also cover the cost of the supply priest to serve us while Bill is away.

The theme for the sabbatical is "Everyone has a story". Bill plans to meet with several of his seminary classmates and hear the stories of their ministries and share his story with them. By reflecting on these stories, he hopes to deepen his ministry and discover new wells of inspiration. While he is gone, we will be sharing the stories of our time at St. A's with one another. A facilitator will help us review our history as a congregation, from the time we were formed to the present. We also want to know what attracted our newer members to St. A's and what keeps them coming. In a hallway of our new church, we hope to create a "Hall of Stories" where a timeline of the profiles Bill collects along with the stories from those of us at St. A's will be posted.

As we adjust to our new building and its location, this is an excellent opportunity for us to examine who we are as a congregation and how we want to pursue our mission as a Christian church. Bill's time of reflection and his discussions with his classmates will bring in a perspective that will help him and us in our journey moving forward.

The Lilly Grant Planning Committee (Fr. Bill, Charles Smith and Gail Campbell-Ferguson)

Diocesan Convention 2017

The 107th convention of the Diocese of Olympia was held October 27-28, 2017 at the Vancouver (USA) Hilton hotel. The convention consisted of several sessions; however, it can be summarized as accomplishing four things.

1. Gathering us as one people.
2. Receiving reports on what is happening in our diocese.
3. Electing people to various roles.
4. Voting on resolutions, changes to the constitution and changes to the canons.

Gathering as one people was so important that we choose to make it a separate article.

Some of the reports came in video form. Our own Fr. Bill Fulton appeared in the video about the Diocesan Vision Statement which is appended to the end of this article.

There were two elections of note to us in the Peninsula region. The first was for our clergy representative to Diocesan Council, the Reverend Gail Wheatley of St. Andrew's Port Angeles was elected. The second was for a fourth clergy alternate for the 2018 General Convention, again the Reverend Gail Wheatley was elected.

There were six resolutions this year:

1. 2019 Diocesan Assessment Rate - **Approved** (by the way it will be 15% or the same as 2017 and 2018)
2. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) to Clergy Salary Scale for 2018 - **Approved**
3. Health Insurance Coverage - **Approved** (this defines the base plan for 2018 and how much is covered if an eligible employee selects a different option)
4. This resolution directs the Diocese of Olympia to submit a resolution to the 79th General Convention to appoint a task force to explore the implementation of Title III, Canon 1 - **Approved** (i.e. how do we "make provision for the affirmation and development of the ministry of all baptized persons...")
5. Regarding the Inclusivity of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons at Diocesan Convention - **Approved as amended**
 - Amendment to add brail - **Failed**
 - Amendment to replace with a substitute resolution asking Diocesan Council to develop plans to make convention more inclusive (without naming or limiting it to any particular 'barrier') - **Approved**
6. Regarding American Sign Language Interpreters at Diocesan Convention - **Approved as amended**
 - Amendment to add the provision for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to the provisions for American Sign Language - **Approved**

There were four changes to the canons:

1. Canon 2, section 2 (Lay Members of Convention) - remove the requirement for equal numbers of men and women - **Approved** (note: there is a pending change to the constitution, so this is NOT in effect, yet)
2. Canon 12 (Business Methods in Church Affairs) - replace all references to a Comptroller with a Finance Committee - **Approved**
3. Canon 24 (Diocesan School of Ministry and Theology) - remove wording specific to the currently inactive Diocesan School of Ministry and Theology and replace with generic wording for any Diocesan School or Schools that may be operated at some point in the future - **Approved**
4. Canon 26 (Ecclesiastical Discipline) - now that this committee has existed for several years the language on how to develop it and the dates for the implementation of each phase are obsolete and need to be removed - **Approved**

There are two changes to the Diocesan Constitution. These changes have to be passed (with the same wording) at two consecutive Diocesan Conventions. One change is on its first convention and, therefore, not in effect yet (see notes after canon 2 above), the other is on its second convention and went into effect.

- First Convention: Article VII (Members of Convention), delete the requirement for equal numbers of men and women - **Approved**
- Second Convention: Article XII (Deputies and Alternate Deputies to General Convention), adds words to require the clergy to be canonically resident in the Diocese and adds a section to say deputies and alternates must be 18 or accompanied by a parent/guardian in compliance with the applicable Diocesan procedures for those who work with children or youth - **Approved**

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Diocesan Convention 2017 continued...

Vision Statement

The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, part of the Jesus Movement, bears witness to God’s redemptive reign and acts out God’s inclusive love, peace, and justice, uniquely living out this call within our specific local communities.

Locally Centered

Instead of operating from a “top-down” model that prizes centralized leadership, we believe that each congregation must be free to live out this vision in a way that best meets the unique needs of their specific community.

Networked Communities

We believe that our more than 100 worshipping communities are stronger when there are connections that allow our congregations to share stories, resources, challenges, and triumphs with one another.

Sacrament & Service

We are a liturgical community that is rooted in our common prayer and our weekly celebration of Holy Eucharist, which forms us and prepares us to step beyond our church walls and serve our neighborhoods, our towns and cities, and the world.

Forming Leaders

We are committed to developing faith practitioners who are learning, growing, and gathering regularly to proclaim the good news of God as revealed in the life, ministry, and witness of Jesus Christ.

Charles Smith, Delegate to Convention



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Special Events

Men’s Breakfast



Men’s Breakfast and Gift Exchange
8:00 AM
Saturday, December 16

All men of St. Antony’s are invited to come to share a hearty breakfast and participate in the gift exchange.

**Bring a gift of less than \$10
and be ready to be surprised!**

Cookie Exchange

You are invited to our Christmas cookie exchange and sing-along on Sunday, December 17 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the church hall. Please bring 2 dozen cookies to exchange, and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of fun, fellowship and music!





December Birthdays

1	Jackie Vincent
2	Carole Nau
	Carolyn Sorrell
	Declan Jarry
13	Gail Ferguson
19	Helen Stockton
2	Bill Reeder
24	Carol Smith
28	Daniel Furguson



December Anniversaries

16	Stan & Moonyeen Marks
19	Ed & Carolyn Segrist
20	Jausch & Amanda Stout
28	Ken Stephens & Loretta McGinley
30	Mark & Gail Westin

Deadline for the December Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, November 21st** at 10 am. Please send all submissions to: stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.



Financial Report October			Account Balances	
	Year-to-date			October
Operating Income	\$13,762.70	\$163,161.02	Local Checking	\$262,841.75
Operating Expenses	\$14,653.28	\$165,890.87	Local Savings	\$45,944.89
Net in July	(890.58)	(\$2,729.85)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$1,377,517.01
			Total	\$1,686,303.65

December 2017 Schedule

JOB	December 3 1st Sunday in Advent	December 10 2nd Sunday in Advent	December 17 3rd Sunday in Advent	December 24 4th Sunday in Advent	December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	December 24 Christmas Eve 10:30 pm	December 25 Christmas Day 9:00 am	December 31 1st Sunday of Christmas
EM 7:30 am	Bill T.	Ruth L.	Donna H.	Elizabeth M.			Bill T.	Elizabeth M.
LC/OT & NT 7:30am	Norma T.	Donna H.	Elizabeth M.	Norma T.			David/Declan	Ruth L.
GREETER 7:30am	Jim S.	Darrow L.	Rod & Marin	Donna H.				Jacque W.
EM 9 am	Peter S.	Charles S.	Shane C.	Bill T.	Ruth L.	Peter S.		Charles S.
LC/OT 9 am	Stu S.	David W.	Jim F.	Stu S.	Gail C-F	Elizabeth M.		Jim F.
LC/NT 9 am	Declan J.	Cris M.	Larry L.	Shane C.	Kathy L.	Jim F.		Declan J.
ACOLYTES 9 am	Aina Z. Kate Z. Christina E.	Delcan J. Chelsea R. Cris M.	Christina W. Benjamin W. Jason W.	Mackenzie W. Collin H. Drew W.	Christina E Cris M.	Daniel F. Chelsea R.		Charles S. Chelsea R.
GREETER 9 am	Nancy L.	Tovi A.	Carole N.	Nancy L.	Darrow L.	Carole N.		Nancy L.
USHER 9 am	Mark W.	Dave & Jan	Chris C.	Mark W.		Dave & Jan		Carolyn & David
COUNTERS	Heidi F-W Chris C.	David W. Nancy L.	Jim F. Jacque W.	Bill C. Norma T.	Jim F.	Heidi F-W		Heidi F-W David W.
COFFEE HOUR	Carrie R.	Foley Family	Sandy S.	Youth				Sarah R.
Eucharistic Visitors	Loretta/Beth	Beth/Tovi	Loretta/Kathy	Kathy/Loretta				Olivia/Kathy
1st LESSON	Isaiah 64:1-9	Isaiah 40:1-11	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 52:7-10	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
PSALM	Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Psalm 126	Canticle 15	Psalm 96	Psalm 96	Psalm 98	Psalm 147
2nd LESSON	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	2 Peter 3:8-15a	1 Thessaloni- ans 5:16-24	Romans 6:25-27	Titus 2:11-14	Titus 2:11-14	Hebrews 1:1-12	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
GOSPEL	Mark 13:24-37	Mark 1:1-8	John 1:6-8,19-28	Luke 1:26-38	Luke 2:1-20	Luke 2:1-20	John 1:1-14	John 1:1-18

Roster of Volunteers for Services

If you cannot serve on your assigned Sunday, please call someone from this list.
(A strike through a name means they are not available now but will be back.)

LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES
7:30 AM	7:30 AM	7:30 AM	Bill Cleveland A	Chris Crowson	Carleton M.
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Chris Crowson B	Ray Flagg	Christina E.
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Darrow Lindstrum	Jim Foley A	Pete Morris	Collin H.
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead	Rod & Marin Mash	Nancy Ladenberger B	Dave & Jan Peterson	Declan Jarry
John Teller	Bill Reeder	Jim Smith	Norma Tipton B	Ed Segrist	Cris McCarty
Norma Tipton	Charles Smith	John & Jane Teller	Jacque Walker B	Dave & Carolyn S.	Chelsea R.
Mardi Dawson (sub)	Bill Thaete	Jacque Walker	David Wilkinson A	Mark Westin	Drew W.
			Heidi Feenstra-WilsonA		Mackenzie W.
9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	A - computer		Benjamin W.
Shane Carlson	Shane Carlson	Tovi Andrews	B - non computer		Christina W.
Gail C- Ferguson	Kathy Little	Ray & Elizabeth Flagg			Jason W.
Elizabeth Flagg	Carolyn Segrist	Liz Haney			Aina Z.
Jim Foley	Charles Smith	Nancy Ladenberger			Kate Z.
Declan Jarry	Peter Stockwell	Carole Nau			
Larry Little	Bill Thaete	Malcolm & Sylvia (substitute)			
Cris McCarty	Mary Zabinski				
Carolyn & Ed Segrist					
Stu Smith					
David Wilkinson					

December 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Vicar's Day Off	2 1-6 pm Writing Group
3 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School & Nursery 4 pm Contemplative Prayer Service 5 pm Rite 13	4	5 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 6 pm Scouts	6 9 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	7 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 7:00 pm Building Committee Mtg.	8 Vicar's Day Off	9 1-6 pm Writing Group
10 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School & Nursery 4 pm Contemplative Prayer Service	11 4:30 pm Outreach Team Mtg.	12 7 am Sonshine Fellowship	13 9 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	14 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 6:30 pm BC Meeting	15 Vicar's Day Off	16 8 am Men's Breakfast/ Gift exchange 10 am Greening of the Church 1-6 pm Writing Group
17 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Christmas Pageant 3:00 pm Cookie Exchange 4pm Contemplative Prayer Service 5 pm Rite 13	18 No Witty Knitters in Dec.	19 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 6pm Scouts	20 9 am Morning Prayer 11 am Witty Knitters 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	21 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	22 Vicar's Day Off	23 1-6 pm Writing Group
24 9:00 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School & Nursery 5:00 & 10:30 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist	25 Christmas Day 10 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	26 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 10 am Newsletter Deadline	27	28	29 Vicar's Day Off	30 1-6 pm Writing Group
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