

Glad Tidings

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Vicar's Voice

In my June Vicar's Voice I wrote about our hopes for Godly Play, our new venture in children's faith formation. A group of Godly Play enthusiasts has been meeting to plan how to implement this exciting new program.

We are excited to begin Godly Play in September with a Godly Play demonstration during the Sunday Eucharist. As you experience the story being told and interact with the storyteller, I'm sure you'll begin to see the genius of this method.

Godly Play depends on a welcoming and structured classroom designed especially for children, with materials for each Bible story available on a low shelf. The children join the circle in the classroom with the help of the door-person, who helps each child make himself or herself ready for the circle. When everyone is ready, the storyteller takes the story container from the shelf and opens it to reveal the story inside, piece by piece, asking "wondering questions." ("I wonder what this could be?")

To get ourselves ready, we need to gather the materials for our classroom. Although it's possible to buy all the materials at once, the price runs into the thousands of dollars. Luckily, many of the materials can be created by hand for a quite reasonable cost. We'll begin the school year modestly by borrowing from the Godly Play classroom at St. Paul's, Bremerton, and by making the first stories that we'll teach.

Can you help us get ready? We'd like to invite members of St. Antony's to help us equip our classroom by sponsoring a story or part of a story for Godly Play. The beautiful, sturdy materials are quite well made and will last a long time. We'll be available after church with descriptions of the materials needed and suggestions on how you might donate or create the materials you choose.

Materials needed to illustrate these essential stories of our faith include: a three-dimensional Noah's Ark, small painted plywood cutout figures, a set of panels showing the creation story, felt pieces depicting a circle of grass, the pieces of a sheepfold, and the figure of a shepherd, materials for art work, and mats for the children's work.

Thanks for your support and understanding as we begin our journey of exploration of the Gospel story with our children and young people.

Bill

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

Communications Committee

Progress is being made towards advertising the starting construction of our new church. The plan is to have a news reporter and a photographer produce an article with photos, and place it in 5 different communities in Kitsap news. This is a work in slow progress.

While some of you have offered your own photos you have recently taken on the new property, it will be best (in this case) to have the media photographer take the photos most suited to promote public interest.

What our own people can do is take pictures in the months ahead of the building progress and make their own photo displays, with captions, at home. THEN, when we have our Bishop's Visitation and Blessing, and our Open House, and other events, those displays can be set up inside the new church in areas of prominence. You could even turn part of this into a photo "contest" with a judge's panel to handle the details. So who wants to be on that panel?

Tovi Andrews, Communications Commissioner



Book Study invitation

This is to invite you to join Carolyn Sorrell and other seekers for a book study on Cynthia Bourgeault's "The Wisdom Jesus".

When: Saturday, September 9th

Time: 7:00 pm

Where: 140 NW Doncey Drive
Bremerton, WA 98311

We will begin at 7 o'clock for a light desert and discussion. Please RSVP if you are able to come... either to Carolyn, Kathy Little or Beth Rolphing.

Carolyn's email address is:
otsorrell@earthlink.net or phone (360) 692-2418.
Please leave a message if no answer.



Enjoying the Eclipse

Thanks to David Durfee and his telescope, we were all able to enjoy the eclipse. Thank you, Dave!!



Eclipse at peak 8-21-17 @ 10:21 am

Kairos

“I was in prison and you visited me.” - Matthew 25:36c

Some people feel uneasy about doing this. Is there any way to visit or care about those in prison, to love even these neighbors, without going inside the prison?

Yes.

The Kairos weekend runs on prayer. In September a prayer vigil sign-up sheet will come out along with some prayer suggestions. You can participate wherever you happen to be. The reason for the sign-up is so we can show the participants that they are being prayed for around the clock. This is very much like the prayer vigil for the Cursillo / Come and See ... Go and Tell weekend except we ask for only first names on the Kairos prayer vigil because it is going inside a prison.

There are costs involved with Kairos and all donations are welcome and fully tax deductible. The easiest way to do this is to use your St. Antony's pledge envelope and just write Kairos on the "other" or blank like. Please make a similar note on the memo line of your check. This will allow your donation to be included on your donation report from St. Antony's. If you prefer to donate directly, please make that check payable to Kairos of Washington State and give it to me, Charles Smith. I will turn it in along with the information necessary to ensure you receive a donation statement from Kairos next January.

We share God's love with the participants through agape. This comes in several forms, two of which I described above. Another is general agape, typically a poster or a letter sized sheet of paper filled with encouragement - words or artwork. It should state where it is from. If the sender(s) wish to sign it, please do, but just with your first name please. There is also personal agape, this is hand written letters of encouragement to the 42 participants. Typically the letter begins 'Dear Brother in Christ'. All 42 letters are hand written, no copies, because of the powerful message of love it sends to receive an original, hand written letter. Please put each letter in its own envelope, sign with just the first name, but do not seal them - they have to be reviewed by prison security. These can be given to me, Charles Smith and I will turn them in along with me own letters.

I hope you will choose the options that work best for you.

Charles

A Funny from Frances

A visiting Priest was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio Farm County. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began-----

“Lord, I hate buttermilk.”

The Priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going.

Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, “Lord, I hate lard.”

Now the Priest was overly worried.

However without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on, “And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour.”

Just as the Priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued,

“But Lord, when you mix ‘em all together and bake ‘em up, I do love fresh biscuits. So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait ‘till You are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits. Amen.”

**“As you walk down the fairway of life you must smell the roses,
for you only get to play one round.”**

Submitted by Frances Wright

Bishop's Warden Musings

Many of us have been praying for and supporting missionaries Amanda and Leroy Ray and their family. They visited St. Antony's several times last year. This year I had the opportunity to visit them, in Uganda. I would like to share a little about the mission work they have been doing there.

There are many aspects; I will cover what I can. Let's begin with the name "Serving South Sudan". Originally (2013) Amanda and Leroy were sent to serve in South Sudan. War returned to that country and they had to withdraw. When they returned to Africa in January 2017, they started in Arua and then settled in Koboko, Uganda near the Congo and South Sudan borders. Many of the displaced come through Koboko and other border towns. As a result, they are working with some of the same people they know and worked with in South Sudan, giving hope and encouraging the church (the people of God) regardless of denomination, tribe, local or displaced.

Those who still have means or have contacts settle in or near existing towns, like Koboko. Leroy tells me Koboko has doubled in size (so has Arua) since they first passed through these towns en-route to South Sudan. This picture was taken on the outskirts of Koboko as we walked to the border with Congo (DNC) (which is quiet). Many register for assistance and, through due process, are granted a plot of land where they can build a house and farm. These are small plots of land but it is something for people who might otherwise have nothing. These plots of land are in the refugee camps. There is no guarantee that the plot you receive will be near (or even in the same camp) as someone else from your original village. As a result, many who used to know each other (same town and / or same church) are now separated.



The mission has been and continues to be encouraging local pastors, providing resources, training, encouragement and equipping the people of God. For this purpose, Leroy and Amanda have selected six to be team leaders, each from a different area. One is a Bishop Sunday lives in one of the camps (Wanyange village of Rhino Camp); the others are pastors, most of whom live in the various towns. This picture was taken on Amanda and Leroy's veranda following a team leader planning meeting. They were planning the next training workshop, which is scheduled for September. Each team leader has several people they are mentoring, people from their area, people who will be participating in the training. The September session is the third in a four-part series. The team leaders come from various denominations and various tribes. The gospel is for all.



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I attended two services my first Sunday in Uganda. The first was the Church of Uganda (CoU) at 7:30 AM. The CoU is a member of the Anglican Communion. Yes, the service is very similar; they sing more songs and the service is in two languages. The second (first of the five pictures here) was a 10:00 AM service with the Charismatic Episcopal Church in Koboko. The Charismatic Episcopal Church is also known as the Episcopal Church of Sudan (part of the Anglican Communion). This congregation is mostly refugees. They have started building a place to worship and are meeting in it while it is still under construction. One of their announcements was an appeal for people to give 10,000 to the building fund. (Ten thousand shillings is a lot for a refugee; it is just under \$3.)

The next picture comes from Eden. The young lady wearing the 'fly Emirates' shirt is one of the people participating in the training mentioned above so we stopped to visit her and those she is sharing the training with. Bishop Sunday is her mentor. Eden is one of the 32 villages (each with multiple "blocks" which could have been villages on their own) in Camp Rhino. We made the trip to Camp Rhino for my second weekend in Uganda. The third picture is Jerusalem Church in Wanyange block "A" (Camp Rhino) where Bishop Sunday is one of the pastors. There is considerable distance between villages like Eden and Wanyange (see picture 5 for a sense of the land - everything in that picture is part of Camp Rhino, including the horizon.) The fourth picture is Unity Church in Wanyange block "C" where I was sent to participate in the service for my second Sunday in Uganda. Unity Church is a Charismatic Episcopal Church that takes its name seriously. I was asked to speak and my words were translated, not just once but twice. Because of the different tribes worshiping together (rare but it happens in this congregation), three languages are needed in order to communicate.

For my last Sunday in Uganda Leroy decided we needed to go to the Congolese Church in Koboko. Once again, most of the congregation are refugees, but from Congo this time. The service was lengthy; I guessed two hours including a half hour for announcements; however, Loring, one of Amanda and Leroy's children, said it was shorter than their previous visit at slightly less than three hours. I went back in for a picture after most of the congregation came outside.



We visited the church in Busia (pronounced Boo-see-ah) pictured here, a couple of times (home parish to pastor Moses, one of the team leaders) to help provide training and encouragement.

Several of the churches have expressed an interest in prison ministry. Because Amanda and Leroy knew of my Kairos experience we had weekly meetings with various people to discuss various options. We also visited a prison. This is a new ministry for most of them (the notable exception is pastor Linus, the team leader from Arua, who is serving as a prison chaplain in addition to serving as a pastor for a church) and it will be growing and developing for the foreseeable future.

I really appreciate the interest so many of you have expressed in the missionary work going on in Uganda. Fr. Bill and I have started discussing a couple of options where I can share more. Until then, I will need to pause here.

Charles Smith

New Facilities Committee

As we joined together for the August church service and picnic at the new property, the progress toward the new church facility was very evident. Our contractor, Bruce Berkimer and his crew have prepared the area for the foundation footings. The driveway has been re-aligned to pass by the construction area. The new parking area has been cleared and will be used to stage equipment and materials for construction. These are very exciting times.

A new vinyl sign has been placed at the construction site. It says "It's finally Happening! Now watch us grow!!!". The community can now see the activity at the site and this may increase interest in our congregation and possibly new members joining St. Antony's.

Early in August Sarah Rogers and I shared the joy of an anonymous donor matching the first \$25,000 toward the Event Shelter. The generosity of our congregation is amazing. At both the 7:30 service and the service before the picnic we were able to announce that in just 3 weeks our congregation pledged and donated sufficient funds to fully fund the Event Shelter. I am overwhelmed by the family at St. Antony's. The shelter shall be constructed concurrently with the church facility. It will be very exciting to watch as all the congregation's efforts come to fruition.

John Stockwell,
New Facilities Chair



Parish Life

September is my favorite month of the year. I love the vibrant colors, the cool and sunny days, the anticipation of the changing seasons. However, autumn also stirs melancholy as the vibrancy of summer fades away.

The following reflection by Parker Palmer, a Quaker author, highlights a Christian perspective on this seasonal change:

"Autumn is a season of great beauty, but it is also a season of decline: the days grow shorter, the light is suffused, and summer's abundance decays toward winter's death. Faced with this inevitable winter, what does nature do...? She scatters the seeds that will bring new growth in the spring – and she scatters them with amazing abandon.

Autumn constantly reminds me that my daily dyings are necessary precursors to new life.... when I yield to the endless interplay of living and dying, dying and living, the life I am given will be real and colorful, fruitful and whole."

As Christians, we are constantly called to both let go, and to maintain faith in the blessings that will come with inevitable losses and change - we are called to have faith in an abundant life after death, time and time again.

Lay Eucharist Visitor Ministry: Visitors continue to be available to provide the Eucharist to homebound parishioners. Please contact the church office to request a visit.





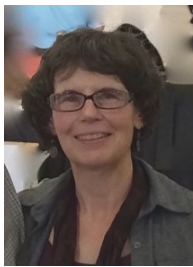




We are looking for additional members to join this ministry. Please contact Father Bill or Loretta McGinley if you are interested.

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 this ministry.

Loretta McGinley, Parish Life Commissioner

Meet Your Bishop's Committee

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Charles Smith Bishop's Warden	Heather Carnocki People's Warden Parish Life	John Stockwell New Facilities	Olivia Stalter Outreach Welcoming	Tovi Andrews Communications
				
Loretta McGinley Parish Life	Beth Rohlfing Environment Welcoming	Jim Foley Stewardship/Finance	Sarah Rogers Welcoming	Aina Zabinski Youth

Evening Contemplative Service Resumes

At 5 o'clock on Sunday evening, September 10th, the Contemplative Services will resume our 2nd and 4th Sundays schedule. As the daylight hours wane this will become a quiet candlelight service of ancient Christian practices that often begin with Taizé chanting, accompanied by acoustic guitar. Other practices may include the Lectio Divina, or 'Divine Readings', a silent Body Prayer and the Great Centering Prayer.

These practices are taken from the 'Perennial Wisdom Tradition' and are especially appropriate for seekers of a deeper understanding, or connection with the Divine Spirit that dwells within our Being... what Jesus refers to as 'the Kingdom of Heaven'.

Each service ends with a time for reflections and optional sharing on parts of the service that invoke particular personal awareness.

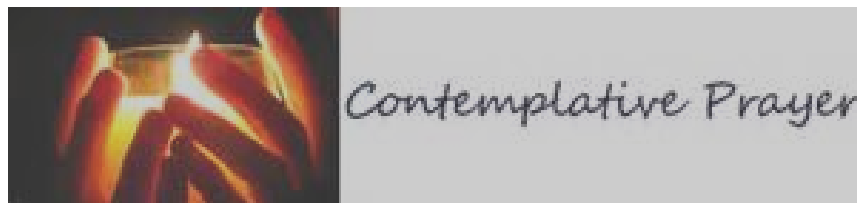
This is an ecumenical service and everyone is welcome.

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For more information on the 'Wisdom Tradition' go to:

<http://www.saintmarks.org/grow/adult-groups/wisdom-school/> or

<https://cac.org/wisdom-tradition>



Worship & Picnic Fun 2017

This year's worship and picnic proved to be a bit soggy and lots of fun. Luckily the rain subsided in time so we could enjoy our picnic. The temperature was great compared to our usual hot days. Just think what it will be like next year with our new Event Shelter! If you were not able to be here this year, this is some of what you missed:





September Birthdays

4	<i>Priscilla White-Lineker</i>
8	<i>Collin Hayes</i>
	<i>Elexa Tubberville</i>
17	<i>Cheryl Wright</i>
18	<i>Heidi Feenstra-Wilson</i>
19	<i>Malcolm Campbell</i>
20	<i>Sylvia Campbell</i>
21	<i>Emily Nickerson</i>
22	<i>Christina Escue</i>
24	<i>Chad Fulton</i>
25	<i>David Stockwell</i>
	<i>Christopher Ferguson</i>
26	<i>Benny Wright</i>
28	<i>Shane Carlson</i>
29	<i>Rev. Bill Fulton</i>



September Anniversaries

5	<i>Bill & Melanie Reeder</i>
17	<i>Mac & Jean Mackimmie</i>
24	<i>Darrow & Ruth Lindstrum</i>
26	<i>Bill & Heather George</i>

Deadline for the October Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, September 19th** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Financial Report July **Preliminary**			Year-to-date	Account Balances	
Operating Income	\$14,709,32		\$114,855.98	Local Checking	\$50,154.72
Operating Expenses	\$16,048.73		\$114,435.00	Local Savings	\$106,614.77
Net in July	(\$1,339.41)		\$420.98	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$1,557,325.75
				Total	\$1,714,095.24

September 2017 Schedule

JOB	September 3 13th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 17	September 10 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 18	September 17 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 19	September 24 16th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 20
EM 7:30 am	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Bill Thaete	Elizabeth Moorhead
LC/OT & NT 7:30 am	Norma Tipton	John Teller	Donna Hilton	Norma Tipton
GREETER 7:30 am	Jim Smith	Jacque Walker	Rod & Marin Mash	John & Jane Teller
EM 9 am	Mary Zabinski	Peter Stockwell	Carolyn Segrist	Charles Smith
LC/OT & NT 9 am	Jim Foley	Heather Carnocki	Stu Smith	Carolyn Segrist
ACOLYTES 9 am	Aina Z. Kate Z. Collin H.	Christina E. Chelsea R. Cris McCarty	Christina W. Benjamin W. Jason W.	Declan J. Heather C. Charles S.
GREETER 9 am	Carole Nau	Nancy Ladenberger	Liz Haney	Ray & Elizabeth Flagg
USHER 9 am	Carolyn & David Sorrell	Ed Segrist	Mark Westin	Chris Crowson
COUNTERS	Heidi Feenstra-Wilson Norma Tipton	Jim Foley Jacque Walker	Chris Crowson Nancy Ladenberger	Heidi Feenstra Wilson Norma Tipton
COFFEE HOUR	Foley Family	Loretta McGinley	Gail Westin	Sandy Stockwell
Eucharistic Visitors	P. Kathy B. Olivia	P. Carolyn B. Loretta	P. Kathy B. Carolyn	P. Loretta B. Beth
1st LESSON	Exodus 3:1-15	Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 14:19-31	Exodus 16:2-15
PSALM	Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	Psalms 149	Psalms 103	Psalms 145:1-8
2nd LESSON	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30
GOSPEL	Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-16

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
8 AM	8 AM	8 AM	Bill Cleveland	Shane and Allison C.	Heather C.
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Chris Crowson	Chris Crowson	Carleton M.
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Darrow Lindstrum	Jim Foley	Ray Flagg	Christina E.
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead	Rod & Marin Mash	Nancy Ladenberger	Pete Morris	Collin H.
John Teller	Bill Reeder	Jim Smith	Norma Tipton	Dave & Jan Peterson	Declan Jarry
Norma Tipton	Charles Smith	John & Jane Teller	Jacque Walker	Ed Segrist	Cris McCarty
Mardi Dawson (sub)	Bill Thaete	Jacque Walker	Heidi Feenstra-Wilson	Dave & Carolyn S.	Chelsea R.
				Mark Westin	Drew W.
10 AM	10 AM	10 AM			Mackenzie W.
Shane Carlson	Shane Carlson	Tovi Andrews			Benjamin W.
Heather Carnocki	Kathy Little	Allison Carlson			Christina W.
Gail C. Ferguson	Carolyn Segrist	Ray & Elizabeth Flagg			Jason W.
Elizabeth Flagg	Charles Smith	Liz Haney			Aina Z.
Jim Foley	Peter Stockwell	Nancy Ladenberger			Kate Z.
Larry Little	Bill Thaete	Carole Nau			
Carolyn & Ed Segrist	Mary Zabinski	Malcolm & Sylvia (substitute)			
Stu Smith					
Mike Wentworth					

September 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 & 9 am Holy Eucharist	4	5 7 am Sonshine Fellowship Scouts	6 9 am Morning Prayer 4 pm John Steller Memorial	7 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 7 pm Building Committee Mtg.	8 Vicar's Day Off	9 10:00 am Lord's Diner 1-6 pm Writing Group 7 pm Book Group
10 7:30 & 9 am Holy Eucharist 5 pm Contemplative Prayer Service	11 4:30 pm Outreach Team Mtg.	12 7 am Sonshine Fellowship Standing Committee	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 1-6 pm Writing Group
17 7:30 & 9 am Holy Eucharist Nursery	18 Vicar on Vacation through Sunday	19 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 10 am Newsletter Deadline	20 9 am Morning Prayer 11 am Witty Knitters Vicar on Vacation	21	22 Vicar's Day Off	23 1-6 pm Writing Group
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