

Glad Tidings

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Vicar's Voice

My thanks to Charles Smith, our Bishop's Warden, and our Bishop's Committee during the last year. We had a productive and fun year and we saw a lot of new things begin to emerge in our life together.

I'm pleased to announce that Sarah Rogers has accepted my request to be our Bishop's Warden for the coming year. As chair of the capital campaign beginning in 2014, Sarah showed us what a great leader she is, and I'm looking forward to working with her as our Bishop's Warden.

Our Bishop's Committee will gather for our annual BC retreat on February 10. We'll have some time to think about who we are as a working group, and how we want to work together. And we'll set some goals for 2018.

I'm sure one of our major goals will be a successful transition to our new building. We'll need to deal with a lot of details regarding the actual move and we'll learn how to be at home in our new building. That will take a good deal of effort.

But as I contemplate the move to our new building, I think about our opportunity to welcome new members into our church family. From the point of view of a new individual or a new family, the grand opening of a new building is a perfect opportunity to try out a new church. For one thing, there's plenty of room for newcomers, and no one has staked out their "territory" yet. For another thing, it's just easier to step in during what is clearly a transitional time on the life of a church.

So my goal for 2018 is to invite, welcome, and incorporate new members. Each of these three steps takes planning and intention. We'll want to make sure we invite our community to visit our new church. When they come, we'll want to welcome them intentionally. And we'll want to incorporate them into the life of our church family.

Moving into a new church building is a unique time in the life of a church. I can't wait to see how it unfolds!

Bill

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

Communications Commission

Our recent Epiphany Service and pot-luck dinner was a very good time for the 30 of us in attendance. I think the food rated a 5 STAR to say the least! The Epiphany cake (made by our own Fr. Bill) had an Epiphany “gift” hidden in it, which ended up in Dave Peterson’s portion of cake. So, Dave will be making the cake and hiding a “gift” in it when Epiphany arrives next year.

We also have the time of evening now for Bishop Rickel’s Consecration Service at our new church. It is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 6:30 pm. Plenty of time now for you to schedule this event with your families and friends. Wear something **RED** (the color for “celebrations”).

Tovi Andrews, Commissioner

Bishop's Warden Musings

As I look back over 2017 I see a lot of things to be grateful for.

- A between the services invitation I almost said “no” to. Thankfully I said let me pray about it. The Lord said “yes” so I said “yes”. That was the invitation to be Bishop’s Warden.
- Extending our agreement with New Fellowship Church
- Outreach
- Inreach (other names include Parish Life, Faith Formation, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, ...)
- Permit approvals and the diligent work of the Building Committee / New Facilities Commission
- Personal growth

Yes, I was more than a little nervous about what 2017 might look like, then I was reminded God holds our times in His hands and all I had to do was ask, and trust. Sometimes it was easy to trust ...

Shortly after the 2017 annual meeting a predecessor told me there is only one thing better than being a Bishop’s Warden, being a past Bishop’s Warden. Well I haven’t tried that yet, but I disagree. I think the best thing is working with, trusting, and growing along side the people of St. Antony’s.

As the 2018 annual meeting ended, Fr. Bill introduced Sarah Rogers as the new Bishop’s Warden. Thank you for supporting me. I look forward to joining you in supporting Sarah.

With a grateful heart,
Charles



Kairos

As Lent approaches, some of us are preparing to share the Gospel with those in prison. I (Charles Smith) will be doing that and I invite you to join me. There are many ways to be part of the gospel call found in Matthew 25:36c “I was in prison and you visited me.” I would like to focus on just two as we begin Lent. The first is the obvious, go inside the prison as part of the Kairos 62 team, April 19-22. If you are interested in doing this, either on the team or to attend just the closing ceremony, please let me, Charles Smith, know so I can connect you with those who can make the arrangements.

The other is to share God’s love with the participants through agape. This comes in several forms, the one I will mention here is 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 sign each letter with your first name, and put each letter in its own envelope, but do not seal them - they are reviewed by prison security. These can be given to me; Charles Smith and I will turn them in along with my own letters.

What does that have to do with Lent? There are 40 days in Lent (not counting Sundays) and a need to write 42 letters. I have to turn the letters in April 7 (the first Saturday after Easter day), so that works out to one letter a day - if you are looking for something to take on as this year’s Lenten discipline.

Charles Smith



News from the Little Sisters of Saint Clare

With a new focus of encouraging Listening Hearts* in our church communities, the Little Sisters of St. Clare have been experimenting with small group work inviting folks to sit and listen to each other to help discern God's will. The questions we bring can be anything from our lives that we want to explore. One woman is discerning a call to the community of the Little Sisters of Saint Clare and asked two Sisters to sit with her to explore this. Another woman asked for a small circle to hold her over time while she makes some much needed changes in diet and exercise.

The first weekend in January, our Mother Guardian, Sister Dedra Ann Bracher, was the convener of the Diocesan HYC held at Black Diamond Camp near Auburn, WA. Mother D chose as a theme for the convocation, "Pieces of the Puzzle." Early in the weekend, each teenager was asked to consider an important question they are now personally considering or puzzling over. Throughout their time together, pieces were revealed in consecutive study sessions about how to enter into authentic discernment about their questions.

At noon on Saturday, four LSSC Sisters, arrived at the camp by Mother D's invitation. We enjoyed conversation at table with the HYC community during lunch and then one Sister was assigned to each of four small groups to retreat to a quiet spot. There under the facilitation of the Sister, the pieces of the puzzle that had been discussed were brought together and crowned by a final piece: the development of a Listening Heart in group discernment. The principles of this kind of listening were discussed. Then, after a period of silence, some of the participants found the courage to present their important question to the group. All listened practicing the Listening Hearts guidelines. Careful, open questions were asked of the speaker by group members. The process went deep very quickly as some really difficult issues emerged. It was clear that all members of the circle learned by being part of the process as speaker, a listener or both. It felt like a sacrament. What a blessing it was to me personally to be part of this experience.

In February the LSSC Community is looking forward to a gathering of all members (Friends, Companions, Postulants, Novices and Sisters) in Poulsbo where we will meet for brunch at Elmer's Restaurant and then travel a short distance to a lovely bed and breakfast facility for a quiet afternoon of prayer and to consider some questions that will be offered for our discernment. Of course, we will be engaging our Listening Hearts.

Any woman interested in exploring a call to any role with the Little Sisters of Saint Clare, please contact Sister Kathryn Mary Little at 360-649-8970 or SisterKathy2009@gmail.com.

*Listening Hearts is a trademark of Listening Hearts Ministries, teaching people the practice of spiritual discernment through prayerful listening in supportive communities. LSSC Community members have received training from this organization. See www.listeninghearts.org



Thank you from your Vicar

My heartfelt thanks for the card and generous gift you gave me at the annual meeting through Charles Smith, our 2017 Bishop's Warden. I am so grateful to be your vicar and to share with you in the work of the Gospel. I love you all.

Gratefully,
Bill



We are on Sabbatical Too!

At the annual meeting on January 20th, Bill did a presentation explaining in greater detail the opportunities provided by the Lilly Grant. Below is a summary of what was presented and the discussion that followed.

The sabbatical is a three to four-month period when the vicar can step away from his regular routine for a time of renewal. His expenses during that time and the cost of a supply priest are fully funded up to \$50,000 by the grant from the Lilly Foundation. Of that amount \$15,000 may cover sabbatical activities done by the congregation.

Bill plans to take the sabbatical during the summer of 2019. At that point we will have been in our new church building for about a year. While he is away, it will be good time for us, as a congregation, to examine who we are in our new location and how we want to continue bringing God's word to the surrounding community. As Father Scott suggested: "We are on sabbatical too!".

Many suggestions for sabbatical activities were offered by those attending the annual meeting:

- ◆ Host presentations by other outreach organizations. Chaplains on the Harbor and Seafarers were mentioned as examples.
- ◆ Have a facilitator guide us with the following:
 - ◇ Review our Mission and Vision statements
 - ◇ Look at the Diocesan vision, how the diocese sees us and their vision for St. A's, how we see ourselves and our vision for St. A's (has it changed now that we are in the new building?)
 - ◇ Determine our needs
 - ◇ Discuss our involvement in our community; past, present and in the future
 - ◇ Discuss how to make St. A's more inviting to our community
 - ◇ Talk about our plans for phase 2 and the barn
- ◆ Create an area in the church such as the side chapel for contemplation and prayer
- ◆ Promote activities that will attract youth to our church such as soccer or recitals.
- ◆ Connect with people from other parishes
- ◆ Develop our own lay leadership. Two examples were offered: EfM, Diocesan Ministries
- ◆ Go on a church retreat to strengthen our parish community
 - ◇ Play, pray, and stay together
 - ◇ Weekend (Friday through Sunday). Fort Worden, St. Andrew's House, other?
 - ◇ Fun times + prayer time (morning or evening prayer Saturday, compline, Sunday service)
 - ◇ Time to get to know each other in a different setting

We want to focus our activities during the sabbatical toward enhancing our connection with each other and the community. The Lilly Grant committee would greatly appreciate having a couple of people help us tailor the list with that in mind. In March we will also need a couple of volunteers to review the grant application and provide comments. It is due in mid-April.

If you have any further suggestions or questions or are willing to volunteer, please contact any member of the Lilly Grant committee.

Bill Fulton+, Gail Campbell-Ferguson, Charles Smith





Education for Ministry is a program available to us at St. Antony's that gathers a small group (6-12) to study and pray together to give knowledge and skill to participate in many kinds of church ministry. We are blessed with at least three trained EfM mentors: Charles Smith, Cris McCarty, Kathy Little. If any of our new members at St. Antony's are EfM graduates/former mentors, please let one of us know!

Last year, Cris and Kathy were co-mentors of an EfM group that met at St. Paul's. We decided to focus on bringing EfM to St. Antony's this year and almost succeeded but at the last minute two participants had to withdraw, leaving us with fewer than our required minimum of 6. That's OK. We trust that God has a plan here. Perhaps with the busyness of moving to a new church building, we were being invited to wait.

Looking forward to starting the study program in the Fall in our new digs, we would like to start gathering interested folks to meet in an informal study group on a regular basis this Spring. Day, time, frequency of meeting and place are all to be decided. If you are hearing EfM call, please speak to one of us. We will start gathering as soon as we hear enough interest. I was looking through my personal journal this morning and came across an entry I made in June of 2015 after a year I served as an EfM mentor, reading Church History with the Year Three participants. I wrote:

The Gifts of EfM to me this year.... "I regained the ability to read with speed and comprehension. I gained a perspective of the history of the church that has matured me in my faith journey. It has given me deep permission to hold Reason equal with both Scripture and Tradition making sure that three legged stool upon which the Episcopal Church rests. Understanding of symbolism in used in scripture and tradition are deepening within me. My ability to discern spiritual things has deepened and broadened. My love for the church has increased as I see it through new eyes - with compassion and gratitude. How I hold the concept of "Truth" has changed and grown. I am so grateful!"

There are so many helpful and healthful aspects of the EfM program. I hope this offering inspires participation.

Epiphany blessings abound! Kathy Little

Look At All These Gifts!

Our students often return to the Sunday school classroom after Christmas eager to talk about special gifts they received during the holiday. This year they returned to our Godly Play classroom excited about what was inside. "Look at all these gifts!"

New Godly Play materials, generously given by parishioners in November, had arrived! Just as we prepared for our Epiphany lesson, the children discovered it. Three rows of gold boxes now filled the once empty parable shelves.

Parables ARE presents. They were given to each one of us long ago, before we were even born.

For the month of February we will be opening a parable story each Sunday in our Godly Play classroom and wondering together what it could really be about. Then comes the best part: the children have time to work with their favorite stories on their own, exploring them for themselves.

Thank you for your generosity in sharing these stories with our children! The beautiful materials you have donated will bring favorite stories to life in our Godly Play classroom for many years to come.

Submitted by Mary Zabinski, Godly Play Coordinator



Lenten Soup Suppers



***Wednesdays in Lent
February 21 - March 21***

*Holy Eucharist 5:30 pm
Lenten Soup Supper 6:15 pm
Lenten Program 7:00 pm*

*Please sign up to bring soup, fruit, bread,
or to set up tables and chairs.*

Capital Campaign Success!!!

What an amazing three years it has been: from the origination of the capital campaign, to its successful and optimistic kick off, to the ground breaking on the new property, to where we are today - just months away from moving into our new church building ideally set in our very own Field of (realized) Dreams with the capital campaign fully matched. Wow!

The end of 2017 brought the three year giving portion of the *Building to Serve: God's Field of Dreams* capital campaign to a conclusion. The pledged amount was a generous \$467,227 and in the end, we raised \$472,317! Additionally, we also raised \$31,036 for the Event Shelter that is being built concurrently alongside the church.

Thank you to everyone who made a pledge! And thank you to everyone who contributed to the capital campaign in various ways! Whether it be through generous monetary giving or by serving this mutual goal with time and numerous talents, this momentous achievement could not have been reached without each and every one of us serving in our best capacity. Thank you again!

With joyful thanks,
Sarah Rogers

*"Celebrate the Feast of the Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field."
-Exodus 23:16*



Parish Life

Get ready for St. Antony's annual Lenten Soup Suppers - a wonderful antidote to our cold, grey winter. Join us for this Wednesday evening tradition that offers nourishment for heart, mind and soul. There will be five soup suppers scheduled on consecutive Wednesday evenings through Lent, beginning 21 February and ending on 21 March. Holy Eucharist will be at 5:30 pm, soup supper at 6:15 pm, and a special Lenten program begins at 7 pm. A signup sheet to bring either soup, salad, or bread is in the narthex.

Thank you to Gail Ferguson from our Pastoral Care Team who coordinated an informative presentation at the church on 14 January. Staff from the Kitsap County Division of Aging and Long-term Care provided helpful information about a variety of services available to the elderly in our county. Please let me know of any suggestions you have regarding future pastoral care related talks for our congregation.

The Pastoral Care Team continues to be available to support members who could benefit from a care call, visit, meal or transportation. Lay Eucharist Visitors are also available to provide communion to our homebound parishioners. Contact Father Bill, the church office or myself with specific requests.

I've stepped down from the Bishop's Committee and am thankful to have had the opportunity to serve as Parish Life Commission on the Bishop's Committee the past three years. I look forward to continuing to help with the Pastoral Care Team and Lay Eucharist Visitors and feel blessed to be a part of our loving St. Antony's church family.

Loretta McGinley



February Birthdays

3	<i>John Stockwell</i>
5	<i>Joan Willoughby</i>
7	<i>Bonnie Foley</i>
	<i>Debbie Stockwell</i>
	<i>Jean Mackimmie</i>
8	<i>Jausch Stout</i>
9	<i>Katy Fulton</i>
20	<i>Rev. Dick Scott</i>
21	<i>Benjamin Wentworth</i>
22	<i>Rev. Canon Joan Anthony</i>
23	<i>Jason Wentworth</i>
28	<i>Ray Flagg</i>



February Anniversaries

14	<i>Daniel & Donna Smith</i>

Deadline for the March Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, February 20th** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonsilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.



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(These addresses will appear in the new directory.)

Financial Report December 2017			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$17,798.23	\$200,384.08	Local Checking	\$113,309.79
Operating Expenses	\$17,434.94	\$200,355.70	Local Savings	\$37,052.18
Net in July	\$363.29	\$28.38	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$1,201,211.53
			Total	\$1,351,573.50

February 2018 Schedule					
JOB	February 4 5th Sunday after The Epiphany	February 11 Last Sunday after The Epiphany	February 14 Ash Wednesday Noon	February 18 1st Sunday in Lent	February 25 2nd Sunday in Lent
EM 7:30 am	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Bill Thaete	Charles Smith	Donna Hilton
LC/OT & NT 7:30 am	Donna Hilton	Elizabeth Moorhead	Norma Tipton	John Teller	Ruth Lindstrum
GREETER 7:30 am	Jim Smith	Darrow L.	Nancy Ladenberger	Donna Hilton	Jacque Walker
			7:00 pm		
EM 9 am	Charles Smith	Shane Carlson	Peter Stockwell	Shane Carlson	Bill Thaete
LC/OT 9 am	Gail C-F	Declan Jarry	Cris McCarty	Michael Wentworth	Stu Smith
LC/NT 9 am	Michael Wentworth	Jim Foley	Gail C-F	David Wilkinson	Cris McCarty
ACOLYTES 9 am	Aina Z. Kate Z. Charles S.	Declan J. Chelsea R. Cris M.		Christina W. Benjamin W. Jason W.	Mackenzie W. Cris McCarty Charles S.
GREETER 9 am	Tovi Andrews	Liz Haney	Suzanne Brock	Nancy Ladenberger	Carole Nau
USHER 9 am	Chris Crowson	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Chris Crowson	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Dave & Jan Peterson
COUNTERS	Heidi F-W Norma Tipton	Bill Cleveland Chris Crowson		Jim Foley Jacque Walker	Bill Cleveland Norma Tipton
COFFEE HOUR	Allison Carlson	Melanie Reeder		Thomas Alessio	Amy Wentworth
Eucharistic Visitors	P. Beth / B. Penny	P. Loretta / B. Olivia		P. Kathy / B. Emori	P. Beth / B. Olivia
1st LESSON	Isaiah 40:21-31	2 Kings 2:1-12	Isaiah 58:1-12	Genesis 9:8-17	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
PSALM	Psalms 147:1-12, 21c	Psalms 50:1-6	Psalms 103	Psalms 25:1-9	Psalms 22:22-30
2nd LESSON	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Romans 4:13-25
GOSPEL	Mark 1:29-39	Mark 9:2-9	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	Mark 1:9-15	Mark 8:31-38

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

February 2018

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 7:00 pm Building Committee Mtg.	2 Vicar's Day Off	3 1-6 pm Writing Group 3 pm Memorial of Carol Baxter
4 Scout Sunday 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Godly Play & Nursery 5 pm Rite 13	5	6 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 1 pm Memorial Fund Committee Mtg.	7 9 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	8 Noon Vicar's Bible Study No BC Meeting	9 Vicar's Day Off	10 9 am BC Retreat 10 am Altar Guild Mtg. 1-6 pm Writing Group
11 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Godly Play & Nursery 5 pm Contemplative Prayer Service	12 4:30 pm Outreach Team Mtg.	13 7 am Sonshine Fellowship Pancake Supper is cancelled this year only.	14 Ash Wednesday 9 am Morning Prayer Noon & 7 pm Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist	15 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	16 Vicar's Day Off	17 11 am Pastoral Care Meeting 1-6 pm Writing Group
18 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Godly Play & Nursery 5 pm Rite 13	19 President's Day 11 am Witty Knitters	20 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 10 am Newsletter Deadline 1 pm Worship Planning Meeting	21 9 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 pm Program	22 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	23 Vicar's Day Off	24 1-6 pm Writing Group
25 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Godly Play & Nursery 5 pm Contemplative Prayer Service	26	27 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 6pm Scouts	28 9 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Lenten Soup Supper 7:00 pm Program			

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