

Glad Tidings

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ST. ANTONY OF EGYPT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rev. Bill Fulton, Vicar
The Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon



Vicar's Voice

The season of Advent begins next Sunday, December 2. We will hang the blue dossal above the altar and light the Candles on the Advent wreath. Once again we will hear the words, "O come, O come, Emmanuel."

The season of Advent is a time of preparation and waiting. We remember especially the nine months of waiting that Mary experienced as she waited for the Christ child to grow within her womb (I somehow think that our prolonged waiting for the birth of our new building might be the way God is teaching us about waiting and being patient!).

The Church's season of Advent goes counter to the flurry of preparations for the Holiday Season that goes on all around us. Shopping, parties, decorating... it's hard to resist the frantic swirl about to engulf us.

But Advent calls us to pause and find a spot for silence. Advent is a call to remember what Christmas is really about — the coming of God's peace into the world. In Advent, we find time to light a candle and sit in silence briefly to hear God's whisper. Each Sunday, we light the candles of the Advent wreath to remind us of the light coming into the world.

May I suggest that you consider participating in our Contemplative Service this Advent? Each Sunday in December a small group gathers at 5:00 pm to sit in the glow of candles and listen quietly for God's presence. It's a refreshing way to be centered during the season of Advent.

And on Christmas Eve, I hope you'll set aside a little space of time for silence, to remember that Christ is born in the quietness of our hearts. Walk outside for a moment to look at the night sky and listen for the angels that announce God's entry into our lives. Then you will be ready for Christmas, the coming of God into the world once again.

Bill

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

*The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming people
who worship God, grow in Christ, and serve others.
Gather, Grow, and Go!*



Choir FAQ

Do you think you may feel called to sing in the choir? All adults and youth are welcome to sing in St. Antony's Choir. Here are the answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) about choir membership at St. Antony's.

Q: When does the choir rehearse?

A: Usually two times per month (when Joann is at church). Rehearsal takes place on Sunday morning after Eucharist from 10:30AM-Noon.

Q: When does the choir accept new members?

A: New members are welcome to join at any time. All you need to do is show up at rehearsal to give choir a try.

Q: How often does the choir sing at Eucharist?

A: Usually three times per month (on the Sundays that Joann or Chris are at church). On those Sundays, the choir meets at 8:30AM to review the anthem and the psalm. The choir does not sing on guitar Sundays.

Q: Sometimes I can't make it to church on Sunday. Even if I am at church, sometimes I have an obligation and I need to miss rehearsal. Can I still be in the choir?

A: Yes. We have choir members who are "snowbirds" and sing only when they are up north for the warmer months. Other choir members may have work, family commitments, Eucharistic Visitor obligations, or other reasons why they occasionally must miss church or rehearsal. All that is asked is that a good-faith effort be made to make it to church and to rehearsal as often as possible.

Q: Is child care available during choir rehearsal?

A: Not currently, but it may be possible to make arrangements for childcare if enough parents of young children wish to sing in the choir. If this is the case for you, please let Joann know.

Q: I don't read music very well. I'm afraid I'm not good enough to be in the choir. Is it okay for me to join?

A: The choir has members whose music reading ability ranges from very little to quite proficient. Likewise, some choir members have little or no musical training or experience and others are trained and experienced. Joann goes over the voice parts several times in rehearsal so all can learn them. The more experienced choir members are happy to help the newer choir members along. We learn and grow together as a choir, and we have fun doing it!

If you have been considering joining the choir, please come give it a try. You will be welcomed!

Joann Richardson, Choir Director



As the emphasis on lay ministry has grown, lay people often face the difficult task of figuring out how their spiritual gifts can be of use in their faith community. Education for Ministry (EfM) provides an opportunity to explore theology and church history as well as closely study the Old and New Testaments in a small seminar environment. We also focus on the art of theological reflection, a discernment tool which draws from our life experiences as well as our culture and our faith to lead us toward new insights, implications, and actions for ministry.

I would like to begin an EfM class in January 2019, once we're in our new church. The class meets once a week for 36 weeks—time and day to be decided by participants—for about 2 ½ hours. The entire EfM program is a four-year journey, but participants need only commit for a year at a time. If you think you might be interested in learning more about EfM or joining our seminar, please talk to me during coffee hour or give me a call. My contact information is in the current directory.

Cris McCarty

Transition Commission

Thanks to the men who came to help move crosses, a sign, room dividers, and boxes to the new property. They included Blaine, Darrow, David S, David S. Dave P, Dick, John, Larry, and Peter.

As the building nears completion, a meeting will be held early in December to coordinate the various groups and their planning, packing, transportation, and unpacking. A need still exists for persons to oversee the packing of the kitchen, the narthex, and closets not overseen by someone else. Please volunteer when asked.

As the groups get ready to operate, many hands will be needed to accomplish the move to the new site. Be sure to write your name on the sign-up sheet and what task you want to do. There will be many opportunities for your involvement. And many hands makes light work. St. A's parishioners do not believe in using the 80 - 20 rule. 80% of the work done by 20% of the people. Stay tuned.

Peter Stockwell



From the Altar/Flower Guild

My thanks to the members of the Flower Guild who have faithfully been arranging flowers for the Altar every week! Also there are many of you who I would like to thank for generously providing us with dollars we need for the Altar and Sanctuary Lamps.

For Christmas we are looking forward to decorating with all that beautiful red i.e. poinsettias which have been ordered! Sign-up sheets will be placed in its usual place in the Narthex. The suggested donation is \$20.00 with a final date of December 23.

The Christmas Eve bulletin will have your name listed.

The 2019 sign-up sheets for Altar flowers and Sanctuary Lamps have been put in the three-ring binder on the lectern in the Narthex. You may want to reserve a particular day to honor a loved one. Thank you very much!

Caroline Hoag



Bishop's Warden's Fancy

As we get ever closer to being in our new church building a need arises for all those little things we take for granted. All of the items that seem to have always been there and come with a new building. Well, with building a brand new space we are going to need to fill it, and it wouldn't seem appropriate to use old items in a shiny new space. So to fill the need the Bishop's Committee has created a Registry as a house warming of sorts for our new church.

This Christmas season there will be an additional way to give, through our Church Registry. There are items from under a dollar to a few hundred dollars. Everything from outlet covers to garbage cans to furniture. Certainly something for everyone's budget!

We ask that you purchase the items directly from the registry for a few practical reasons: this way everything will match, and is pre-approved by the BC. (All gifts must be approved by the BC and this way we won't have to convene a meeting over every mop head purchased.) Also, so we know just how many have been ordered and how many more we need. The Registry is through Walmart, this way you can physically go to a store, ask customer service for the registry and then shop til you drop. Or you can search it online and let your fingers do the walking.

You'll need to stay tuned for when the Registry goes live. Because there are large items on the list, and we are not quite ready to start taking deliveries at the new building we need to wait until to officially announce the Registry. But in the meantime, if you can think of any item you would like added to the list please speak with Sarah Rogers, David Wilkinson or Gail Westin. We would be happy to show you what we have on there so far!

So please keep in mind this season that there will be a need in our own building very soon. Stay tuned for more information and please speak with a committee member with any questions or suggestions! Thank you for all your gifts. Merry Christmas!

Sarah Rogers, Bishop's Warden

Outreach

The Latest Food Drive provided 109 pounds of food and donated 165 dollars to the CKFB.

St Antony's is supporting the Christmas Angel program this year for Kitsap Community Resources (KCR). Unlike past years where you sponsored a child, this year you can provide an unwrapped gift and KCR will distribute the gifts. Christmas Angels wishes include a variety of items such as Toys, clothes, bedding, and art supplies but any gift you chose to give will be appreciated by the receiving child. If you wish to participate please bring an unwrapped gift(s) to the services on December 9th. The outreach committee will pick up and deliver the gifts to KCR. Information cards are in the narthex,

The Kitsap Humane society (KHS) is expanding and they are looking for people to volunteer to foster animals. Foster homes are needed to provide temporary homes for animals whose current medical or behavior conditions are not manageable in a shelter setting. In the summer and fall, hundreds of young kittens too young for adoption are in urgent need of foster care. Foster care is also needed year round for healthy, sick and injured dogs of all sizes, breeds and ages, and for sick and injured cats. By taking a foster animal into your home on a temporary basis, the animal is given the opportunity to adjust to a home environment, given additional time to find a permanent home, and more room is available at the shelter for another animal in need. The food, litter and medical care is provided by KHS. The application form is on line at www.kitsap-humane.org/get-involved/foster-care/ and you can contact KHS at 360-692-6977, ext 1207 or e-mail foster@kitsap-humane.org with any questions you may have.

It's getting cold so please if you have any unneeded warm clothes you can donate the items to Stand-up for Kids and "Priscilla's pants" (not just pants), now run by Chelsea. In need for the cooler temps arriving would be coats, boots, sweaters, sweatshirts, pants, hats, gloves, etc. Containers for both charities can be found in the Narthex.

If you know of any organizations that need support please contact the outreach committee.

The Next Outreach Committee Meeting is December 3rd at 3:00

Blaine Morgan, Outreach Commissioner



New Facilities Committee Report

Door frames and windows are installed

Windows adjacent to office area are installed

Siding is completed

Building has been painted

Electricians are on site working

Survey work has staked the parking lot for lights and paving

Bolton Insulation is ready to begin (5 days to complete upon notice to proceed)

Judson Drywall is ready to begin (10 days to complete upon notice to proceed)

Future connectivity of utilities to Phase II, planning has been referred to the architect

Trench work to provide the interconnect between Phase I and Phase II will be completed by the contractor

Now that sprinklers have been included in the Phase I plan the Phase II portion of construction may not have to be a separate structure from Phase I construction. The architect is working with Kitsap County to determine how the next phase might tie in when built.

Event Shelter is ready for roofing. Underlayment has been placed

All utilities are installed or facilitated, final connections still to be completed

one of the conduits was deferred to use as power to the light the sign

We are getting closer toward completion!

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

John Stockwell

Advent Contemplative Services

During the season of Advent, St. Antony's again plans to offer Sunday evening Contemplative Services by candle-light. However, this year the location and specific Sundays will need to be determined based on the upcoming move to our new church building. Please watch the weekly "Happenings at St.A's", the Sunday bulletins or call the church office for clarifications as to time, dates... and location!

Our tentative plan is to hold services each Sunday during Advent at 5 o'clock, beginning on December 2nd. This evening hour has been chosen in order to settle our hearts and minds at the end of a busy day and in preparation for the Christmas coming of Christ within us.

The services will begin with a few quiet moments and a chant, often taken from the ecumenical Taizé services that have found their way to our country from the Taizé monastic community of Burgundy in France. Other Christian practices will include the Lectio Divina, using scripture from the Sunday's gospel, followed by Centering Prayer, where participants sit in silence patiently in wait, surrendering their hearts to God. The final practice is a group led Body Prayer, where movement without words expand our personal and universal connection to the Divine Nature of which we are all a part.

Immediately after the service, there will be a short time for optional informal reflection and sharing.

St. Antony of Egypt invites everyone to join us this Advent season as we celebrate together using these ancient Christian practices.

(For more information about the Ecumenical Contemplative movement you may refer to Contemplative Outreach Northwest on the internet or to the Wisdom School offered at St. Marks Cathedral in Seattle. For more on Taizé services in the UK go to cafe-worcester.org.uk)

Submitted by Carolyn Sorrell



Bishop Rickel's Visitation on January 13

By Bill Fulton

On January 13, Bishop Rickel will make his regularly scheduled visitation to St. Antony's. This is a time when we can see our bishop in person, hear his thoughts and ideas, and share with him our hopes and dreams.

In addition, it's an occasion for Confirmations, Receptions, and Reaffirmations. According to the Prayer Book, confirmation "is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop." (BCP, p. 860) Many of us were baptized as infants, and confirmation is the way we take the promises of baptism for ourselves. This year we have several young persons who will be confirmed by Bishop Rickel.

Receptions: many of us have become Episcopalians after having grown up in another denomination and having made a mature commitment to Christ in that denomination. Reception is the way we are received officially as a member of the Episcopal Church by the laying on of hands by a bishop. If you would like to be received into the Episcopal Church, please let me know.

Reaffirmation is a way to publicly express thanks to God for a renewal of one's faith or a deepening of one's commitment. If you would like to reaffirm your faith when Bishop Rickel is here, please let me know.

Bill

Meet your Bishop's Committee



Sarah Rogers
Bishop's Warden



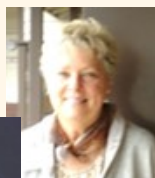
Heather Carnocki
People's Warden
Communications



John Stockwell
New Facilities



Blaine Morgan
Outreach



Tovi Andrews
Hospitality



Beth Rohlfing
Parish Life



David Wilkinson
Environment



Jim Foley
Stewardship & Finance



Olivia Stalter
Welcoming

Whenever you have a need or concern, please talk to one of them. They're here to help.

Hospitality Commission

As with the closing of the season in November of celebrated Thanksgiving, so arrives the advent in the season of the birth of our Savior Jesus. With ongoing changes in seasonal weather, political environment, social aggravations and more, at least we have one Constant to lean upon. Our faith and trust and love of our Holy Father, His Son and the Blessed Holy Spirit, the Three in One. The Divine Trinity. Now and always. Let us be encouraged to spend more and more time with them as we read and study scripture, pray more frequently and yield a bit more of our 'self' as we reach out to God.

In my studies of Saint Francis of Assisi from his birth to his death there is a stunning transformation of deep significance to the church. He focused on giving up his personal life's control and handed it over to his Heavenly Father. It was not a partnership, it was a one-way 'I give and you take' yielding. Not easy. But because he loved God he could do it. He accepted the grace of God to move his actions and ideas and love from that point on. I guess that is a strong point of what makes a saint.

My Christmas message to all of us here at Saint Antony's is to rest more, and to think about the following: As Saint Francis can stamp his whole history with the physical marks of the Stigmata on his body, so may we stamp our journey of planning and building a new church with the precious cross of Jesus Christ. One difference between Saint Francis' time on earth and our time on earth is that our own limits have not yet ended.

Tovi Andrews

Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast and Gift Exchange
8:00 AM
Saturday, December 22

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!**



December Birthdays

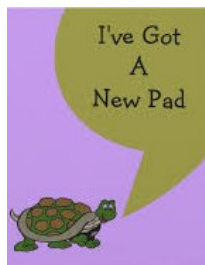
1	Jackie Vincent
2	Carole Nau
	Isabelle Long
	Carolyn Sorrell
	Declan Jarry
13	Gail Campbell-Ferguson
19	Helen Stockton
22	Bill Reeder
	Carol Polignoni
24	Carol Smith
28	Daniel Ferguson
29	Donny Manning



December Anniversaries

16	Stan & Moonyeen Marks
19	Ed & Carolyn Segrist
20	Jausch & Amanda Stout
23	Matt & Karen Grubb
28	Raymond & Suzanne Brock
	Ken Stephens & Loretta McGinley
30	Mark & Gail Westin

Deadline for the January Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, December 18** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.



Eleanor Brook
Bay Pointe Retirement Center
966 Oyster Bay Court, Room 309
Bremerton, WA 98312

Financial Report October **Preliminary **			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$14,752.65	\$171,602.29	Local Checking	\$309,152.38
Operating Expenses	\$16,441.00	\$166,797.40	Local Savings	\$26,140.33
Net in July	(\$-1,688.35)	\$4,804.89	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$181,645.14
			Total	\$516,937.85

December 2018 Schedule


JOBS	December 2 1st Sunday in Advent	December 9 2nd Sunday in Advent	December 16 3rd Sunday in Advent	December 23 4th Sunday In Advent	December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	December 24 Christmas Eve 10:30 pm	December 25 Christmas Day 10:00 am	December 30 First Sunday In Christmas
EM 7:30 am	Elizabeth M.	Ruth L.	Charles S.	John T.			John T.	Donna H.
LC/OT & NT 7:30 am	John T.	Norma T.	Donna H.	Ruth L.				Norma T.
GREETER 7:30 am	Jim S.	Darrow L.	John & Jane	Jacque W.			Jane T.	John & Jane
EM 9 am	Shane C.	Peter S.	Charles S.	Chelsea R.	Ruth L.	Bill R.		Charles S.
LC/OT 9 am	Stu S.	Elizabeth F.	Michael W.	Declan	David W.	Elizabeth M.		Jim F.
LC/NT 9 am	Gail C-F.	David W.	Jim F.	Cris M.	Gail C-F.	Elizabeth M.		Stu S.
ACOLYTES 9 am	Kate Z. Aina Z. Caiden C.	Declan J. Chelsea R. Cris M.	Jason W. Christina W. Benjamin W.	Charles S. Christina M. Carleton M.	Christina M. Carleton M. Cris M.	Chelsea R. Declan J. Aina Z.		Christina W. Jason W. Benjamin W.
GREETER 9 am	Tovi A.	Nancy L.	Suzanne B.	Liz H.	Darrow L.			Carole N.
USHER 9 am	Mark W.	Carolyn S.	Chris C.	Ray F.		Carolyn S.		Dave & Jan
COUNTERS	Bill C. Chris C.	Jim F. Jacque W.	Heidi F-W David W.	Bill C. Norma T.	David W.	Jim F.		Heidi F-W Chris C.
COFFEE HOUR	Sylvia C.	Allison C.	Carrie R.	Melanie R.	David W.			Foley Family
Eucharistic Visitors	Declan / Penny	Beth / Barbara	Declan / Loretta	Penny / Beth				None scheduled
1st LESSON	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Malachi 3:1-4	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Micah 5:2-5a	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 52:7-10	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
PSALM	Psalms 25:1-9	Canticle 16	Canticle 9	Canticle 15	Psalms 96	Psalms 96	Psalms 98	Psalms 147
2nd LESSON	1 Thessaloni- ans 3:9-13	Philippians 1:3-11	Philippians 4:4-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Titus 2:11-14	Titus 2:11-14	Titus 2:11-14	Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
GOSPEL	Luke 21:25-36	Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:7-18	Luke 1:39-55	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	Shane and Allison C.	Caiden C.
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Chris Crowson B	Chris Crowson	Declan J.
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Darrow Lindstrum	Jim Foley A	Ray Flagg	Carleton M.
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead	Pam Morton	Norma Tipton B	Pete Morris	Cris McCarty
John Teller	Bill Reeder	Jim Smith	Jacque Walker B	Dave & Jan Peterson	Christina M.
Norma Tipton	Charles Smith	John & Jane Teller	David Wilkinson A	Ed Segrist	Chelsea R.
Mardi Dawson (sub)	John Teller	Jacque Walker	Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Mackenzie W.
	Bill Thaeete			Mark Westin	Benjamin W.
9 AM	9 AM	9 AM	A - computer	Barb Hart - Substitute	Christina W.
Shane Carlson	Shane Carlson	Tovi Andrews	B - non computer		Jason W.
Gail C- Ferguson	Declan Jarry	Suzanne Brock			Aina Z.
Elizabeth Flagg	Chelsea Reeder	Allison Carlson			Kate Z.
Jim Foley	Charles Smith	Ray & Elizabeth Flagg			
Matt & Karen Grubb	Peter Stockwell	Liz Haney			
Declan Jarry	Bill Thaeete	Nancy Ladenberger			
Cris McCarty		Carole Nau			
Ed & Carolyn Segrist		Malcolm & Sylvia (substitute)			
Stu Smith					
David Wilkinson					
Michael Wentworth					

December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 1-6 pm Writing Group
2 In-gathering Food Bank 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Nursery 4 pm Rite 13 5 pm Contem- plative Prayer	3 3:30 pm Outreach Mtg.	4 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 6pm Scouts	5 9 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	6 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 7:00 pm Building Committee Mtg.	7 Vicar's Day Off	8 1-6 pm Writing Group
9 Veteran's Day 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Godly Play Nursery 5 pm Contem- plative Prayer	10 5:00 pm Tony's Trekker Planning Potluck	11 7 am Sonshine Fellowship	12 9 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	13 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting	14 Vicar's Day Off	15 11 am Pastoral Care Meeting 1-6 pm Writing Group
16 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Godly Play Nursery 4 pm Rite 13 5 pm Contemplative Prayer Service	17 11 am Witty Knitters	18 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 10 am Newsletter Deadline 1 pm Worship Planning Meeting	19 9 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	20 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	21 Vicar's Day Off	22 1-6 pm Writing Group
23 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Christmas Pageant 5 pm Contemplative Prayer Service	24 Christmas Eve 5:00 & 10:30pm 	25 Christmas Day 10:00 am	26 9 am Morning Prayer 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program _____ Vicar on	27 Noon Vicar's Bible Study Vacation _____	28 Vicar's Day Off _____	29 1-6 pm Writing Group
30 7:30 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Holy Eucharist Godly Play Nursery	31 New Years Eve					

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