Glad Tidings

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Vicar's Voice

Having just returned from a ten-week sabbatical, I'm still getting used to our wonderful new building. I think we're all still learning how to live into our new surroundings, and how to make them our own.

Our new baptismal font, for instance, is striking in its design and its placement. It's placed at the entrance to the nave, so that you can't miss it as you come in. Baptism is entrance into the life of the church, so the font is placed at the entrance to the nave. Many people like to dip their finger into the water as they enter and touch a drop of water to their forehead, to remind themselves, "I am a baptized Christian."

When the architect asked about the design of the font, we told him that we'd like something that reflected the character of our land that was once a farm, something like a feed trough or a water barrel. His design expresses that idea well.

Water is the symbol of baptism, and a baptismal font should have a lot of water to express that symbol. That's why our font is filled to the top with water. If you look at it upon entering, you'll see that it reflects the light coming in the steeple. Water and light - two important symbols of the Christian faith.

Some people have mentioned to me that they think the font looks ugly. It's true that it's a stark black steel bowl. But it's rawness captures the symbolism of baptism. The apostle Paul says, "We have been buried with Christ by baptism into death." (Romans 6:4) Our font expresses this well.

I realize that filling the font with water will mean that we have to clean it from time to time, just like an aquarium. But I think it's worth the effort to have such a beautiful and powerful symbol in our nave.

Bill

Adult Education Comes to Saint Antony's Beginning October 27th.

<u>Gather, Grow, and Go</u> is Saint Antony's Mission statement, and it is a great goal. However, the last couple of years, St. A's hasn't had time to invest in Adult education, due to the sharing of one space between two congregations. Now that, this time has passed it's time for us to GROW through education, so we can GO into the world better Christians. (And to be perfectly truthful... I miss adult education. I'm getting rusty!)

The Bishop's Committee has approved the moving the 10:00 service 15 minutes later to allow for Adult education from 9:15 to 10:00 AM in the gathering area of the Narthex. This means you 8 o'clockers can grab a cuppa coffee, after worship and join in some education and you10 o'clockers can grab of cuppa joe and grow before worshipping at the 10:15 Communion service.

The first session will begin on Sunday October 27th and run for 9 weeks. These 9 weeks will be an experimental time to see how St. A's responds to Adult Education. We can then assess the success or failure of the experiment in the new year, after the Christmas Season.

Our first educational "sessions" will center on "Reclaiming Jesus". Let us face it, Americans are living through the most perilous and polarizing times since the late 1960's. Our hearts break when we see hear of mass shootings at Walmart, churches and synagogues (over 300 shootings this year alone where 4 or more people are shot). Our heart breaks over racial turmoil like what happened in Charlottesville, VA, Charleston, SC, Pittsburg PA and lately in El Paso, TX. How do we cope? How do we react? What can we do to make a difference?

It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else—nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography—our identity in Christ precedes every other identity. We must pray that our nation will see Jesus' words in us. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

The question we face is this: Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What does our loyalty to Christ, as disciples, require at this moment in our history? I believe it is time to review and renew our theology of public discipleship and witness. Applying what "Jesus is Lord" means today is the message we must commend as members of our churches.

Jesus is Lord. This must be our foundational confession. It was central to the early Church and needs to again become central to us. Jesus Christ, and the kingdom of God he announced, is the Christians first loyalty, above all others. We pray "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven". Our faith is personal, but never private, it is not meant only for heaven but also for this earth. It's not meant for the "Sweet by and by" – but it is meant for TODAY!

So...the Reclaiming Jesus Confession of Faith Bible Study will allow us to revisit our foundational tenants of faith. In the sessions will examine 6 foundational beliefs:

WE BELIEVE each human being is made in God's image and likeness.

WE BELIEVE we are one body. In Christ, there is to be no oppression based on race, gender, identity, or class.

WE BELIEVE how we treat the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, the sick, and the prisoner is how we treat Christ himself.

WE BELIEVE that truth is morally central to our personal and public lives. Jesus promises, "You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:32).

WE BELIEVE that Christ's way of leadership is servanthood, not domination. We support democracy, not because we believe in human perfection, but because we do not.

WE BELIEVE Jesus when he tells us to go into all nations making disciples.

Won't you join with me for prayer, Bible study and mutual encouragement in this short experiment in adult educaition? I hope to see you there, between the survives and grow from our mutual discussion and examination of our foundational tenants of our faith.

Declan Jarry

A Message from the Heart

Putting in a plug for our altar flowers going out to someone in the community. I can only testify to my feelings, but it was so lovely to receive a thoughtful bouquet when you are ill, unhappy, just glad to have someone thinking of you! So please support this lovely way to give.

Elizabeth Haney

A Big Thank You

If you missed my verbal thank you at the services on September 22, please accept this one. The Mutual Ministry Review is very important to the members of the Bishop's Committee. It lets us know how well we are doing our jobs, and what your thoughts are about our church. In addition, we received several suggestions which could add value to what our church offers.

Again, I offer thanks for your response.

Penny Whitney, People's Warden Pastoral Care and L.E.V.

Thank You

I wish to thank everyone who has contributed to the copper crusade. The copper crusade has been used to support outreach and mission work over the years. This year the outreach committee has designated the copper crusade to support my mission work in Uganda.

That begs the question, when am I going to Uganda? The short answer is my visa was delayed. A missionary's visa (in Uganda) needs to be sponsored by a local (Ugandan) organization. Hope Foundation was going to sponsor my visa. Recently their director stepped down. As they go through a change in leadership, they were considered unable to sponsor a visa, so my visa application had to start again. The Church of Uganda has received the materials for my application on September 10th and will be sponsoring my visa. The process can take one to three months. Your prayers for it to go smoothly and quickly are appreciated.

Charles Smith

Kairos 64

I am happy to report that preparations for the Kairos 64 weekend are going well. The weekend is scheduled for October 17-20, 2019.

Each Kairos weekend runs on prayer. Each of the team members is asking for people to participate in a prayer vigil for the Kairos weekend. These are people outside the prison who select a time to pray for the program, the participants, the institution, and the team. These prayers are offered from wherever they happen to be at the time they selected. Our goal is to cover the entire 4 days in prayer. I hope you will consider helping with the prayer vigil. The sign-up sheets are in the narthex. The prayer vigil will be October 17th through October 20th.

Each Kairos weekend also depends upon agape. This comes in several forms. Personal agape is handwritten letters of encouragement to the 18 participants. Typically the letter begins 'Dear Brother in Christ'. All 18 letters are handwritten, no copies, because of the powerful message of love it sends to receive an original, handwritten letter. Please sign each letter with only your first name, and put each letter in its own envelope, but do not seal them – prison security reviews them. These can be given to me; Charles Smith and I will turn them in along with my own letters. I need the letters no later than Sunday, October 13; early is okay.

Wall agape is a poster that encourages participants new to the Gospel, and those returning to the word of Christ after straying, to trust God. It can be a sheet of paper or poster paper. It should identify where it is from (St. Antony's) and something encouraging. Those with artwork receive the most attention – it can be drawing around hands that touch each other, to something showing more artistic talent. A few posters come from individuals, but most come from groups (Sunday School classes, Bible Study groups, or entire parishes). Signing the poster is encouraged; however, first names only.

Charles Smith

Outreach

Our first Ingathering Sunday in our new home collected 159 pounds of food for the CK food bank. The format for the collections was different than in the past, there were several bins placed outside the main doors this made collecting and delivering the donations to the Food Bank much easier and kept the Narthex clear for entry. The next Ingathering will be October 6th.

There is still a need for persons to volunteer for the Lords Diner! There are two sign up sheets in the narthex for the next 2 commitments, these happen approximately every 8 weeks. If you look at a sheet and its full find a place to put your name in the section that you want to help we can never have too many people help. If you have any questions please contact John Teller or anyone on Outreach committee.

We now have donation boxes next to the Copper Crusade collection box in the gathering room, take one home and fill it with your pennies, nickels, dimes or dollars and return it to the collection plate. This year it supports Charles Smith's missionary service

We have selected two local organizations to support this month with two \$150.00 Donations they are the Stand up for Kids and Mission to Seafarers.

Stand up for Kids Provides Meals, clothing and Groceries and counseling to Homeless Kitsap County teens.

The Mission to Seafarers welcome all seafarers while they are in Seattle. The chaplain and ship visitors visit ships and arrange transportation to the Mission to Seafarers Center or for shopping in the city. The Center has phones and computers for the use of seafarers and is wired for Wifi so they can use their own laptops. When seafarers are not allowed to leave their ship, they bring cell phones and low cost phone cards to them so that they can call home while in port. If needed, they also offer to do any necessary shopping for them.

If you have a questions about St. Antony's Outreach program or ideas please contact committee members Anne Daniels, Norma Tipton, Elizabeth Haney, Maggie Scott, Charles Smith and Marty Whitaker

The Outreach Committee meets the Second Thursday of the Month at 4:00pm, the next meeting is on October 10th please join us.

Blaine Morgan
Outreach Commissioner

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your pets to the Annual Pet Blessing at St. Antony's Episcopal Church

11:00 AM,

Saturday, October 5

Blessing of the Pets Free Pet Medallions Free Pet Portraits



Meet your Bishop's Committee



David Wilkinson Bishop's Warden



Penny Whitney People's Warden Parish Life



John Stockwell New Facilities



Blaine Morgan Outreach



Tovi Andrews Hospitality



Kristen Robuck Parish Life



Peter Stockwell Environment



Chelsea Reeder Communications



Olivia Stalter Welcoming

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

HOSPITALITY COMMISSION

Our "Welcome Back Fr. Bill" picnic on Sept 15th turned out quite well due to the decision to picnic INSIDE the church instead of using the pavilion. It truly was a rainy and cold temp day outside. Thank you to our Parish Life commission and Bishop's Warden and others for all the last minute set up changes. We truly welcome back Fr. Bill from his sabbatical, and look forward to more years ahead with his friendly leadership and dedication.

On Saturday, Oct 5th is our Blessing of the Animals in the outside pavilion at 11:00 am. This is a very Franciscan way of having our pets and farm creatures receive a blessing from God. Saint Francis of Assisi absolutely adored and cared about God's many creations and he took the time to appreciate the uniqueness of the varieties.

Bring your pets on the 5th for a joyful time of blessings.

Tovi Andrews, Hospitality Commissioner

PS. A friend of mine recommended a book for me to read, and then we could discuss it together. I found the book at Barnes and Noble for 30% off (while sale lasts), in the Best Seller section of the store. I finished reading it a few days ago and am astounded at the ultra positive impact it can have on the reader. The title is "The Oracle" by Johnathan Cahn. ISBN 978-1-62999-629-5 for \$17.50. The author takes the reader on a stunning journey of truth that reveals remarkable and documented uncoverings of our past, present, and the future. It is an easy book to read, and time well spent.

Fall Arts, Crafts and Antiques Fair Howemade Soups and Pies Nov. 9 9-5pm

Vinland Lutheran Church is hosting this on Wednesday, Nov 9th from 9-5pm. I will be selling my cards and some paintings. Their address is: 2750 NW Finn Hill Road, Poulsbo, WA 98370

There will be lots of vendors and homemade soup and pie! No admission; do some early Christmas shopping or just come for lunch.

Liz Haney

Environment

Activities around the new building are in abundance. A grounds work party cleaned up the grassy areas around trees and bushes. The extra growth in the bio-swales was pulled. A grand time for the volunteers who showed. Linda prepared a lite lunch for the crew.

Boxes were moved from the house to the church building. More will have to be brought. The Stations of the Cross are now hanging in the Nave, thanks to Bill Fulton.

Godly Play needs to find the desert sand box used by the children to learn about the Bible and tell stories. If you have any information which can help recover the whereabouts of the box, please contact the church office, Allison Carlson, or Mary Zabinski.

Volunteers are needed for the maintenance of the building. When contacted, please say yes.

Remember, we have recycling as part of the Waste Management service. The bin is located outside within the cedar-fenced rectangular structure in the parking area. Separate trash from recyclables.

Peter Stockwell, Environment Commissioner

NEW FACILITIES - John Stockwell

Welcome home from sabbatical to Fr. Bill. As we move forward with renewed spirit and a refreshed energy, we need to gather our collective thoughts as to the additions, adjustments and or minor changes needed in our new building. All your thoughts are important input for our church home. Please write your thoughts down and deliver them to the office. They will be placed into the New Facilities mailbox and can be discussed by the New Facilities Committee. Several have provided some input, but these ideas or suggestions have come in in a rather random format. So please be sure to write them down and turn in. All thoughts will be reviewed. I will try to collate your thoughts and answer them in future newsletters.

Several of the current "Punch List" items have been completed. Others are still in progress. Our contractor is committed to getting all of the items completed to our satisfaction.

Great progress has been made toward moving forward with an actual mortgage for St. Antony's. There will be more information available at the writing of next month news letter. To-Do LIST
Task #1
Task #2
Task #3

John Stockwell New Facilities Chairman



October Anniversaries				
7	Nick & Carrie Rivers			
11	Nick & Emily Nickerson			

Deadline for the November Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, October 22** at 10 am. Please send all submissions to: stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.



(Vivian's contact info. will not be on the web edition. Please call the office for that information.)

Financial Report August *Preliminary*		Year-to-date	Account Balances	
Operating Income	\$15,660.47		Local Checking	\$33,983.67
Operating Expenses	\$27,004.00	\$112,514.76	Local Savings	\$22,153.78
Net in August	\$11,343.53	1,484.04	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$173,718.24
			Total	\$229,855.69

October 2019 Schedule					
JOBS	October 6 17th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22	October 13 18th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23	October 20 19th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24	October 27 20th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25	
EM 8 am	Elizabeth Moorhead	Declan Jarry	John Teller	Ruth Lindstrum	
LC/OT & NT 8 am	John Teller	Donna Hilton	Norma Tipton	Declan Jarry	
GREETER 8 am	Jim Smith	John & Jane Teller	Pam Morton	Darrow Lindstrum	
EM 10 am	Shane Carlson	Peter Stockwell	Chelsea Reeder	Charles Smith	
LC/OT 10 am	Sarah Rogers	Gail Campbell-Ferguson	Sarah Rogers	David Wilkinson	
LC/NT 10 am	Michael Wentworth	Cris McCarty	Jim Foley	Stu Smith	
ACOLYTES 10 am	Chelsea R. Caiden C. Laurel R.	Charles S. Benjamin W. Kate Z.	Benjamin W. Christina W. Jason W.	Christina M. Cris McCarty Laurel R.	
GREETER 10 am	Tovi Andrews	Nancy Ladenberger	Suzanne Brock	Carole Nau	
USHER 10 am	Mark Westin	David & Carolyn Sorrell	Ed Segrist	Dave & Jan Peterson	
COUNTERS	David Wilkinson Chris Crowson	Bill Cleveland Marj Zantek	Jim Foley Norma Tipton	Heidi F-Wilson Marj Zantek	
COFFEE HOUR	Karen & Matt Grubb	Amy & Christina Wentworth	Allison Carlson	Carmen Morris	
Eucharistic Visitors	Penny / Olivia	Declan	Loretta	Beth	
BPod	Olivia Stalter	David Wilkinson	Tovi Andrews	Blaine Morgan	
1st LESSON	Lamentations 1:1-6	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Joel 2:23-32	
PSALM	Psalm 137	Psalm 66:1-11	Psalm 119:97-104	Psalm 65	
2nd LESSON	2 Timothy 1:1-14	2 Timothy 2:8-15	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18	
GOSPEL	Luke 17:5-10	Luke 17:11-19	Luke 18:1-8	Luke 18:9-14	

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	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	GREETERS	COUNTERS	USHERS	ACOLYTES	
8 am	8 am	8 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	Declan Jarry	Darrow Lindstrum	Jim Foley A	Ray Flagg	Carleton M.	
Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Pam Morton	Norma Tipton B	Pete Morris	Cris McCarty	
John Teller	Elizabeth Moorhead	Jim Smith	Jacque Walker B	Dave & Jan Peterson	Christina M.	
Norma Tipton	Bill Reeder	John & Jane Teller	David Wilkinson A	Ed Segrist	Chelsea R.	
Mardi Dawson (sub)	Charles Smith	Jacque Walker	Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Laurel R.	
	John Teller		Marj Zantek B	Mark Westin	Mackenzie W.	
10 am	Bill Thaete	10 am		Barb Hart - Substitute	Benjamin W.	
Shane Carlson	10 am	Tovi Andrews	A - computer		Christina W.	
Gail C- Ferguson	Shane Carlson	Suzanne Brock	B - non computer		Jason W.	
Elizabeth Flagg	Chelsea Reeder	Ray & Elizabeth Flagg			Aina Z.	
Jim Foley	Charles Smith	Liz Haney			Kate Z.	
Matt & Karen Grubb	Peter Stockwell	Nancy Ladenberger				
Declan Jarry	Bill Thaete	Carole Nau				
Cris McCarty		Malcolm & Sylvia (substitute)				
Sarah Rogers						
Ed & Carolyn Segrist						
Stu Smith						
David Wilkinson						
Michael Wentworth						

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7 am Sonshine Fellowship	2 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	3 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 7:00 pm Building Committee Mtg.	4 Vicar's Day Off	5 11 am Blessing of the Animals
6 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play	7	8 7 am Sonshine Fellowship	9 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	10 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 4 pm Outreach Mtg 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting Vacation	11 Vicar's Day Off	12
13 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play 5 pm Contemplative Service	14	15 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 1:00 pm Worship Planning Mtg.	16 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	17 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	18 Vicar's Day Off	19
20 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play	21 10:30 am Witty Knitters	22 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 10 am Newsletter Deadline	23 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	24 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	25 Vicar's Day Off	26
27 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Study & Discussion 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play 5 pm Contemplative Service	28	29 7 am Sonshine Fellowship	30 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	31 Noon Vicar's Bible Study		

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