

Glad Tidings

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ST. ANTONY OF EGYPT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Rev. Bill Fulton, Vicar
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Vicar's Voice

When I was a kid, our family did two things that I now think of as stewardship practices. One was that we always said grace before dinner. Our table grace was nothing special (we often said the old standby, "God is great, God is good") but it reminded us kids daily that the food on our table came from God.

The other practice our parents instilled in us was the Sunday School offering. Every Sunday before Sunday School they would press into each of our palms one thin dime. We would produce that coin when we got to Sunday School and it would go into the weekly offering to help children somewhere else in the world.

Those are simple practices that remind us that everything we have comes from God. As Psalm 24:1 says, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof." Because our abundance comes from God, we naturally want to return a small part of it back to God.

This is the basis of the Biblical tithe. In Old Testament days, it was customary to give a tithe, or ten per cent, of your harvest as your temple offering. Deuteronomy 16:17 puts it this way: "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you."

Not all of us can tithe, but everyone can give something in proportion to the way God has blessed us. When my family and I started giving to the church, it was only a few dollars here and there, but over the years I've been able to build it up so that I give a tithe, or ten percent, of my paycheck as my pledge. Currently my pledge is \$528 a month, plus I give \$50 a month to Charles Smith through the CTEN website, plus I've been spending on church needs as we move into the new church building.

As we move into our pledge campaign, I hope you'll prayerfully consider making a pledge to St. Antony's. A pledge is not a contract. It's just an estimate of your giving for the upcoming year, and it helps the Bishop's Committee make our church budget for the coming year. And of course we don't want to forget that stewardship includes our time and talent, as well as our treasure. All we do for our church is blessed by God.

We've been greatly blessed by God in the past year, and the Spirit is moving among us in the many activities we have going on. Let us all be generous as we return to God some of what God has given us.

Bill

*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!*

Outreach

St. Antony's supported the following Organizations this month:

YWCA alive 300.00

In 1978, the YWCA of Kitsap County opened the doors of the YWCA ALIVE Shelter Program in response to the needs of domestic violence victims and their children.

Currently, the YWCA of Kitsap County serves over 6,000 people annually, providing a "safety net" of supportive services for domestic violence survivors and their children. Our continuum of programs is designed to meet the emerging needs of our community, and effectively supports today's women, children, and families. Services include a 24-hr. domestic violence hotline, 17-bed domestic violence emergency shelter, supportive housing in Silverdale and Poulsbo, legal advocacy, housing and vocational counseling and other support services.

Abrams house Bremerton 300.00

Abraham's House is a unique charity. 85-90% of their donations are given away free of charge. their mission is to take in good, clean, usable items from the local community and make those items available to those in need FREE of charge. they have been helping our local community and beyond for 20 years now. They take furniture, mattresses, clothing, children's furniture, household goods, knick knacks, antiques, appliances- even cars, trucks, motorhomes, and boats!

Arman Jahr Elementary School lunch program 300.00

A large percentage of Students at Armin Jahr rely on the reduced and free school breakfast and lunch program and due to the number of children there is a short fall in the funding and what grants provide. St. Antony's helps by providing support to offset the cost incurred by this needed program.

Kitsap Community Resources KCR Christmas Angels toys for Santa shop 300.00

St Antony's is supporting the Christmas Angel program this year for Kitsap Community Resources (KCR). This year St. Antony's will provide unwrapped gifts for KCR to distribute to needy families.

Remember to support the Lords Diner! There are two sign up sheets in the narthex for the next two commitments, if you have any questions please contact John Teller or anyone on Outreach committee.

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 December 12th please join us.

Please see the next page about the Advent Food Drive.

Blaine Morgan
Outreach Commissioner

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*



St Antonys Advent Food Drive

*On each Day of Advent add a item to a box and bring the filled box to St, Antony's on
December 24th or 25th
(all donations will go to the CK Food Bank)
Substitutions are allowed*

DECEMBER 1	BOX OF CEREAL	DECEMBER 13	CANNED BEANS
DECEMBER 2	PEANUT BUTTER	DECEMBER 14	BOX OF CRACKERS
DECEMBER 3	STUFFING MIX	DECEMBER 15	PACKAGE OF RICE
DECEMBER 4	BOXED POTATOES	DECEMBER 16	PACKAGE OF OATMEAL
DECEMBER 5	MACARONI AND CHEESE	DECEMBER 17	PACKAGE OF PASTA
DECEMBER 6	CANNED FRUIT	DECEMBER 18	SPAGHETTI SAUCE
DECEMBER 7	CANNED TOMATOES	DECEMBER 19	CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
DECEMBER 8	CANNED TUNA	DECEMBER 20	TOMATO SOUP
DECEMBER 9	DESSERT MIX	DECEMBER 21	CAN OF CORN
DECEMBER 10	JAR OF APPLESAUCE	DECEMBER 22	CAN OF MIXED VEGETABLES
DECEMBER 11	CANNED SWEET POTATOES	DECEMBER 23	CAN OF CARROTS
DECEMBER 12	CRANBERRY SAUCE	DECEMBER 24	CAN OF GREEN BEANS

Please contact Blaine Morgan if you have any questions.



Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, Dec. 24

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist & Carols
Candlelight

10:30 pm Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist & Carols
Candlelight

Wednesday, Dec. 25

10:00 am Christmas Day Holy Eucharist & Carols



Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast and Gift Exchange
8:00 AM
Saturday, December 21

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 have some fun!**



HOSPITALITY COMMISSION

So many of you were able to volunteer at our Consecration service and helped in making it an astonishing event. This unique church service, to dedicate a new church and facilities, is a rare event to witness in one's lifetime. Thank you to our Bishop Rickel and the Diocesan team, our own priests and altar servers, and all of you who helped to make our new church blessed and stamped by the Hand of God.

To Him be the Glory!
Tovi Andrews



A note from The People's Warden

I'd like to wish everyone a happy and blessed Christmas with warmth, love, fun, and freedom from colds (since I have one right now!). It's such a special and holy time of year, and it's my hope that in our fast-paced approach to this wonderful holiday that we never lose sight of the fact of our Savior's birth.

Penny Whitney
People's Warden



Parish Life - Events

We had an amazing turnout for our Consecration that was on Nov. 12th. There were a lot of people who came for this special occasion and who stayed to socialize at the amazing reception! A special thank you to Tovi Andrews for all your hard work in putting this all together.

St. Antony's held their first Kitsap Young Musicians Festival this past Saturday, Nov. 16th. Several children, along with adults, came to share their talents, whether it be with a musical instrument or their singing. There were over 500 people who visited our church that day. What a great way to open up and share our new church to the community. A special thank you to Joann Richardson for helping to put this on and all your hard work!

I'm excited to share about another fun event we are having this Friday, Nov. 22nd, our very first Stewardship Banquet in our new church building!! David Wilkinson, Sarah Rogers and I have all been working in preparation in putting on this special event. There will be a special dinner provided and a time to come together as a church family and celebrate! I hope to see many of you to share in this celebration of us as a family and how far we've come, "Living into God's House, Making the Dream a Reality!"

Kristen Robuck, Parish Life - Events

From the Altar/Flower Guild

All is new and therefore challenging in our beautiful new church home! We are getting our heads together, with excitement and a bit of trepidation, on how we can best decorate the Altar area for the holidays.



Christmas Poinsettia. We will order poinsettias soon! Imagine red and green around the Altar! If you would like to sign up for a poinsettia, you can do that using the sign-up form which is in the Narthex. We would like to suggest a donation of \$15.00 and would be grateful for whatever you wish to give. The Christmas Eve bulletin will have your name listed. We are always grateful for your generosity!

Thank you so much!
Caroline Hoag

Our Building Consecration by Bill Fulton

On November 12, Bishop Rickel led us in a glorious consecration service. After the many months of waiting for the occupancy of our building, the consecration brought all our hard work, anxiety, and waiting to completion. The service began outside under the eaves as our guitarists led us in a joyful song with an extra verse written by Mark Westin. Bishop Rickel pounded on the front door of the church with his heavy wooden crozier and said, "Let the doors be opened!" We streamed in, singing, "Christ is made the sure foundation," one of the great foundational hymns of the Episcopal Church.

Using copious amounts of incense, our Bishop traversed the church, blessing the font, the lectern, and the piano. He sprinkled us with holy water, saying, "Remember your baptism!" It was a light and joyful moment.

After the lessons, he gave us this advice about the building in his sermon: "Wear it out!" Sarah Rogers thanked the many people who made the building possible, and then Bishop Greg anointed the altar. As the music from our newly blessed piano built in waves and crescendos, the Bishop poured olive oil in a large 'X' on the top of the altar. Using large motions, he made the sign of the cross in the oil and spread the oil all over the altar with clean towels. Then he washed the altar with soapy water and dried it using more towels. It was a powerful action. Bishop Rickel then celebrated the Holy Eucharist on our freshly-blessed altar.

Among our guests were neighboring Episcopal clergy, who offered a tongue-in-cheek blessing, promising "not to covet" our new roof that doesn't leak, our unblemished rugs, and our freshly paved parking lot. Also present were members of New Fellowship Church, the two previous Vicars of St. Antony's, and our architect, Steve Rice.

Afterward we stayed for an elegant and generous reception of cheeses, crackers, meats, fruit and wine. It was a fitting end to a glorious evening. My thanks to all who made this evening such a memorable occasion.

Please see photos on the nest two pages. To see more pictures go to: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10218519265285045&set=ms.c.eJxVVVuuWEEI2IHjA1D3v7Hm3DS9zK9RBHWYjMpIXkWeGqo~%>

Kitsap Young Musicians Festival

The Kitsap Young musicians Festival was held on Saturday, November 16. Over 500 people came through our doors to play piano, play an instrument, sing, or to support the musicians as they played. After each group had played, they were offered refreshments in the Gathering Room.

Many music teachers were there, including our own Joann Richardson. They all pitched in to help put this fabulous event on. Even Laurel Rogers played a piece in the last group that came in for the day.



Consecration Pictures



Consecration Reception



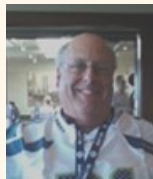
Meet your Bishop's Committee



David Wilkinson
Bishop's Warden



Penny Whitney
People's Warden
Parish Life -
Pastoral Care/LEV



John Stockwell
New Facilities



Blaine Morgan
Outreach



Tovi Andrews
Hospitality



Kristen Robuck
Parish Life - Events



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.

Environment

St. Antony's transition is a continuous operation of our congregation. More materials are moving from the house basement to the building. November was a good month for moving items as the basement is now empty. Several items are in the barn since the weather will not harm them. Boxes of books for the library are stored in the alcove above the narthex until we determine where to put the library. Six chairs for the sanctuary arrived for use by our members and guests. We will continue to transition as we figure the best use of the facility.

The Consecration service provided an opportunity to use two of the three pavilions as shelter from the misty weather on November 12th. These covers are stored in the mechanical room. Our facility has hosted two musical events and a wedding in November. More events are planned for the coming year. We are a community within our building and a connection to the greater community of Central Kitsap and beyond. As Bishop Rickel stated in his sermon, we are to use our place for worship and gathering our friends and neighbors for parties, meetings, and classes. We can host young musicians as well as older adults wanting time together. Let's be creative and strive for recognition as a place people want to visit and return.

Thanks go out the Mark Westin for procuring feet for the stackable chairs which have scratched our floors in the Gathering Room. (I guess the Bishop was right. Shouldn't keep the building pristine.) Let us continue to Gather, Grow, and Go.

Peter Stockwell
Environment Commissioner



December Birthdays

1	Jacki Vincent
2	Carole Nau
	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
23	Matt & Karen Grubb
28	Raymond & Suzanne Brock
	Ken Stephens & Loretta McGinley
30	Mark & Gail Westin

Deadline for the December Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, December 17th** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Financial Report October *Preliminary*			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$16,144.09	\$189,356.04	Local Checking	\$15,544.28
Operating Expenses	\$20,092.39	\$191,812.87	Local Savings	\$22,154.71
Net in October	\$(3,948.30)	\$(2,456.83)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$176,172.41
			Total	\$213,871.40

December 2019 Schedule


JOB	December 1 First Sunday of Advent	December 8 Second Sunday of Advent	December 15 Third Sunday of Advent	December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	December 25 Christmas Day 10:00 am	December 29 1st Sunday After Christmas
EM 8 am	Elizabeth M.	Ruth L.	Donna H.	John T.	Ruth L.	Chelsea R.	Elizabeth M.
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Norma T.	John T.	Declan J.	Ruth L.	Sarah R. NT Gail C.-F. OT	Norma T.	Donna H.
GREETER 8 am	Jim S.	Darrow L.	Pam M.	Donna H.	Darrow L.	Tovi A.	John & Jane T.
					10:30 pm		
EM 10 am	Chelsea R.	Lee Halkias	Shane C.	Chelsea R.	Peter S.		Shane C.
LC/OT 10 am	Michael W.	Gail C.F.	Matt G.	Sarah R.	Elizabeth M.		David W.
LC/NT 10 am	Karen G.	Stu S.	Elizabeth F.	Cris M.	David W.		Gail C.F.
ACOLYTES 10 am	Benjamin W. Christina W. Jason W.	Cris M. Caiden C. Laurel R.	Chelsea R.	Christina M. Laurel R. Cris M.	5:00-Cris M. Christina M. Kate. Z. 10:30-Chelsea		Benjamin W. Christina W. Jason W.
GREETER 10 am	Suzanne B.	Carole N.	Nancy L.	Suzanne B.			Tovi A.
USHER 10 am	Ed S.	Mark W.	Chris C.	David & Carolyn	Mark W.		Chris C.
COUNTERS	Heidi F-W Lee H.	David W. Marj Z.	Jim F. Maggie S.	Heidi F-W. Norma T.	Marj Z.		Jim F. Maggie S.
COFFEE HOUR	Foley Family	Kristen Robuck	Carrie & Jane	Sarah Rogers	5:00 - Sherwins 10:30 - Kristen		David & Declan
Eucharistic Visitors	Beth	Carolyn	Penny / Olivia	Carolyn			Declan
BPod	Penny Whitney	David Wilkinson	Blaine Morgan	Peter Stockwell			Tovi Andrews
1st LESSON	Isaiah 2:1-5	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-16	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 52:7-10	Isaiah 61:10-62:3
PSALM	Psalms 122	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Canticle 15	Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18	Psalms 96	Psalms 98	Psalms 147
2nd LESSON	Romans 13:11-14	Romans 15:4-13	James 5:7-10	Romans 1:1-7	Hebrews 1:1-4,(5-12)	Titus 2:11-14	Galatians 3:23- 25; 4:4-7
GOSPEL	Matthew 24:36-44	Matthew 3:1-12	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18-25	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
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	Lee Halkias B	Pete Morris	Cris McCarty
John Teller	Elizabeth Moorhead	Jim Smith	Maggie Scott B	Dave & Jan Peterson	Christina M.
Norma Tipton	Bill Reeder	John & Jane Teller	Norma Tipton B	Ed Segrist	Chelsea R.
Mardi Dawson (sub)	John Teller	Jacque Walker	Jacque Walker B	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Laurel R.
	Bill Thaete		David Wilkinson A	Mark Westin	Mackenzie W.
10 am		10 am	Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A	Barb Hart - Substitute	Benjamin W.
Shane Carlson	10 am	Tovi Andrews	Marj Zantek B		Christina W.
Gail C- Ferguson	Shane Carlson	Suzanne Brock			Jason W.
Elizabeth Flagg	Lee Halkias	Ray & Elizabeth Flagg	A - computer		Aina Z.
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Liz Haney	B - non computer		Kate Z.
Matt & Karen Grubb	Chelsea Reeder	Nancy Ladenberger			
Declan Jarry	Peter Stockwell	Carole Nau			
Cris McCarty	Bill Thaete	Malcolm & Sylvia (substitute)			
Sarah Rogers					
Ed & Carolyn Segrist					
Stu Smith					
David Wilkinson					
Michael Wentworth					

December 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent 1 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Study & Discussion 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play	2 < 2 pm Brass Quintet Concert I _____ Vicar on	3 7 am Sonshine Fellowship _____ Vacation _____	4 _____	5 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 7 pm Building Committee Mtg _____	6 Vicar's Day Off	7 _____
8 Advent 2 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Adult Study & Discussion 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play 5 pm Contemplative Service	9 5 pm Tony's Trekkers Planning Potluck < Ingathering For Pledge Cards	10 7 am Sonshine Fellowship	11 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	12 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 4 pm Outreach Mtg. 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting	13 Vicar's Day Off 6:30pm Children's Concert	14 _____
15 Advent 3 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play	16 10:30 am Witty Knitters	17 7 am Sonshine Fellowship 1:00 pm Worship Planning Mtg. 10 am Newsletter Deadline	18 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	19 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	20 Vicar's Day Off I _____ Vicar on	21 8:00 am Men's Breakfast & Gift Exchange 10 am Greening of the Church ? _____ Vacation _____
22 Advent 4 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play _____	23 _____	24 Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist Carols & Candlelight 5:00 & 10:30 pm	25 Christmas Day Holy Eucharist 10:00 am 	26 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	27 Vicar's Day Off	28 _____
29 8 am Holy Eucharist 10 am Holy Eucharist Nursery/ Godly Play 5 pm Contemplative Service	30 _____	31 7 am Sonshine Fellowship	_____	_____	_____	_____

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