

Glad Tidings

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Vicar's Voice

As I approach my retirement date, I've been reflecting on how I've changed over the years as a priest.

When I was first ordained, I was vividly aware of being a priest. I wore my collar everywhere, and I was very conscious of the fact that I was a man of God in the view of the public. It's quite a strain to live up to that high expectation. I remember wondering, "What if people find out that I'm a fraud? I'm just Bill Fulton. I'm not a saint."

As time went on, I began to relax. I found out that although I'm a priest and a man of God, at the same time, I'm just Bill Fulton. I'm a human being with flaws. Rather than having to apologize for that, however, I began to realize that my greatest strength is just to be myself.

I've learned to accept myself for who I am and just be myself in my encounters with others. My greatest gift is connecting with people, and when I bring my authentic self, I do that best. That means I've had to learn to let go of judgment, control, and a lot of ego in my journey as a priest and a person. It hasn't always been easy.

As Vicar of the congregation, I've always been aware of my responsibility to nurture the parish and help it succeed. When we're thriving, I'm happy. But there's always a nagging worry, "What if it falls apart? What if people drift away? What if we run out of money?" Over time, I've learned that it's not just up to me. It's up to all of us. I've had to learn to hand that over to God. After all, it's God's church, not mine.

One of my personality traits is that I want to please people. It's not a bad personality trait for a pastor who works with people, but it causes me considerable anxiety when I have to bring up uncomfortable truths or institute changes. One of the best pearls of wisdom I've received was from our matriarch, Jane Stockwell. She told me, "You'll never be able to please everyone." How right she was.

One of the joys of being a pastor for me is the many relationships I'm entrusted with. I'm fascinated by human beings. I love hearing peoples' stories and learning about their life journeys. Hospital visits, home visits, baptisms, weddings, burials and counseling have brought me into close contact with people, and I've found that rich and rewarding.

Administration, on the other hand, is not one of my gifts. I couldn't administer my way out of a paper bag. I'm in perpetual danger of missing a meeting, forgetting a phone call, or blowing by a deadline. Volunteer management and event organizing are complete mysteries to me. Luckily, I've had the help of a great secretary who has saved me from my worst disasters.

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***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!***

Vicar's Voice continued

Every priest has strong points and weak points. There are some things I've done well, and some things I've flopped at. I've learned to accept that. I've tried to lean into my strengths, and find ways to compensate for my weaknesses.

It's a great privilege to be a priest and a pastor, and over the years I've grown into my role as a priest. I've become more confident and more at ease in my role as the shepherd of the flock, thanks to the trust given to me by so many people. I'm grateful for that trust. Thank you for allowing me to be your priest.

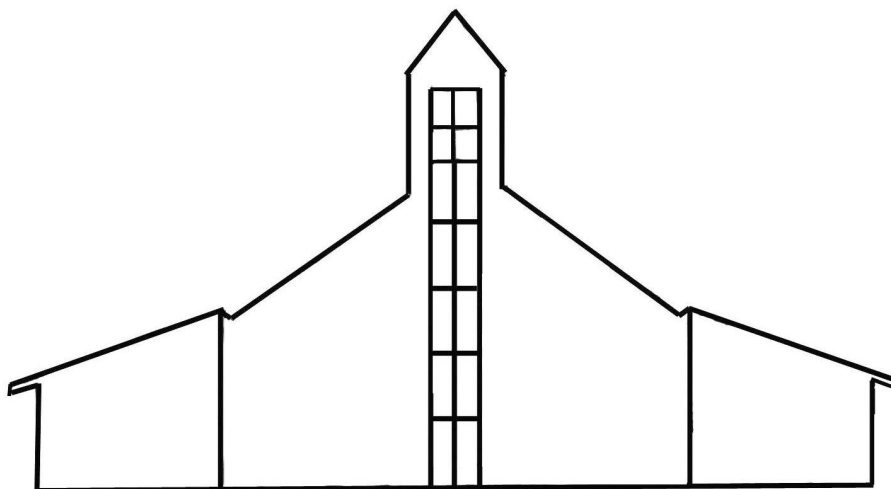
Bill

Save the Date

Thursday, October 21, 2021

Stewardship Banquet

Bishop Rickel, speaker



St. Antony's Episcopal Church

A Note from our Bishop's Warden

The last month has seen a continuation of onsite services and functions. Although masks are still a requirement and medical professionals are asking citizens to vaccinate, at St. Antony's we are confident we are on the correct path to returning to a more normal lifestyle.

Our search for the next vicar continues as several people have agreed to serve on a Profile committee. The BC interviewed a prospective interim at the last meeting on August 19th. As of this article's publication, the process has not provided an opportunity for my announcing who may come to St. Antony's after Father Bill retires. The Letter of Separation between Father Bill and St. Antony's is signed and delivered to the Diocese. As for a search committee, one person has volunteered, and you may be asked to join. The search may not happen for a while, but remember the song that asks, "Whom shall I send?"

Here I am Lord,
Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go Lord,
If you lead me."

Another matter of whom shall we send deals with volunteering to help with receptions and kitchen duties. Many times, we are the last to oversee the group or organization using our building. We need a dedicated group of people to act as liaisons when events are happening. If asked to be a building use coordinator and put together a small group that can rotate responsibilities for monitoring events, please ask the Spirit to guide your answer.

Our grounds are maintained by David Sorrell who does it with the love of Jesus in his heart. He needs help. We have seven acres of property and the plants do grow fast. If asked to become a landscape specialist, join the fun of groundskeeper.

Our future is bright when darkness seems to choke us so we cannot see. Do not put your light under a basket but shine forth so others may distinguish the path God has for us.

May we stay in God's presence and believe in the path we travel to find our next leader.

Peter Stockwell,
Bishop's Warden

Wednesday Evening Events

The Wednesday Evening Events will start back up on September 8 through October 6.

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist
6:15 pm Potluck
7:00 pm Program

Trunk or Treat

On Halloween afternoon, we will be having a Trunk or Treat in our parking lot. What is a Trunk or Treat? It's a fun event where people decorate their trunk and give candy to all of the little goblins that come by to visit us.

If you would like to participate by being one of the people with a decked out trunk and candy to share, please let Chelsea Reeder know, and be at the church by 2:00 pm Halloween afternoon. The actual event will be from 3 - 5 pm.

Spread the word to those with little goblins!

Chelsea Reeder
Parish Life Co-Commissioner



This organization, otherwise known as ERD, was established in 1940 as the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief (PBF). It was created to assist those fleeing Europe as war was building. Its mission has grown over the years to help communities, worldwide, recover from disasters, such as flooding, earthquake and dire human need. After Hurricane Mitch in 1998 and the devastation to the Republic of Honduras, the PBF began to focus on community development. It coordinated with other programs available to rebuild houses, a school, a clinic and a church. In 2000, the PBFund was renamed and is now known as ERD.

St. Antony's Outreach Committee has designated donations to ERD at times when there were significant needs for funds, e.g., when ERD participated in partnership with other agencies in the NetsforLife program, in 2006, to fight malaria in sub-Sahara Africa; support in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina. More recently, we made a donation to ERD, which was working with international agencies, in response to the bombing of a hospital in the Gaza Strip. Medical supplies and medical shelters were needed to aid the wounded and sick, including many children. Father Bill recently sent an email telling us how we could send funds to ERD to help with the disaster from the earthquake in Haiti. The *Outreach Committee* meets monthly and seeks ways to responsibly distribute funds from its budget to reach those in need whether local, Diocesan wide and/or worldwide. We are called to go into the world to seek and serve where we are called. The Committee invites your thoughts, ideas and participation.

Maggie Scott,
St. Antony's Outreach Committee Member

Bible Class - Faith Formation

This is a time of great change and great opportunity for our faith, and one way to prepare ourselves for the coming changes in leadership and culture is through Bible study. I am proposing that we take the hour between services and engage in a new view of the scriptures.. As many of you know, the order of books in the New Testament does not reflect the order in which they were written: the very earliest written news of The Way, before there was much of a "church", is the seven letters written by Paul, beginning with the very short letter to Thessalonica in about the year 40, less than 20 years after the Lord's death.

The first Gospel, Mark (not Matthew), was not completed until around 70 CE, after the destruction of the Jewish temple and the entire city of Jerusalem. We know this because Mark refers to it in his gospel. All the other Gospels depend upon Mark, with the possible exception of John. Why do the dates of composition matter? Because our faith is one of growing understanding, as we who are followers of The Way try to understand what the news of Jesus Christ means in the context of our own time. Although the last letter of the new testament (James, not Revelation), closed out the early canon of the church, our understanding of the deep meaning of our faith has continued to grow over the centuries--sometimes apparently wandering off into the weeds, but always returning to deepen the truth of the basic message of the gospel.

A few of you have spoken to me about your interest, and I will have a signup sheet at the service on Sunday, August 28th and September the 5th, with an introductory session at 9 a.m. on September 12.

Esther Osborne,
Adult Faith Formation Commissioner

Contemplative Prayer Meeting Update

Since we have been apart for so long, I had hoped we might come together in person at the church on Sunday, September 12th, to share our individual spiritual experiences during isolation. However with the new pandemic surge, it might be more prudent to meet, mask-less, through Zoom on that day. We would also schedule the meeting a little earlier, at 4 o'clock rather than 4:30.

The purpose of our meeting would be to reflect, share and learn from each other just where our 'still small voices' seem to be leading us. We will also have Loretta McGinley share what she has learned about the mindfulness practice which helps to quiet the mind and create an openness to experiencing inner peace, where the still small voice can at last be made known.

It is a seeker's journey, which as mentioned in last month's newsletter, certainly must not be very different from that of our ancestor, St. Antony of Egypt... or from the Jews' experience while in exile all those years in Babylon. Below is an excerpt from Jeremiah's letter to those exiles that I've saved from Mac Mackimmie's memorial service last July. It seems quite fitting for us... and begins at Jeremiah 29:10.

"For thus says the Lord:

Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart"

I hope you will consider joining us... and will keep a look out for any further meeting updates that could be coming from the church office.

Carolyn Sorrell



Bring Christmas to a Seafarer!

Every year, the Seattle Seafarers' Center provides about 1,000 ditty bags stuffed with basic personal necessities to merchant seafarers. These bags are one way we help seafarers celebrate Christmas while they are far from home during the holiday season. Seafarers help make Christmas possible by transporting lots of stuff to the US. Help make a seafarer's Christmas by providing them with a ditty bag to say thank you!

There are lots of ways to participate. You can make drawstring bags or knit hats, or you can purchase basic supplies (e.g., shaving cream, body soap, and toothpaste) and drop those off at the Center. You can also make a financial gift that will be used to purchase more supplies for ditty bags. To find out more, visit our website and contact the Seattle Seafarers Center (office@mts-seattle.org), and thank you!

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Meet your Bishop's Committee



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Parish Life



Emily Nickerson
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Dolores Perreira
Clerk of the BC
Outreach



John Stockwell
New Facilities

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



September Birthdays

1	Barbara Hart
4	Esther Osborne
8	Elexa Tubberville
	Barbara Thaete
17	Cheryl Wright
18	Heidi Feenstra-Wilson
19	Malcolm Campbell
20	Sylvia Campbell
21	Emily Nickerson
22	Christina Morris
23	Jessica Sherwin
24	Chad Fulton
	George Anderson
25	David Stockwell
	Chris Ferguson
26	Benny Wright
28	Shane Carlson
29	Rev. Bill Fulton



September Anniversaries

5	Bill & Melanie Reeder
7	Rev. Bill & Barbara Thaete
16	John & Marj Zantek
24	Darrow & Ruth Lindstrum
26	Bill & Heather George
28	Chris Christensen & Esther Osborne

Deadline for the October Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, September 21** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Financial Report July			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$17,673.66	\$134,745.36	Local Checking	\$65,301.04
Operating Expenses	\$18,401.76	\$135,493.83	Local Savings	\$17,162.26
Net in July	(\$728.10)	(\$748.47)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$224,571.24
			Total	\$307,034.54

September 2021 Schedule

JOB	September 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18	September 12 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19	September 19 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20	September 26 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21
EM 8 am	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Norma Tipton	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton
GREETER 8 am				
EM 10:15 am	Lee Halkias	Peter Stockwell	Cris McCarty	Peter Stockwell
LC/OT 10:15 am	Stu Smith	Cris McCarty	Michael Wentworth	Jim Foley
LC/NT 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Jim Foley	Sarah Rogers	Elizabeth Flagg
ACOLYTES 10:15 am				
GREETER 10:15 am				
USHER 10:15 am	Carole Nau	Loretta McGinley	Peter Stockwell	Dave Peterson
COUNTERS				
COFFEE HOUR	Sarah Rogers	The Reeder Family	Amy & Christina Wentworth	Carrie Rivers & Jane Stockton
Eucharistic Visitors				
BPod	Dave Peterson	Loretta McGinley	Penny Whitney	John Stockwell
1st LESSON	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	Proverbs 1:20-33	Proverbs 31:10-31	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
PSALM	Psalms 125	Psalms 19	Psalms 1	Psalms 124
2nd LESSON	James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17	James 3:1-12	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	James 5:13-20
GOSPEL	Mark 7:24-37	Mark 8:27-38	Mark 9:30-37	Mark 9:38-50

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	Chris Crowson	Carleton M.
Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Donna Hilton	Chris Crowson B	Ray Flagg	Cris McCarty
Ruth Lindstrum	Ruth Lindstrum	Darrow Lindstrum	Jim Foley A	Dave & Jan Peterson	Christina M.
Elizabeth Moorhead	Elizabeth Moorhead	Pam Morton	Maggie Scott B	Dave & Carolyn Sorrell	Chelsea R.
John Teller	Bill Reeder	John & Jane Teller	Norma Tipton B	Mark Westin	Laurel R.
Norma Tipton	John Teller		David Wedeven B	Barb Hart - Substitute	Mackenzie W.
			Heidi Feenstra-Wilson A		
			Marj Zantek B	Esther Osborne	
10 am	10 am	10 am		Loretta McGinley	
Elizabeth Flagg	Lee Halkias	Suzanne Brock		Peter Stockwell	
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Elizabeth Flagg	A - computer	Carol Nau	
Cris McCarty	Chelsea Reeder	Liz Haney	B - non computer	Linda Robuck	
Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Carole Nau			
Stu Smith		Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell			
Michael Wentworth					

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	3 Vicar's Day Off	4 10-3 Quilt Group Gathering Room
5 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	6 Labor Day	7 7 pm Outreach Mtg.	8 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	9 Noon Vicar's Bible Study 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting	10 Vicar's Day Off	11
12 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	13	14	15 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	16 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	17 Vicar's Day Off	18
19 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Baptism of Marie Sherwin	20	21 10 am Newsletter Deadline 11:00 am Witty Knitters 1 pm Worship Planning Mtg.	22 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	23 Noon Vicar's Bible Study	24 Vicar's Day Off	25
26 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 1-4 Project Linus Gathering Room	27	28	29 5:30 pm Holy Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Program	30 Noon Vicar's Bible Study		

Retirement Dinner 10/10
Stewardship Banquet w/the Bishop 10/21
Trunk or Treat 10/31

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