

Glad Tidings

December 2021



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Interim Vicar's Voice

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Tomorrow we begin the season of Advent.

Advent.

A time of waiting, watching, listening.

A time of remembering, anticipating.

A time of renewal and wonder.

The beginning of a new year in the life of the church.

New beginnings bring changes. You, we have been through a great deal of change in the past two years. Some find this exciting and others find it challenging and a cause of anxiety; most of us find ourselves with the whole spectrum of emotion and reactions.

As I try to swiftly grow into my new role, I find myself filled with hope, with excitement, with fear, and overwhelmed at various moments. I feel so blessed that you asked me to be your priest during this time of transition, this time of change.

We are certainly in an Advent season in the life of St. Antony's. It is a time of preparation for calling the next vicar for St. Antony's. It is a time of hope that we will continue in the current direction of returning to the new normal whatever that will look like. It is a time, in the midst of all that is going on around us, to pause daily and give thanks for this wonderful family and for all the ways we have experienced the love of God through our relationships with each other.

Let us reflect and remember.

Let us look to the future with hope.

Most importantly, let us live in the present knowing that our God is with us on this journey.

As we begin this season, I offer you this prayer from one of my favorite writers, Henri Nouwen:

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Please know that you are in my prayers, With blessings, Craig

*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!*

Pandemic Cautions and Concerns

As the weather gets colder and we gather indoors more and more there is concern about the possibility of yet another resurgence of the Covid virus. Reflecting on my experience in the hospital the past 2 years, I will, as I have told you, err on the side of caution.

We will reinstitute the use of sign in sheet as you enter the church. This is a precaution in the event someone without symptoms joins us for worship and then is diagnosed so that we can alert others so they can be tested.

I am as tired of this as all of you are but part of my job in caring for you is your physical health in as much as I am able as well as your spiritual health.

Again, based on my medical education and my experience in the hospital, I cannot over urge you, if you have not already, to get vaccinated and get the booster.

*We pray for your love and compassion to abound
as we walk through this challenging time.*

*We ask for wisdom for those who bear the load
of making decisions with widespread consequences.*

*We pray for those who are suffering with sickness
and all who are caring for them.*

*We ask for protection for the elderly and vulnerable
to not succumb to the risks of the virus.*

*We pray for misinformation to be curbed
that fear may take no hold in hearts and minds.*

*As we exercise the good sense that you in your mercy provide,
may we also approach each day in faith and peace, trusting in the truth of your goodness towards us.*

Craig

Sunday Bible Study

The Sunday morning Bible Class will be studying the scripture readings for Advent, beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, November 28. The class is open and early risers are welcome!

Esther Osborne



Environment

Thank you to everyone who has participated in all the work parties that did work on our landscaping. Your hard work really shows what we can do. A special thank you to David Sorrell for all the work he has done to get the work scope organized.

Another thank you for everyone who contributed to the food drive. I delivered 319 pounds of food and other things to the Central Kitsap Food Bank on Monday 11/22. We will give you an update on total pounds and money later.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

Dave Peterson, Environment Commissioner

Notes from our Bishop's Warden

We had a wonderful start to our stewardship drive for 2022. Bishop Rickel came and gave an inspiring dissertation about what giving is. Since everything is God's and we are allowed to use the gifts presented to each of us, only a fair and appropriate amount is asked to be returned for our work in the church. Whether talent, time, or treasure, we are asked to be fair using God's gifts. How does the work of the church influence our decision as to what is fair and appropriate? All we must do is listen to the Holy Spirit. As BC members, we answered a call. At the annual meeting in January, four BC member terms are completed and need to be replaced. Any ideas, who might heed the Holy Spirit and answer the call? If you are asked to service, be guided by the Holy Spirit, and accept.

We are now in Advent and preparing for the birth of Jesus. The Men's breakfast and gift exchange and the creation of greens for the church happens on December 18th.

Epiphany is January 6th, a Thursday. We are planning a service and dinner with an Epiphany Cake. Traditions should return as soon as feasible. Watch for details.

Any ideas about what program to use for broadcasting our church services, rather than Facebook, is greatly appreciated.

Our congregation continues to amaze me and others because we do not falter in our steadfast belief in God, Jesus, and each other. We adjust to the any situation or challenge. We support the work of the church with our talents, time, and treasure. Last month was stewardship and we acted accordingly to continue the mission of St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church. Thank you to all our church family. God has blessed us.

Peter Stockwell
Bishop's Warden

Men's Breakfast



Men's Breakfast and Gift Exchange

8:00 AM

Saturday, December 18

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!**



Making of the Garland

10:00 AM

Saturday, December 18



All parishioners are invited to come help with making a garland for beautifying the church for Christmas services.

**Bring gloves and clippers if you can.
Also needed are greens to make the garland.
No hemlock, please.**

Outreach

What a busy year for St. Antony's Outreach. The Holy Spirit has been reflected through the sincere commitment of all those who heard and responded to the needy outside our church walls - both through the Outreach Team Ministry, as well as through individual choice and efforts.

During our November meeting, the Outreach Team approved donations to the **ALIVE shelter** (local shelter for abused women and their children), to our Kinship Family through **Kitsap Community Resources**, to the **Coffee Oasis** Family Christmas project, and for a donation to **Charles Smith**, in support of his missionary work through C-TEN (Commission to Every Nation).

Outreach Support of Missionary Work. Missionary work is challenging in the best of times. Charles Smith's ability to overcome additional obstacles brought on by the pandemic is testimony to his strength and effectiveness in his chosen field. Please consider supporting his endeavors through prayer, hosting an informative gathering, and/or making a financial contribution. If you plan an informative gathering, consider inviting a few friends and acquaintances to meet with him in your home (or wherever) to learn more about his service in Uganda and his working relationship with the organization he is associated with, C-TEN. Brochures with additional, practical information are available on the table in the narthex. Thank you for considering a response to this opportunity to contribute to God's work in Uganda through our own Charles.

Fall Food Drive. Heartfelt thanks to all those who donated food for our food drive, and to Dave Peterson for coordinating this effort.

2021 Operation Ditty Bags - "THANK YOU" - from Dee Perreiera

"Thank you" to all of our supporters and volunteers for making this project a success. A total of 52 ditty bags were sewn, enough to serve two ships. "AWESOME" job St. Antony supporters! We don't want to miss anyone who supported this project so we apologize in advance, but "THANK YOU" to the Witty Knitters for sewing hats, volunteers who sewed hats & bags, those who donated items or gave monetary donations and to those who gave time in attending the Sew party and the Stuffing party. A special "THANK YOU" to Cristi Chapman, Mac for attending with Cristi C., Linda R., Loretta M., and Maggie S. We made such a good team and you are all awesome. To my husband, Norman, "Thank you" for your continued support, guidance and encouragement and last but not least to the Lord Almighty for his guidance and blessings. Again, a HUGE THANK YOU, to everyone for your time, talents and treasure, GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

All are welcome to attend our next Outreach Team meeting 7 December at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Loretta McGinley and Dee Perreiera
Outreach Co-Commissioners



Diocesan Convention

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of all people?

The theme for the 111th Convention of the Diocese of Olympia -

STRIVING FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE - was inspired by our Baptismal Covenant, and calls upon us to consider ways to be attentive to and respond to calls of justice for all.

This year, Father Craig, Deacon Bill, Charles Smith and Loretta McGinley attended the annual diocesan convention via Zoom 29-30 October 2021. Like our own annual meeting in January, the Diocesan Convention meets annually to conduct business of the Diocese which includes elections for diocesan offices, choosing delegates to the national General Convention and approval of a new budget. Additionally, assessment levels are set, there is voting on resolutions which guide the work of the Diocese, the Bishop delivers his annual address, and those individuals who have gone through ordination process are ordained in a Eucharist service. Most business is conducted on Day 1, and Day 2 provides many opportunities to learn about the wide-ranging ministries that are active throughout our Diocese.

Ten resolutions were considered, and several had been proposed by the Circles of Color, a grassroots organization that arose from the Diocesan Multicultural Ministry to promote inclusion and equity for BIPOC people (black, indigenous and people of color). The approved budget included funding for a new Canon for Multicultural Ministry and Community Transformation, with a focus on engaging the Diocese in becoming a more inclusive community. Areas of responsibility will include development of a diocesan strategy to increase diversity in lay and clerical positions, and to engage the larger communities on issues of racial justice and reconciliation.

Resolutions of note that passed and will move forward for consideration at the National Convention included a call to action for justice and peace in the Holy Land - supporting fair and equal rights for both Palestinians and Israelis, and adding Barbara Clementine Harris, first female bishop in the Anglican Communion, to the calendar of the church year.

Charles Smith attended the workshop, 'Introducing Discord', presented by the youth of the Diocese. He came away thinking it is a great alternative to Zoom if there is someone who can set up and maintain the server. It has several breakout areas, comparable to social media discussion threads and there is good security. It does have the overhead of someone setting up the Discord server and maintaining control over who has permission to see which areas.

Charles also attended 'Striving for Justice and Peace in the West Bank'. Even though he visited the West Bank in 1999, it was eye opening. "What I saw firsthand back then was a dressed up, easier to accept, version of what is happening. It was clear to me that the age-old question of 'are you for Israel or are you for Palestine?' is the wrong question. The question needs to be, Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?"

Charles also attended, 'Navigating a Changing Church'. It focused on different communication styles: introvert, extrovert, emotional, conscientious. Each of us grew up learning the style dominant in our environment; however, none of us are restricted to communicating one way every time. We move between the different styles based upon the topic and over the course of our life.

Loretta attended workshops highlighting work throughout the Diocese for helping the homeless (presented by the Diocesan Homeless Task Force), aid to Afghan refugees (presented by the Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Office), and creative contemplative prayer practices offered at various churches in western Washington.

Bishop Rickel began his annual address reciting a quote from one of his favorite songwriters, John Prine: God only knows the price that you pay for the ones you hurt along the way. His address highlighted the need for understanding and reconciliation, and offered questions for reflection in hopes of moving closer to becoming the beloved community of Jesus:

- What will you do together as a congregation to interrogate and confess the sins of the past and reduce mistrust and suspicion?
- What are you going to do personally in your spiritual life and practice to reflect on your own sins and rebuild relationships?
- How will you help your congregation resist the urge to hit the snooze button?

The Diocesan website is a great place to learn more about the far-reaching ministries of our Diocese: ecww.org. It also has a link to the 'Striving for Justice' website, if you would like to 'attend' some of the convention workshops.

Please consider being a delegate for the next Diocesan convention which is scheduled to be held in person next October 2022; delegates will be selected at our annual meeting in January.

Thank you, Loretta McGinley

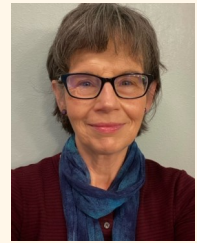
Meet your Bishop's Committee



Peter Stockwell
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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.

Charles Mission News

Giving Thanks

As the church throughout the world begins a new church year (advent), I want to give thanks for some of the blessings of 2021 by name.

Incorporation: Uganda experienced another lock-down this year. Once again the church buildings were closed. However, this time we could have small services elsewhere—house church. St. John's organized 17 house churches. Obviously the pastor cannot attend all 17 house churches each Sunday. I was invited to join the rotation, visiting a different house church each Sunday instead of being part of a particular house church. I was looking to attend; however, God was showing me that part of being a missionary is being accepted in a new community and supporting that community. I take this as a sign that I am being accepted, and that St. John's Birijaku wants me to participate in the life of the community.

Prison Ministry: The easing of the first Ugandan lock-down (the 2020 lockdown) had the prison ministry team hoping and praying that we would be allowed to re-enter the prison. That was not the case as Uganda continued to be cautious about easing restrictions. Opening prisons to visitors and/or programs would have to wait. We did wait. We added an "in the meantime" program of visiting and praying for patients in the hospital. This has been a blessing; it gives team members eager to be doing something physical, something to participate in. We have also continued our weekly team meetings, preparing and reviewing bible study materials for the gospel of Mark. WE took time out to review the foundations of our faith so we would be better prepared to answer questions in the prison. This brought renewed interest and the team meeting attendance grew. Now it is growing again. Three of the people who asked me to come and help develop a prison ministry were still active when I arrived in February 2020. I joined that small community. I seek to grow and nurture it with God's help. At this time last year we were 16 people on paper. Now we have had 17 attend a single team meeting. We are 24 on paper.

Computer Skills Ministry: I am thankful for the interest in computer skills. In an urban, industrialized community this might be a given. That is not the case in the rural, agrarian northwest corner of Uganda where I am called to be. Both Ugandans and refugees are eager to learn how to type with 10 fingers and how to use the applications on a computer. This year I taught these user skills in four locations. Two sites (Mugujai and Entebbe) have graduated their first groups. Three locations have ongoing classes. I am excited that some of the graduates in Mugujai are mentoring the next group of students at that location. If this ministry is of God, then it must outgrow me. It is doing that and Mugujai is leading the way.

You: I am grateful for all the prayers and encouragement. I am also thankful for the financial support that I have received. It has allowed me to remain in Uganda through two lock-downs and focus on what God called me there to do. The work has begun. God will grow it beyond imagination. With your continued support, I will be there to do my part. So will you, through prayer and and/or financial support. For all these things and so much more, I give thanks.

Thanksgivings: For those interested in prison ministry! God's blessings. Computer skills graduates. You, my supporters. **Prayer Requests:** To be able to resume 'in the prison' ministry. God's continued guidance and blessings.



House church service, St. John's Birijaku (Koboko), Bethany zone, Godfrey leading the service, Charles to preach.

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December Birthdays

1	Jackie Vincent
2	Carole Nau
	Carolyn Sorrell
	Declan Jarry
7	Melo Scanlon
13	Gail Ferguson
19	Helen Stockton
20	Lee Halkias
	Carol Polognoni
21	Connie Zapp
22	Bill Reeder
24	Carol Smith
28	Daniel Ferguson
29	Donny Manning



December Anniversaries

16	Stan & Moonyeen Marks
21	Melo & Lenia Scanlon
28	Raymond & Suzanne Brock

Deadline for the January Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, December 28** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Advent
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

Financial Report October			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$15,780.04	\$190,542.84	Local Checking	\$28,945.40
Operating Expenses	\$26,123.74	\$203,347.68	Local Savings	\$17,163.34
Net in October	(\$10,343.70)	(\$12,804.84)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$215,318.76
			Total	\$291,427.50

December 2021 Schedule

JOB	December 5 Second Sunday of Advent	December 12 Third Sunday of Advent	December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent	December 24 Christmas Eve 8:30 pm	December 25 Christmas Day 9:00 am	December 26 First Sunday after Christmas
EM 8 am	Donna H.	Ruth L.	Elizabeth M.			Elizabeth M.
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Norma T.	Donna H.	Ruth L.			Norma T.
GREETER 8 am						
EM 10:15 am	Sarah R.	Peter S.	Cris M.	Ruth L.		Esther O.
LC/OT 10:15 am	Stu S.	Sarah R.	Michael W.	Norma T.		Jim F.
LC/NT 10:15 am	Cris M.	Elizabeth F.	Michael W.	Norma T.		Stu S.
ACOLYTES 10:15 am						
GREETER 10:15 am						
USHER 10:15 am	Loretta M.	Dave P.	Barbara H.	Esther O. & Carole N.	Linda R.	Carole N.
COUNTERS						
COFFEE HOUR						
Eucharistic Visitors						
BPod	Loretta M.	Esther O.	Penny W.	Julie S.		Dave P.
1st LESSON	Malachi 3:1-4	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Micah 5:2-5a	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 52:7-10	Isaiah 62:6-12
PSALM	Canticle 4 or 16	Canticle 9	Canticle 15 (or 3) or Psalm 80:1-7	Psalm 96	Psalm 98	Psalm 97
2nd LESSON	Philippians 1:3-11	Philippians 4:4-7	Hebrews 10:5-10	Titus 2:11-14	Hebrews 1:1-4,(5 -12)	Titus 3:4-7
GOSPEL	Luke 3:1-6	Luke 3:7-18	Luke 1:39-45, (46 -55)	Luke 2:1-20	John 1:1-14	Luke 2:(1-7)8- 20

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		Peter Stockwell	
Elizabeth Flagg	Lee Halkias	Suzanne Brock		Carol Nau	
Jim Foley	Cris McCarty	Elizabeth Flagg	A - computer	Linda Robuck	
Cris McCarty	Esther Osborne	Liz Haney	B - non computer		
Sarah Rogers	Sarah Rogers	Carole Nau			
Stu Smith	Peter Stockwell	Malcolm & Sylvia Campbell			
Michael Wentworth					

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 10-3 Quilt Group Gathering Room
5 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Dave Dinks L_____	6 _____Vicar on	7 7 pm Outreach Mtg. _____Vacation _____	8 _____	9 6:30 pm Bishop's Committee Meeting _____	10 _____	11 _____
12 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist _____	13 10 am - 3 pm P.E.O.Ladies	14 	15 	16 	17 	18 8 am Men's Breakfast & Gift Exchange 10 am Garland Making
19 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist Hanging of the Greens	20 	21 10 am Newsletter Deadline 10:30 am Witty Knitters	22 	23 	24 Christmas Eve 8:30 pm 	25 Christmas Day 9:00 am 
26 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 1-4 Project Linus Gathering Room	27 	28 	29 	30 	31 	

Annual Meeting January 29, 2022 - 10 am

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