

Glad Tidings

September 2022



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Interim Vicar's Voice

Dear People of St. Antony's,

We start what is commonly referred to as the Program Year in church language in the coming weeks. I look forward to the coming months with excitement, with hope, and still some worry about the pandemic with the opening of our schools. I look forward with excitement as I feel we are ready to continue to work to have more 'normal' schedule of activities in our church life and in hope as we continue in our transition both at St. A's and our Diocese.

One of the things I'm most excited about is resuming the Wednesday evening Eucharist, Potluck, and Discussions. To begin the fall, we will focus on what I'm going to call – Looking Back – Looking Forward; Sharing Our Stories and Our Hopes. One of the goals of this will be to make a detailed history of St. Antony's. I realize some of this work has been done by the profile committee, but this will be more in depth with the hope of compiling a recorded history of St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church. We have members who have been here since day one and it will be wonderful to get the stories recorded for future generations. And it will also be a time to share our visions, our hopes what St. A's will look like in coming years and decades. I hope you will join us on Wednesday evenings.

These are indeed exciting times and yet they are also times that can be confusing, a cause of some anxiety. But that does not mean that we can simply rest on the good works that have been done; we are always called to carry on the work of the Gospel even in times of transition. My prayer is that we will all be open to whatever the Spirit calls us to do.

On another note, I hope everyone enjoys the Labor Day weekend!

With blessings and prayers,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Craig".

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who worship God, grow in Christ, and serve others.
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Outreach

As days shorten and we anticipate the coolness and beauty of autumn, it's a wonderful time to appreciate blessings and to share with others. Outreach has planned two September events.

St. Antony's Talent Show and Potluck Dinner: 10 September from 4 pm - 7 pm. This will be a fundraiser in support of the Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Office, and will be a fun opportunity to share a talent with your church family, e.g. sing a song, play a tune, read a poem, etc.- while enjoying a potluck dinner. Sarah Rogers will be our MC for the evening.

Please let Loretta McGinley by 8 September if you want to be added to the program. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex to help set up, bring potluck items and to clean up. Much help is needed! Please come - it's sure to be a night to remember.

School Supply Drive: In light of rising costs for families, Outreach received several suggestions to support local children through hosting a school supply drive. It begins 28 August and will end 12 September. A list of needed school items and a donation bin will be in the narthex. Donated items will be distributed through the Central Kitsap School District to children who can benefit, as well as to Coffee Oasis youth.

At the August Outreach meeting, donations to the following two organizations were approved: The Mission to Seafarers, and Episcopal Relief and Development - Ukraine support.

Our next Outreach team meeting will be via Zoom on 13 September at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend!

Loretta McGinley
Outreach Commissioner



Computer Counters Needed

If you think you might be interested in doing some data entry into the computer, please Jim Foley or Linda Robuck know.

We are down 3 computer counters in 2 months. We need people to step up. There will be some training needed, but it is pretty simple once you get the hang of it.

Until we have more computer counters, money will only be counted every other week.

Thanks for your consideration.

Linda Robuck



Wednesday Evening Eucharists

We are going back in time and will be adding potlucks and discussions to our Wednesday evening Eucharists.

Holy Eucharist 5:30

Potluck 6:15

Discussion 7:00

Please join us for fellowship.

Please try to make it as we will be discussing our church - who we are - and what we want in the future. Your input is needed.



First off, I would like to thank everyone who are continuously supporting St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church. Our mission states to be a loving and welcoming people who worship god, grow in Christ, and serve others.

I feel so blessed to be a part of this church as I do feel loved and welcomed. Even though we are in a transition of finding a new vicar our interim, Father Craig Vocolka guides me to stay connected with god. Everyone has been through tough times and/or still dealing with some challenges, but we are slowly regaining confidence and getting back to church along with being outdoors or just living life and making the best of it. Praise GOD!

A lot has happened here at St. Antony from continued in person or live stream services, meetings or group sessions. New Bishop Committee members and continued Outreach support along with updates from other commissions or missions. The ability to read more interesting articles in our Glad Tidings newsletters such as "Getting to Know You", along with useful information like invitation to Mindfulness to Christian Meditation classes, dates on work parties, coffee hour gatherings and so forth. But seeing new faces or having new traditions is what makes it unique for St. Antony and we are looking forward to making new memories.

Our latest event was the church picnic which took place on Sunday, August 7th right after the combined church service which was held under the Pavilion. A beautiful day it was, we had fun, laughter, great food and the best part of this event is good company. Although we missed a lot of people, we kept them in our hearts and spirits however, we are looking forward to our next event which is the Talent Show and Potluck dinner on Saturday, September 10th so check out the Outreach article for more information. In the coming months we should be able to do more events and create fond memories, but for now we hope to see you in church or at future gatherings and please don't be shy bring additional family member (s) or even a friend or two for St. Antony welcomes them too.

Last, I am in the process of updating our Facebook, Website, social media, etc. and if anyone is interested in teaming up with me on the communications commission or have experience, please let me know. Also, if you or know of anyone that has picture (s) or even stories they would like to share, please either email me at doloresperreira@yahoo.com or call me at (360) 286-2598. Thank you and GOD BLESS!

Dolores (Dee) Perreira
Communication Commissioner



Paul Rietmann returns to guide us on our Journey into the practice of Christian Meditation

As promised, Paul Rietmann will be returning to St. Antony's for an afternoon workshop on contemplative practices that should help us in our attempt at navigating through these rather tumultuous times. We can also be comforted in the knowledge that Christians all over the world are using these practices to tap into that Divine Inner Spirit, where we may at last discover true Wisdom and Peace that lies deep beneath our poor mortal minds. ...Where we experience the 'Inward and Spiritual Grace'.

On Palm Sunday, Paul introduced us to Contemplative Prayer as it appears to have evolved from ancient Buddhist practices, such as Mindfulness meditation. Loretta McGinley ushered us in with a wonderful Mindfulness meditation on 'Joy'. Then Paul began our journey into Christian Contemplative Prayer as practiced by our desert forefathers. ...In particular, we are reminded of our namesake, St. Antony of Egypt. ...What better place to begin our journey.

If you have yet to meet him, Paul is a retired Episcopal priest and author of *Jesus and Buddha Meet in Stillness: A Beginners Guide to Mindfulness Meditation and Contemplative Prayer*. He is also a retreat leader and teacher on Christian Meditation for the Diocese of Olympia/Faith Formation.

You are most cordially invited to join with him on Saturday, September 24th, in the nave of St. Antony's at 2 pm. The event will likely last about two and a half hours with a short break for snacks and stretching-of-the-legs.

Several neighboring churches have also expressed interest in joining us. Please come and welcome them and enjoy a deeply meaningful afternoon together with Paul Rietmann.

Carolyn Sorrell



A note from your Deacon

We are in a time of strong inflation with everything in our lives costing more and that cost is increasing. I realize that we are all spending more money on our normal expenses and our income has not kept pace. We have all been directly affected. The cost of operating St. Antony has also increased; therefore, we are showing a deficit in our budget.

What does this mean to me/us?

Our support for the activities of St. A's is a spiritual commitment for the spread of God's Word, to serve our community and support those in need. Therefore, with our shortfall, I feel spiritually obligated to increase my giving to St. A's on a weekly basis. For me St. A's is more than a church where I serve. It's a loving group of brothers and sisters in Christ, whom I love being with and worshiping with. I see great potential in our church community. By financially supporting it we can achieve our God-directed potential.

Please pray about what St. A's means to you and consider increasing your weekly commitment.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon

Getting to Know You: Marj Zantek

Writing five hundred words about Marj Zantek is a little like putting together a five-hundred word puzzle with no edges. Where do you start? Perhaps simply with her birth on Staten Island, New York, followed by her multiple connections with the United States Coast Guard. Her dad, her husband, she herself and one of her sons (for a while) all had Coast Guard careers.

While attending college, Marj took time out to go to boot camp. There she met John Zantek who came from the University of Pennsylvania. Two years later they married and two years after that, when Marj graduated from the University of Washington in 1980, they attended Officer Candidate School together.

Upon commissioning, she and her husband were assigned to different ships. Later they managed to stay in closer proximity with Marj often having land assignments while her husband was afloat.

A “cradle Episcopalian,” Marj attended Episcopal churches until the “Called to Common Mission” agreement established full communion between Lutheran and Episcopal churches in the U.S.A. She took that opportunity to expand her spiritual experiences in a Lutheran setting for seventeen years before she came to St. Antony three years ago. She says she found St. A’s to be a “very welcoming community” and she felt she’d “come home.”

Based on her own experience, Marj feels it is very important to involve youth in church services and activities. She relates that her most exciting formative years were in San Francisco where the vibrant ministry of an enthusiastic seminarian led her to be the youth delegate to convention. She now says that, if the opportunity arose, she would look forward to “payback” by mentoring teenagers.

Though Marj found her career in the Coast Guard especially meaningful and important, it was cut short by cancer and she was medically retired. During the many trips (often flights) back and forth to doctors’ appointments, she took up cross-stitching which became a hobby. Two of her pieces from that time grace the walls in her kitchen.

Her recently-deceased husband’s hobby was ham radio. Marj became licensed, too, though she is no longer active. She belongs to two book clubs and likes to swim. She claims she’s not a gardener, but at almost every church work party she can be seen battling weeds thriving on our grounds.

Among her many attributes, perhaps Marj’s outstanding one is the adaptability she honed during nine moves before marriage plus living in ten different states and one foreign country. A particularly memorable challenge, she recalls, was going from a small junior high school in Kodiak, Alaska, to huge, prestigious Lowell High School in San Francisco in 1968.

But it is good to recognize that all the cross-country journeys Marj and two generations in her family made (Juneau to Miami, Kodiak to San Francisco, Key West to Poulsbo - and several others) were in service to us and our country. Thank you, Zantek Family!

Sylvia Campbell



The “Weaponization” of Scripture

The “Weaponization” of Scripture In this time of political polarization, many voices decry the way in which quoting the Bible has become part of the “culture wars.” Certainly the use of scripture in the media has not done any favors for those who want to spread the good news of the Gospel. But this is not the first time in history when sacred texts have been used to justify great evils; in fact, the Apostle Paul seems to have been dealing with this very issue in his longest letter, the book of Romans. Paul has never been to Rome at the time of this letter, and he seeks to present his understanding of the Gospel to the Roman Christians whom he has never met. The issue is the relationship between law and personal freedom: “What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?” Romans 6:1 Come join us as we wrestle with this and other questions raised by allowing the scripture to speak to us, rather than searching for texts to support a point of view. 9:00 a.m. Sunday beginning September 11.

Questions? esthernosborne@gmail.com

Esther Osborne
Adult Faith Formation

Sunday BIBLE STUDY



Safeguarding God's Children and People Classes

Thanks to two volunteers, Loretta McGinley and Emily Nickerson, we will be holding Safeguarding classes here at church..

- Safeguarding God's Children class will be on Sunday, September 18.
- Safeguarding God's People class will be on Sunday, September 25..
- Both will start at 11:30am. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

**Safeguarding God's Children is required for non-clergy who have a key to the church facility, vestry and bishop committee members, church staff, and anyone who works with children in any capacity.

**Safeguarding God's People is required for non-clergy who have a key to the church facility, vestry and bishop committee members, church staff, and eucharistic visitors.

If you are wondering if you are due to take a class (certificates must be renewed every 5 years), please ask me.

Thank you.
Linda Robuck



St. Antony's Celebrates with their Annual Picnic Once Again

Thanks to Tovi Andrews and her support teams, the picnic on August 7th went off without a hitch. Fun was had by all who could attend.

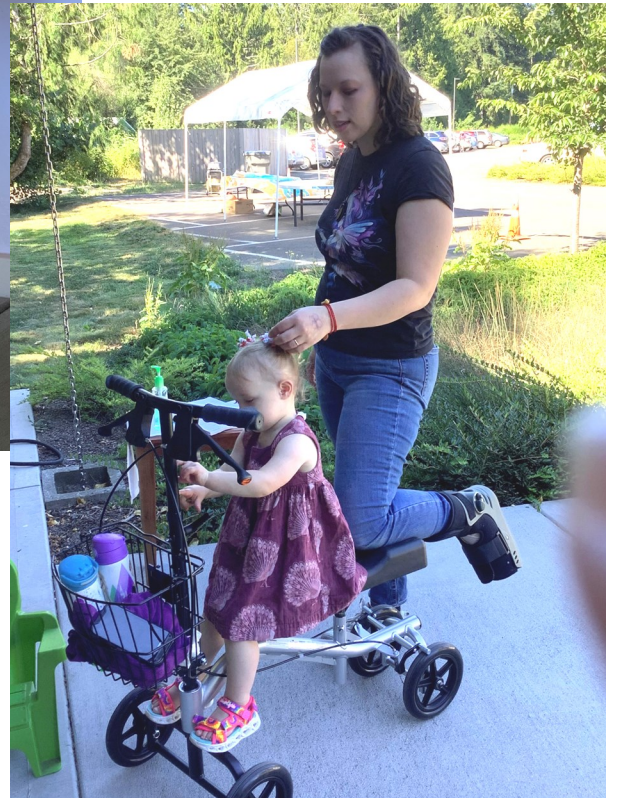
It started with an outside combined service in the Event Shelter. There was great music, a powerful sermon and worship.

Fr. Craig, Loretta, and John were our grill masters. The people provided a plentiful potluck.

Please enjoy the pictures below and the next page. Photo credit goes to Maggie Scott.

Submitted by Linda Robuck





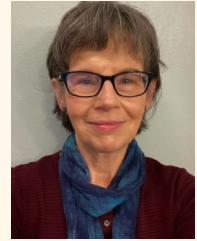
Meet your Bishop's Committee



David Wilkinson
Bishop's Warden
Stewardship



Dave Peterson
People's Warden
Facilities



Loretta McGinley
Outreach



Julie Sherwin
Faith Formation
Youth



Esther Osborne
Faith Formation
Adult



Emily Nickerson
Welcoming



Dee Perreira
Clerk of the BC
Communications



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
7	David Wedeven
8	Elexa Tubberville
8	Barbara Thaete
9	Carol Wedeven
17	Cheryl Wright
18	Heidi Feenstra-Wilson
19	Malcolm Campbell
20	Sylvia Campbell
21	Emily Nickerson
22	Christina Morris
23	Jessica Sherwin
24	George Anderson
25	David Stockwell
	Christopher Ferguson
26	Benny Wright



September Anniversaries

5	Bill & Melanie Reeder
7	Rev. Bill & Barbara Thaete
9	Bill & Lori Fagan
24	Darrow & Ruth Lindstrum
26	Bill & Heather George
28	Chris Christensen & Esther Osborne
30	Rick & Connie Zapp

Deadline for the October Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, September 20th** at 10 am. Please send all submissions to: stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.

Financial Report July			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$14,244.74	\$103,469.92	Local Checking	\$42,477.34
Operating Expenses	\$17,835.38	\$124,190.15	Local Savings	\$17,237.56
Net in July	(\$3,590.64)	(\$20,720.23)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$212,187.79
			Total	\$271,902.69

September 2022 Schedule

JOB	September 4 13th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 18	September 11 14th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 19	September 18 15th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 20	September 25 16th Sunday after Pentecost / Proper 21
EM 8 am	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum	Elizabeth Moorhead	Donna Hilton
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Ruth Lindstrum	Norma Tipton	Dee Perreira	Elizabeth Moorhead
GREETER 8 am				
				Guitars
EM 10:15 am	Cris McCarty	Cris McCarty	Ester Osborne	Sarah Rogers
LC/OT 10:15 am	Cris McCarty	Elizabeth Flagg	Michael Wentworth	Stu Smith
LC/NT 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Laurel Rogers	Michael Wentworth	Laurel Rogers
ACOLYTES 10:15 am				
GREETER 10:15 am				
USHER 10:15 am	Chris Crowson	Carole Nau	Mark Westin	Linda Robuck
COUNTERS	Jim Foley Maggie Scott		Marj Zantek Chris Crowson	Jim Foley David Wedeven
COFFEE HOUR	Julie Sherwin	Sarah Rogers	The Reeder Family	Carrie Rivers & Jane Stockton
Eucharistic Visitors				
BPod			Dee Perreira	Loretta McGinley
1st LESSON	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
PSALM	Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17	Psalms 14	Psalms 79:1-9	Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16
2nd LESSON	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
GOSPEL	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31

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

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<i>Class Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 10-3 Quilt Group @ Carole's
4 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	5 <i>Labor Day</i>	6	7	8 Noon Scripture Reflection Noon BC Reports due	9	10 4 pm St. A's Talent Showcase (Outreach Fundraiser)
11 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am BC Meeting	12	13 7 pm Zoom Outreach Mtg.	14 5:30 pm Evening Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Discussion	15 Noon Scripture Reflection	16	17
18 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Safeguarding God's Children Class	19	20 10 am Newsletter Deadline 11:00 am Witty Knitters	21 5:30 pm Evening Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Discussion	22 Noon Scripture Reflection	23	24
25 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am Safeguarding God's People Class 1-4 Project Linus Gathering Room	26 9 am P.E.O. Ladies	27	28 5:30 pm Evening Eucharist 6:15 pm Potluck 7:00 pm Discussion	29 Noon Scripture Reflection	30	

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