

Glad Tidings

December 2022



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The Rev. Craig Vocolka, Interim Vicar
The Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon



Interim Vicar's Voice

Dear Saints,

Tomorrow, we begin the season of Advent.
Advent.

A time of waiting, watching, listening.

A time of anticipating.

A time of renewal and wonder.

We are certainly in an Advent season in the life of St. Antony's. We are about to begin the next step in our journey of transition. Priests will soon begin to apply to be your next vicar; it is important that we continue our prayer, not only asking, but trusting, the Holy Spirit to connect the right person with St. Antony's.

As you look forward in hope and in prayer, it is also a time to pray for discernment in each of our own personal call. How will we in the coming year answer God's call in our own lives to contribute to this community of believers we call St. Antony's. How will we as a congregation be the caring stewards of this gift God has given us.

During this season of Advent, we are called to reflect and remember as well as looking to the future with hope. But most importantly, we must 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:

*Loving Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness,
send you 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 so many things, look forward to
your coming among us.*

*We, who are so 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 Emmanuel!

Please know that you are in my prayers,

With blessings,

***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!***

Playground Update

We are getting ready to get the area ready for the play-set just to the west of the church. It will have a fence around it.

Road Lights

Thanks to John Stockwell, and Carrie S. Rivers for their work getting power out near the road – it will be used to power the streetlight they are going to be putting up, as well as power for lights along our incoming road.

Thank you for both of these projects. They should be done by early December.

Dave Peterson, Bishop's Warden



FROM THE ALTAR/FLOWER GUILD

Many thanks for your continued generous donations toward the beautification of our worship space. As we journey toward Christmas we will have a sign-up form in the narthex for the donations of poinsettias and special flowers for Christmas celebrations. We are indebted to you and to the very talented floral arrangers who always create magnificent works of art. The Thanksgiving arrangements were absolutely spectacular!

Thank you,
Ruth Lindstrum



Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

Bishop's Warden Notes

Information from our Treasurer is the funds for last month were up. So we were in the black (good) for that month, but overall – we are still way down for the year. Please consider maybe giving an additional gift to the church to wrap up the year.

Also, if you haven't got your pledge cards in yet, please bring them this coming Sunday – there are also additional pledge cards at the church if you forget them.

Dave Peterson, Bishop's Warden

Outreach

As this year draws to a close, the generosity of our congregation continues to be a testament to our love for God through the care and support of others. Many thanks to all who contributed to the Fall Food Drive, which assisted both the Central Kitsap Food Bank and the North Kitsap Fishline programs. The Outreach Sunday talk by Heather Torres, Fishline Board of Director President, highlighted the need for continued contributions to local food banks which have seen a spike in demand this past year.

St. Antony's continues to support **Coffee Oasis**, a program to help local, at risk youth, and you are invited to consider a contribution to the **Family Christmas Project**. Each December Coffee Oasis hosts parties in a safe environment where teens hear the Christmas story, and are provided dinner and gifts. Please consider giving a donation to support a local at risk teen by sending a check to: The Coffee Oasis, 837 4th Street, Bremerton WA 98337. For more information, please visit the Coffee Oasis website at: <https://the-coffeeoasis.com/christmas/>

In November, Outreach made a \$200 donation to the local YMCA ALIVE shelter (domestic violence safe house) to support families they serve, and a \$100 monthly contribution has continued to go to Kitsap Community Services to support their Kinship Program. Christmas blessings to All! “

**“May you be blessed
With the spirit of the season, which is peace,
The gladness of the season, which is hope,
And the heart of the season, which is love.”**

Loretta McGinley, Outreach Commissioner



Communications Corner

By: Dolores (Dee) Perreira

It is the second to the last week of November as I am sitting here contemplating what to write in the Christmas newsletter I have come to realize there is so much to say, but I have chosen this, "How will it be in our next decade?" I believe this decade will be one filled with a never ending cycle of experimenting, learning, adjusting, and experimenting again. Anytime we try something and learn we do our best and try to succeed. The only time we ever lose is when we stop trying, when we give up. St. Antony has survived for many years because it's members never gave up. I am honored to serve alongside all of you as we continue that legacy now in person or in the digital realms.

I believe part of the Christian journey is sharing our faith, experiences, questions and celebrations with one another. In addition to Sunday worships, we can also grow together during the week at Bible Study, Contemplative Group, Holy Eucharist on Wednesdays followed by Sack Lunch, or Discussion or even at church gatherings. We should continue to do that but it would be nice to have more members in our congregation, so let us all work together to invite others to join us so that they too can help spread the word of God.

As your Communications commissioner I am looking to build a Communications team so we can focus on updating our website and social media, so as a reminder if you have photos from the old church to the new church location or know of someone that I may reach out to, please let me know as I would really appreciate it. Thank you for your patience and hopes in the coming 2023 we will have it updated.

In closing, as we enter the last month of the year let's fill our hearts with love and light! Always remember when your world gets full of busy thoughts and actions that an act of kindness, no matter how small, will transform your worried, hurried mind. It is easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the Season, but remember to treat yourself to these acts of kindness as well. A sincere "THANK YOU" goes out to our Interim Vicar, Craig Vocolka, Deacon Bill Thaete, Church Secretary, Linda Robuck, Bishop Committee members and to EVERYONE that is continuously supporting St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church. Let us continue to Gather, Grow & Go!



Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas
and a safe and prosperous New Years everyone
Take care & God bless!

Youth Group Meeting

The youth group of Saint Antony's of Egypt (name ideas welcome) has a couple announcements to make.

We had our first meeting, and it was a great success! We shared pizza and ideas, and came up with two ideas that will happen and the next meeting day that are listed below.

We will be having our next meeting on the 13th of December at 5:30 pm. We welcome all youth 10 - 19 years of age. If you have any questions please talk to Marj Z.

We have two events other than our meeting. These are a Christmas cookie bake on the day of the meeting and a youth takeover Sunday on February 5th, 2023.

We plan to share our Christmas cookies with everyone at the Christmas Eve service and with home-bound congregation members.

To make our takeover happen, we need all youth, and children, to join! Sign up sheets and more information to come.

-Written by member Laurel Rogers

Cookies & Carols

St. Antony's is stepping into the holiday season with our Cookies and Carols party on Saturday, December 10 from 1:00 to 3:30.

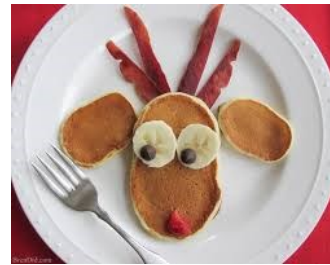
There will be a special cookie swap table for all who want to go home with a sack of cookies made by friends. For those who are coming for the carols only there will be a cheese and wine table afterwards if you have been very, very, good.

Our carols will be led by our own guitar musicians. It's a good time to practice for our Christmas Eve service and the Christmas season. For the cookie swap please bring three dozen cookies to share. We will do this at 1:00 and afterwards begin the caroling. So we will see you there!

Emily Nickerson



Men's Breakfast



Men's group - we are trying to get a list of members of the men's group that are interested in a December 17th Christmas Breakfast and gift exchange.

We have to have numbers to know how much food to buy. Gift limit should be \$15.00 max --- give me some input !!

Thanks! Dave Peterson

Getting to Know You: *Random verbal sketches of St. Antony parishioners*

Carole, from the town of Roscoe near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, met Carl Nau from Sequim, Washington, when they were interns in a government office in Warren, MI. After marrying in 1972, they lived in New Cumberland, Maryland, for a few years but then decided to leave East for West and drove across the country camping the whole way.

In time they settled in Kitsap County on five acres just off Newberry Hill where the number of children increased to five. Everybody, including multiple pets, was kept busy on the acreage tending a huge garden and eighteen fruit and nut trees, but they still found time to go on annual camping trips all enjoyed. Now the extended family includes ten grandchildren - with a first great-grandchild expected in February. Carole and her husband, though "empty nesters" remain on their "farmette," continuing to enjoy this focal point for family gatherings.

A graduate from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in Speech Pathology, Carole was a stay-at-home mom until their youngest child went to kindergarten. She returned to work as a part-time elementary teacher's aide while also working part-time in an insurance office. Later she fulfilled the requirements needed to become a licensed insurance agent, a position she kept for over twenty years.

Whether first employed or now as a retiree, Carole has always been an avid volunteer in social outreach. While working in elementary grades, she was active with "God's Closet," a local group that specialized in collecting coats and other clothes for children in need.

Today she is deeply involved with Project Linus, a national, volunteer, non-profit organization whose mission is to provide handmade blankets for children - infants through teens - to give them a sense of security, warmth and comfort when they are ill or otherwise in need. Nationally, Project Linus is active in every state and provides thousands of blankets yearly. Each one is personally and lovingly made and individually labeled with the words "Handmade especially for you by Project Linus."

Locally, Carole says three organizations - Rotary, the YMCA, and the Sheriff's Office - each request about three hundred blankets every year. (Recently the Coroner's Office also asked for blankets to use for children's burials.)

Extensive coordination is required to meet this overall need. Each state has Project Linus chapters where materials can be donated; volunteers may work individually or in a group, but their products have to be collected, parceled and distributed. Currently, Carole serves as the Kitsap County Coordinator - a monumental challenge considering the area covered and number of items involved. St Antony contributes to this endeavor by providing workshop space for Project Linus "blanketeers" on the last Sunday of every month.

Despite the time commitment the coordinating responsibilities require, Carole still finds time to serve as an usher at St. A's, to be in the choir, and to diligently complete her assignments for Bible Study Fellowship, an intensive, non-denominational, international program she has participated in for over ten years.

A "cradle Episcopalian" and regular church-goer, Carole's search for a church where she felt welcomed and at home took time. St. Antony's became that church. We are pleased that she found us and can share her many gifts with us.

Submitted by Sylvia Campbell for the Welcoming Committee



Meet your Bishop's Committee



David Wilkinson
Bishop's Warden
Stewardship
Resigned due to health.



Dave Peterson
People's Warden
Facilities
Officially Bishop's Warden
November 13, 2022



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.

Charles Mission News

December 1, 2022
Christmas 2022

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

I am writing the newsletter before the US celebration of Thanksgiving so that it can be printed and mailed one week after Thanksgiving. As I pray about what to write, God has led me to give you a view of the blessings have enjoyed this year.

Prison Ministry

When I returned to Uganda in January, I heard the Uganda prisons were still in CoVid lockdown. At the end of January, President Museveni (Uganda) announced the end of CoVid lockdowns.

Gbukutu prison opened to family visits, but not program. I expected we would be allowed to return a few weeks later. Several months later we were still locked out. I was trying to encourage the team; however, I was wondering if God was trying to tell me something. I had received an invitation to come help with prison ministry in Zambia, they were open. Prayer led to the answer, wait.

Meanwhile I continued to pray over and write Bible study notes for the prison ministry team. God let me all the way through the gospel of Mark. However, the prison ministry team was not able to finish reviewing them before the end of July when we went back to the beginning.

At the end of July God made a way where there seemed no way. We would be allowed to resume prison ministry at Gbukutu prison, but only two people could come per week, and we could only share with the men. We began the next week (August). Since we do have women on the team, they started dividing the team and sending us to both sides of the prison (men and women). Praise God, we continue to reach both sides.

In October we received permission to contact the officer in charge of the other prison in Koboko district, Lobule prison. We were given permission to share the gospel there too.

The year began with prayer to resume prison ministry in one prison. It is now wrapped in thanksgiving that we are sharing the gospel in two.

Computer Skills

The year started with three computer skills classes, one in each location: Mugujai (a small town along the northern boarder of Uganda), Ombachi (the north side fo Koboko municipality), and Birijaku (the west side of Koboko municipality).

Both the Mugujai and Ombachi classes completed. This was celebrated with a combined graduation.



Asara proudly showing off his certificate.

The Birijaku class continues. A new class has started in Mugujai. I have been asked to assist 5-17 Ministries in Entebbe open their new mission center by offering computer skills there. Chris will include his staff in the class so they can continue the ministry after I return to Koboko. I am excited to see God raising people up for His work.

Continued next page.

Transportation

With the blessings of returning to in-prison ministry, expanding to a second prison, and computer skills classes, comes a challenge. I need to look for new transport options, especially for the prison ministry. (Not necessarily new transport, just new options as the old options are not always available.) I have started looking into buying a vehicle, but is this the right solution? I am also looking into buying a boda, but that does not allow for transporting the full team. With the current limits on how many can come for ministry, it will work. However, it may not be a long term solution. Please join me in praying about what this will look like and how to finance it. A vehicle that will hold up on the frequently rutted, bad riding condition, dirt roads, is a Land Cruiser. Estimated cost is \$50,000 including import fees and taxes.

Thanksgivings

- Each of you!
- Everything mentioned in this Christmas newsletter, including the need to look for new transportation options.

Prayer Requests

- God's guidance and for support of a solution to the transportation challenge.
- An opportunity to come share with you about the ministry.

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NEW Giving link: www.cten.org/africa-missionaries/charles-smith

Sunday Morning Study Group

The Sunday morning study group will be observing Advent with the help of Walter Bruggemann's book: Names for the Messiah. Isaiah names him Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. How did the Jewish people of the time understand this prediction? Did Jesus fulfill them? What do they mean today?

The book is available through Amazon.

Esther Osborne, Adult Faith Formation Commissioner



December Birthdays

1	Jackie Vincent
2	Carole Nau
	Carolyn Sorrell
7	Melo Scanlon
13	Gail Ferguson
19	Helen Stockton
20	Carol Poglignoni
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
30	Mark & Gail Westin

Deadline for the January Glad Tidings is **Monday, December 19th** at 10 am.
Please send all submissions to:
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.



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PHONE
NUMBER

Heather Carnocki

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Tim Van As & Kristen Fabry
Avery, Soren & Ellery

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Contact info. will not be on the website.)

Linda Robuck, the church secretary, will be taking the week off after Christmas to be with family. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 3.



Financial Report October			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$20,485.31	\$148,743.18	Local Checking	\$30,631.66
Operating Expenses	\$17,342.63	\$176,464.61	Local Savings	\$17,239.05
Net in October	\$3,142.68	(\$27,721.43)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$190,854.81
			Total	\$238,725.52

December 2022 Schedule

JOBS	December 4 2nd Sunday of Advent	December 11 3rd Sunday of Advent	December 18 4th Sunday of Advent	December 24 Christmas Eve 9:00 pm	December 25 Christmas Day 9 am
EM 8 am	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum	Elizabeth Moorhead		Peter Stockwell
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Dee Perreira	Norma Tipton	Donna Hilton		Dee Perreira
GREETER 8 am					
EM 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Peter Stockwell	Cris McCarty	Sarah Rogers	
LC/OT 10:15 am	Elizabeth Flagg	Stu Smith	Cris McCarty	Ruth Lindstrum	
LC/NT 10:15 am	Jim Foley	Sarah Rogers	Michael Wentworth	Laurel Rogers	
ACOLYTES 10:15 am					
GREETER 10:15 am					
USHER 10:15 am	Carole Nau		Chris Crowson	Dave Peterson	
COUNTERS	Jim Foley David Wedeven	Marj Zantek Maggie Scott	Pam Morton Norma Tipton		
COFFEE HOUR					
Eucharistic Visitors					
BPod	Esther Osborne	Dee Perreira	David Peterson		
1st LESSON	Isaiah 11:1-10	Isaiah 35:1-10	Isaiah 7:10-16	Isaiah 9:2-7	Isaiah 9:2-7
PSALM	Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19	Canticle 15	Psalms 80:1-7, 16-18	Psalms 96	Psalms 96
2nd LESSON	Romans 15:4-13	James 5:7-10	Romans 1:1-7	Titus 2:11-14	Titus 2:11-14
GOSPEL	Matthew 3:1-12	Matthew 11:2-11	Matthew 1:18-25	Luke 2:1-14(15-20)	Luke 2:1-14(15-20)

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

December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					Music Group 9-noon	
4 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	5	6 Noon Scripture Sharing	7 10:30 am New Beginnings Contemplative Group Noon Holy Eucharist 12:30 pm Sack Lunch 1:00 pm Advent Program	8 Noon BC Reports due	9 Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	10 1 pm Cookies & Carols
11 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 am BC Meeting	12 9 am P.E.O. Ladies	13 Noon Scripture Sharing 5:30 pm Youth Group Meeting	14 Noon Holy Eucharist 12:30 pm Sack Lunch 1:00 pm Advent Program	15	16 Music Group 9-noon	17 8 am Men's Breakfast and Gift exchange (TBD)
18 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	19 10 am Newsletter Deadline	20 11:00 am Witty Knitters Noon Scripture Sharing	21 10:30 am New Beginnings Contemplative Group Noon Holy Eucharist 12:30 pm Sack Lunch 1:00 pm Advent Program 6 pm Longest Night Service	22	23 Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	24 Christmas Eve 9:00 pm Carols 9:30 pm Holy Eucharist and Carols 
25 Christmas Day 9 am Holy Eucharist 	26	27	28	29	30 Music Group 9-noon	31

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