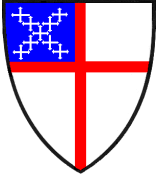


Glad Tidings

March 2023



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The Rev. Craig Vocolka, Interim Vicar

The Rev. Bill Thaete, Deacon



Interim Vicar's Voice

Dear Saints,

I can't help but keep thinking about the Annual Meeting held on the 12th. What a truly blessed day it was! It was great to have everyone gather for one service. It was so wonderful to have Canon Carla Robinson with us and to hear her wonderful words about Absalom Jones and her message.

I know I caught you off guard when I announced that my last day as your interim will be May 14th (if not before, should you call someone local who can start sooner). I wanted to give ample notice (3 months) but more importantly I feel that it is the right time. Victoria and I will be heading to France, for a trip we have been planning for over two years now, to celebrate my retirement from the UW. Between the questionable travel restrictions in 2021 and then the opportunity to serve as your interim, it wasn't a difficult decision to put the trip on hold at that time. I will be gone for five weeks which puts us close to the end of June and hopefully your new vicar will be here by then. I will be certain to work with the diocese and make sure that supply priests are scheduled if needed when I leave.

As you read this, we will have gathered for Ash Wednesday, and we will have begun our Lenten Journey. The reading for the First Sunday of Lent is about Jesus being in the desert for 40 days and the temptations of Satan. Very few of us will ever be put to the test as He was; yet we all face temptations every day in our lives. This is one of the reasons I prefer the contemporary translation of the Lord's Prayer -- *and lead us not into temptation* compared to *save us from the time of trial* are much truer of our God. I do not believe God would ever lead us into temptation but I do know that God can and does save us from times of trials when we open ourselves to the Spirit.

And the beauty of belonging to a congregation, especially this one known as St. Antony's, is that we never need to face these challenges alone. The relationships you have with each other is something that should never be taken for granted; I can tell you that not every church experiences the sense of community you have built here. I have always been impressed and blessed by the experience of community I have found here. There's a great Gospel Song, *Never Alone*, (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lm_teJxqIVo) that I truly believe reflects on the spirit of St. Antony's. Not only is our Savior always with us, but you are also with each other on your journeys.

My prayer for all of us during this season of Lent will be that, as we continue to journey together, that we will all be open to wherever the Spirit lead us and that we will always know in our hearts that we truly are never alone.

With love, prayers, and blessings,

*The mission of St. Antony's is to be a loving and welcoming people
who worship God, grow in Christ, and serve others.*

Notes from the Bishop's Warden

Heartfelt Greetings,

Following our Annual Meeting on 12 February, the Bishop's Committee met to select the Bishop's Warden and People's Warden for the year. I was chosen as Bishop's Warden, and Holly Foley graciously accepted the position of People's Warden. Sincerest thanks for contributions of time and talent to those who stepped off the Bishop's Committee - to David Wilkinson for serving as Bishop's Warden through mid-year, to Dave Peterson who assumed this role and to Emily Nickerson, who served as our warm Welcoming commission. And welcome to our new Bishop's Committee members - Tyler Reynolds, Tim Van Nas and Holly Foley.

Our newly formed Bishop's Committee has a lot of work ahead as we continue to support the process of selecting a new Vicar. We will meet for a retreat on 25 February to identify commission roles for all members, and discuss goals for the coming year.

I'm glad we recite the Transition Prayer each Sunday as our lives are filled with continual endings and beginnings - we could all benefit from the inner peace of God as we negotiate changes that inevitably arise in our lives.

Looking forward to serving you,
Loretta McGinley, Bishop's Warden

A note from Caroline Hoag

Most of you know that I will be moving to the Seattle side sometime in March. My daughters feel I should be closer to them in case of an emergency.

25 years ago I became a St. A parishioner. Of all the activities I have been involved with, the Floral Ministry is closest to my heart!

We must keep it going! Through the generosity and work of many hands we put flowers on the Altar to the Glory of God! They are not meant to stay there to wilt and die but must go to those who are sick, lonely, in need or joy!

I suggest, and strongly urge, that we have a team of at least two people who after the service, take turns getting the flowers off the Altar, rearrange them in portable containers and place them into the hands of those who will deliver them with a smile! There are always helping hands who will be glad to do that!

Have you ever see a person not smile when you hand them flowers? Not many churches have a Floral Ministry but WE DO! Be glad and proud of it!

Caroline Hoag

A Note from our Deacon

Thank you everyone for your generous support of "Souper" Bowl Sunday with 170 lbs. of soup and \$22 dollars that were donated to Fishline Food Bank.

*thank
you*

New Receiving Treasurer

I'd like to introduce our new receiving treasurer, Melo Scanlon. He is no stranger to the 8:00 am service. Melo has been with us almost 4 years. His wife, Lenia, is part of the Witty Knitter group.

Melo will be in training for a month before he officially takes over. You can talk to Pam Morton until April.

Please give him a hey and a thank you next time to you see him.

Linda Robuck



Getting to know you - verbal sketches of St. Antony parishioners

When Charles Smith was in HYC (the diocesan High-School Youth Churchmen program), some of his peers wondered if he was thinking of becoming a priest. Though his inclination at the time may have been in that direction, he went on to earn a BA at Seattle University with a major in Philosophy and a minor in Computer Science; later he added a BSc in Computer Programming at Griffin College.

In his post-graduate years, as in his formative ones, Charles was closely connected to church institutions and involved in ministry. Baptized as an infant, he grew up in Episcopal churches, mainly at St. Andrew's, Seattle. He began acolyting as a youth and continued doing so into adulthood when he also trained acolytes. Over the years, he served in multiple other positions: counsellor at Camp Huston, Sunday school teacher, Youth Group facilitator, delegate to Convention, Bishop Committee member (two-plus terms) and BC clerk for four years.

Charles also contributed his services outside of church circles - especially in Boy Scout programs. Starting as a Bear Scout in fourth grade, at eighteen he became an Assistant Scoutmaster and then progressed to Scoutmaster of a number of troops including one for a Jamboree. Along the way he earned numerous awards. Prized among them was one to which he was elected - the Order of the Arrow's Vigil Honor - bestowed on a scout for "distinguished service to others." That dedication to helping others was also exemplified later in his two-year Peace Corps service in The Gambia where, in addition to teaching computer and other classes, he trained a national scout leader training team. Charles remains a registered scout even today.

Discerning God's will in his life has always been his first priority. This desire led him, between 2007 and 2014, to earn certifications from both the Diocesan School of Ministry and Theology and from the Education for Ministry Program; in-between courses he did a four-month missionary stint in Dornakal, India.

Following these studies and his return from India, for ten years Charles was involved in local prison ministry through Kairos, a semi-annual, four-day weekend course in Christianity. In visits to the prison in Monroe, WA, he filled several roles: servant, table attendant, prayer coordinator, chapel coordinator and weekend leader. Ministry also included monthly prayer-and-share meetings and semi-annual full day reunions.

Throughout all these time-consuming commitments, Charles maintained regular jobs. He worked for Electronic Data Systems Corporation for thirteen years, spending five of them in Michigan and one in Oregon. Service in the Peace Corps followed. Upon return from The Gambia he worked as Senior Logistics Analyst for Mercury Ventures Logistics, dba Military Air Cargo Company in Port Orchard.

During his fourteen years with the company, Charles continued seeking to discern God's call on his life. It came as a call to the missionary field. Introduction to a missionary family who was on leave from South Sudan resulted in an invitation to join them when they returned - this time to Uganda which was becoming a refuge for Sudanese escaping their war-torn country. Prison ministry was also a growing need there. Following an exploratory three-week survey trip to the region and prayer by everyone involved, Charles was invited to come to Uganda as a long-term missionary.

Covid, ebola outbreaks, and government regulations have been obstacles to overcome, but now, through the ecumenical "Truth Is Light Prison Ministry and Computer Skills Ministry," his service continues in faith.

Most of us have not felt the call to which Charles has responded, but through prayer and financial donations we can contribute to his dedicated efforts.

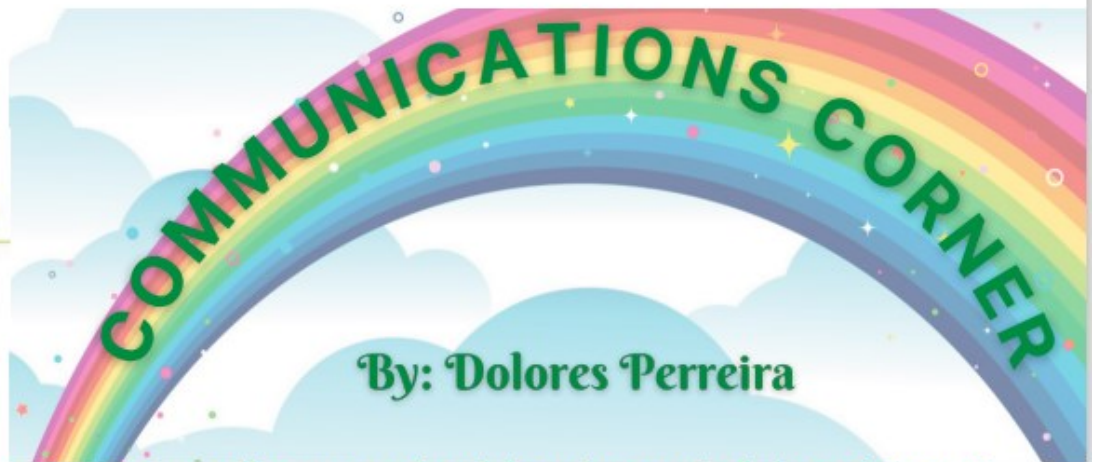
On Sunday, 26 February, at 11:45 am right after coffee hour following the 10:15 service at St. Antony's, Charles will be speaking and showing photos about his endeavors in Uganda. Please come to learn more about his ministry and to support him in his important work.

Sylvia Campbell





LENT



By: Dolores Perreira

Ever thought to wonder is there really a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow? I sure did and as a matter of fact I still do, but not in a way that I believe there is a pot of gold but there is a pot at the end of the rainbow and whenever I see that I fill it with happiness, good thoughts, peace and blessings. You can use your own imagination too so it can be filled with thoughts, words or even phrases, so when you see that rainbow try it. As for the colors of the rainbow they say each color represents something and they sure do, but to me I see life, healing, sunlight, nature and calmness.

St. Antony has so much potential ahead them and as part of being a faithful parishioner to God at St. Antony's and a member of the Bishop's Committee I believe that someday we will be given an opportunity with a new vicar and have successful and productive events to spread the word of God and to invite and share our worship house to anyone.

This month's newsletter is simple but please know that as your Communications Commissioner I am working on a few goals that I am going to share soon. Let us continue to have faith, pray, welcome new comers or people that are returning, support one another, laugh or share stories and work together as we are a worship family at St. Antony of Egypt Episcopal Church.

Take care and God bless!



2023 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Last Tuesday we enjoyed the first in-person Shrove Pancake Supper since the pandemic. It was very well attended and the food was great! Everyone had fun. Here are some pictures of the event.



Meet your Bishop's Committee



Loretta McGinley
Bishop's Warden



Holly Foley
People's Warden



Julie Sherwin
Faith Formation, Youth



Esther Osborne
Faith Formation, Adult



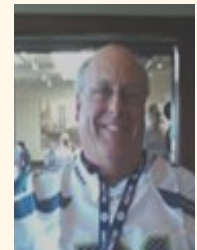
Tim Van As



Dee Perreira
Clerk of the BC
Communications

no photo
yet

Tyler Reynolds
Youth Representative



John Stockwell
New Facilities

Please contact one of these members of the
Bishop's Committee if you have
questions or concerns or ideas within their
commission.
Updated positions will be in the next newsletter.

Charles Mission News

Greater Things

In verse 50 of chapter 1 of the gospel according to John, Jesus tells Nathanael, "You will see greater things than these." While reflecting on it, I realized I have!

1. When the President of Uganda ended all Corona virus restrictions in February 2022, I thought we would be allowed back into the prison. No. Family was allowed but we were not allowed until July.

When I arrived in 2020, I asked about needing formal recognition (permission) from UPS Headquarters (Uganda Prison System). I was told not unless we want to hold a special function. The officer in charge of Gbukutu Prison changed on January 1, 2022, and he wanted the letter from UPS Headquarters, but in July he agreed to let us begin in August. We were allowed for a couple of months and then we were locked out again. We were allowed for a couple of months and then we were locked out again. We were told it was an Ebola precaution.

God moved another officer to tell us the truth. (Greater things are happening, normally we must initiate the contact and what we are told is limited.) The officer in charge had found others willing to share God's word. Now he chooses to persecute based upon denomination. Truth is Light Prison Ministry is ecumenical. We were also told he could not deny us if we received permission from UPS headquarters.

After false starts, delays, and two trips across the country and back, our request for formal recognition was accepted. When we gave proof of this, the other officer provided her contact at UPS headquarters, the head of religious affairs for all USP. Contacting him resulted in a request for another trip across the country. This trip resulted in an in-person meeting with the UPS chain of command. Getting a letter granting formal recognition and ending persecution after just a one-hour meeting. Greater things.

2. Now that we are back serving at Gbukutu Prison again, we are sharing the gospel every Thursday. The team that went the first week for January 2023 came back excited. Fourteen prisoners gave their lives to Christ!

I was invited to join Kairos prison ministry in 2010. I learned that a 'Kairos weekend' program is open to all, believers and non-believers. Following the program, some of them have given their lives to Christ. It happened following the 'Kairos weekend' program. Sometimes we met them at other Kairos programs and could continue to worship with them. That was in the US. Here the decision to give their lives to Christ does occur while we are ministering to them. I was not in Gbukutu prison on January 5th, but wow! Four percent of the prison population. Greater things. What a welcome back!

3. The Truth and Light Prison Ministry knew there was a second prison in Koboko district, but we wanted to wait until the prisons were open again and we had an introduction from the officer in charge of Gbukutu prison. We received that in August, before the "Ebola" lockout. The officer in charge of Lobule prison welcomed us and has allowed us to continue even when the persecution at Gbukutu prison began.

Lobule prison is small but the turnout for our ministry is great. Frequently all or all but one of the seven prisoners attend. Including the Muslim. Now the Muslim is expressing interest in Jesus and wants a Christian novel to read. Must be Christian. Greater things. (We were permitted to give him the novel.)

Thanksgivings: 1. The prison ministry is back in Gbukutu prison (again). 2. I thank God for my financial and my prayer support teams. 3. No more Ebola in Uganda. Prayer Requests: 1. Please join me in praying about transport options for the prison ministry; what this will look like and how to finance it. 2. I will be in the US February 16 - May 13. I am looking for opportunities to share about my mission work.

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March Birthdays

2	Liam Rivers
4	David Wilkinson
5	Bob Richardson
	Mercy Zagrocki
7	Moonyeen Marks
12	Maggie Scott
15	Julie Sherwin
16	Carleton McKenney
	Elizabeth Moorhead
	Shaun George
19	Kristen Alessio
24	Ann Daniels
26	Charles Smith
	Mark Westin
27	Kathryn Polignoni
	Sebastian Kuhns
28th	Liz Haney
30	Bryan George
	Robert George



March Anniversaries

There are no anniversaries this month.

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

Financial Report December **preliminary**			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$20,787.71	\$188,143.61	Local Checking	\$25,634.57
Operating Expenses	\$20,576.51	\$215,455.85	Local Savings	\$17,240.49
Net in December	\$211.20	(\$27,312.24)	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$213,523.61
			Total	\$256,523.61

March 2023 Schedule				
JOB	March 5 2nd Sunday in Lent	March 12 3rd Sunday in Lent	March 19 4th Sunday in Lent	March 26 5th Sunday in Lent
EM 8 am	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Norma Tipton	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Dee Perreira
GREETER 8 am				
EM 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Esther Osborne	Peter Stockwell	Sarah Rogers
LC/OT 10:15 am	Elizabeth Flagg	Stu Smith	Michael Wentworth	Elizabeth Flagg
LC/NT 10:15 am	Laurel Rogers	Jim Foley	Michael Wentworth	Stu Smith
ACOLYTES 10:15 am				
GREETER 10:15 am				
USHER 10:15 am	Chris Crowson	Dave Peterson	Carole Nau	Peter Stockwell
COUNTERS	Ann Daniels Jim Foley	Marj Zantek Norma Tipton	Jim Foley Chris Crowson	Ann Daniels David Wedeven
COFFEE HOUR				
Eucharistic Visitors				
BPod		Dee Perreira		
1st LESSON	Genesis 12:1-4a	Exodus 17:1-7	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Ezekiel 37:1-14
PSALM	Psalms 121	Psalms 95	Psalms 23	Psalms 130
2nd LESSON	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	Romans 5:1-11	Ephesians 5:8-14	Romans 8:6-11
GOSPEL	John 3:1-17	John 4:5-42	John 9:1-41	John 11:1-45

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

March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:30 am Contemplative Group Noon Holy Eucharist 12:30 pm Sack Lunch	2	3 <i>Music Group 9-noon</i>	4
5 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	6	7 Noon Scripture Sharing	8 Noon Holy Eucharist 12:30 pm Sack Lunch	9 Noon BC Reports due	10 <i>Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning</i>	11
12 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:45 BC Meeting	13 <i>9 am P.E.O. Ladies</i>	14 Noon Scripture Sharing	15 10:30 am Contemplative Group Noon Holy Eucharist 12:30 pm Sack Lunch	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i> <i>Music Group 9-noon</i>	18
19 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	20	21 10 am Newsletter Deadline 11:00 am Witty Knitters Noon Scripture Sharing	22 <i>_____</i>	23 <i>Vicar on Vacation_____</i>	24 <i>Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning</i>	25 <i>_____</i>
26 8 am Holy Eucharist 9 am Bible Study 10:15 am Holy Eucharist _____	27 <i>_____</i>	28 <i>_____</i>	29 <i>_____</i>	30 <i>_____</i>	31 <i>Music Group 9-noon _____!</i>	_____

Easter Sunday - April 9

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