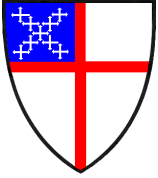


# Glad Tidings

## August 2023



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### Deacon's Voice

#### Our Mission and Statement

My Sisters and Brothers,

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!

We close our statement with a quick synopsis, Gather, Grow and Go; which brings me to a question. How can we as a church, the people, improve how we live into our Mission Statement?

How can we empower the **Gather** portion of our Mission Statement? **Gathering is inviting, Greeting, Orienting and Incorporating** our neighborhood, our community, and strangers by reaching out in love and fellowship. The first part of Gathering is **Inviting**, that involves having a welcoming presence in our neighborhood, building a relationship with our neighborhood, reaching out electronically to invite our neighbors, and inviting people in person. The next part of Gathering is **Greeting**. This means recognizing strangers and acknowledging visitors, extending welcoming's, helping visitors as to our practices and extending an invitation to coffee and fellowship. The third part of Gathering is **Orienting** by helping visitors understand the Episcopal Church. This can be as simple as suppling visitors with programs and helping them find a comfortable place to sit. Ensuring that visitors are familiar with our building and services we provide such as child care and rest room locations. The fourth part of **Gathering is Incorporating**, which is a deeper involvement in the social and faith-based activities of the church. This can take many avenues based on the new person in the community. Our call is to love and accept them into our community.

How can we empower the **Grow** portion of Mission Statement? Growing is transformation from a visitor to an active, participating and supporting member of the church. We hear this transformation from Paul's letter to the Romans; *"I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect"*

This means living into our Baptismal Covenant as part of our local church community found in the Book of Common Prayer..

*"Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help.*

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who worship God, grow in Christ, and serve others.  
Gather, Grow, and Go!***

*Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? I will, with God's help.*

*Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? I will, with God's help.*

*Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? I will, with God's help.*

*Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? I will, with God's help."*

How do we live into the **Go** portion of our Mission Statement? God sends us into the world over and over again to be God's own living presences in the world, to be His hands and feet to transform the world. God sends us into the relationships, communities, roles, and occupations in which we find ourselves. God asks us to learn what it means to live into reconciliation, peace, and justice with everyone we meet in the world. We are called to go into the world every time we celebrate the Eucharist and we repeat the Post Communion Prayer, "... *Send us into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart through Christ our Lord.*"

The closing line of our Mission Statement; **Gather, Grow and Go**, calls us into a stronger relationship with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that each of us take this calling to heart and live into it.

*Yours in Christ.*

*Rev Bill Thaete, Deacon*

## ***To Choir or Not to Choir—That is the Question***

Joann needs to be able to plan for the upcoming choir season. A determination will be made by September whether the choir will sing every month or only on Christmas and Easter (and possibly All Saints and Pentecost). All are welcome in the choir, so please consider joining this ministry if you enjoy singing.

In order to have a choir, Joann needs to know the level of commitment that choir members are willing to make. Please email Joann at [organistjoann@gmail.com](mailto:organistjoann@gmail.com) by August 31 to let her know: (1) if you plan to sing in the choir; (2) if you are willing to commit to regular rehearsals in order to be able to sing every month (details on this below); or (3) if you prefer the reduced rehearsal schedule of a Christmas/Easter choir.

In order to have a choir that sings on a monthly basis, we need to have large-enough group of choir members who are willing to:

1. Commit to rehearsing after the 10:15 Eucharist on the Sundays that Joann is the musician—usually twice a month (choir members will be given a schedule).
2. Leave coffee hour early in order to attend rehearsals on-time. Rehearsals begin no later than 11:45 AM and end at 12:30 PM.
3. Inform Joann in advance if unable to attend rehearsal or sing at Eucharist.
4. Arrive by 9:15 AM to rehearse on Sundays that the choir is scheduled to sing an anthem.

Joann realizes that choir members may need to miss an occasional rehearsal, but choir members do need to commit to making most rehearsals in order for St. Antony's to have a functioning choir. The purpose of choir rehearsal is to learn to blend as a group — and we can't do that unless there is a group. So, to paraphrase the song: "is you is, or is you ain't in choir?" Please let Joann know -- all are welcome, it's a great time, and it's great fun to make music with others!



## *Notes from the Bishop's Warden*

**'The Summer Day', by Mary Oliver**

Who made the world?  
Who made the swan, and the black bear?  
Who made the grasshopper?  
this grasshopper, I mean -  
the one who has flung herself out of the grass,  
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,  
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down -  
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.  
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.  
Now she snaps her wings open, and floats away.  
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.  
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down  
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,  
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the field,  
which is what I have been doing all day.  
Tell me, what else should I have done?  
Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?  
Tell me, what is it you plan to do  
with your one wild and precious life?

I don't always have the patience for poetry, instead wanting a quick and easy understanding of ideas. However, there is something about Mary Oliver's poetry that stops me in my tracks, and evokes a deep, soulful response - an invitation to slow down, to open to wonder and abide in God's grace in the midst of everyday life. I hope these summer days are offering you opportunities to do just that.

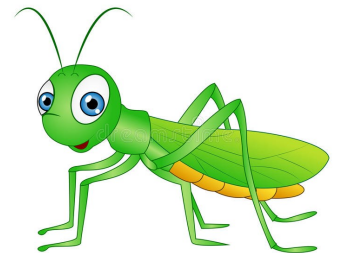
Through July, we have continued to enjoy different perspectives of supply priests: Rev. Jim Friedrich, Rev. Jan Heller, Rev. Andrew Cooley and our very own Rev. Dick Scott. As the Search Committee reviews potential vicar candidates, we will continue to host supply priests through August and September. The visiting priests have expressed appreciation for the warm and gracious welcome they've received from our congregation. Thank you to all who contributed to gifts baskets for our vicar candidates.

This year's Church picnic and barbeque should be lots of fun! New Fellowship Church has been invited, and there will be children's activities provided by Benny and Cheryl Wright. On 27 August we'll have one combined church service in the sanctuary at 9 am, followed by the picnic in the event shelter at 10:45 am. Please plan to attend, and invite family and friends.

St. Antony's has received a generous donation of a bell and bell tower from Emily Nickerson, a memorial tribute for a family member. The bronze bell was cast in 1920, and has been fully refurbished. The bell and tower will be located in the courtyard area, and will be constructed in the next few months.

May you each find time each summer's day to slow down, to rest in Divine presence and to ask yourself, '...what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?'

Loretta McGinley, Bishop's Warden





## *Shane's First Celebration as a Priest*



And our new playground was christened.



## *Thoughts on Stewardship by Bill Reeder*

This has been a busy summer for the Reeder's. Lots of travel, both business and pleasure. Our journeys have taken us on several fun family adventures. These include a trip to San Antonio, Texas in early July and a horse camp and riding clinic at Cle Elum later in the month. In the midst of it all, I did find time to spend some moments in reflection on stewardship and three of my favorite Bible verses.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. *John 1*

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. *1 John 4:16*

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. ...you shall love your neighbor as yourself." *Mark 12:31-32*

It is hard to fully explain why these three verses mean so much to me. It is clear that each moves me. The second was my father's favorite and I always feel a connection to him when I recite it. I know, too, that these three verses reach deep into my own spirituality, informing much of what 'religion' means to me, to my life, to my family and our place in this world.

When I ponder stewardship and its importance to me and to our congregation, I go to these verses. They settle my mind on the Word, the love that is God, and Christ's commandments for us to live that love in our relationship with God and with each other. This helps me better appreciate my feelings on stewardship – on my gifts of time, talent, and treasure – from a most meaningful perspective.



### ***"A Holy Waste of Time" Retreat - Register Now!***

Join other young adults -- people in their 20s & 30s -- for a weekend retreat on the Puget Sound. The "Holy Waste of Time Retreat," annually hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, is a chance to get away for fun, friendship and faith, at beautiful St. Andrew's House in Union, WA. The retreat will be held Friday, August 18 - Sunday August 20. Early bird registration (\$95/person) ends soon! For more information and to register, go here:

<https://holytimewaste-2023.eventbrite.com>

# Charles Mission News

## Resistance

Resistance? I mean to say God called me to Koboko, Uganda to join in the work he wants to (and is) doing here. Satan does not like it. Satan is trying to create division where there should be unity.

Even so, God's work is continuing in the present, and will continue into the future.

The Resistance is showing up at Gbukutu prison. Satan has been trying different things to interfere with God's message. The latest has been to create strife between different ministries, Christian ministries.

Recently we were asked if we could provide a bible in the Lugbara language. Yes we can. We have provided two in the past, but we did not mention that. We sent the Lugbara bible with the team members selected to minister the next week. (We are limited in how many team members we can send per week.) The following day I received a message from the Deputy OC (Officer in Charge) saying that the prisoners rejected the bible because it is not a Catholic bible. I responded that when I went to buy the bible, I was told there is only one translation of the bible in Lugbara and only one translation in Kakwa. I have since asked others, who have said the same thing.



Local language bibles: Lugbara (on left) and Kakwa.

The local language bibles do not have the books of the apocrypha. Satan is trying to create division.

We are an ecumenical ministry seeking to share God's word with all, regardless of denomination. We also want to reach to those who do not currently believe. God is one and came for all of us. We seek to model that. There are forces at work in this prison that seek to make God a denominational thing. As a result, attendance has been going down. Prisoners are being encouraged to wait for the ministry they want to listen to, if any. Meanwhile we will continue to share the gospel with all that are willing to listen.

The resistance is showing itself in other forms, too, requiring extra work on the part of the Deputy Officer in Charge.

Some of the prisoners took it upon themselves to start tearing pages out of the King James Version bibles the UPDF (Uganda People's Defense Force) chaplain donated. Instead of seeking a bible with the additional books (apocrypha) they were damaging those they had. The Deputy Officer in Charge collected the desecrated bibles. She knows that what she was able to recover will be valued by other prisoners when this time of resistance is overcome. Meanwhile there are bibles, English (New American Standard Version or NASV, New Living, and Good News), Kakwa, and the first two Lugbara bibles that some of the prisoners are taking care of. These remain with those prisoners. Each week, we also leave a copy of our notes after sharing the next section of the bible study of the gospel of Mark. The officers make these notes available to those who are interested in using the bibles with respect.

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Jesus did not surrender. The prison ministry God has called me to help develop and encourage is not surrendering. We are praying and going forward. I invite you to join that prayer.

Thanksgivings: 1. The Deputy Officer in Charge believes in the ministry of God and is working with us (and the other Christian ministries that visit that prison) for the glory of God. 2. The prison ministry team that God has called and their willingness to pray and move forward.

Prayer Requests: 1. Please join me in praying about transport options and how to finance it. 2. My work permit renewal is in process. I ask for prayers that it will be approved soon. 3. That the resistance will be overcome.

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## Communications Corner

By: Dolores (Dee) Perreira

I hope each of you are enjoying the summer but staying cool and hydrated as well.

August the month we are celebrating our Annual Picnic and Potluck. This is the second year for my husband, Norman and I so we look forward to making this another memorable year. Please join us for this event and we would appreciate your time and contribution. This is the time to share stories of the past picnics or any stories so we can reminisce about the good old days. I hope you and your family can make it to enjoy the food, fellowship and fun.

T-shirts, the design have been approved with the Bishop's Committee, the deadline of Sunday, July 30th was a given date but if you decide later you would like to purchase one or two you may still place an order, contact me or you may inquire with Linda. We are hoping to have the T-shirts by the picnic celebration but if not please be patient with the order as they will be working on it.

\$20 each  
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In closing as your Communications Commissioner I am still continuing in asking for any St. Antony's pictures or stories to share. The update of the website is still in process and I do appreciate your patience. This takes time and your help would be sincerely appreciated. I attend the 8am service, but you may reach me via email or phone and my information is in the directory. Thank you in advance and I do hope to hear from you soon.

Take care and God Bless!!!

## ***What is “Faith Formation?”***

When I first joined the Bishop’s Committee, I learned that each member was responsible for a different aspect of our parish life. I chose to take responsibility for Faith Formation, based on my own need to more deeply understand our faith.

Of course, the first question that came to mind was “What do we mean by Faith Formation? Why do we say “faith formation” rather than “faith learning?” Is “formation” about believing? Is it about knowing lots of theology, or learning to quote verses from the Bible?

For us as Christians, the beginning of formation is our baptism. We become members of the body of Christ at baptism, even when we are too young to know its meaning—God reaches out to us. When we, as adults, reaffirm our baptism, we are recognizing that the bond which God establishes in baptism is “indissoluble”.

Many of us were Episcopalians before the 1979 revision of the Book of Common Prayer. While the “thee’s” and “thou’s” of the 1928 Prayer Book have a comforting familiarity, the 1979 revision of the Prayer Book involved great and passionate disagreement, still reflected in the two versions of the Lord’s Prayer in common use through the Episcopal Church today. Must we really ask God not to lead us into temptation? As lay people, the theological arguments that led to the revision “save us from the time of trial” seem to be a hair-splitting argument among theologians—but is it really? In a time in our culture when so many of our young people no longer believe in formal religion, I often think about Marcus Borg’s question to his atheistic students: “Tell me about the God that you no longer believe in?”

What does God require of us in this time of epidemic spiritual hunger and declining church attendance? What is the nature of the God in whom we believe? Is he a God who expects us to be followers of rules, with appropriate punishment if we fail to do so? Is he a “helicopter” God who hovers over us and approves of everything we do?

What does the Bible teach us? Is it the literal Word of God, with every sentence to be taken literally? Is it a cafeteria menu from which you may choose what to believe? Recently a school library banned the Bible from younger readers because of the “violence, rape, incest, and murder” described in its pages. Why we should study it?

What is “faith formation,” anyway?

Esther Osborne  
Adult Faith Formation

## ***Musings from the Peoples Warden***

Jim and I recently shared a few days on a guest ranch near the Canadian border riding horseback through some beautiful country. I’m always reminded of the hymn “Nearer my God to Thee” when I find my breath taken away in a beautiful place. The horses had pathways they took but we came to many places where the paths diverged and a gentle nudge of the knee or reins would show them where we wanted to explore. It is important for each of us in this life we have been given to take the time to explore where we are, where we could be, and where God chooses the path. I’m grateful to live in a time, country, and with resources to vacation and take the journey with a life partner who joins me on these paths.

I hope in this beautiful time of year that each one of you can feel the call of nature and recognize God is asking you to reflect on your gifts and paths.

Holly Foley  
People’s Warden



## *Meet your Bishop's Committee*



Loretta McGinley  
Bishop's Warden  
Stewardship



Holly Foley  
People's Warden  
Pastoral Care  
Welcoming



Julie Sherwin  
Faith Formation, Youth



Esther Osborne  
Faith Formation, Adult



Tim Van As  
Outreach



Dee Perreira  
Clerk of the BC  
Communications



Benny Wright  
Environment

Please contact one of these persons if you have questions or concerns or ideas within their commission.



## August Birthdays

1	Michelle Kuhns
5	Chris Christensen
6	Rick Zapp
	Ashton Scalf
8	Sarah Rogers
11	Suzanne Brock
22	Tovi Andrews
23	Marj Zantek
29	Carmen Morris



## August Anniversaries

2	Dave & Jan Peterson
7	Michael & Amy Wentworth
16	Pete & Carmen Morris
20	Bryan & Peggy Roberts
22	Peter & Sandy Stockwell
27	Rev. Craig & Victoria Vocolka

Deadline for the September Glad Tidings is **Tuesday, August 22nd** at 10 am.  
Please send all submissions to:  
stantonysilverdale@gmail.com. Thank you.



Financial Report June			Account Balances	
		Year-to-date		
Operating Income	\$14,084.23	\$119,351.96	Local Checking	\$37,323.55
Operating Expenses	\$12,938.96	\$107,033.63	Local Savings	\$17,244.77
<b>Net in June</b>	<b>\$1,145.27</b>	<b>\$12,318.33</b>	Diocesan Investment Funds	\$212,038.03
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$266,606.35</b>

August 2023 Schedule				
JOB	August 6 The Transfiguration Of our Lord	August 13 11th Sunday after Pentecost	August 20 12th Sunday after Pentecost	August 27 8th Sunday after Pentecost (PICNIC)
EM 8 am	Elizabeth Moorhead	Ruth Lindstrum	Donna Hilton	Ruth Lindstrum
LC/OT & NT 8 am	Norma Tipton	Dee Perreira	Ruth Lindstrum	Donan Hilton
GREETER 8 am				
EM 10:15 am	Sarah Rogers	Esther Osborne	Cris McCarty	Peter Stockwell
LC/OT 10:15 am	Elizabeth Flagg	Maggie Scott	Marj Zantek	Jim Foley
LC/NT 10:15 am	Luke Rogers	Jim Foley	Laurel Rogers	Maggie Scott
ACOLYTES 10:15 am				
GREETER 10:15 am				
USHER 10:15 am	Dave Peterson	Carole Nau	Mark Westin	Linda Robuck
COUNTERS	Marj Zantek David Wedeven	Ann Daniels Jim Foley	Marj Zantek Chris Crowson	Jim Foley Norma Tipton
COFFEE HOUR	The Reeder Family	Sarah Rogers	Sylvia & Malcolm Campbell	Jane Stockton & Carrie Rivers
BPod	Dee Perreira	Holly Foley	Esther Osborne	Tim van As
1st LESSON	Exodus 34:29-35	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Genesis 45:1-15	Exodus 1:8-2:10
PSALM	Psalms 99 or 99:5-9	Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Psalms 133	Psalms 124
2nd LESSON	2 Peter 1:13-21	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8
GOSPEL	Luke 9:28-36	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28	Matthew 16:13-20

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



# August 2023

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Noon Contemplative Group	<b>3</b> 1:30 pm Pastoral Care Meeting	<b>4</b>  Music Group 9-noon	<b>5</b> 9 - noon Grounds Cleaning
<b>6</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Noon BC Reports due	<b>11</b>  Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 11:30 BC Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 11:00 am Witty Knitters	<b>16</b> Noon Contemplative Group	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Music Group 9-noon	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8 am Holy Eucharist 10:15 am Holy Eucharist	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 10 am Newsletter Deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Music Group 9-noon Cleaners Morning	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> 9 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Picnic  Project Linus 1 - 4 pm	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>		

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