

The Messenger

St. Anne's Episcopal Church

December 2011



Dear St. Anne's,

Our Vestry's budgeting process for 2012 will be to first establish St. Anne's priorities and then to define the necessary funding to support them. In June, the Vestry set the following priorities for St. Anne's:

1. Worship, maintaining a spiritually uplifting worship experience
 - a. Traditional Rite I service at 8:00 a.m.
 - b. A Contemporary Episcopal service at 9:30 a.m. focused on families with music familiar or easy for everyone, including children, to sing. An important part of this service will be to engage younger age groups through liturgy and sermons.
2. Ministries and Committees
 - a. Clearly defined goals within the scope of our resources
 - b. Leadership with enthusiasm and organizational skills to inspire and guide our church
 - c. Focus on enlarging committees, greater sharing of the work
3. Youth
 - a. Engage youth in worship services and other ministries
 - b. Provide a variety of programs to meet youth needs
 - c. Provide trained, diverse youth leaders

Having set our priorities, the next step will be to find the clergy, volunteer resources, and funding to support them.

Our pledge total for 2012 is down more than \$19,000 from 2011, which brings me to the point of this letter. To maintain the positive force and momentum of our programs, it will require a greater commitment of time and treasure from our members. Fundraising will be an important part of our 2012 agenda as well as greater volunteer participation. We have an extraordinary church capable of great things with its greatest resource our members. Accordingly, if you have not already joined a committee or program, I exhort, I plead, I beg you to seriously consider doing so. I have listed all of St. Anne's programs on the following page.

Sunday Schedule

8:00 a.m. HE Rite 1
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Christian Education

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m.
Christmas Pageant

10:30 p.m. Music
11:00 p.m. HE Rite II

Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. HE Rite 1, Chapel

December 4

4:00 p.m.
Lessons and Carols (Town Church)

December 6

5 – 9 p.m.
St. Anne's Night
Friendly's Restaurant

December 11

2:00 p.m.
String Recital (Sanctuary)

Sincerely,

Tom Stevens, Senior Warden

Adult Christian Education

Prepare Through Prayer

Celebrate a Holy Advent

In the Parish Hall following the 9:30 a.m. service

November 27, Week 1: *Enter in with intention*

Distractions, concerns and anxieties: give them to God.
Sharing ideas for keeping Advent holy and prayerful at home.

December 4, Week 2: *From commercial to Christian—
What gift does Jesus want?*

Holiday expenses, Christmas shopping: turn them over to God.
Making the holiday less commercial and more spiritual.

December 11, Week 3: *Hospitality
welcoming guests, welcoming Christ*

What does it mean to be truly welcoming? A short Bible study.
Dealing with conflict and anxiety, being open to friends, family,
and strangers at the holidays.

December 18, Week 4: *The Nativity Story is our story*

Read Luke 1:5-2:40 or storybook of same.
Connecting with the Christmas story in our own lives.

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St. Anne's Programs

Worship

Acolytes
Eucharistic Ministers
Lectors
Vergers
Retreats
Choir
Altar Guild
Worship Committee
Two Sunday Services

Our Heritage and Future

Old St. Anne's Committee
Property Committee
Vestry
Faith Foundation
Stewardship Committee
Diocese of Delaware

Education

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sunday School, J2A, Rite 13
Young Adults in Community (YAC)
Adult Education
Christmas Pageant
Book Club
Education for Ministry
Magnetic Church

Helping Our Community

Hispanic ESL Classes
Monthly Services - Broadmeadow
Episcopal Relief & Development
Thanksgiving Dinner
Alcoholics Anonymous
United Thank Offering
Food Baskets for the Needy
Christmas Angel Tree

Helping Each Other

Crisis Prayer Chain
Pastoral Care Team
Episcopal Church Women
Welcome Committee
Child Care
Hospitality – Coffee Hour
Office Volunteers
Habitat for Humanity

Christmas Pageant



*Whatever may be lost
among the years, let us keep
Christmas—its meaning
never ends.*

The Pageant depicts the story of Christ's birth as told in the Gospels written by Matthew and Luke.

On December 24, 2011, YAC, J2A and Rite 13 will present the annual Christmas Pageant at our 4:00 p.m. service. The Pageant will consist of children from ages two to ten. **Please plan to have your child participate.**

It is a heartwarming play that you and your children will not forget. **Practice begins on Sunday, December 4.** You do not need to sign up in advance, but please have your child available for practice. The sessions will be brief, immediately following Sunday school.

Please call me or email me with any questions.

John Garton, Vestry Liaison Church School
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Vestry Positions Available

The Vestry is the governing body of an Episcopal parish. It consists of the Rector, the Wardens, and lay members. The Rector presides at the meetings (or, in his/her absence, the Wardens preside) during which the business and temporal matters of the parish are handled. The Vestry also acts as a council of advice for the Rector.

Vestry members choose to work on the aspects of running the church that best meet their strengths and interests. They also serve as liaisons to parish committees.

If you are interested in serving your church and are able to commit to a three-year term, nominations are now open for four positions on the Vestry.

For more information, you may contact Tom Stevens, Matt George, Jessie Ventura, or Kathy Means.

Nomination booklets are available in the office.

Keeping the Spirit in the Season!

Advent begins on November 27 and is the season that prepares us for the birth of Christ. It can be hard to remember the spiritual side of this special time, which can get so hectic with our everyday preparations for Christmas. Use opportunities at St. Anne's as your spiritual refuge so you can catch a breath apart from the craziness.

Each Sunday has special messages that prepare our hearts for the arrival of our Lord. They include familiar readings and music that can help us focus and build excitement as we journey toward Christmas. We'll have families help with the lighting of the Advent Wreath at each service. And you can take a quick break on Sunday afternoon, **December 4, for Advent Lessons and Carols at the Town Church, followed by a potluck supper.**

On Christmas Eve, join us at the 4:00 p.m. service for the Christmas Pageant or at 10:30 p.m. for special music, with the service at 11:00 p.m. On Christmas Day, which is a Sunday, we'll have a single service at 10:00 a.m. The same goes for New Year's Day, also a Sunday, with a single service at 10 a.m.



Kathy Means

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a program where students learn about Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and His love for us. The many planned lessons are ways for them to learn and experience that love. In doing their work, they fall in love with Jesus. Some of those works involve learning Parables with props and Scripture readings. Some of those are related to geography of Israel; others include working with the many facets of the Holy Eucharist.

In September, we welcomed the children back to the two Catechesis atrium spaces. Thanks to the faithful work of Seth Cosans, Tom Stevens, and John Garton, we were able to provide a warm, bright, and inviting new atrium. In August, we had water on the floors!

The catechists worked over the summer to prepare new materials for the children. St. Anne's has three certified catechists who have acquired 90 hours of training. This year, Kitty Dickerson and Stephanie Wilson have volunteered to help in the atrium on Sundays.

Since September, the children have learned about the land where Jesus lived, the different regions in this land called Israel, the church seasons and how we can recognize those seasonal colors we see in the church. In Level 1, they study the altar, getting to know how to set the special table and the special meal. They have learned to put a tablecloth down on the table (a fair linen) and a cross; then they set candles upon the table—every special meal needs candles. These candles are the light of Christ. The chalice will hold the wine (eventually). The paten is placed. The Level 1 children were able to visit the sacristy and the altar in the Big Church in November with Ginny Wingate, who is in charge of the Altar Guild. In Level 2, the children have delved in a little further. They are preparing the altar with setting the fair linen down, then the corporal (the placemat), the chalice, the purificator (the napkin), the paten (the plate), the host (the bread), and the pall (the cover for the food to keep the flies off!). They know to open the tabernacle, and inside the ciborium is the host. They are also preparing cruets of water and wine.

We will change the colors in our atrium to purple as we prepare for Jesus' birth in Advent. We will hear about some of the prophecies that foretold his birth, and we will also hear about the Annunciation, the Visitation of Mary with Elizabeth, and more.

We, the catechists and assistants, are truly blessed to see the work of the Holy Spirit at St. Anne's through the children. We would love to have you join us in this ministry. We need more people to help us on occasional Sundays. We need people to help us make the materials that the children use in the atrium. Woodworking skills, sanding, painting, sewing, and calligraphy are priorities.

Please feel free to stop by or contact Grace Lawrence at grace_and_scott@me.com.

We are grateful for the support from St. Anne's community for this ministry: Lisa Mollicella, Jen Vail, Grace Lawrence (Catechists), Helen Wolf, Kitty Dickerson, and Stephanie Wilson

Thank You!

To everyone who helped make our card party a success. It was a fun and profitable afternoon for the women of St. Anne's to carry on God's work at this church. Fifty-six people attended, playing cards and games. Leslie Hickman made two beautiful wreaths, which we raffled off, and we had lots of lovely gifts for table prizes.

December Birthdays



Chip Poole	2		Evan Schrader	21
Todd Smith	2		Michael Sterrett	21
Hope Cochran	3	Andrew Ball	William Davis	24
Sarah DiAngelo	4	Johnnie Burton	Gwyneth Casalvera	25
Christopher Cook	5	Shannon Cameron	Howie Halverson	25
Jack Webb	5	Bob Colburn	Rhonda Owens	26
Broden Lee	6	Julia Machulski	Rickey Walker	27
LeAnn Slaughter	7	Carson Hanna	Ellen Jennings	28
		Elizabeth Walker	Jaden Mills	29
		Malcolm Cochran, IV	Kristina Newton	30
		Stephanie Brons		

Parish Prayer List

Use this form to add the name of someone sick in body, mind, or spirit, then place in the collection plate or mail to the office. Names will remain on the prayer list for one month. You may also call the office (378-2401) to add, continue, or remove a name.

Please continue to keep on the prayer list:

Please add to the prayer list:

Requested by: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 8:00 AM HE Rite 1 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Christian Education 10:30 AM Property Committee	28 6:30 PM Chorale Rehearsal (Chapel)	29 7:00 PM ESL Class 7:00 PM Pastoral Care 8:00 PM AA	30 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM AA	1 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM HIV/AIDS Testing	2 6:30 PM J2A Lock In 8:00 PM AA	3 J2A Lock In
4 8:00 AM HE Rite 1 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Christian Education 12:00 PM Worship Committee 4:00 PM Advent Lessons and Carols	5	6 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM St. Anne's Friendly's Night 7:00 PM ESL Class 8:00 PM AA	7 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM AA 7:00 PM Vestry	8 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM HIV/AIDS Testing	9 8:00 PM AA	10
11 8:00 AM HE Rite 1 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Christian Education 2:00 PM Broadmeadow Service 2:00 PM String Recital (Greta Myers)	12	13 6:00 PM YAC Food Boxes 7:00 PM ESL Class 8:00 PM AA	14 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 6:00 PM AA (special meeting)	15 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM HIV/AIDS Testing	16 8:00 PM AA	17 Daisy Troop
18 8:00 AM HE Rite 1 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM Christian Education	19	20 7:00 PM ESL Class 8:00 PM AA	21 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM AA	22 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM HIV/AIDS Testing	23 8:00 PM AA	24 4:00 PM Christmas Pageant 10:30 PM Music 11:00 PM HE Rite II
25 10:00 AM HE Rite I	26	27 7:00 PM ESL Class 7:00 PM Pastoral Care 8:00 PM AA	28 5:00 PM Evening Prayer 7:00 PM AA	29 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM HIV/AIDS Testing	30 8:00 PM AA	31

Lessons and Carols
December 4, 4:00 p.m.
Town Church

Followed by a Pot Luck Supper to welcome in Advent
 Please come and make this a Church family event