



# The Good News

St. Anne's in-the-Fields  
Episcopal Church

Fall 2022

## Welcome Back!

I wonder if you see your life as a journey.

I wonder if you see your life as a *sacred* journey.

One of the metaphors we use to describe adulthood is “settling down.” The story is common to many of us. We lived in Cambridge or Somerville for several years after graduating from college. We went to grad school or landed an exciting job that moved hot and fast; we backpacked, and trekked to faraway venues to catch our favorite band; and sometime in there we met our spouse or partner. Life had an unexpected, almost journey element to it. But then we moved out to the ‘burbs, frequently to have children, and here we sought to settle down. In our culture, to settle down is to have somehow arrived.



Now I’m all for settling down, just as long as we don’t settle *in*, and forget that, at root, our life is a journey, always in motion, full of growth and new discoveries, new chapters and challenges. To be overly settled down runs the risk of seeing life through the prism of comforts and stresses, things that reinforce or upset our settledness; the upside is safety and stability, the downside is that sometimes our souls can stagnate. To see life as a journey, on the other hand, is to see life as an adventure, open to possibility, open to the journey down into ourselves and up into God’s arms.

This makes me wonder: do we see church as a community that is settled in its ways, or as a community that is journeying into ever new places and questions and mysteries? For me, what is so sacred and holy about a faith community is that it reminds me that my life is a journey around and into God’s presence. We journey the seasons together: the season of Waiting and Expectation in Advent, and then New Birth at Christmas and surprising Epiphanies to begin the New Year; from there we call up the Lenten strength for Self Control and Discipline, then we are on to Celebration, Resurrection Life, and the Descent of God’s Spirit, only to end in the season of Green, Ordinary Time, where we learn how to walk in this New Life. This journey through the seasons opens up our perspective and casts the events of our life, lived in secular time, in a new light. We see more of the way ahead. Church becomes alive for us when we see our lives unfolding as journeys.

Now this isn’t to say we are all on the same journey. We are a community of individuals, and each journey is unique. There are journeys into new jobs, and new beginnings. Journeys sending off our children to school to embrace their own journey. Journeys trying to figure out the strange terrain of Teenagerdom. Journeys to accompany our mother through her final months. Journeys to discover new prayer practices to approach the Sacred. And journeys to discover joy and gratitude in our lives.

The invitation of church is to show up to the sacredness of one’s own journey, then to show up into this holy company to share this journey – the discoveries and the challenges — with others. We share the storms we’ve weathered, the vistas we’ve taken in, the coastlines that have taken our breath away, and the valleys where the only thing we knew to do was breathe. In this sharing of our selves, we gently remind one another, even when its hard to believe, to hold on; for all our sacred stories find their meaning and their destination in the mystery of God.

What if we saw our Sunday gatherings through the lens of journey: the bulletin and the liturgy like a holy map, the readings like traveling wisdom from those who’ve already made the trek, the prayers a conversation on the way, and the Meal the place where our journey to God and God’s journey to us meet, a glimpse of that final and joyful homecoming that awaits us?

Each Sunday through liturgy and prayer and sermon, we are visited by a God who journeyed to earth to be with us, liberate us, — and yes, unsettle us — to make us brave travelers on this Sacred Journey we call life.

And maybe the most important, most precious message we share: none of us were created to journey alone.

Faithfully, Garrett

## Worship

### Welcome Back Sunday: September 18!

On Sunday, **September 18**, we return to our two-service schedule with a spoken Holy Eucharist at 8 am and a Holy Eucharist with Choir at 10 am. This will be our big Welcome Back Sunday, with the **Blessing of Students & Educators** at 10 am. Between services we'll conduct our annual Sunday School registration, then after the 10 am we'll have a **great big Coffee Hour** in Flint Hall! So grab your name tag and join us in gratitude for our students, teachers, librarians, and all others who make our school year fun, safe, and full of new learning.



### Evening Services

Under the leadership of the Worship Commission (see below), we will return to offering 5 pm evening services, some outdoors around the firepit, some in the Sanctuary. Keep your eye on the Weekly Emails for notices about these evening services!

### Service Participation & Sign-Ups: LEMs, Lectors, Ushers

After much trial and even more error, we have decided on the best method by which to assign LEMs and Lectors to each Sunday service: **Kristian** will now lead this endeavor, with all communication going through him ([Kristian@stanneslincoln.org](mailto:Kristian@stanneslincoln.org)). The protocol will include a twice-yearly initial email asking participants to identify dates that will *not* work for their calendars; Kristian will then assign a LEM and Lector to each service and distribute a final calendar. Individuals will be asked to solicit their replacements if they suddenly cannot make their slated date. We hope this new system will (finally!) centralize this essential information and give flexibility to the LEMs and Lectors who so kindly give of their time and service.

We are in need of more **LEM**s to read the Prayers of the People and help offer the communion wine. If you are interested in participating in this vital ministry, please plan on attending a quick **LEM training at 11 am on Sunday, September 25**. Current LEMs are encouraged to attend too as we have made some changes to the protocols. If you have questions about LEM responsibilities, **please email Kristian**.

We also need more **Lectors**! These parishioner volunteers read the lesson and the psalm from the lectern. There is help for tricky names and words, and LEMs are always willing to swap the POP for a reading if you prefer. If you're interested in becoming a Lector, email **Kristian** so he can put you on the email list.

Rawson Hubbell is heading up the **Ushers' Guild**, assigning spots per an online schedule. Ushers have a myriad of responsibilities including greeting newcomers, helping people to pews, handing out bulletins, and passing the plate. If this is a ministry that interests you, please email **Rawson** ([hubbellr@gmail.com](mailto:hubbellr@gmail.com)) and he will get you started with the updated Ushers' Guide and helpful hints.

### Altar Flowers

Over the course of the year, parishioners are invited to sponsor Sunday's altar flowers in the name of a loved one or special event. For a fee of \$50, these commemorations celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, or memorialize those who have died. If you would like to sponsor the flowers one Sunday, please email **Tara Mitchell** ([taramitchell365@gmail.com](mailto:taramitchell365@gmail.com)) for details. The **Altar Guild** also always welcomes new members! If you enjoy working with flowers and would like to join this dynamic group of women and men, contact **Lise Stahl Brown** at [lisestahlbrown@gmail.com](mailto:lisestahlbrown@gmail.com).



## Prayer

Certainly the Covid Pandemic saw an increase in our prayers, so we've integrated some new ways to pray — individually or with the St. Anne's community — as well as maintained our previous avenues of prayer.

In every Weekly Email and at each service we include what's called the "**Prayers of the People**," a moment to offer our prayerful support of those who are ailing physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually. **Jennie** maintains this list with your help — parishioners email her the name of someone they would like included on the list. Occasionally she will refresh the list by removing some names, though they can always be put back on.

Last fall we put up our **Prayer Board** with the sentiment that "This is my prayer, this is our prayer." Anyone may write and post a prayer on the Board, allowing other parishioners to share in supporting that prayer. The Board took a beating in February's water disaster, but it survived - we left it a little battered just to underscore that we all persevere with the help of others' prayers.

This summer we also reinvisioned our pew cards — they now take the form of a 4-page packet of "Connect," "Serve," "Give," and "Pray." The **prayer card** is one way to ask for prayerful help from the clergy and the Intercessional Prayer Group, parishioners who make praying for our community a usual part of their day. If you need a prayer boost, fill out the prayer card and put it in the plate or hand it to clergy to let us know.

And we always invite you to use the **Spiritual Room** next to the Sanctuary. This sacred space is reserved for prayer and contains a variety of objects — icons, bells, candles (please be sure to extinguish when you leave!)

## Meet Your Staff:

You might notice some changes in our staff now that we're all back! We've recently hired a new curate, Joe Kimmel, and Kristian Kohler has returned as a part-time assistant priest! With the departure of Kristina last year and the return of Salma as a weekday sexton, here's how to contact each of us, when we're in the office, and who is in charge of what:

**Garrett** (x203, garrett@stanneslincoln.org, M-Th, Sundays): baptisms, funerals, pastoral care.

**Joe** (x207, joe@stanneslincoln.org, T & Th, Sundays): outreach, adult formation, pastoral care.

**Kristian** (x202, kristian@stanneslincoln.org, M & Sundays): worship, service scheduling, pastoral care.

**Sarah** (x208, sarah@stanneslincoln.org, M, T, Th, Sundays): children's formation, confirmation.

**Jay** (x206, jay@stanneslincoln.org, T & Th, Sundays): music, choir.

**Beth** (x205, bookkeeper@stanneslincoln.org, T & Th): pledging, tax documents, reimbursements.

**Jennie** (x201, parishoffice@stanneslincoln.org, M-Th, F afternoon): lost items, changes of address & email, calendar changes, rentals & facility usage, operations, property.

**Salma**: cleaning issues, rental sextoning (contact Salma through Jennie).



## Commissions: An Invitation to Join in Leading Us

Before we broke for the summer, Vestry held several meetings that looked at St. Anne's past and brainstormed about our future. One central theme is that WE are the church — we, all members, you and I, are St. Anne's. Yes, we hire clergy and staff who all have vital roles, and there is a Diocese, and more beyond that... but the center of our faith community... our church family... is US! We all need to share the responsibilities of this community so to guide and support our programs, our staff, and each other as we seek "to know, love, and serve God." It's not such a simple task; it's why we elect a vestry and officers, and why we have commissions.

Commissions are an organizational structure for lay leadership. We've had them for a long time, and it's wise to periodically rethink and refresh them. Commissions do not need to encompass all aspects of church



life — other groups, such as Altar Guild, Church Service League, Bible study groups, etc., provide important functions without needing to be a commission. Clergy and staff, needless to say, handle a lot.

To this end, Vestry reconfigured the commission structure as below, each with vestry and staff representatives. For now, Vestry members are meant to be chief organizers and recruiters of these groups, but do not necessarily need to be their leaders going forward.

So, where is your interest and expertise? How can you help? Your involvement will benefit the whole of the St. Anne's community. Let us know what you think. We have met the church, and it is us!

— Anne Jones & Tom Shively, Wardens



## Invite & Welcome

*Lise Stahl Brown, Estella Haines, Rick Winters, Garrett, Jennie:* Reviving our newcomers' ministry and reconnecting within our community is the focus of this commission. We will find ways to be a more welcoming community, better integrating new members into the community, and more easily sharing the life and joy of the St. Anne's community with our friends and neighbors.

## Family Engagement

*Jen Varney, Risa Teksten, Sarah, Lorraine Hanley, Christy O'Brien, Katie Yates:* The focus of this commission is to plan and offer fun opportunities for families through events like game nights, ice cream outings, and seasonal parties, as well as to support our Children's Formation program by recruiting more Sunday School volunteers and parent helpers.



## Worship

*Rob Simcoe, Mike Balin, Kristian:* This commission will focus on planning and enriching our liturgies. Special attention will be given to the Prayers of the People, other liturgical texts, and a monthly Sunday evening service. We will continue to provide livestreams of the second Sunday service, and likely of special services too when we're able.

## Social Justice

*Heather Martino, Joe:* As we continue "to know, love, and serve God," this team will lead our efforts in supporting those who suffer from injustice. Our Racial Justice Allies and the Climate Justice Ministry will be folded into this commission, helping the parish think about the difference between outreach, evangelism, and social justice, as well as offering support to our efforts to continue Sacred Ground.



## Adult Formation

*Anne Jones, Carol Carmody, Joe:* This team will plan relevant and engaging Sunday morning forums, as well as help organize mid-week education offerings like the Education for Ministry program this fall (see below for more information).

## Property & Finance

*Tom Shively, Sarah Hubbell, Beth:* This team advises and oversees our physical and financial assets, including advising vestry and staff on big purchases such as equipment and technology.



## Outreach

### Swift to Love

Last year was yet another in which St. Anne's parishioners demonstrated their concern for those in great need, both locally and far away, by donating \$21,737 to the following charitable causes: Hospitality Common, Syrian Refugee support, Caritas, B-Love grocery bags for St. Stephen's families, FamilyAid Boston, and Episcopal Relief Fund for Ukraine. Garrett and our Vestry generously continued last year's policy of adding \$500 to each Swift to Love cause from the St. Anne's Outreach Budget.

Each month, one Sunday's plate count is dedicated to a specific cause. These causes are brought to the Swift to Love (STL) committee by parishioners who then organize, in some combination, a forum, announcement

at Sunday services, Weekly Email notices, and brochures. Using a structured schedule, these parishioners work with both their chosen charity and the committee to educate the congregation writ large.

We are beginning to schedule causes for the upcoming 2022-2023 year; we will kick off the season with Partakers in September (plate count on the 25th), and Haiti's Partners in Agriculture in October (plate on the 23th). We do, however, need to identify causes for the remainder of the 2022-2023 program year — so please consider being a STL sponsor! Send your suggestions to STL chair, **Paul Lovecchio**, (paul.lovecchio@comcast.net). Funds raised are an enormous help to these causes and we thank you for keeping STL strong!

## Racial Justice Allies

St. Anne's Racial Justice (RJA) ministry formed in 2020 as a community of parishioners committed to "learning, partnering, and taking action" to address racial injustice. The RJA education team organized anti-racism training soon after the group's inception; the housing team formed partnerships with FamilyAid Boston, City Life/Vita Urbana, and City Mission Boston, enabling us to support Boston-area families at risk of homelessness; and, overall, the RJA became a safe haven for members to discuss sensitive issues of race, systemic racism, and white supremacy.

This year, from January to June 2022, 24 members took a bold step, convening every two weeks in the dialogue series "Sacred Ground" which uses a rich curriculum of films, readings, and dialogue to examine key chapters of our country's history of race and racism, exploring Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories' intersectionality. Sacred Ground is a central element in the Episcopal Church's commitment to move toward beloved community through racial healing, reconciliation, and justice, and has been widely embraced, with over 25,000 Episcopalians participating to date across the country.

The Sacred Ground group will be meeting on Sunday, September 11 after the 9 am service. This service will include prayers and litanies for racial reconciliation. In their meeting, RJA participants will share their stories of how Sacred Ground has impacted them and how they are being called to move forward as individuals, as people who have taken this journey together, and as a parish. We anticipate that these discussions will shape the form and focus of the RJA ministry going forward.



## St. Stephen's Pencil Case Drive

As you may have heard, the cost of school supplies is a bit higher this year - and this will deeply hurt families already struggling financially. Please consider filling a pencil case or two for the St. Stephen's Youth Programs, an afterschool and homework support program in Boston's South End.

We will purchase the cases in bulk so that they are all the same type and size. Cases and pouches can be picked up at church and filled with this list of items below or you can drop off bulk supplies and we will fill the cases.

### Pencil Box items (grades K-5):

- one box of #2 pencils (qty. 12)
- an extra eraser
- small bottle of hand sanitizer
- a glue stick
- box 24 crayons
- box 8-12 colored pencils

### Zipper Pouch items (grades 6-8):

- Small package of #2 or mechanical pencils
- 3-4 pens (regular and/or colored gel pens)
- small bottle of hand sanitizer
- a glue stick
- a highlighter
- box 8-12 colored pencils

Filled cases and/or supplies **due by September 18**. Questions? Contact Sue Vollaro at [suvollaro@yahoo.com](mailto:suvollaro@yahoo.com).

## Partakers

St. Anne's begins another season with the Partakers College Behind Bars program by providing mentors for Tufts University students earning their degrees while incarcerated at MCI Concord. Education is the single strongest factor in reducing recidivism — only 5% of prisoners who earn a college degree return to jail. Mentors form teams of 2-4 per student, and write, visit, and offer encouragement (not formal tutoring) to their students, all within a flexible time commitment. If you'd like to learn more, please email **Melanie MacFarlane** (mamacfarlane@gmail.com) or come to our **meeting on September 25** at 2 pm in Flint Hall.

## Church Service League

The Church Service League has been an active organization at St. Anne's since 1913! Our mission is two-fold – to serve the people of our various charitable organizations by providing hands-on help and monetary or useful gifts. Our mission includes support of our members by celebrating good times and caring for each other in difficulty.

Over the years we have raised funds for many deserving groups such as Open Table in Maynard and Concord, St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry in Lincoln, Horizons for Homeless Children in Boston, Little Brothers Friends of the Elderly, the Heifer Project, Partners in Agriculture in Haiti, and refugees from South Sudan and in Syria. CSL members served meals to others, knitted baby hats and made treatment dolls for Emerson Hospital, compiled supplies for the women's shelter REACH, and provided fabric, sewing machines, supplies, and knitted blankets for the Syrian refugee program. This year we will invite St. Anne's parishioners to participate more directly in our projects.

The CSL *always* welcome new members; we meet in the St. Anne's Library at 2 pm on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Drop in and join us! Or email **Janna Hadley** for more info (hhhcube@verizon.net).



## Haiti

Since 2014, St. Anne's has supported Haiti's Centre de Formation Fritz Lafontant (CFFL) and its surrounding rural farming communities. This innovative technical college was formed in response to the 2010 earthquake that shattered the livelihoods of Haitian citizens and caused a dire lack of food. CFFL's mission is "to train a generation of young Haitians [to] lead their communities out of poverty" through education and practice. St. Anne's has supported CFFL through financial donations, as well as other Haitian relief programs like Partners in Agriculture, and has held sales of artwork from Cange and Matenwa. October's Swift to Love will be dedicated to CFFL, so please donate online or bring your **checkbooks to church on October 25** when the plate count will be dedicated to this vital outreach.

## Fellowship

### Coffee Hour Hosting

Hosting Coffee Hour after the 10 am service is a wonderful ministry, one that knits members of all ages together in fellowship and good conversation. We always need new hosts, and now the process is a snap because Salma prepares the coffee! Coffee hosts are invited to work in teams — it's more fun that way! — or fly solo. Just bring a quart of half-and-half (or cream or milk or combination) and snacks for about 50 people — these can center on a theme, reflect your cultural heritage or the season, or be comprised of something you just pick up on the way to church! If you are interested in hosting a Coffee Hour, please **select a date on our sign-up board outside the Sanctuary** or email **Christie Kozak** (christiekozak@comcast.net); a hosting guidelines flyer will be attached to the sign-up (or email Jennie for one).



### Small Group Gatherings Redux

They're back! Because they were a hit with parishioners who hosted and attended, we are offering another round of parishioner-hosted gatherings in October and November. As a host, you get to design the event — breakfast? lunch? cocktail hour? dinner? — the date, time, and group size. Hosts either provide the food and drink themselves or invite guests to go potluck. Will you be a host? Let **Lise Stahl Brown** know via email (lisestahlbrown@gmail.com) **before September 30**. After we secure hosts, we'll set up sign-ups at church and online in order to get these parties started!

### Women's Book Group

Join the St. Anne's Women's Book Club for our **first meeting of the fall on Tuesday September 20 at 7 pm!** We will gather outdoors (weather permitting) at St. Anne's to discuss our favorite — or least favorite! — reads from the summer. Bring a snack or a drink and any suggestions for books for us to read as a group over the next few months. Friends and new members are welcome! Please contact **Jen Varney** (jenniferannevarney@gmail.com) or **Katie Yates** (katherinemcampbell@gmail.com) with questions or how to participate virtually.



## AppleFest

The second St. Anne's AppleFest is slated for after church on **Sunday, October 23** in the upper parking lot. This will be a fun apple-filled fun Coffee hour to which we ask everyone to bring their favorite apple concoction — apple pie? cider? turnovers? salad? muffins? We'll have games and maybe even a little music! Watch the Weekly Email for more information or email **Rick Winters** (rick.winters@gmail.com).



## Fall Clean-Up

Please mark the date of **November 19** on your calendar! That's the morning we plan to spruce up the church grounds in an all-parish Fall Clean-Up. Any and all can join the effort - from pruning bushes to blowing leaves to bringing the doughnuts and hot cider! More details to come in a Weekly Email so stay tuned!

## Adult Formation

### Education for Ministry: An In-Depth Study of the Hebrew Bible

Only about 25% of the Bible is the New Testament, so what's going on in the other 75%?? What are the major themes, stories, characters, and events of the Old Testament, i.e., the "Hebrew Bible"? What kind of God does it present? How does the first 75% of the Bible relate to New Testament? And to our lives today?

You are invited to explore and discuss questions like these through an in-depth, 36-week study of the Hebrew Bible. Using the "Education for Ministry" (EfM) curriculum (developed at Sewanee, a leading university of the Episcopal Church), we'll engage together in weekly readings, reflections, and discussions in order to grow our understanding of the Hebrew Bible and its relevance for our lives. There is no obligation to commit to the whole program — feel free to try it out, take a break, and join the cycle later on if you wish!

St. Anne's EfM group will likely begin in October, although specifics and logistics will get worked out once we know who is interested in participating. Questions? Interested? Please reach out to **Joe** (joe@stanneslincoln.org) and/or visit Education for Ministry at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>.

### Men's Mini-Retreat: Saturday, October 22

While Saturdays in October can be especially busy, they can also be a time to reflect and connect. In that spirit, a group of men from St. Anne's will be gathering on Saturday, October 22 from 10 am to 3 pm at the Audubon Hill Community Center, 122 Audubon Drive in Acton. Our topic will be Nurturing Connection Beyond Covid, with lunch provided (take-out based on group preferences). Cost per person is \$25, and excess amounts will be donated back to St. Anne's. If you would like to join, or wish to learn more, please contact **Mike Balin** (mikebalin@gmail.com).

### Art as Activism: Workshop on October 16

Adults and teens of St. Anne's and the surrounding community are welcome to register for a workshop "Introduction to Craftivism & Embroidery with Badass Cross Stitch" on **Saturday, October 16 at 2 pm**, in Flint Hall. Shannon Downey is a self-described queer, anti-racist, feminist, anti-capitalist artist and teacher. Her career has included college adjunct professor, itinerant teacher in a RV classroom during lockdown, nationally recognized artist, and community organizer for civil rights. Shannon calls on everyone to engage with technology and/or handmade art in defense of love and justice. Visit [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search the workshop to get a ticket.



### Women's Bible Study

This group of women meets every Thursday from 10-11:30 am. The first meeting of the year will be September 22. We are planning to meet in person in Flint Hall, with an option to participate via Zoom. This fall, we are studying the Gospel of Luke in concert with the lectionary readings for the following Sunday. You warmly welcome anyone to join us for this special time of faith and fellowship! For more information please contact **Nancy Torti** (nantort@aol.com) or **Kay Peterson** (kaypeterson32@aol.com).

# Children's Formation

What will Sunday School look like in 2022-2023? Is it really Ordinary Time?

Last September we re-introduced our students to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program with bible and liturgical presentations outdoors and indoors, and in the face of building floods and Covid interruptions, we adapted, so grateful for St. Anne's varied spaces. Hopefully, the Covid booster has been on your summer schedules. Masks are encouraged here at church, and not mandatory now that people can get vaccines. We'll be in new groupings and hope for new friends to join us, just like in our other new year activities!

I grew up in a home with teachers, and live on a school campus with my family, so back-to-school time is my high alert season. As I remind myself each early September, I remind you as well that faith practice is what helps faith grow. Faith is the perception that God is working among us and through us. It needs content (the Word, like the parable of the Growing Seed that our third graders wonder about), and for those who join a church and attend, it needs embodied practice (signs, sacraments, service). A life of faith is one of transformation and reconciliation, and we'll live into that theology together this year as parents and students.

One of the easiest instruments of transformation and reconciliation is noting and participating in the liturgical cycle of the year; it is very much like a curriculum plan in a school year. The liturgy- the worship plan- guides us through scriptural and sacramental content which helps us grow as students of faith! We learn visually, by naming and reviewing the colors of our sanctuary linens and clergy vestments. Are we in Ordinary (or Growing) Time? or in Advent or Lent (Preparation Time)? We learn actively, by offering treasure and time and talent to our outreach programs, as with this season's St. Stephen's School Supply Donation, a tradition of our Ordinary/Growing season. These are just two examples of how we mark our time as a St. Anne's family. This particularly hot summer, and with two college students commenting that they will "miss New England Fall," I've been thinking about how the expectation of our New England seasons is what propels us forward with new energy when we might otherwise feel stuck. Have you or members of your family felt "stuck" recently? Our seasons can usually unstick us from our habits and routines and help us assess how to adapt for what's coming. The same is true with liturgical seasons and faith energy! It can be renewed by observing all the seasons of the year. And, in any season, this familiar scripture can remind us to adapt, no matter what color the leaves or what the struggle. This translation ends with "perseveres."

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

— 1 Corinthians 13:4-8



Let us persevere in our faith! Come be with your St. Anne's Family!

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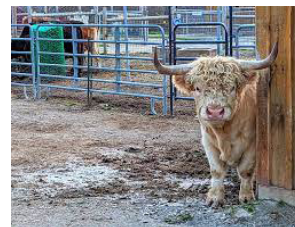
Sarah Jennings, Children's Formation Director ([sarah@stanneslincoln.org](mailto:sarah@stanneslincoln.org))

## Sunday School Registration: September 18

Calling all kids, teens, and parents! Be sure to come to church on **Sunday, September 18** and register for your Children's Formation class at 9 am in Flint Hall. Your registration form (bring it with you, please!) and calendar for the balance of 2022 is included in this mailing — post it on your fridge to prepare for all the fun things we'll be up to, starting with...

## Trip to Unity Farm Sanctuary & More!

We have group reservation on **Sunday, October 2** for up to 22 parents and students to tour the Unity Farm Sanctuary in Dover, MA, in observance of St. Francis Day (actual feast day is October 4) ! We will meet in Flint Hall at 10 am for Children's Chapel, then depart for Dover in carpools. More details to come!





Also, St. Anne's Family Engagement Commission is working on a number of fun ideas for the program year. We've got activities ready for AppleFest on October 23, and plans to hold a Christmas party, a board game night, the Lenten Retreat, and Spring Parish Picnic, and maybe a movie night, bowling trip, or Parent Cocktail Party! Keep looking for updates in our new Family Formation Newsletter (sent every Friday) and the Weekly Emails!

## Teen Formation & Special Invitation!

Our teenagers meet on Sunday evenings twice a month for fun, fellowship, and meaningful conversation. The theme for the year will be "Exploring Holy Ground Together" which will be an exploration of Holy places and spaces that show us the presence of God. We will visit other churches, houses of worship, a monastery, and do one service project. All middle school and high schoolers are welcome. If you have any questions about this ministry email **Garrett**. Dates of our fall meetings are September 18; October 2, 16 & 23; November 6 & 20; and, December 4 & 18.

There's also a special invitation for teens to join the **Craftivism Workshop on October 16!** See the article above under "Adult Formation" to learn more about the event and how to buy tickets.

## Music

### Choir News

Do you like to sing? You may enjoy singing with our adult choir. We rehearse every Thursday evening, 7:30 - 9, and again on Sunday mornings, 9 - 10. We sing two anthems every Sunday, and offer special music at other times of year such as All Saints, Christmas, and Holy Week. We go through a great deal of music, so music reading skills are helpful. If you'd like to give it a try, just come to the Thursday rehearsal or email **Jay** at jay@stanneslincoln.org.

And keep your eyes out for news of special musical offerings this year — we hope to have evensongs and maybe even a requiem!

## Parish News

### New Database: Breeze

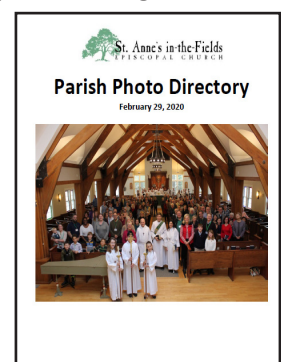
Here's some really great news: giving to St. Anne's is a BREEZE! When you click on the "Give" button on our website, and set up a gift via credit, debit, or automatic transfer to your choice of the many good reasons to give to our parish, you receive an email acknowledgement immediately afterwards and your donation is recorded in your parish record, making next year's tax reporting a "breeze" too! During the autumn months, all parishioners will be invited to see their parish records online and those who choose to can check on the progress of their pledge payments and accuracy of their contact information. Parishioners can only see their own pledging/giving records, but everyone will be able to access the parish directory. Our new membership software, Breeze, will be making community and sharing easier than ever. Try it, you'll like it!

### Photo Directory Project

By the time this *Good News* reaches your doorstep, you should have received an email from Jennie asking for a picture of yourself for the updated Photo Directory.

Photos of and contact information for our parishioners are only ever used for internal purposes; one of the bonuses of Breeze is that our parishioners can access our official directory at any time, while outside organizations (and bots and scammers) absolutely cannot. The official directory will only include you name, mailing address, designated phone number(s), and preferred email addresses; if you have update(s) to any of this information, now is a great time to let Jennie know!

If you previously provided St. Anne's with a photo of yourself for the old directory, we can continue to include that one, but you are welcome to swap it for another! We'd love both family/couple pics as well as one of each individual member (to be used for Breeze profile); just email your photo(s) to **Jennie** at jennie@stanneslincoln.org or let her know you are fine with the old one. Thanks!



# Property

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## Water Damage & Technology Update

We can report that repair of the flood damage from this February and all the dealings with our insurance company wrapped up several months ago — and on favorable terms! Essentially all of the damage was covered by insurance. We did elect to spend some of our own funds on carpeting areas not immediately damaged, such as all the classrooms in the Terrace Level and the Atrium hallway.

The departure of the Carroll School after two years of tenancy has also meant that, according to the terms of the lease, we acquired their network, a modern Cisco one, and have now converted our wifi to that network. This allowed us to decommission our aging network and take the opportunity to replace our past-due computers with new laptops for all staff members. Lastly, we have hired a technology firm to manage this network and all the security features of it so to be sure that everything stays in good shape going forward.

Carroll's departure and the renewal of the building means we are ready for a new tenant on the Terrace Level... we just have to find one! If you know of any organizations looking for space please let Jennie or one of the wardens know. Thank you!

## Closing Up the Building

Lately there have been several incidents in which the building was not closed down properly for the night or weekend. On Monday mornings Jennie has encountered lights left on, the fans running, faucets dripping, and even a key left in the front door!

In order to keep our building and its contents safe — as well as keeping our utility costs down and preventing further water disasters — we ask that all parishioners take on the responsibility of closing up the building like you would your home — this is our parish home, after all! Tasks include shutting off lights, checking that windows are closed and locked, turning off ceiling fans, making sure faucets are not running (this happens quite a bit in the Kitchen and bathrooms), and locking the doors. Of course, it is difficult to know if you are the last one in the building — with all that goes on here, there certainly could be other parishioners singing in Flint Hall, reading in the Library, or practicing in the Sanctuary! But we figure if everyone just takes a few minutes to double-check, collectively we can keep the building safe! Thank you!

## Using St. Anne's Wifi

As part of our the added security to our wifi network, we have a new "open" network for parishioners and visitors to use while in the building. Please search for the "Church Guest" network, and use the password Lincoln147. Staff uses a separate network to conduct church business, one that has additional security protocols and is never shared.

## Building Rentals

Now that the building is fully open, we have started to grant new rental requests: on the calendar so far we have a dance class on Wednesday mornings, monthly meetings of the Wayland Garden Club and New England Needlework Association, and the MetroWest Writers' Guild's weekend retreat. Pre-pandemic, this was a hearty additional source of income for St. Anne's, and now we're ready to bring life back into the building with classes, parties, and meetings of all kinds.

Rental protocols are definitively divided between parishioner-sponsored events and those we consider "private," such as dinner parties, concerts, etc. When a parishioner inquires about usage of space, we often forego the rental fee and need for a sexton, with the parishioner taking on the task of clean-up and closing the building. Alternatively, when renting to other groups, fees range from \$250 to \$2000, depending on the number of rooms and hours involved.

We encourage our parishioners to come use the building! It's remarkably well-equipped: our Kitchen has a six-burner stove and multi-tiered convection oven, we can seat 150 in air-conditioned Flint Hall, our Zoom cart is easily moved from the 12-seat Library to the whole of Flint. So consider holding your birthday party here, or convening a meeting of your community group; and feel free to tell your friends and associates that St. Anne's is a great place to do the same. All inquires and questions can be directed to **Jennie** (jennie@stanneslincoln.org). It's great to be back!

# Fall Calendar

## Sunday, September 4

9 am, Spoken Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary & Livestream)

## Monday, September 5: Parish Office Closed

## Wednesday, September 7

8:30 am, Men's Group (Zoom)

## Thursday, September 8

7:30 pm, **First Choir Rehearsal** (Flint Hall)

## Sunday, September 11

**Last 9 am service** (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
10 am, Coffee Hour hosted by RJA (Flint Hall)  
10:45 am, Sacred Ground Meeting (Flint Hall)

## Tuesday, September 13

2 pm, **Church Service League** (Library)

## Wednesday, September 14

8:30 am, Men's Group (Zoom)

## Thursday, September 15

7:30 pm, **Choir Rehearsal** (Flint Hall)

## Sunday, September 18: Blessing of Students & Educators

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
9 am, Sunday School Registration (Flint Hall, Atria)  
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
11 am, **Welcome Back Coffee Hour** (Flint Hall)  
5 pm, Evening Service (Parking Lot)  
5:30 pm, **Teen Formation** (Flint Hall)

## Tuesday, September 20

7 pm, **Women's Book Club** (Outside/Flint Hall & Zoom)

## Wednesday, September 21

8:30 am, Men's Group (Zoom)  
7 pm, Vestry (Library)

## Thursday, September 22

10 am, **Women's Bible Study** (Flint Hall & Zoom)  
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

## Sunday, September 25: Swift to Love: Partakers

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
9 am, **First Sunday School** (Atria)  
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
11 am, **LEM Training** (Sanctuary)  
2 pm, **Partakers Mentors' Meeting** (Flint Hall)

## Tuesday, September 27

2 pm, Church Service League (Library)

## Wednesday, September 28

8:30 am, Men's Group (Zoom)

## Thursday, September 29

10 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint Hall & Zoom)  
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

## Sunday, October 2: Blessing of the Pets

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
9 am, Sunday School & **Trip to Unity Farm Sanctuary**  
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
11 am, Coffee Hour (Flint Hall)  
5 pm, **Blessing of the Pets** (Parking Lot)  
5:30 pm, Teen Formation

## Wednesday, October 5

8:30 am, Men's Group (Zoom)

## Thursday, October 6

10 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint Hall & Zoom)  
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

## Sunday, October 9

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
11 am, Coffee Hour (Flint Hall)

## Monday, October 10: Parish Office Closed

## Tuesday, October 11

2 pm, Church Service League (Library)

## Wednesday, October 12

8:30 am, Men's Group (Zoom)

## Thursday, October 13

10 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint Hall & Zoom)  
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

## Sunday, October 16

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
9 am, Sunday School (Atria)  
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
11 am, Coffee Hour (Flint Hall)  
2 pm, **Craftivist Shannon Downey Workshop**  
5 pm, Evening Service (Parking Lot)  
5:30 pm, Teen Formation (Flint Hall)

## Wednesday, October 19

8:30 am, Men's Group (Zoom)

## Thursday, October 20

10 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint Hall & Zoom)  
7:30 pm, Adult Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

## Saturday, October 22

10 am, Men's Mini-Retreat (Audubon Hill CC)

## Sunday, October 23: Swift to Love: Haïti

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
9 am, Sunday School (Atria)  
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary & Livestream)  
11 am, **AppleFest!** (Outside)  
5 pm, Evening Service (Parking Lot)  
5:30 pm, Teen Formation

## Tuesday, October 25

2 pm, Church Service League (Library)

## Wednesday, October 26

8:30 am, Men's Group (Zoom)

## Thursday, October 27

10 am, Women's Bible Study (Flint Hall & Zoom)  
7:30 pm, Choir Rehearsal (Flint Hall)

## Sunday, October 30

8 am, Holy Eucharist (Sanctuary)  
9 am, Sunday School (Atria)  
10 am, Holy Eucharist with Choir (Sanctuary)  
11 am, Coffee Hour (Flint Hall)





### Staff

Jay Lane, Director of Music • Sarah Jennings, Director of Children's Formation  
Jennie Cook, Parish Manager • Elizabeth Thompson, Finance Manager  
Salma Semakula, Sexton • The Rev. Kristian Kohler, Assistant Priest  
The Rev. Joseph Kimmel, Curate • The Reverend Garrett Yates, Rector

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Tom Shively & Anne Jones, Wardens • Sarah Hubbell, Treasurer  
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