



The Monthly Newsletter of St. Anthony on the Desert

June 2009

The Desert Wind

Our Mission: To Celebrate the Life-Changing Love of Christ Through Worship, Teaching and Outreach

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Childcare provided from 8 a.m. until Noon in the Nursery

8 A.M.

Holy Communion

Coffee Hour following the service

10 A.M.

Holy Communion with Children's Chapel during Ministry of the Word

Coffee Hour following the service

11:15 A.M.

Christian Education for all ages

WEDNESDAY

NOON

Holy Communion
Healing Service

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Let Us Continue Spirit's Work



By The Rev.
Dorian Mulvey

It can sometimes be difficult for us to detect God's Spirit. Yet there are other times when the Spirit moves at gale force and, not only do we notice it, but it literally lifts us up and moves us to a new place. Pentecost

Sunday marks the gift of the Spirit to the early church and this year it also marks the celebration of our *Infinite Blessings ... Imagine!* campaign. Amazingly, the Spirit moved through the people of St. Anthony bringing us close to our cornerstone goal and creating the means to eliminate a sizeable portion of our debt. This is truly a cause for celebration.

I offer my deep gratitude for all those who participated in this campaign. Each and every one of your commitments of support made a difference. It is challenging to ask for financial commitments in such uncertain economic times. I know that there were some who wanted to make a commitment or who would have liked to make a larger commitment if they were not struggling with personal financial issues. Please know that

your desire and love in your heart to support St. Anthony is equally valued.

Our *Infinite Blessings ... Imagine!* campaign has been about much more than fundraising. It has created an opportunity within each of us—an opportunity to see the gifts and grace of God in our lives and to imagine how we are called to use these in God's service. Our response is an indication of our desire to grow as disciples.

I mentioned in a recent sermon that some might now be breathing a sigh of relief that we won't be talking as much about money. But actually, the challenging work lies ahead of us. This is the work of committing more than our financial resources. It is the work of committing ourselves to become disciples. It is not work for the faint hearted. Some will see this as too costly and simply drift away. But for those who are willing—who desire to grow in their relationship with God and in their role as a disciple—this is only the beginning.

Come Holy Spirit. Come. Help us to know the work and ministry you would have us do. Give us strength, courage and confidence that anything is possible in your name. Like the early disciples, lead us to new places, fill our minds with creative imagination and our hearts with the depths of your love. Come Holy Spirit. Come.

In Christ,
Dorian



Walking the Mourner's Path

Facilitator Training School

All Saints Episcopal Church—Phoenix

June 25-27, 2009

To request registration information, contact Peggy Sands at 480.657.8503 or peggysands@mournerspath.com.

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DEACON'S DOMAIN

By Deacon Susan Cihak

As part of my new diaconal ministry, I am happy and excited to tell you about St. Anthony's involvement in the 2009 Relief Network.

The Heat Relief network was started after the summer of 2006, when the city of Phoenix had a jump in the number of heat-related deaths. The Heat-Relief network is made up of community and faith-based groups from all over Maricopa County. The goal is to provide hydration, heat refuge and wellness checks for the homeless, elderly and people with disabilities during the extreme summer weather conditions we have here.

This summer St. Anthony will serve as a water collection and donor site. We are collecting water bottles and other donations such as light-colored T-shirts, sun block, socks and underwear, hats, lip balm and pre-packaged snacks.

We are working in partnership with Trinity Cathedral in

downtown Phoenix. They are also a hydration station this summer. Our water collection will be supporting their station, as well as any others in the network who need it. The aim of the "network" is to find out where the water is, who needs it, and then make the connection. We will also be able to pass out the water and other donations to the people who need it.



This effort has made a huge difference in the lives of people who live through our summers with limited or no income to pay for air-conditioning. On May 5, the mayor of Phoenix held a press conference to make the "official" call for water for the Heat-Relief network. It was very exciting to be there and hear how much this network has made a difference. Last year over 200,000 bottles were collected. This year the mayor called for 300,000 bottles.

Thank you for your help and support. Water bottles and the other donations can be brought

George Mulvey Answers the Call

Some of you may be missing a familiar face—George Mulvey. He is not truly "missing," but he will be spending time away from St. Anthony.

George has been assigned by Bishop Smith to do some field education work at St. Michael's in Coolidge, Arizona over the next nine to 10 months.

George is a candidate for the diaconate, currently sponsored by the Diocese of Olympia, Washington. His time at St. Michael's will allow him some hands on ministry experience as part of his process toward ordination.

Keep George in your prayers!

to the Narthex of the church or the Bell tower. Because water bottles can be heavy, please let me know if you need help.

Summer Worship Changes

Summer time feels different. The days seem to stretch out and feel more relaxed. Children are on vacation from school. There are greater opportunities to gather with friends—more informal, spontaneous gatherings. We set aside our regular routines to try something different. Why shouldn't summer worship feel different too? Hopefully, this summer it will!

We will be trying some new things at St. Anthony. So beginning in June ...

• **8 a.m. 'Early Bird' Service**

If you tend to wake up early and have full plans for Sunday, consider our "Early Bird" service at 8a.m. Shakespeare buffs notwithstanding, we will be setting aside our Elizabethan English in favor of more everyday language. This more intimate service will offer a quiet, calm beginning for the day—a chance for reflection and prayer. And as usual, coffee and lemonade will be available after the service in the courtyard.

• **10 a.m. 'Shorts and Sandals' Service**

If you prefer to sleep in a bit on Sunday, consider our "Shorts and Sandals" service at 10 a.m. Even with air conditioning, the temperatures in the sanctuary can be a bit warm—so why not dress comfortably. This service will be relaxed and a bit more informal. And of course our usual refreshments will follow.

• **No Saturday Evening Service**

Although not an easy decision, we will be eliminating the Saturday evening service. While this service has a loyal following, the small number in attendance makes it challenging to sustain this additional service time. Hopefully Saturday night regulars will find a Sunday morning worship service that works for them.

YOU Could Be the Answer to My Prayers!



By Jill Kyler
Minister for Evangelism

Manna is Hebrew for “what is it?” The Hebrews had never seen anything like it. Manna covered the ground with thin flakes that looked like frost and tasted like honey. After much praying to Yahweh (okay, whining and complaining), it arrived each morning, and there was always more than enough for every person to get

their fill every day. According to a popular theory, it was insect droppings ... bleh!

This story was in the back of my mind while I was preparing to present a new topic on prayer at our *Sunday Café*, the conversation that happens after 10 a.m. worship. I love this new adult education format because usually—after an idea is thrown out—the group is off and running. I always take something away from these gatherings that I think about all week, and this week has been no different.

A conversation that started with the reasons *why* we pray, without my mentioning the bug droppings story, took a wonderful turn that could have never been planned. The question came up, “What if we are to be the answer to our own prayers?” Instead of petitioning God to take care of things, what would happen if,

working with God, we became an active participant in remedying the very things we want God to handle? As one person said, we could be using “let go and let God” as an excuse for not taking some responsibility ourselves.

I don’t want to say that *we* are in charge here and God isn’t but, rather, to think about just *why* it is we are here. I’ve never felt that this was merely the place we stay before we go to heaven. Exactly why did God put us here and now? Taking a look at his creation makes me know that he has something very definite in mind: a divine plan.

When we pray for God’s mercy in helping people in distress, mercy might be our giving a person a fish so he can eat today. It is not attacking problems at the systemic level; it’s just making someone’s life better, if only for today. We

can take a cue about this from Jesus in his miracle of feeding the 5,000. He didn’t give them a lecture on planning ahead or how to plant for a future harvest, or the economic benefits of micro-business; he fed them that day.

Prayer continues to be an issue with which I wrestle. However, the thought that I might be the answer to *your* prayer through what I can do by the Spirit ... and that you might be the answer to *my* prayer ... gives me hope that that is exactly what God has in mind. If God intends to renew the whole creation, we as the church must do our part to bring healing and hope to today. By doing so, as it says in Philippians, it is not we who go to heaven, but it is heaven that comes to earth. Now that would be divine.

Blessings,
Jill

Choir Notes

By Joe Hacnik

A special thank you to our Adult Choir, Bell Choir and Youth Choir for their wonderful gift of music and continued dedication to the faith community of St. Anthony on the Desert. Their many hours of rehearsal preparation over this past year have been greatly appreciated.

Also, thank you to the families who adjusted work schedules, family activities, and school homework so that they (or their family member) could regularly participate each week.

Supplemental hymnal coming soon:

During the summer, a supplemental hymnal will be developed for St. Anthony on the Desert. Included will be additional hymns that are not presently found in our 1982 hymnal. As we use extra hymns during the summer months, you will find a rating questionnaire for each song. Is the song easy to sing? Did the words touch your heart? Would you like to sing it again?

Your feedback will be important and we would like everyone to take a moment to complete the simple question-

naire. This information will then be very beneficial when developing future supplemental hymnals. Keep a lookout for the new supplemental hymnal this summer. We are sure you will enjoy the new addition!

Adult Choir, Bell Choir and Youth Choir break for the summer:

Our adult Choir, Bell Choir and Youth Choir, will be taking a well deserved summer break beginning June 1.

Small group ensembles will meet throughout the summer for rehearsals in preparation for our summer services.

Adult, Bell, and Youth Choir fall rehearsals will resume the week following Labor Day. Be sure to mark your calendar. Have a great summer and we’ll see you in church.

Do you enjoy prayer through song?

We always welcome new music ministry members. If you are thinking about joining the music ministry in the fall, contact Joe Hacnik at the parish office for additional information. We meet on Wednesday evenings and would love to have you!

Summer Church Office Hours:

Memorial Day Weekend-Labor Day

Mon.-Thurs.: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Friday: Closed



PARISH LIFE

Seniors and Snowbirds

By Barbara Ells

The "Seniors" showed the "Snowbirds" a thing or two by having a wonderful Memorial Day Celebration after the Winter Visitors had all left town!

Bill and Jeanette Luke were the hosts and, of course, red, white and blue were the dominant colors! Thank you, Bill and Jeanette.

It is not too early to start planning for our events next year. Think outside the box! How 'bout a boat tour on Saguaro Lake? Picnic in the park? You don't need to host something in your home – there are plenty of other options. But we do need people to help plan something starting in October. If you can help in any way, please let me know at drbrells@msn.com. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer!

St. Anthony Fall Auction Returns

By Patricia Faiveley









Are you going on vacation? If you are, would you bring back an auction item to go into our St. Anthony Fall Auction? We are planning the auction for early November.

We will have a table of brown bag travel items for the auction. Wherever you travel, there is sure to be something interesting you can bring back with you to put on the travel table at the auction. Be creative, clever, funny or serious in your choice of items. Wrap it in brown packing paper, put where it is from on the front, and we will auction your treasure off to the highest bidder.

So as you travel, think of St. Anthony and pick up an extra souvenir to share!

You can also start thinking of larger items you can donate to the auction or businesses or friends who would be able to donate. Do you have a vacation home you could donate for a weekend? Run a business that could donate something to the auction? Have friends with businesses?

Be thinking about items for the auction and watch for the date and the contact people for the church.

- What is the symbol of Judaism?
- Of Islam?
- What is a mezuzah?
- The lotus flower is a symbol for what religion?
- What is Mecca?
- Which faith tradition calls God 'Master Spirit'?

Come find out all the answers during the Camp St. Anthony summer program

A WORLD OF FAITH

**Sunday mornings in June and July
in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m.**

*For children aged 5 through grade 5.
Younger children are welcome with a parent helper.*

Senior High Mission Trip

*Our senior high Mission Trip to Racine, Wisconsin, is June 19-27.
Please keep them in your prayers ...*

Praying for the Youth Mission Trip to Racine, Wisconsin

1. Pray for safe travel, to, from and during their project.
2. Pray for loving, supportive, harmonious relationships between the members of the team.
3. Pray that they remain healthy, and for safety during their construction activities.
4. Pray for good working relationships between our team and those who live and work in Racine.
5. Pray that each member of our team would grow in their relationship with Christ and their understanding of the world God loves.
6. Pray that our Lord would be glorified in every word and action during the trip.

In addition to occasional prayers during the week, you may want to set aside a specific time each day to pray for them, such as during the evening family meal, in your car on your way to work (with eyes open), or before you turn on the television.

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

– Ephesians 6:18

Our Team Members are:

- Nicole
- Arman
- Shane
- Caitlin
- Shannon
- Bobby
- Catherine
- Scott
- and leaders Kathy and Jack

Collection of Good, Used Household Items and Clothing on June 28

By Eloise Crosman

Have some of your children's summer clothes been outgrown? Perhaps you have items in your *own* closet that aren't being used. Maybe you've purchased a new set of dishes, sheets, towels or other items, and need to make room in your cupboards, cabinets and drawers by recycling household goods that are no longer being used?

Bring them to church on June 28!

The St. Anthony Domestic Violence Council will be present before and after both services to accept items and take them to Save the Family, where

they will be appreciated by families in need. There is a steady need for clothing and household goods for families, the majority of whom are domestic violence victims working on getting a new start in life.

All items should be clean and in good condition. If you have furniture or other large items, please call any of the following Council members to make arrangements for pick-up of items:

- Eloise Crosman: 480.551.2136
- Susie Mitchler: 480.794.1326
- Bonnie or Gary Spedl: 480.836.7174

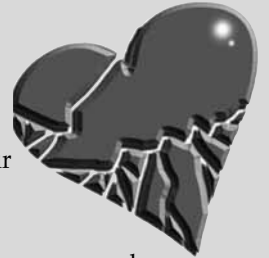
Thank you!



St. Anthony Domestic Violence Council

By Gary Spedl, Domestic Violence

We're continuing our practice of including Myths and Facts about Domestic Violence in order to continue to educate ourselves about this issue. In this edition, we're sharing one more myth (taken from the Maricopa Assoc. of Governments-Domestic Violence Council). Thank you for your support!



Myth: Battersers abuse their partners or spouses because of alcohol or drug abuse.

Facts: Substance abuse does not cause domestic violence, though it is frequently used as an excuse. In some cases, substance abuse may increase the frequency or severity of violent episodes. Because substance abuse does not cause domestic violence, requiring batterers to attend only substance abuse treatment will not effectively end the violence. Victims often report that even when their partners became clean and sober, the abuse continued.

As seen on MSNBC Nightly News / May 6, 2009



MSNBC Nightly News featured the Phoenix metropolitan-based "Save the Family" on its May 6, 2009, broadcast.

St. Anthony is a big supporter of Save the Family, which was founded in 1988 in response to the need for a comprehensive community service dedicated to assisting homeless families with children transition to self-sufficiency. In November of 1989, Save the Family housed its first four families. Since then, the agency has grown to encompass 80 transitional housing units in Mesa, Tempe, Chandler and Scottsdale.

Last year, Save the Family served 195 families including 393 children in its Transitional Living Program and an additional 114 families with 226 children in its Affordable Rental Program, and through an outreach of local schools, Save the Family served an additional 2500 youths.

Read more about this organization at www.savethefamily.org.



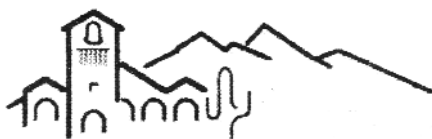
Acolytes

By Bill Ferris

On Saturday, May 2, the acolytes held a fund raising car wash at the parish parking lot. We had a great turn out from parishioners with a steady flow of cars to wash from 8 a.m. through noon.

The acolytes had a lot of fun and work. We were able to reach our fundraising goal. We are purchasing acolyte crosses for the acolytes to wear at church, and expect to have some left over funds for some fun activities such as a pizza party or group bowling.

Thank you for your support of the acolyte ministry. Several people asked us to have another car wash, so we may have another one early this fall.



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