



September 2009

The Monthly Newsletter of St. Anthony on the Desert

# The Desert Wind

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

## SUNDAY WORSHIP

Childcare provided from 8:30 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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By **The Rev. Dorian Mulvey**

Dear Friends in Christ,

I had a conversation with a friend a few weeks ago. She was busy recounting the events of her day when she said some-

thing that startled me. Sandwiched in between mentioning her lunch date at a New York deli style restaurant, and her plans to head off to a local flea market, she said: "Oh—and I went to church this afternoon to get it out of the way." I didn't challenge this statement, although I really wanted to ask what exactly it meant to "get church out of the way." I did spend some time afterward thinking about it.

We tend to get unpleasant tasks "out of the way." These are the things we do so that we can get on with more enjoyable activities. For my friend, going to church was little more than an act of obedience that hopefully would appease God. She saw attending worship as something to check off the "to do" list—as an activity that God requires of us. Maybe church going made her feel a bit better about herself, or perhaps she saw it as a kind of insurance policy for "later" ... but, either way, she didn't seem to be making any important connection with God.

Hopefully, being a part of a church community is less about winning God's favor and more about deepening our relationship with God. Relationships have the power to change us, and our relationship with God makes possible the greatest transformation of all.

So the question presented is:

***How do we nurture and grow in our relationship with God through Jesus?***

The earliest Christian communities were formed around the very presence of Jesus. Jesus was present through his Spirit, and this gave believers the power, discernment and skills necessary to live out their vocation as his followers. The same is

## The Disciples Circle

true for us today. To become Christ followers, we need to practice our vocation of discipleship within community.

At St. Anthony we are beginning a new ministry called *The Disciples Circle*. The circle(s) will be composed of individuals who are at a point in their lives where they want to go deeper spiritually. The following question and answer format will hopefully fill in some details for you:

**Question:** What will be the primary focus of The Disciples Circle?

**Answer:** The Disciples Circle will focus on two questions:

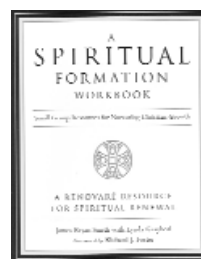
- What has God been doing in my life?"
- What do I plan to do to make space for God to do even more?

**Q:** What kind of commitment is expected?

**A:** Each Disciples Circle will start with a commitment to a nine-session test drive. This is only a trial period, where the group will explore a new approach to spiritual formation. The group will meet for an hour and a half twice a month. At the end of the ninth meeting, the group will evaluate their experience and decide whether or not to continue gathering.

**Q:** What resources and materials will the group use?

**A:** The group will be working with *A Spiritual Formation Workbook* written by James Bryan Smith and Lynda Graybeal. Workbooks will be available for purchase at a price of \$12. The nine meet-



ings will introduce six dimensions of Christian discipleship:"

1. Devotion to God;
2. Virtue in thought, word and action;
3. Empowerment by the Spirit;
4. Compassion toward all people;
5. Proclamation of the good news of the gospel;
6. Harmony between faith and work.

We will learn how we can practice the spiritual disciplines that flow from Christ's life while

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### **DELEGATES TO THE 2009 DIOCESAN CONVENTION**

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Catherine Gilbert  
Jill Kyler  
Leanne Murrillo  
Karin Burklein Rascona

*Mark Your Calendars for Saturday, September 26!*

## **Diocesan Parish Road Show**

By Jeff Roberts  
Sr. Warden

**D**uring this past summer, Pastor Dorian was approached by Bishop Smith regarding St. Anthony's interest in hosting a one-day series of workshops on various parish-related topics. Pastor Dorian and the Vestry felt this was a wonderful opportunity for the whole congregation.

The Vestry is very excited to announce that St. Anthony has been chosen by the Diocese of Arizona to host the first 2009–2010 Parish Road Show, a series of two-hour workshops sponsored by Bishop Smith and the Diocesan Canons. This one-day event will be held Saturday, September 26, at St. Anthony from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Planned are six sessions in the morning and six sessions in the afternoon. If you cannot attend the entire day, then plan on attending a morning or afternoon workshop.

The entire congregation is strongly encouraged to attend and participate. I have listed below the various workshops, along with a brief description of each. I believe there is something for everyone. Both lunch and child-care will be provided. This is a great way to begin our 2009 fall ministry development and spiritual growth.

### **Parish Road Show Topics**

#### **1 My Vision for The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona.**

Bishop Smith will talk about his vision for the diocese, and provide a chance for you to ask questions.

#### **2 The 2009 General Convention Report.**

Bishop Smith will report on the General Convention and take questions about what happened this year.

#### **3 Stewardship as a Way of Life; Developing Year-Round Stewardship in**

#### **Congregations and People.**

This workshop explains the how and why to create a year-round stewardship plan for congregations, emphasizing how to help people see stewardship as a way of life. Topics covered include: educating people for lifelong stewardship; increasing giving through building and deepening relationships; and helping people discover their spiritual gifts to put them to use in active ministry, among others.

#### **4 Be the Best at One Thing: Practicing the Art of Generous Hospitality.**

Our famous blue and white signs say, "The Episcopal Church Welcomes You"... but how welcome do people *actually* feel when they visit? This workshop looks at the many ways we can improve our hospitality to visitors—and to all people—and how to make the church the "third place" in the lives of our members, visitors and seekers.

#### **5 Peace and Justice/ Multicultural Ministry.**

In order for there to be peace, there must be justice. Justice is defined as "hesed" the fidelity and love of God to us, also known as God's Grace. This workshop focuses on understanding how best to share God's love, forgiveness and acceptance within a multicultural setting by becoming aware of the impact that culture has on our lives and our communities.

#### **6 Implementing the Children's Charter for your Parish (Valuing Children in the Life of the Parish).**

This workshop looks at and explores hands-on ways of fulfilling the Children's Charter. Discussions will include: Nurture of the Child; Ministry to the Child; and Ministry of the Child.

*Sign-up for this event will begin in September, so stay tuned and mark your calendars. Let's show the Bishop and the diocese what "I am St. Anthony" truly means!*

#### **7 Faith Practices in the Home.**

This workshop centers on the practical and easy ways families can be intentional in including prayer, Bible study, quiet time and sharing time in the home. It will also identify ways the parish, as a whole, can help our parents understand the importance of weekly worship.

**8 Working with Volunteers.** This workshop will discuss strategies to find and keep good volunteers. How do you match talents with needs? What causes people to volunteer their time in the first place?

#### **9 Structure of the Episcopal Church.**

What do Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, Diocesan Convention and General Convention do? What are the Canons, and why do we have them?

#### **10 Change is Good: Ways to Utilize the Web.**

This workshop will help you with your website. The website is usually the first place people go to when looking for a church in a new location.

#### **11 Evangelism: Ideas for Marketing Your Youth Group.**

#### **12 Reach your World: Build a Youth Ministry for the Unchurched.**

*Jeff*

# And Deliver Us from 'Gemmelsmerch' ...



By Jill Kyler  
Minister for Evangelism

**D**r. Edward M. Hallowell, who was the first to name adult attention deficit disorder (A.D.D) back in 1995 (pre-1995, I think it was called "ditz"), has given us

another word to think about ... *gemmelsmerch*. I have a feeling it's never going to roll off the tongue like A.D.D., but it's a fine word regardless ... And very appropriate to my life, and perhaps yours, too.

"Gemmelsmerch" is defined by Dr. Hallowell as the force that distracts the mind, or steals it away from what it wants to do or ought to be doing. This almost sounds like what St. Paul said in his letter to the Romans, except Paul wasn't referring to the Internet, iPhones, Blackberries, email and other things that drain the time from our lives that Dr. Hallowell was addressing. Nonetheless, I think they were identifying basically the same

failures only in different ages.

As autumn (the season, not the temperature!) is almost upon us, activities begin to gear up. People are back from vacations, school has begun, ministries that pause during the long days of summer are coming back to life, and our winter residents are beginning to think about traveling back to the Valley. We seem to go from coasting to 100 miles per hour in a week. And that's when *gemmelsmerch* hits.

The sheer amount of activity becomes *gemmelsmerch*. From Bible study in the Disciples's Circle to quiet days, from discussions at the Sunday Cafes to conversations on the St. Anthony blog, there will be

many choices that can close many of us down. We can't do them all, and we can't decide what's the most important. So we end up doing nothing except being distracted.

This time let's look at what we believe is the ultimate purpose of our lives. In doing so, we can know whether we're using our time properly. Let's try exploring ways that help develop and express our life's purpose.

As life is always a paradox, in order to *maximize* your life, you have to *minimize* your load. And this is something only *you* can do. Are you up to it?

Blessings,  
*Jill*

## The Disciples Circle *(continued from Page 1)*

encouraging one another in our individual spiritual growth.

**Q:** Is The Disciples Circle for "saints" only?

**A:** No. This group is designed to meet the needs of people who have little knowledge of the spiritual disciplines, while challenging all participants to move beyond where they are and continue to grow in their spiritual life. Leadership of the group will be shared by all participants following the outline for each session provided in the workbook.

**Q:** What can you expect from participating in this group?

**A:** There is nothing magical about The Disciples Circle. There is no secret formula and no easy shortcuts. What the group will do is offer a plan that helps put you in a place where God can transform your life from the inside out.

**Q:** How do you sign-up?

**A:** One or more Disciples Circles will be formed based upon sign-up numbers. Each Circle will be limited to about eight members to allow time for everyone to participate in the conversation.

Sign-up sheets will be available in the narthex on the bulletin board. Please sign-up no later than September 15 so that the workbooks can be ordered. Groups will be formed based upon preferred meeting times, so please indicate the times that work best for you when you sign-up. Groups will begin in October so that winter residents can participate, as well. (Winter residents should contact the church office to sign-up.)

The initial meeting for each group will be at St. Anthony, but subsequent meeting places will be determined by the group itself.

I look forward to seeing you in the Circle!

Blessings,  
*Dorian*

## Vestry Changes

By Stephen Cihak

**S**ometimes God calls us in different directions. This is one of those times. Kit Wyper has elected to step down from her Vestry assignment. Kit feels called to devote her time to more hands-on ministry work, especially leadership of our pastoral care ministry. Kit has been a vital and important part of the Vestry, and we will miss her insights and wisdom at our monthly meetings. But we also recognize that her many gifts and skills will continue to bless St. Anthony in other ways.

Please welcome Kelle Hohl to the Vestry as she has accepted appointment to complete Kit's term for this year. We are very pleased that she will be sharing her experiences and skills with us. Kelle has been an active member and leader in our youth programs, as well as the MOPS ministry.

## Treasurer's Report

By Barbara Ells, Treasurer

**I**'m sure glad summer is almost over, as the well is running dry. It has been a long, hot summer and many have escaped the heat by getting out of town. Unfortunately, what that means for St. Anthony is lower attendance and, therefore, lower giving.

At the end of July we had to tap our line of credit for a \$7,500 loan to meet our expenses. So as you return from vacation, please help St. Anthony pay back our line of credit by catching up on your pledge. And if you haven't pledged, or can dip into the well a little deeper, please think about St. Anthony and all of our wonderful ministries.



**How important is a will?  
Does it bless your family and your parish?**

# Sunday Cafés Will Help You be a Disciple of Christ

**A**re you willing to be a follower of Christ? Are you ready for Discipleship? If so, come to the Sunday Café at 9:15 or 11:15 a.m. every Sunday beginning September 13.

When you hear the word “disciple,” what do you think of? Do you think of various scriptures that refer to discipleship, all in a slightly different way? Do you think of the original 12 or do you think of *anyone* who follows Christ? Do you think of a passionate devotion to Christ?

If you're interested in learning more about being a disciple or follower of Christ, you will be excited to know that the St. Anthony Sunday Café is a great springboard for further investigation and exploration of the idea of discipleship, or being a Christ follower.

We begin the Sunday Café on September 13 by looking at creative expressions of the church. We will continue throughout September, October and November to explore where we are in our spiritual lives.

We will share faith experiences from life (including the *Go!* Ministry's recent experience in Africa), dig deeper into faith experiences, create personal depictions of our current faith lives and explore how we detect our spiritual lives.

We will continue the journey by exploring how our church experiences have shaped our spiritual lives—or not—and launch into Phyllis Tickle's book, *The Great*

## Sunday Café Offerings

Sundays Mornings (9:15 or 11:15 a.m.)

*Late Pentecost: Where are You in Your Spiritual Life?*

- September 13:** Creative expressions of the church (group drawing)
- September 20:** Faith: Sharing Life Experiences—GO! Team
- September 27:** Going deeper in faith experiences with guided discussion questions
- October 4:** Personal depiction of faith life now
- October 11:** How do you detect your spiritual life? (i.e., with your checkbook, your time or what feeds you) — Marc Rieke, guest speaker
- October 18:** How has church experience shaped your life (or not)?
- October 25:** Exploring The Great Emergence
- November 1:** History of Emergence
- November 8:** What does emergent Christianity look like? Explore your spiritual gifts.
- November 15:** What is emerging at St. Anthony? (spiritual gift inventory)
- November 22:** The Great Emergence wrap up – What is our hope for our personal faith life and corporate faith life?

*Emergence*, which will give us a different look at being followers of Christ.

Beginning in Advent, we will explore “Who is God?” and “What is God's Kingdom?” This segment of instruction and dialogue will include a quiet day on Saturday December 5, for exploring the “Spaces.”

During Lent we will discuss “What is God revealing to us? Exploring the hurts of the world.” Post-Easter we will delve into “What are we called to be?”

Don't miss a single Sunday Café. They all promise to be stimulating, engaging and, perhaps, even life-changing for the

participants. We promise a lot of personal interaction and discussion that will engage your thinking and your theology. We are so convinced that the Sunday Café will be fruitful for all of those attending St. Anthony, that we are holding it *twice* every Sunday. We will host the Café at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. for both services.

Join us in the exploration of discipleship, the emerging Church and St. Anthony's role outside our walls!

*Presented by your Christian Formation Team: Stephen Cihak, Susan Cihak, Patricia Faiveley, Grant Gilfeather, Jill Kyler, Dorian Mulvey and Becky Pearson.*

## Final Thoughts about 'A World of Faith'

By Beth Hammond

**T**his summer I journeyed with the children to a world of ideas, beliefs, questions, rituals, and sacred places of faith. We learned about Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Native American Spirituality, Buddhism, and Hinduism. We encountered stories of God, G-d, Allah, the Great Spirit, Buddha, and the Dharma.

As we created sacred objects—cross, mezuzah, prayer mat, dream catcher, lotus flower and wind chime—we learned of ritual, prayer and wonderfully diverse expressions of faith. We reaffirmed who we are as we got to know others. Most of all, we learned that we are more similar than different.

And as I reflected with the children on all we had learned, prayed and created, their wisdom and their own spirituality shone through as they understood that every major faith tradition believes in something or someone grander than themselves who loves them more than anything and that all faith traditions have words for peace. And so we offer ...

The peace of the Lord be with you—  
May the Great Spirit be with you  
Salamon Alaikom • Namaste  
Shanti • Shalom

## Let's Go! First Steps in Faith

**A** new after-school program launches this fall on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. Created for children aged 3-6 years of age, the program reaches out to children and families of Mission Montessori School. Incorporating stories,

games, songs, and creative activities, *Let's Go!* offers a fun and active way to learn about Jesus.

For more information, or to register your child, please contact Beth Hammond, Director of Christian Formation, at 480.451.0860, Ext. 13 or [bethhammond@st-anthony.net](mailto:bethhammond@st-anthony.net).

## Marked as Christ's Own Forever ...

**O**ur next day for baptisms is All Saints Day, on Sunday, November 1. Preparation classes for parents and sponsors of child candidates begin on Wednesday evenings in October.

To register, or for more information, please contact Beth Hammond, Director of Christian Formation, at 480.451.0860, Ext. 13, or [bethhammond@st-anthony.net](mailto:bethhammond@st-anthony.net).

# SACRED SPACE

By Peggy Sands

## *Walking the Mourner's Path*

People describe St Anthony as a building structure with a cross on the roof, but it so much more ... it is a sacred space ... and not just a sacred physical space. To me, the sacred space of St. Anthony lies in the connection we have with each other. It lies in the shared experiences of joy and pain, and the presence each of us has had in one another's lives. There are stories to be told and memories to share in that space between us. And when one of us is missing ... the sacred space feels incomplete and disrupted. Thus, the second sermon I heard was on the gifts of the spirit that each of us has been given to share in order that our lives together may be more complete. When we share ourselves and our gifts ... we create sacred space.

These messages reflect my experience and my passion for *Walking the Mourner's Path*. The sharing that takes place in each eight-week session creates shared sacred space with the members of the group. The group becomes a "sanctuary" as pain, joy and experiences are shared. Within the protective confines of the group, healing takes place, and we form new connections or sacred space with one another. We can read all the books we want on grief and bereavement, and we can gain knowledge through our readings. But we will not experience the same heart-felt healing that comes from shared experiences with others.

**The next eight-week session of *Walking the Mourner's Path* here at St. Anthony will be starting Monday, September 28, at 5 p.m.**

## 'Walking the Mourner's Path' at St. Anthony

### Eight-Week Session

**Beginning Monday, September 28 at 5 p.m.**

To request registration information, contact Peggy Sands at 480.657.8503 or [peggysands@mournerspath.com](mailto:peggysands@mournerspath.com).

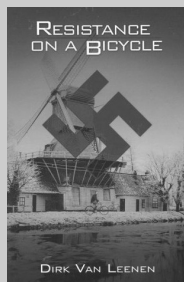
The group is a combination of learning about the impact of grief on our lives, and learning tools that will help us through our grief and sharing feelings. Whether you are three months, three years or 30 years away from the death of someone you love, you are welcome to attend the group. There is no time-table for grief, and each of us progress at our own pace. There is no right or wrong way to grieve—just our own way.

In addition to parishioners of St Anthony, the group is open to the community of family, friends, co-workers and

neighbors connected to those of us who worship at St Anthony. There is a nominal fee for the eight sessions, and pre-registration is required.

For questions, to register for the eight-week session, or for specific information regarding the group, please contact Peggy Sands in the church office at 480.451.0860 or [peggysands@mournerspath.com](mailto:peggysands@mournerspath.com).

## Dirk Van Leenen, Award Winning Author, to Appear at St. Anthony



Mark your calendars and reserve the evening of October 20 at 7 p.m. to hear our guest speaker, Dirk Van Leenen. He is the author of the Christian Choice Book Award winner, *Resistance on a Bicycle*, which tells the story of how his father, mother and himself lived a life of faith during the Nazi occupation of The Hague, Holland during the 1940s.

The act of secreting as many as 20 Jews at a time under their home, feeding and caring for them, and distributing forged food stamps and identification papers put the family at great risk for the cruelty of the Nazi Gestapo. One of Dirk's first memories as a small boy is of riding on the back of his father's bicycle while his father made arrangements for Jews to be transported to safer locations.

Mr. Van Leenen's book will be for sale at St. Anthony for \$24.95. Ten dollars of the proceeds from each book will be gifted to St. Anthony.

Mr. Van Leenan wil sign books on the evening of October 20. Remember, Christmas will soon be here, and a signed book would make a wonderful gift!

Light refreshments will be served after the talk.

## DV101 Learning Workshop

By Gary Spedl

Your Domestic Violence Council (DVC) is pleased to announce that special arrangements have been made to allow the people of St. Anthony to participate in an educational activity called *Domestic Violence 101 - A Learning Workshop*. This special workshop is being offered as an opportunity for all of us to form a foundation of understanding regarding domestic violence. Pastor Dorian and The Vestry have reviewed the proposal made by the DVC for this workshop, and have enthusiastically endorsed it for everyone as an opportunity for all of us to get involved in what is to be a cornerstone ministry of St Anthony.

The leader of the workshop will be Betty McEntire, Training Director, from the Arizona Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Betty, who is tailoring the workshop to fit St Anthony, has described the workshop as an opportunity for people to obtain basic facts and information about domestic violence, as well as gain an understanding of what we need to know to support victims and families of domestic violence. This special workshop will be :

### **DV 101- A Learning Workshop**

Saturday, October 31, 2009

In the St. Anthony Parish Hall

**8:30 a.m.:** Continental Breakfast

**9 a.m.:** Workshop Start

**1 p.m.:** Workshop Ends (*Lunch is Included*)

Please pick up a Registration Form in the Narthex, Church office or Parish Hall. (Registration Requested so we know how many to expect)

Please make plans for attending this special event! Let's all participate in this ministry and join with others in exploring what can be, with God's help. Look for additional information as we get closer to the workshop!



# PARISH LIFE

## Men of St. Anthony

By Jon Bost

**O**ur next meeting is Saturday, September 26. We meet for a simple breakfast at 7:30 a.m. and then will be making sack lunches for the men at the East Valley Men's Shelter. We promise to be through by 9 a.m.

Come for the coffee. Stay for the camaraderie. Enjoy the Christianity.

## Fr. Welsh to Take Sabbatical

By Dorian Mulvey

**F**ather Gene Welsh has been an Episcopal priest for over 43 years, and has never taken an extended sabbatical. But there's no time like the present! So Gene and Carolyn are planning some sabbatical time which will take them away from St. Anthony this fall.

Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. May this be a time of wonderful refreshment and new perspectives!

## Mimosa's for MOM-OSA

By Karen Twibell

**T**he Ministry of Mothers of St. Anthony (MOM-OSA) invites you to learn more about our new group at an Open House.

**Thursday, September 10  
9:30 to 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall**

Brunch and Mimosa's will be served  
Childcare will be provided

RSVP to Karen Twibell at  
[karentwibell@yahoo.com](mailto:karentwibell@yahoo.com)

MOM-OSA is a group for both parishioners as well as non-church women that focuses on supporting all aspects of motherhood through spiritual guidance. We gather on alternating Thursdays, and meetings include discussions based on curriculum, social interaction and outreach efforts.

Feel free to invite anyone who may be interested in learning more about this fantastic ministry. If you have any questions, please call Karen Twibell at 602.705.1595 or Beth Hammond in the church office at 480.451.0860.

## Avid Readers Meet September 23

By Eloise Crosman

**A**vid Readers, St. Anthony's book discussion group, will discuss *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows at 7 p.m. on September 23 in the Comfort Room.

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* was born as a spur-of-the-moment response to a group of friends being discovered breaking curfew by the Nazi occupants of Guernsey Island during World War II. The book, written as a series of letters, is funny and warm as the characters find connections in unusual ways.

Avid Readers meets monthly from September through June. A complete list of books being discussed this season is available in the narthex. Everyone is welcome—even if you haven't read (or finished) the book! Come and bring a friend!

## Fun, Food, Frolicking and Family

## St. Anthony Auction

By Patricia Faiveley

**S**ave the date! On Friday, November 13, St. Anthony is resurrecting our Auction and combining it with a Family Fun Night. We will have food, fun and opportunity to buy great items at auction prices. We will even have a children's auction.

We have already been asking you to bring items from your vacation to put in our Auction. Now we are looking for other Auction items that can be part of the silent or live auction. Do you have a vacation home to donate for the Auction? How about some fine wine you have stored away in your cellar? Do you have a lithograph from some famous artist hiding in your attic? What do you think you could find to donate to our Auction? We bet there are some wonderful items floating around out there just looking for a home at St. Anthony's Auction!

If you don't have anything you can donate, do you know someone who can?

Perhaps your beautician can donate a hair cut or a manicure. Maybe your neighbor will give a month's gym membership at the gym they own. How about your friend who runs a toy shop; maybe they can donate something for the children's Auction. Be creative, and start looking for Auction donations!

When you have located donations or have one of your own, feel free to contact our Auction coordinators:

Luann Schaeffer: 480.451.3807;  
Petra Cervino: 480.502.2844; or  
Patricia Faiveley: 480.922.0281.

Let us know what you have to donate, and what you believe the value to be. We will be collecting Auction items towards the beginning of November. We also welcome help with this fundraising event. We need help with donations, set-up, menu planning, silent auction preparation and execution, live auctioneer, and more. Please let one of us know when you are available to help and what you are willing to do. Watch for more details in the church bulletin and the October issue of *The Desert Wind*. See you all on Friday, November 13, for a great parish party!

## Winter Residents/Seniors

By Barbara Ells, Convener

**I**t's the 1st of September already—where did the summer go? If other Winter Residents are like us, you are probably beginning to plan for your return to Arizona and St. Anthony.

As you can see from this issue of *The Desert Wind*, there is a lot going on at St. Anthony—but one thing that is not scheduled yet is our first get together! We traditionally have a pot luck dinner in the Parish Hall towards the end of October, but we need a host and co-host to coordinate the event. Can you help?

Many times throughout the year I hear people say they would love to host a get together, but their home is too small. If that is *your* case, this would be the perfect month to volunteer to coordinate our get together at the Parish Hall. If you can help, please contact me at 206.937.3862 or [drbrells@mns.com](mailto:drbrells@mns.com).

## Join the Desert Diners!



You are invited to join other parishioners for planned potluck meals in homes or other communal locations. Each group is limited to approximately eight adults (singles, couples and families), meeting periodically from November/December through April.

These fellowship groups provide an informal setting for members to become acquainted, share their backgrounds and experiences, and develop enduring relationships. Families with children will be matched with other such families.

Everyone generally hosts a meal. However, if you prefer *not* to be a host, please sign up as a substitute.

The October issue of *The Desert Wind* will include an Enrollment Form to complete if you are interested in participating.

### Duties of a Convener

- Arrange for first shared meal of the group and serve as that meal's host.

### Duties of a Meal Host

- The person volunteering "to host" each planned meal ensures that all members of the group are notified of the meal's place, date and time, and solicits input from the other participants on what they would like to bring.
- If the anticipated attendees do not comprise a full dinner group (whatever your dining area can accommodate), please invite additional parishioners to fill out the meal in your home. This is also a great way to introduce people to Desert Diners.

## A Letter of Thanks from the Nursery Coordinator

Sunday, August 9, 2009

Dear Families of St. Anthony's,

As many of you know, today is my last Sunday here at St. Anthony's. I am moving to Ohio to be closer to my family and to finish my Master's in Early Childhood Education. I wanted to take a moment and thank you all for embracing me and inviting me into your church family. I have sincerely enjoyed working with your children and getting to know your family. My time here at St. Anthony's has been a wonderful learning experience that I am very grateful for.

As I start a new chapter in my life, I will take with me the great memories I have gathered here in the nursery with your children. I wish you all the best as the school year begins.

Please feel free to keep in touch. My email is [nspeece11@yahoo.com](mailto:nspeece11@yahoo.com).

Thanks again for all your support!

Sincerely,

Nicole Speece

## Choir Notes

By Peggy Sands/Joe Hacnik

Our choirs will resume their *Wednesday* rehearsals beginning September 9. Choir members, be sure to mark your calendar! New members are *always* welcome ... Why not come join us!?

### Children's Choir (K-4th Grade)

3 to 3:30 p.m.

### Youth Choir (5th-10th Grade)

4:45 to 5:30 p.m.

### Bell Choir

6 to 6:45 p.m.

### Adult Choir

7 to 8:30 p.m. (Please note time change.)


### Bell Choir Update:

Thinking about joining the Bell Choir? Our Bell Choir is in need of a few additional ringers. All are welcome, ages 8-100. If you have a love for music and can commit to a Wednesday weekly rehearsal (6 to 6:45 p.m.), the Bell Choir would love to have you. A basic knowledge of note reading is required.

Questions? Contact Joe Hacnik at the Church office (480.451.0622).

## Join the Welcome Team!

By Jill Kyler



Do you enjoy meeting new people and showing generous hospitality? This is your opportunity to make that first impression of St. Anthony an outstanding one! You can serve on the team as your schedule allows. For more information, contact Jill Kyler at 480.451.0860, Ext. 26, or [jillkyler@st-anthony.net](mailto:jillkyler@st-anthony.net).

## New Member Classes Scheduled

Three-Week Series: Sundays, September 20-October 4

Are you new, nearly new or just want to learn more about the Episcopal Church and St. Anthony on the Desert? Our three-week series begins on Sunday, September 20, at 12:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The series continues on the two following Sundays, September 27 and October 4.

The gatherings last 90 minutes with lunch served and child-care provided, upon request. If you would like to attend, require childcare, or have a question, contact Jill Kyler at 480.451.0860, Ext. 26, or [jillkyler@st-anthony.net](mailto:jillkyler@st-anthony.net).



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## Reaching Out to Our Community and Our World

### The GO! Team Returns

By Jill Kyler

**O**ur Global Outreach team has returned from a 15-day trip in July to Rwanda via London and Kenya. The mission of this trip was to meet with non-governmental relief and development agencies to see first-hand their current efforts in Kenya and Rwanda. The team members were Barbara Guenther, Jill Kyler, Sara Kyler, Jeanne Paige and Becky Pearson. The trip mentors who were invaluable in the vision, planning and preparation for this trip were Rodney and Karin Rascona.

The reception we received was beyond any expectations that we might have had. In several cases, the organizations we met with were able to introduce us personally to the people they serve so that we might get a clearer picture of the conditions they face, ... but even more importantly, their heart's desires for the future. We had the extraordinary blessing to meet people who live each moment with sincere



gratitude to God for their lives and their families, and with a determination to overcome the many obstacles that we can't even imagine.

Our next step is to present recommendations to our Vestry at their September meeting as to what global outreach might look like at St. Anthony. On September 20, several members of the GO! Team will be participating in the Sunday Cafés after each worship service. Please come to hear more about their experiences!

For pictures and stories about the trip, you can also go to:  
<http://www.stanthonyafrica.blogspot.com>  
Monthly information and strategy

meetings for this ministry will take place on the first Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All persons interested in this ministry at any level are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Becky Pearson at [rpearson18@msn.com](mailto:rpearson18@msn.com).

### Habitat Build Coming Soon

By Grant Gilfeather

**S**t. Anthony is slated to provide six volunteers on October 3 and 10 volunteers on October 10 at Oro Vista in south Phoenix. Our assignments will be to frame exterior walls on October 3 and interior walls on October 10.

We will be building for the Daniel Hailegeorgis family, which has two sons and a baby daughter. The family emigrated from Ethiopia in 2004, and have permanent residency in the U.S.

If you are interesting in helping on either of these Saturdays, please contact Carol Sheehan-Mathis at 480.614.8569 or Grant Gilfeather at 480.391.1961.