



The Monthly Newsletter of St. Anthony on the Desert

The Desert Wind

August 2009

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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Join Our Conversation!

By The Rev. Dorian Mulvey

I have been using the summer months to get connected and finally have my very own Facebook page. What I have discovered is a wonderful networking tool, even for those who have little spare time. I have managed to reconnect with some old friends—from seminary and even from way back in high school— as well as stay connected with many of you and your summer travels. Facebook is great at facilitating an ongoing conversation with others, providing a much needed window into each others' lives.

This important need for connection and conversation goes beyond Facebook. An exciting conversation is emerging within the church. The model of church from past centuries no longer seems to satisfy. Church is becoming less about structure and place and more about *conversation*. As the world grows in complexity,

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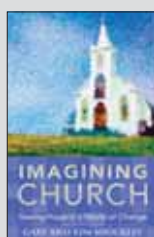
Recommended Reading for the Summer

By The Rev. Dorian Mulvey

What it means to "be church" is changing. The change we are facing is a foundational one requiring us to discover new language, new ways of communicating and new ways of being the body of Christ in the world. While change can be a scary time, it is also an exciting time, because we have the privilege of not only having front row seats but also of being a part of what is emerging.

There are many books being written to help us navigate through this time of change. Listed below are two books that we will be using as part of our formation offerings in the coming year. If you want to get a head start, consider these for your summer reading! And if you have other books on the "emerging church" to recommend, please submit your own book review to *The Desert Wind*.

Imagining Church: Seeing Hope in a World of Change By Gary and Kim Shockley



The Vestry is using this for its monthly study and discussion. Recognizing that we live in a "time between times," the authors offer a guided study as a means of seeing the present life of the church and imagining the future. Embracing the concept of change

and transformation, they encourage out-of-the box thinking.

Drawing upon real life examples, they tackle topics such as discipleship; what it means to build bridges to the broader community; how worship can offer "thin space" to experience God; modeling inspired generosity; and imagining the church as a "life-saving" station." Most importantly, this book raises questions that prompt dialogue and helps us to imagine church together.

The Great Emergence By Phyllis Tickle



Tickle begins with an observation that the Church holds periodic "rummage sales" when out of the organized structure of Christianity old ways are thrown out and something new and more vibrant emerges. Tickle traces this as a five hundred year cycle beginning with the birth of Christianity, through the fall of the Roman Empire, the split between the Eastern and Western churches, and the Great Reformation reaching to the present or as it is being coined – the Great Emergence.

Covering a huge swath of history, Tickle points to pivotal events behind each of these "rummage sale" cycles, helping the reader to gain a greater grasp of our current reality. The book concludes with an informed glimpse as to where we are heading.

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Imagining Church: What's Your Vision?

By Jeff Roberts
Sr. Warden

Although we are all enjoying this hot Arizona summer, I want to assure the congregation that the Vestry is hard at work in preparation for a fresh and exciting fall program, one involving the whole congregation and centered around discipleship and the future direction of St. Anthony.

Following our June Vestry meeting, two of the Vestry members, Jeanne Paige and Becky Pearson, travelled to Africa as part of the *GO! Ministry*, providing St. Anthony with an international presence and discipleship outreach. I wish them well and a safe return.

During our June Vestry meeting, we began planning the activities for this fall and I would like to share one of these with you.

In recent months, the Vestry has been reading and dis-

cussing the book, *Imagining Church – Seeing Hope in a World of Change*, by Gary & Kim Shockley. It has formed the foundation for our fall program. The book's central theme is one of using the power of imagination to envision what God has in store for St.



Anthony. It also can be the spark that ignites a fire of change within our lives.

The Vestry's initial thoughts are to use the book's various concepts as discussion points within the individual ministries and the congregation as a whole. The goal is to deepen the spiritual life of the congregation and create a greater personal connection with Christ.

Our "first cut" at the program title is, "Discipleship Building Imagining Church ... I am St. Anthony." It is the desire of the Vestry for the majority of ministries, some

Sunday Cafés and a portion of the Sunday school curriculum to discuss some of these concepts and form a vision of the emerging St. Anthony.

The Imagining Church is a continuation of the small Enrichment Gatherings held earlier this year. The output of these and our follow-on discussions this fall will form the roadmap for St. Anthony's future direction. I encourage all to participate and provide your input. The "I am St. Anthony" portion is more about the personal aspects of discipleship. It will entail discernment on a personal level in determining our personal commitment to Christ on our own journey of faith.

There will be more details in the weeks to follow but for now enjoy the rest of the summer and get ready for an exciting fall with plenty of activities and hopefully cooler weather.

Blessings,
Jeff

Choir Notes

By Joe Hacnik

Many thanks to those who participated in the music survey this summer. We had a terrific response, and the information gathered assisted in the compiling of the music selections for our very own supplemental hymnal. Keep a look out for the supplemental hymnals which will be in the pews this September. Thank you again for your input!

Choir Rehearsals Resume

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

Children's Choir (K-4th)

3 to 3:30 p.m.

Youth Choir (5th-10th)

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 for Adult Choir.)

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).

Memorial Garden and Wall Help to Honor Loved Ones

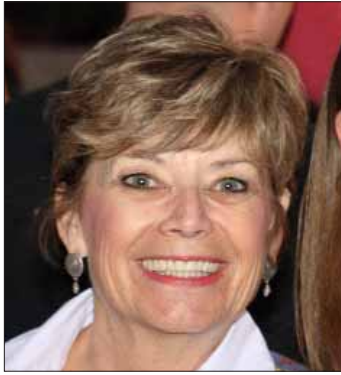
By Jean Sullens

Are you aware that we have a Memorial Garden here at St. Anthony? It is in the Courtyard and is a lovely spot to sit and pray for your loved one. We have double or single niches. It is so helpful to have this phase of funeral planning taken care of before the time of need. So next Sunday, look at our Garden.

We also have a Scattering Garden and a Memorial Wall. For the wall, plaques can be purchased for \$200 with the name of any loved one.

For more information call Jean Sullens at 480.816.4355.

Coming Face-to-Face with the Kingdom of Heaven



By Jill Kyler
Minister for Evangelism

"But Jesus said, 'Let the children alone, and do not hinder them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these'."

-Matthew 19:14

By the time you read this, the Global Outreach (GO!) ministry team will have arrived back home from our trip to Nairobi, Kenya and Kigali, Rwanda. However, as I write this, we're about halfway through our trip. I had no idea what we would find here, and

I can tell you that I've been very overwhelmed by much of what we have seen.

Most of what I've experienced so far is still caught in my heart and in my head. I think it's going to take a while for me to sift through the encounters with the beautiful, kind and generous people we have met so far and come to some kind of understanding.

The people of East Africa are dealing with unimaginable situations with a degree of pride and determination from the youngest we have met to the oldest. They have so many obstacles that they seem to refuse to let get in their way. They are determined to do whatever they are able to make a life for themselves and their families. I feel that I could learn so much from them about love of God and family, being grateful for what you have, and being determined to continue on.

Tomorrow will be the day when we travel to Takwe,



The GO! Ministry Goes to Africa!

By Becky Pearson

Five representatives from St. Anthony on the Desert traveled to Rwanda and Kenya in July: Barbara Guenther, Jill Kyler, Sara Kyler, Jeanne Paige and Becky Pearson.

This was an exploratory trip to meet with several international relief and development organizations who work in Rwanda. The team met with representatives from each organization to find out what type of programs they have in Rwanda in order to discern which group or groups may be the best fit with St. Anthony. The team also spent a few days in Nairobi in order to see programs that have a more urban focus.

Look for more information about the information they gathered from the organizations. There will be lots of opportunities to become involved, whether through travel, fund raising, prayers or planning and communication once we select the programs with which we will partner.

where the 29 children who have been sponsored by people of St. Anthony live. I'm excited and a little anxious to actually come face-to-face with the children whose pictures have been on the Parish Hall bulletin board for many months. I believe that tomorrow

is going to be the day when one of my favorite scripture verses comes alive ... it just may be the day when I come face-to-face with the kingdom of heaven.

Blessings,
Jill

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so do the questions surrounding our faith. What does it mean to be a Christ follower? How can we faithfully live in God's kingdom and help others to see this kingdom, as well? How can we connect our faith and everything else in our lives in such a way that sets the gospel message on fire?

The Vestry at St. Anthony started a conversation around these questions early this year. We have been reading materials on the emerging church and sharing our different perspectives. Two excellent books that help to give context to the changes occurring within the church are reviewed in this newsletter. But beyond reading, we want to invite a conversation across all of St. Anthony. We will facilitate this in a number of ways:

Sunday Cafés following both the 8 and 10 a.m. services will provide a year's worth of exploration. Topics and materials are still in development, but we hope to tackle questions such as:

- *Your spiritual life: vibrant, parched, or somewhere in between?*
- *Who is God for you? Becoming practicing theologians.*
- *Looking around us—what does God want us to see and what does God want us to do?*

• *Taking the step from membership in a church to discipleship as a Christ follower.*

Quiet Days are in the planning stages for both the season of Advent and Lent. These will be half-day retreat times to move deeper and discover God's Spirit within and beyond.

Disciples' Circle: Reaching back to the Book of Acts for inspiration, this will be a small group committed to supporting one another in prayer, Bible study and sharing while practicing ways of living in God's Kingdom.

St. Anthony Blog with questions to help get us started in electronic conversation.

"I Am St. Anthony": An opportunity for individuals to share how they are walking their faith in real life ways

We are blessed to be living in an exciting time, both in the world and in the life of the church. In the words of the prophet Isaiah, "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not receive it" (Isaiah 43:19). God is, indeed, doing a new thing in our midst. May we be a church that invites, inspires and transforms. May we come together to be a part of what is emerging.

Dorian

January 17, 2010

Are You Ready for a Challenge?

Have you ever thought about taking on the greatest physical challenge of all? Step out in faith and get ready to rock 'n' roll with Team Endurance for Life. We'll be there every step of the way with training and support as you do something you never thought you could—complete a full- or half-marathon—while helping to change the lives of teens in Maricopa County.

Team Endurance for Life will provide the training you need to get you to that finish line and you will help grow Episcopally led, ecumenical youth ministry in Maricopa County schools. There will be an information session here at St. Anthony on Tuesday, August 11th at 7 pm. For more information and to let us know you are coming, visit www.teamenduranceforlife.com.

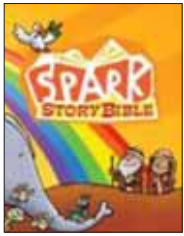
New for Our Children's Ministry Program This Year!!!

Spark Bibles

KIDS EMBRACING THE BIBLE

A Sunday School curriculum designed to activate faith.

What if a weekly Bible lesson inspired a lifelong relationship with God's Word? The Bible serves as the primary learner resource to help children become familiar with the Bible and begin building a lifelong relationship with God's Word.



Spark Story Bible:

Easy to read aloud—uses creative language familiar to kids and full page, vibrant artwork.

- 150 Bible stories—an excellent foundation for a biblical education
- Encourages imagination through images and text that is engaging, thought provoking and fun!

- The very youngest will delight in finding a familiar caterpillar character in every spread.
- Designed for age 2 through Grade 2.



Spark Bible (NRSV):

- Plays an essential role in every Spark lesson
- Stickers help kids engage with the Bible by thinking about the text in a personal way with questions and statements like "I memorized it!" "Makes me feel ..." and "Reminds me of ..."
- Encourages kids to engage with Scripture with activity suggestions and reflective questions

These wonderful new resources will be on display on Registration Sundays (August 23 and 30). The Children's Ministry Team would like to have a Bible in every child's hand. Please consider purchasing one Bible for our collection. The more we order the less we pay!

Registration for Children's/Youth Programs

Two Sundays: August 23 and 30

It will soon be time to begin another year of learning and growing together! Registration for all children's and youth programs begins on Sunday, August 23, and continues through Sunday, August 30. Registration tables will be available before and after the 10 am. service.

Children's Programs

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (3- & 4-year-olds)
- Workshop Rotations (5-year-olds through 5th graders)

Youth Programs

- Rite-13 (6th and 7th graders)
- J2A (8th and 9th graders)
- YAC (10th-12th graders)

Registration forms, program information and parent helper sign-up sheets will be available.

The Chalice Players

Are you creative? Dramatic? Love to tell stories? Come and join the Chalice Players, the St. Anthony's drama group! Registration is open to youth and children (must be able to read and memorize scripts). Registration forms will be available on Registration Sundays (August 23 and 30).

And mark your calendars for our **Chalice Players Retreat** on Saturday, August 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. We'll enjoy drama games, a look at our scripts for September-December, and plans for a fresh new start.

For information about any of these programs, please contact Beth Hammond at bethhammond@st-anthony.net or 480.451.0860, Ext. 13.



Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 23



Please join us!

Start the new school year with a blessing for yourself and your backpack, briefcase, sports bag, or music case! At the 10 a.m. service on Sunday, August 23, we will celebrate our second annual **Blessing of the Backpacks**. Everyone will receive a special token to attach to their bag as a reminder that we are both blessed and a blessing in the world.

Time to Re-Stock Our Snack Cupboard

Many of our children vote for "snack time" as their favorite part of Sunday morning! Each Sunday morning, after church and before class time, the children gather for a snack and fellowship time. This is an opportunity to have a little break and enjoy conversation before they begin their workshop of the day. Our snack cupboard has big shelves to fill ... so please consider donating an item for the children to enjoy!

Our Snack Cupboard Shopping List includes:

- Snack-size bags of potato chips (and similar crispy things)
- Pudding cups
- Juice boxes
- Microwave popcorn
- Crackers and cheese sticks
- Juice boxes
- Family size box of rice crispy squares
- Granola bars
- And, oh yes ... did I mention *juice boxes*?

There will be a table available for your donations on Registration Sundays (August 23 and 30). Thank you!!!

Education for Ministry (EfM) Classes Begin in September

By Bill Garnett

Once again St. Anthony is hosting Education for Ministry (EfM) classes—two for this coming year. One will meet Sundays from Noon to 3 p.m. in the Choir Room beginning September 13, 2009. The other class will meet Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to Noon in the Comfort Room and begins September 16.

EfM is a four-year ecumenical program designed to prepare Christians for lay ministry within the diverse contexts of contemporary life. It offers a mentored program



of study, prayer and reflection in a community of faith limited to 12 students. The program focuses on formation of

personal ministry in addition to information about the Bible, church history, and comparative theology. It enables participants to be attentive to the call and workings of the Spirit as we attend to a deeper awareness of ministry and God's presence in all dimensions of life.

Students sign up one year at a time for the four-year program. By the end of four years, you will cover the basics of a theological

education in the Hebrew and Christian Testaments, church history, liturgy, and theology.

We meet regularly—once a week during the academic year—in seminars under the guidance of a nationally certified mentor. The program grants a certificate at the completion of the four years and 18 Continuing Education Units for each year's work.

There is still room for participants in both groups. If interested, contact either the Church office or:

- Bill Garnett, 480.529.7916;
- Barbara Guenther, 480.835.9074;
- Jeanne Paige, 480.980.1395; or
- Terry Womacks, 480.529.7061.

Treasurer's Report

By Barbara Ells, Treasurer



We are halfway through the year, and I want to thank all who have been so diligent in keeping your pledges current. I have shown below a summary of our income and expenses for the year.

While giving has been almost right on budget, expenses have been high for a couple of reasons—our cost to refinance our mortgage was higher than expected, and our facilities expenses (utilities, maintenance and repair) have been high.

Sources of Operating Funds

Total Giving	\$233,989
Building Use	27,743
Other Income	1,357
Walking the Mourner's Path Net	9,815
Total Sources	\$272,904

Uses of Funds

Personnel	\$165,233
Administration	10,770
Facilities Expense	30,576
Worship/Committees	9,386
Assessment Paid*	3,744
Total Operating Uses	\$219,693
Net Use before Mortgage Expense	53,211
Mortgage Expense	59,522
Net Cash Use	(\$6,311)

*Our unpaid assessment for 2009 is \$34,221

It is always a challenge during the summer months to have enough cash to pay our bills. In addition to many being away, there are those in the parish who are struggling with their own finances. We appreciate so much those who are able to keep their payments current and perhaps pay a little more to get us through the summer.

Infinite Blessings ... Imagine! Campaign Enables \$25,000 Payment on the Mortgage!

By Barbara Ells

Many thanks to those who have made contributions to the *Infinite Blessings ... Imagine Campaign*. We made our first \$25,000 payment on our mortgage in July. This payment, alone, will save us over \$100,000 in interest over the life of the loan, which shows the leverage of those early gifts.



Several have signed up to have their commitments paid monthly through our Auto Pay program. If you would like to participate, please contact the office for a form. Shown below is a summary of receipts and distributions for the campaign through July 15, 2009.

Cornerstone Goal\$600,000

Number of pledging units	105
Amount pledged	\$559,500
Amount Received	\$61,076
Amount Received from Memorial gifts	\$17,419

Distributions as of July 15th:

Administration	\$ 31,786
Payments to mortgage	\$25,000

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

Matthew 6:19-21



PARISH LIFE

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.

Connections for Challenging Times

By Grant Gilfeather

Since April, our Support Group has met once a month at St. Anthony's after the 10 a.m. Sunday service with parishioners experiencing job curtailment and/or job loss. The group's purpose is to encourage and support one another, share job hunting strategies and explore networking possibilities.

Each session to date has had at least one currently practicing human resources professional present to provide participants with relevant insights about the job market. Becky Pearson, Robin Sampson-Worth and Carol Sheehan-Mathis have graciously volunteered their time and expertise to our group.

There is no doubt that we are living in

challenging times. Our current financial crisis has left some feeling confused, isolated and without support. While we cannot single-handedly turn around the economy, we can certainly provide support for one another.

Deacon Grant Gilfeather and Becky Pearson serve as co-conveners. Our next Connections for Challenging Times Support Group will meet at 11:15 a.m. in St. Anthony's Chapel on Sunday, August 9. If you know of friends, family or neighbors who might be interested in joining us, please encourage them to come. This group is open to anyone in the community.

New Ministry of Mothers to Begin in the Fall

By Karen Twibell

Exciting times are in the future for the moms and interested women of St. Anthony's on the Desert.

For the last eight years, **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** has had a charter group here at St. Anthony. While the international organization has been beneficial to many, our own active members saw an opportunity to serve more local women by offering a ministry that would include those who don't fall into the category of "Mothers of Preschoolers" only.

After many heart-felt and prayerful planning sessions, **The Ministry of Mothers of St. Anthony (MOM-OSA)** was formed. The group will follow a similar meeting format as MOPS which includes gathering on alternating Thursdays, providing child-care, and offering social and outreach opportunities.

The group will be hosting an open house on Thursday, September 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall to welcome anyone (parishioners as well as non-church members) who would like to learn more about this wonderful new ministry.

Questions can be directed to Karen Twibell at 602.705.1595 or Beth Hammond in the church office.

Desert Diners

By Debbie Aikins and Cindy Creamer

Even though we are in the midst of almost record setting heat in the Valley now, we will soon be thinking about fall activities.

Do you like to go out to dinner once a month and meet new people? Then Desert Diners is for you! Watch for more details as we get closer to our first dinner.

Sign ups will begin in September. If you have questions, please contact:

- Debbie Aikins at 480-816-8505 or daikins@cox.net; or
- Cindy Creamer at 480-283-8989 or mrsi54@cox.net.

Avid Readers

By Eloise Crosman

Do you enjoy reading and discussing books? Avid Readers, St. Anthony's book discussion group, will resume monthly meetings in the fall. The group meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

Everyone is welcome—even if you haven't read the book! Please feel free to bring friends who do not attend church with us, too! Discussions are very informal, and each is led by a member of the group. Each year, books are chosen from a variety of genres: fiction, nonfiction, satire, etc., with the main requirement being the prospect of interesting discussion.

The first meeting will be September 15. The selection for this meeting will be *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. This work of fiction was born as a spur-of-the-moment response to a group of friends being discovered breaking curfew by the Nazi occupiers during World War II. Written as a series of letters, the book is funny and warm as the characters find connections in unusual ways. The discussion will be led by Susan Gilfeather.

A complete list of the selections for the 2009-2010 season will be available in the narthex.

St. Anthony Domestic Violence Council

What Would You Do?

By Gary Spedl

The phone rang on a quiet afternoon at home. When I answered it, I found myself talking with a nervous woman who said she needed help to escape a domestic violence situation. She had gotten my phone number from a local Lutheran church office where she had called looking for help. Her available time to talk was limited because, as she explained, her abuser was due to come home at any time and she didn't want to be caught talking on the phone.



I pressed her for more information and could tell she was uncertain about talking to a man about her situation—she was checking me out as we talked to see if I was going to really be a help to her. To ease her concern and to give me some time, I asked her to talk to my wife as I went and looked for the phone number of what I knew to be an agency that offered emergency help to domestic violence victims. She readily agreed to talk to my wife, and Bonnie continued to ask her questions to understand her situation. She hesitantly volunteered that she was trapped in an apartment and completely controlled by her boyfriend. She had no resources herself, and wanted cash in the amount of \$345 to get away to her son's house in Alabama.

As she explained to Bonnie, she had called an emergency domestic violence hotline number and was disappointed to learn that, according to her understanding, if she wanted their help, she had to enter an emergency shelter and begin a program that would take at least a month before she would be eligible for cash assistance. When I came back on the line with our Valley emergency number, she impatiently indicated that all she needed was the money to get to her son's house, and everything would be okay. I told her that the counselors on the emergency number would probably tell her that her problems would not be over just by fleeing to her son. She defensively replied that her son would protect her and not allow her boyfriend to bother her.

Recognizing that she might still be in denial about the potential seriousness of her situation, and also wondering in the back of my mind if I was being "scammed," I again encouraged her to talk to the counselors on the hotline because they would be her best source of help. She thanked me and said goodbye without indicating what she was going to do.

So ... Did I do the right thing? Was I being scammed? Did I provide enough support to a victim in trouble? If someone I loved called for help and received the same treatment, would I be satisfied? Could I have been better prepared to respond to such a phone call ... understanding that I want to be a source of support to victims?

How about all of us? Are we prepared to be a source of support as we endorse a church ministry of helping domestic violence victims? If someone called the St Anthony office in need of help, would we know what to do? If someone we know asked one of us for help because our church is recognized as a knowledgeable and safe place for victims of domestic violence, would we all be familiar with how to help a victim and what to do?

These are the questions your Domestic Violence Council is wrestling with, and will soon be engaging with the vestry in an effort to answer them. Please keep an eye out for future developments. With all of us together, and with the help of God, we *can* make a difference!

Will You Support My Mission?

By Aaron Graves

For the past six months, I have prayerfully been meeting with a discernment committee about what I feel is God's calling into mission work, and where that might take me. I have been told my entire life that I am great with kids and that I am destined to have a career that involves children. God has given me a chance of a lifetime in an opportunity to combine my calling and my passion for children.

During my discernment, I researched and contacted several organizations, but really felt a connection with Blessing the Children International (BCI), a program whose mission work takes place in Ethiopia. BCI has many programs with many different opportunities, ranging from tutoring at a school, building a school and helping at their orphanage. BCI currently has a little over 100 children in their program, but they also work within the local community and churches, so their hands reach many more Ethiopians.

My mission is to go out to Debre Zeyit (a city in Ethiopia) and help the children I work with improve their lives in the present and develop skills for the future, and perhaps more importantly, to put as many smiles onto the faces of the boys and girls I work with as possible!

I am very excited and can't wait for the life-changing experience this will be ...

I am writing to ask you to prayerfully consider supporting me on my mission trip. First, please partner with me in prayer for the children I will be serving, for my health, safety and effectiveness as a missionary, and for the many details of this trip. Second, please consider supporting me financially for this outreach. The estimated cost of my year in Ethiopia, including my flight to and from Ethiopia and room and board, will be around \$6,000. If I decide to stay for over a year, I will not incur any more costs, as the organization underwrites long-term missionaries ...

If you wish to donate or have any questions, please contact me at 602.377.9347 (leave a message) or aarongravesmissionwork@gmail.com. (Email is easiest). Thank you for your support! God Bless ...

'Clear Your Clutter' on Sunday, August 23!

Donate Used Household Items/Clothing

Have your children outgrown some of their clothing? Are there items in your own closet that you no longer wear? Have you purchased new dishes, sheets, towels or other household items, and are in a position to recycle the items they replaced? Bring them to church on August 23! The St. Anthony Domestic Violence Council will accept items before and after both services, then deliver them to A New Leaf, a nonprofit agency devoted to changing the lives of families in crisis. A New Leaf operates two domestic violence shelters, a family homeless shelter, and the East Valley Men's Center, as well as transitional housing units.

To the degree possible, our items will be directed to residents of domestic violence shelters. Tax deduction forms will be available. If you have furniture or other large items to donate, please arrange for pick-up by calling Susie Mitchler (480.794.1326), Bonnie or Gary Spedl (480.836.7174), or Eloise Crosman (480.551.2136).

The group plans to make this a bi-monthly collection on the fourth Sunday of the month through the end of the year. Mark your calendars now! Thank you!



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Reaching Out to Our Community

Vista Del Camino

Thank you for your continuing contributions to Vista Del Camino this summer. The food pantry currently needs peanut butter, jelly, stove top type prepared package dinners and crackers.

Vista Del Camino is a City of Scottsdale Community Center providing a variety of services to Scottsdale residents to prevent homelessness, meet the basic needs of individuals and families in crisis, relieve economic and emotional stress and assist individuals to maintain self-sufficiency. Vista also provides job resources center for anyone in the community. Vista Del Camino's number is 480.312.2323.

Collection baskets are in the lobby of the church.

Area Help Lines for the Homeless

There are two area-wide (Maricopa County) help lines that can provide information and services for homeless individuals and families. Those using the help lines can find out where to get emergency food, shelter for themselves and their family and transportation (bus vouchers). These help lines can put them in contact

with knowledgeable professionals who can provide assistance.

The help line numbers are 602.263.8856 (Community Information and Referral) and 602.263.8900 CONTACTS (Shelter needs).

Homeless Food Bags Available at St. Anthony

As of mid-June, St. Anthony now has emergency homeless food bags available to give to anyone in need. Requests for the food bags are to be made either through Peggy Sands or the Reverend Dorian Mulvey.

Home Dedication for the Mendoza Family

On Saturday, June 6th Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona celebrated the dedication of a new home in Phoenix for Rocio Mendoza, her two sons, Pablo and Jaime and baby daughter, Jeylen Adela. The Habitat home was sponsored and built by Raise the Roof and The Episcopal Coalition. As part of The Episcopal Coalition, St. Anthony's parishioners volunteered on a Saturday in March blocking the roof.



Pictured above with house warming gifts are Deacon Grant, Jamie Mendoza, Pablo Mendoza, Rocio Mendoza and Jeylen Adela Mendoza.

In addition, friends of St. Anthony and its parishioners contributed numerous house warming gifts at the dedication including backyard tools, a coffee maker and a once-used vacuum cleaner to the family. Deacon Grant Gilfeather performed the house blessing. Currently Rocio Mendoza works as a teacher's aide in an elementary school.

Our next Habitat build will be in October or November. If you are interested in helping on our next house, please contact Carol Sheehan-Mathis at 480.614.8569.