

St. Anne's Church



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the past few days, I have become acutely aware of how I can allow the busy-ness of my life to prevent me from "keeping company with God" in prayer. When I was in seminary, chapel time at mid-day provided a scheduled opportunity to take a few minutes to worship, to pray, and to be still. Unfortunately, without "chapel" penciled into my schedule, I find myself distracted by so many things. There have been boxes to unpack and meetings to attend and sermons to write. And, somehow I can convince myself that all of that is more important than making time for prayer.

I believe it's a kind of idolatry when I can say that my activities are more important than my relationship with God. The Psalmist wrote, "Be still and know that I am God." In these words, I think he was saying, "Stop what you are doing, be quiet, and recognize that God is God and that you are not."

Philip Yancey in his book *Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?* quoted another author who wrote, "God invites us to take a holiday, to stop being God for awhile, and let him be God...God is inviting us to take a break, to play truant. We can stop doing all those important things we have to do in our capacity as God, and leave it to him to be God."

That's why prayer is so important. We are created, not the creator. And, prayer keeps us in touch with that very basic and profound reality.

Beginning on Thursday, October 11th, we will say Morning Prayer here at St. Anne's Church at 7:30 a.m. We will meet informally in the parish house, sharing the words from the *Book of Common Prayer*, as well as offering our own intercessions and thanksgivings to God. I hope that a number of you will join me for this time of prayer. If you can stay for a few moments after our prayer time, we'll share a cup of tea or coffee before we begin our day.

God's blessings on you! *Cindy*

Sunday, Oct. 7, 10:00 Outdoor Worship

Blessing of the Animals, St. Francis' Day:

- 1 Pray for appropriate weather, bring lawn chairs,
- 2 Come early to help set up outdoor worship,
- 3 **Bring pets**, which are a blessing, for blessing!

Bishop Howe to Lead Renewal of Ministry and Installation of Mother Cindy

Tuesday, October 16, 7pm, Bishop Howe will lead us and clergy from around the diocese in this service installing Cindy as our rector. The Rec. Dr. Roger Paynter, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church in Austin, will be the preacher.

Please bring goodies for the reception table; we also need someone(s) to coordinate the table and provide punch. See Marj Winquist.

Welcoming, Hospitality

Donna Penland is our new Greeter and Usher coordinator. Thank you, Donna!

We have a beautiful new table in the Entry Area, (thank you, anonymous donors!), for Sunday School and

welcoming information. And, as part of hospitality, we must acknowledge people. We are not part of the woodwork to be passed by unnoticed. **Names Are Important!** I've heard more than one person say that they don't know the names of people they've been worshipping with for years. We all deserve the respect of being known by our name.

Try this, "Hi, I'm _____, and I see you here on Sundays, but I don't know your name . . ."

Also to help us identify each other, Kim England takes our pictures for the photo board, with names, of all of us. Let's all be on it! Smile!

An Evening to Remember

A benefit for the Benevolent Care Fund at Bishop Spencer Place will be held at the Hyatt Regency in KC on Thursday, October 18. Bishop Spencer Place is an Episcopal retirement facility near St. Luke's Hospital, KC, Open to persons of all faiths it offers a full continuum of retirement care. In 2007, over \$1,000,000 will be made available for residents needing financial assistance. The benefit begins at 6:00 for cocktails, 7:00 Dinner; tickets are 75.00 per person; Tables seat ten. More info – Meg Turner, 816.595.5015 or mturner@bishops Spencerplace.org.

Youth Activities

Our Youth Group is planning a trip to Worlds of Fun on October 27; youth advisor Kim England has details. Happening #56, a spiritual growth event for teens, will be October 12-14 at Good Shepherd, KC North. Michael Pearson is the rector of this Happening, the youth leader, and Mother Cindy is Spiritual Director.

FYI to High School Seniors

From ENS: The Episcopal Church Center Scholarship Committee awarded 45 individuals, from dioceses across the country, partial scholar-ships for the coming academic year totaling \$197,452. Juniors and Seniors, check out www.episcopalchurch.org/81834_89219_ENG_HTM.htm

The Necessity Pantry at St. Michael's

Next service opportunities are 4-6pm on Tuesday, October 9, and 9am-12 on Saturday, October 20. If you are interested in helping there, please see Deacon Chari for details. Also please bring items for The Pantry and place them in the baskets under The Giving Center table.

Items needed: diapers, shampoo, disposable razors, bath soap, deodorant, tooth-brushes, toothpaste, toilet tissue, dishwashing liquid, feminine hygiene products, paper towels, denture cleaning supplies and adult incontinence supplies, i.e., Depends. Chicken noodle soup, boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and canned vegetables are always welcome.

Sunday School Fund Raising Fun Fest

Thanks to everyone who worked to make our annual Fun Fest such a wonderful event. Thanks to Bob and Laurie Miller for donating hamburgers which Ed Schwartz and Tedd Sheets grilled. Thanks to our Sunday School Teachers for the activities for our kids, and Thanks to all of you who brought the great food and then. . . "bought it for lunch!"

October Birthdays

2 Marcus Maloid	17 Mac McKnight
3 John Martin	20 Rose Kloeckner
John Wood	21 Tyler Baird
5 Katie Baird	23 Janice Robertson
8 Dee White	24 Becky Palmer
9 Pat Tucker	25 Bob Miller
Hannah Boehm	26 Elizabeth Emerson
12 Linda Edwards	27 Michael Pearson
15 Annie Kingsley	31 Irene Andrist
16 Cindy Sheets	

October Anniversaries

11 David and Sandra Stover
 12 Dave and Joan Zoller
 17 Lee and Tricia McNutt
 22 Ryan and Melissa McNutt
 25 Bill and Jane Kloeckner

There's Music in the Nave . . .

We have been enjoying wonderful music at worship thanks to Maureen Ruf and our talented and dedicated choirs. We also appreciate the extra service of leadership by Becky Palmer and David Stover.

And now it's Christmas in September! Mickey and Cheryl Cobb and Fr. David and Nan With have given St. Anne's, aka us!, the gift of our own, two-octave set of bells. They will be arriving soon. Thank You, Cobbs and Withs!

Women's Group Has First Meeting

Sandi Carter and Dana Blowers hosted the first gathering of our new Women's Group. Several ideas were discussed and we decided to meet once a month and to begin with a Bible study – our first will be on the Psalms. We also discussed a spring retreat for fun and spiritual growth. All women of the parish are invited; come share your Christian journey in prayer, study, and fellowship. Next meeting, 7pm, October 4. Contact Sandi or Dana, 795.5752.

Thanks to Clean-up Volunteers

Inside, Outside – Willing hands everywhere!
 The grounds were cut and trimmed and dead trees felled and hauled away. Inside, bathrooms were scrubbed, the offices/house had windows washed, blinds dusted and broken ones replaced, vacuuming, and the kitchen is now gleaming! Thank You to everyone who helped!

Altar Team

Oct 7 Cobb, Winquist	21 Collins, Fitts
14 Becho, Couch	28 Barker, Pearson

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News About Us

Congratulations to Travis Zimmer and his cousins, Kensley and Makenna Pontalio, who ride with the Rodeo Kids, and whose group took second place in the recent Raytown, MO, Roundup Days parade.

Congratulations to Porscha Mack who welcomed the arrival of Christiana on September 5 into their family which includes Grandmother Sharon Osagie and Robin.

Thank You to Alyssa Becho who has joined our altar team.

Cheryl Cobb is recovering from successful surgical procedures on September 11 and 27.

Roy Howard, father of Jerry Howard, died Sept 14 in Manhattan, Kansas, and

Bob Miller, Sr., died at home on Sept 18. Major Dr. Bob Miller, Jr., one of their sons, and who is serving in Iraq, was able to return home to be with the family. Services for Bob Miller, Sr. were at St. Anne's on September 24. Services for Roy Howard were September 18 in Manhattan.

We offer prayers and extend our sympathy to Jerry and Cindy and the Howard family, and to Laurie Miller and the Miller family.

Remember your servants, Roy and Bob, O Lord, and bless them as they enter the fullness of your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Note of Appreciation from Petey McKnight

I wanted to thank so many at St. Anne's who supported me with thoughts, prayers and money while I rode in the MS 150. It was a little more eventful than normal - I had a bike accident four miles from Sedalia. I did finish, though, and, more importantly, Tammy, my co-worker with MS, came back to work last week. Thanksgiving for the kind people of St. Anne's and their generous support. *Petey*

On the Calendar

Oct. 7 St. Francis' Day, Bring pets, we worship outdoors!
 12-14 Youth Happening at Good Shepherd
 14 Sunday pm, Crop Walk, see Becky Palmer
 16 Tues, 7pm, Renewal of Ministry, Installation of Mother Cindy; Bishop Howe, Celebrant; Roger Paynter, Preacher
 18 Thurs, 7pm, Vestry meets
 21&28 Confirmation classes: Adults begin on 21st at 5pm; Youth begin 28th, after worship,
 25 Thursday, 7:00, Women's Group

A Closing Thought from Deacon Chari . . .

Autumn is here, and the mowing volunteers have done a beautiful job this year and deserve the rest they get with cold weather. *But,*

cleaning volunteers don't get a break! Please remember to sign up to help us keep our church user-friendly! Sign up with another family, share the work and double the fun! Thank You!

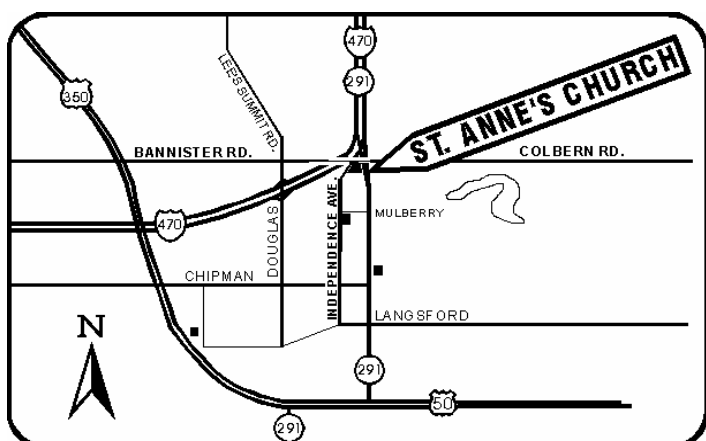
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