



The Monthly Newsletter of St. Anthony on the Desert

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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

9 A.M.
Sunday Café - Discipleship Forum

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
Sunday Café - Discipleship Forum for Adults

WEDNESDAY NOON

Holy Communion
Healing Service

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Are You Ready? God is Waiting!



By The Rev. Dorian Mulvey

Dear Friends in Christ,

When I was just a month old, I was committed to God — marked as a child of God — in a baptism service. Of course, I have no memories of my

baptism except for those captured on fading, black and white photos — images of a small child looking rather uncomfortable in a white and frilly lace gown.

Many years passed and the commitment marked by this event faded much like those photographs. The commitments in my life became those I chose to make: education, career, family ... I found the time to do those things I felt were important to me. My faith life and relationship with God were not among those priorities.

When I was just a month old, I was committed to God. And although in the years that followed, I managed to water down the essence of this baptismal commitment, God never did. While I filled my busy schedule with all sorts of "important" activities, God waited patiently for me to commit some time with him.

For me, the turning point — my time of reassessment — emerged from the tragic loss of a child. When life is turned upside down, when things seem to be spinning out of control, it's amazing how unimportant our chosen commitments become. I needed to be that small child again — a child of God. I needed the comfort and healing that only God could provide.

My story has a dramatic turning point: a moment in time where I recommitted myself to God. Perhaps this is true for some of you — an event or experience that made your world stand still long enough for you to change your course. For others, there is no single event that marks this course correction. Rather, it is a more gentle return

to God — a return marked by a series of small bends in the road. Although commitment to God has long been a part of your life, you are led in ways that strengthen that connection. In either case, we come to see our baptism in a new and clearer light, and we discover a desire to speak our words of commitment to God as adults.

There is no predicting when this recommitment will occur in any of our lives. Sometimes it comes out of a shattering experience. Sometimes it emerges out of long-held desire. Sometimes it is felt in a sense of gnawing emptiness. But, it is always Spirit-led. When we sense the movement of the Spirit, we are simply called to respond. For me, that response led me in a number of directions. I began to read the Bible seriously; I attended Bible study, and tried to understand how God was speaking to me in these sacred words. I sought out the counsel of others, those mature in their faith, to help me deepen my own prayer life. I joined gatherings that encouraged me to articulate the faith burning within me.

Make no mistake ... all of this was not easy to do. At the time I was a full-time mother, with one young child and another soon to arrive. I was working full-time. I didn't have huge gaps of time readily available to spend with God. But when the Spirit moves ... when you know in your heart that God is waiting ... when you know in the core of your being that you want to be a child of God ... you make time.

I write all of this not to promote some special programs at St. Anthony ... although, of course I hope that many will participate in some sort of faith formation that is offered in the coming year. But I also know that you need to *feel* the Spirit stir within you. More is required than participation. What is required is the commitment of your *heart*. There is no need to settle for faded photographs of your baptism. Being a child of God is something vibrant and alive — captured each and every day, not in photographs, but in the fabric of our lives. So — are you ready? Because God is waiting!

In Christ,
Dorian

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Past Year Brought Many Blessings

By Jeff Roberts
Sr. Warden

January is a time of resolutions and looking to the future ... of starting something good or quitting something bad. Unfortunately, it is usually the latter that comes more into play. But before I begin with 2010, let's reflect back at what St. Anthony accomplished in 2009.

We began the year taking a very bold step in launching our *Infinite Blessing ... Imagine!* capital campaign. I don't have to tell anyone how difficult these economic times have been. Your response to this campaign was truly inspirational, and will allow us to retire almost half of our long-term church debt over the next two years. St. Anthony is truly blessed with a generous and dedicated congregation. I believe the lasting legacy from

this campaign will be our ability to launch new outreach ministries.

Several ministries blossomed during 2009, including the Council Against Domestic Violence and the Global Outreach exploratory trip to Rwanda and Kenya. MOPS morphed into MOM-OSA, and MOSA increased its outreach to the community.

A personal highlight was seeing the Chalice Players perform the gospel as they have done many times for us at this year's Arizona Episcopal Convention. They stole the show, and even the bishop remarked, "that is a tough act to follow." Pastor Dorian knows only too well!

Other highlights included the expansion of our music and Christian education programs, the Diocesan Parish Road Show, and the Parish auction. I am sure I left off many activi-

ties and outreach programs, but it demonstrates what an active and vibrant congregation we have here at St. Anthony. We are truly blessed.

As we begin the new year, we face many challenges. Finances will continue to be an issue throughout 2010, and your support of the programs and ministries here at St. Anthony is greatly appreciated. St. Anthony offers a unique opportunity for spiritual self-discovery and participation in ministries in which you have a personal commitment. So as we begin a new decade, try something new and get involved in a ministry that is truly near to your heart.

It is my sincerest hope that 2010 brings you much joy and happiness.

Blessings,
Jeff

Disciples Circles

Consider Joining the Circle!

By Dorian Mulvey

Three Disciples Circles began meeting in 2009, and participants have found this small group ministry to be a helpful support in their faith lives. The Disciples Circle focuses 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?

New circles will be forming in early 2010. Each Disciples Circle begins with a nine-session "test drive." During this time, the group explores new approaches to spiritual formation. Each circle meets for an hour and a half, either weekly or twice a month. Each group is guided by a program set out in *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 initial meetings 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

If you are interested in joining the circle, please sign up in the Narthex on the RSVP bulletin board or contact Pastor Dorian for more information.



Mark Your Calendars!

Annual Meeting Sunday, Jan. 24

The Annual Meeting will be part of the 10 a.m. worship service

There will be no 8 a.m. service this day.

Treasurer's Report

By Barbara Ells, Treasurer

Thank you to all who supported St. Anthony's programs and ministries with your financial gifts in 2009 and your pledge for 2010. We will be holding a Financial Forum to review our 2010 budget immediately following the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24.

We Can Create 'Miracles' By Caring About Others



By Jill Kyler
Minister for Evangelism

I read recently about a teenager named Art Hinkley, who lifted a 3,000-pound tractor with his bare hands.

Now this would be a feat for a weightlifter; but Art Hinkley weighed about 170 pounds and had never lifted anything heavier than a bale of hay.

His friend, Lloyd Bachelder, had been driving the tractor when it tipped over, and he was pinned under it on a farm near Rome, Maine. Lloyd

called out for Art, who was in a nearby barn fixing equipment.

Hearing Lloyd scream, Art darted out to the field and — without thinking about the massive weight of that tractor — he somehow lifted it high enough for Lloyd to wriggle out. Later, a doctor explained that Art had experienced an adrenalin rush. If he had hesitated for a moment, the advantage would have been lost, and his friend would have remained pinned.

I've heard variations of this kind of story over the years, in which someone exhibits super-human strength to help someone in crisis. Without thinking, the person coming to the rescue of another is able to do the unimaginable — defying laws of nature, physics and logic.

I think of these stories as modern day parables. It doesn't really matter to me if the event actually occurred just as

it was written. What matters — and what I remember — is the truth that lies within it. When we are unafraid to care about others, when we act without thinking about ourselves first, when being in a relationship with another person — however messy — is more important than our own comfort and peace, God helps in ways that defy our puny imaginations.

I see this happening when people who are strangers reach out to one another with a smile, a handshake or a "good to see you." Now I know this isn't as miraculous as lifting a tractor off of someone, but the changes that it brings to both parties can be equally as life-changing. When we put self-interest and our own needs and wants aside to show someone else that we notice *them* and that we care, we may indeed be cooperating with God as he lifts something equally heavy from that person ... and maybe even

from ourselves.

To me, being a Christian is being in community with other people, and that's the messy part! My years in youth ministry taught me patience ... it may take a long time to see the results of your caring for people. You might *never* see it. Your part may be just planting the seed, while others will enjoy the harvest. And I think that's pretty okay. When we make others our number one concern, it's amazing what God will do with our status as number two.

"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.'"

--1 Samuel 16:7

Epiphany Blessings,

Jill

Legacy Society and Legacy Fund Forming at St. Anthony

The Vestry has approved the formation of a Legacy Society and Legacy Fund at St. Anthony.

The Legacy Society is a program of planned giving at St. Anthony. The Legacy Society honors those who have invested in the future of the church through their estates, and is open to anyone who has named St. Anthony on the Desert in their will or estate plans regardless of the size of the gift.

The Legacy Fund is being established to enable St. Anthony to more completely fulfill our Christian mission by developing ministries beyond what is possible through our annual operating budget. Legacy funds may be used for capital needs of the parish or as seed money for new ministries and special one-time projects.

More information and the formal commissioning of Legacy Fund board members will occur at the Annual Meeting.

Mark Your Calendar for January 31, 2010

Life Planning Seminar

By David Ells

Do you have a will? Is it current and does it reflect your values and wishes? Perhaps your will needs updating. What will happen to all of your possessions? Have you made arrangements for gifts to Saint Anthony on the Desert and to other favorite charities that reflect your values and care for God's creation? Do you have a durable Power of Attorney and a health care directive? What about all the information your family will need should you die suddenly? Have you planned your funeral?

Carl Knirk, Canon for Planned Giving/Stewardship/Evangelism in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia, will be leading a Life Planning Seminar at Saint Anthony, January 31, 2010 at the Sunday Café following both the 8 and 10 a.m. worship services. He will also serve as our guest preacher that day, speaking on, "What Do You Want Your Legacy to Be?" in terms of your relationship with Christ.

Carl is in his 12th year on the Bishop's staff. He serves as Vice President for TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship), a non-profit made up of folks like him and volunteers who take stewardship to heart in the largest sense of the word: it is about how we live our lives, knowing that all we have are gifts from God.

Everyone attending the Sunday Café will receive a free copy of the Diocesan Life Planning Manual. This is perhaps the most valuable tool that covers all the questions above and more.

Please join Carl Knirk on January 31 as we initiate our conversations on Planned Giving at St. Anthony. To obtain more information, please visit the Diocese of Olympia's Planned Giving website: www.ecwwgift.org.

If you have questions on this topic, please come and ask Carl directly on January 31.



By Beth Hammond

The sky would have been deep velvet black with myriad points of scattered light. And one shines brighter than all: the resplendent star of Bethlehem. This is the light that guided travelers from the east.

These magi may not have been what we thought them to be. The number of the magi, now accepted as three, is logical conjecture based upon the number of gifts recorded in Matthew's gospel, but there is no specific number in the text. Is it not possible that there were only two magi and that one brought an extra offering? Or might there have been more — say, six — all of whom pitched in to pay for the three gifts? We cannot even be sure that they were all kings; the term magus was often a contemptuous name for itinerant magicians and entertainers.

I rather like the notion that the magi might have been traveling entertainers, members of a class commonly accepted as fools in every sense of that word. Of course, such a possibility radically alters the asymmetry of the crèche, where the exotically adorned kings clearly upstage everyone, including the winsome animals and the Holy Family itself. In that regard, the magi are the most modern of all our religious symbols, sympathetic icons of power and wealth that draw more attention than a child born in poverty, more attention even than God.

There is something right about a troupe of wandering artists whose whim to follow a star brings them to the cradle of Jesus. That might explain their unthinking stupidity at dropping in on Herod, asking the whereabouts of his local rival. Surely a genuinely learned person would have known enough of local politics and human nature to surmise that no one in Herod's position was going to countenance a second king within his own borders. That they may have been itinerant entertainers is also a likely explanation of their later mistrust of Herod and their ability to slip out of his territory quickly and without incident, even as they probably skipped town on other occasions when the heat was on.

But above all else, the possibility that the magi were really pretty simple people

An Epiphany Reflection ...

fully accords with Paul's notion in Ephesians that God's revelation is a truth often hidden from the learned and the wise, only to be revealed most fully to the simple. There is, then, no reason why Matthew would have had cause to call these people kings; had they been kings, would not those who recorded the story have surely marked that detail with some pride?

Yet, we want the story the way tradition gives it to us. As it stands, the story suggests that the rich and powerful, the learned and the astute, are the first to recognize and name the infant Jesus a king. This validation accords with our own belief that superior intellect and study produces insight, that truth is suspect until it is acknowledged by power and wealth. That's the way it's supposed to be, not only at the manger, but in life.

What is more difficult — and hence more exotic, mysterious, and wonderful — is the possibility that some simple and foolish people, drawn to the side of the manger, might surrender everything to the unknown child therein. How these travelers came by their gifts, we cannot know. But is it so strange that entertainers and magicians should possess gold, frankincense, and myrrh? If we lavish material wealth on their modern counterparts, is it not conceivable that they might have come by those gifts in the course of their travels, as recompense for their own talents to amuse?

And what was it that would guide them on a spiritual quest? What but the hand of God, drawing them by the beauty of God's created star? The star was simply the sign of a brighter burning light. The birth of a child was the beginning of light for a darkened world. "And when they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage."

There is only one thing about this story that we can hold with any certainty: whoever these people were, and wherever they were from, they were henceforth called "wise." Their wisdom was not necessarily the precondition of their visitation, but it was certainly the one gift they took with them as they left that stable.

Wisdom, then, is not the prerequisite to relationship with Jesus, but the product of knowing the Lord. Those who encounter God come away with more, and *better*,

than what they bring. And is this not always the case in every relationship? If we ever come to know wisdom in our relationships, are we not always wiser on the way home?

Shine on, then, star of Bethlehem ... for we, too, live in deep darkness. Lead us, spiritual thirsting seekers, to find the light in Jesus, prince of peace. And when the song of angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, and when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people, to make music in the heart.

Chalking the Door

On the Epiphany of Our Lord, January 6, family and friends gather at the main entrances and ask God's blessing on their dwellings and on all who live or visit there.

Leader: Peace to this dwelling and all who enter here.

A reading from Proverbs: "By wisdom a house is built, and through understanding it is established; through knowledge its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."

Gracious God, as a shining star once guided the magi to the birthplace of the infant Jesus, so enable those who dwell here to be your light in the world; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Inscribe the lintel of the dwelling with the inscription: 20 + C + M + B + 10

The letters C M B come from the traditional names for the "three kings" — Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. Some also suggest "Christus Mansionem Benedicat" which means "May Christ bless this dwelling!"

Leader: A reading from the prophet Isaiah: "The effect of righteousness is peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness, and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and quiet places." Sovereign God, we pray that you will bless this home and all who live here with your gracious presence, that your love may be our inspiration, your wisdom our guide, your truth our light, and your peace our benediction; through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Leader: May the Lord watch over our going out and our coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

PARISH LIFE

Men of St. Anthony (MOSA)

By Jon Bost

After a busy and successful 2009, our first MOSA get-together for the new year will be Saturday, January 30, in the parish hall. Breakfast will be at 7:30 a.m., as usual, with the meeting afterwards at 8 a.m.

The program for January will include reviewing the 2010 calendar and making sandwiches for the men of the East Valley Men's Shelter. We will be doing more to support the men's shelter this year, as they are a worthy and needy cause.

If you are a man and attend St. Anthony, you are welcome to come! For that matter, if you are *not* a man and don't attend St. Anthony, you are still welcome to come!

(NOTE: We are not associated with the like-sounding group MOM-OSA. This is an entirely different group. Our lawyers are still working out the damages caused by this flagrant mis-use of our popular name.) :-)

Please come and enjoy the fellowship and bad jokes of your fellow parishioners.

See you in church!

MOM-OSA

By Karen Twibell

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas! Our November bake sale was very successful.

We raised over \$1,000 to help many different outreach programs, such as Singleton Moms and St. Anthony's Domestic Violence Council Baby Shower, as well as the Helping Hands and Hearts Ministry. Thanks again to those of you who either helped, donated or purchased items from the event!!!

Our meetings to kick off the new year will be held on January 14 and 28 in the parish hall from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., with complimentary childcare beginning at 9 a.m.

I invite anyone who is interested in learning more about our group to contact me at 602.705.1595.

Seniors & Winter Residents

By Barbara Ells

Our Christmas party was a huge success, as almost 50 of us met at Keith and Carol Stott's house in Tonto Verde for fabulous hors d'oeuvres

and desserts. It was a great way to start the Christmas season.

Our first get together of the new year will be a potluck and game night on Friday, January 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Watch the bulletin for further details; this evening will have something for everyone. Come join us!

It's that time again!

Youth Rummage Sale

Saturday, February 27

7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Donations accepted

Friday, Feb. 26

Noon to 6 p.m.

A pickup service for large items will be available on Friday. To schedule, please call Beth Hammond at 480.451.0860.

Thank you for supporting the Youth Mission Trip!



ST. ANTHONY'S ART COUNCIL

By Claudia Smith

"To be an artist can be about expanding the human experience with the gift of imagination—to activate not only our own imaginations, but to find ways to invite the community to learn to exercise its own imagination, to honor the gift and its spark of divinity, wonderment and vision."

I discovered the preceding quote tucked away in the dusty recesses of what I laughingly call my files. I have no idea who wrote it, but it embodies what I believe our Arts Council is about: inviting the community to experience the wonder, vision, and — Ah, yes! — that "spark of divinity" that is the "soul" of God-given creativity.

Each artist puts his/her self on display with each painting. It's an affirmation of who they are and what they're about. They are entrusting themselves and their vision to the viewers.

Society needs artists. They enrich us with the power of their imaginations.

With this in mind, the Arts Council thanks Chris Peterson

for sharing his delightful paintings. Chris, a Fountain Hills resident and social studies teacher, was introduced to St. Anthony members and guests last year. The Council invited Chris back this year — specifically for the month of December — as his work personifies the joy of the Christmas season with its youthful exuberance and color. We warmly offer a future visit.

This month, and continuing through February, the Arts Council is happy to welcome back two of our favorite St. Anthony artists/members: Gratia Gibaut and Carol Stewart.

Please stop by the Parish Hall to see the new works of these wonderful artists, and experience first-hand their God-given gift.





DEACON'S DOMAIN: *A Morning in Nogales*

By Grant Gilfeather

Six curious and hardy souls — David Ells, Dave Terry, Gene Terry, George Mulvey, Susan Cihak and me — spent the better part of a day in Nogales on December 3. We left at day break from the St. Anthony's parking lot in two groups, and took a field trip to a most unique border Clinic. The idea for the trip came in early October, when Deacons Skip and Ann Vellum from St. Andrew's Episcopal Church invited Deacon Susan and me to come down to look at the Children's Clinic.

St. Andrew's Children's Clinic is a nondenominational, non-profit voluntary-staffed organization that provides medical, surgical and restorative care for impoverished Mexican children living along the Arizona-Mexico border. The Clinic sees more than 200 children the first Thursday of every month, providing food, clothes and toys in addition to medical care.

We met our guide, Mr. Buck Clark, and he took us outside to a ramada to view a video about St. Andrew's Clinic. Once finished with the orientation, we moved slowly through the clinic, which occupied every por-

tion of the Church. People were everywhere, but it was an ordered chaos. At the end of the tour, we were told the Clinic had plenty of volunteers for that day, but we were invited to eat lunch with the volunteer staff.



I was amazed to see how every portion of the Church was transformed into a Clinic.

The sanctuary was a waiting room for children and their parents, the Church aisle became a physical therapy area with mat and weights and exercise balls, the hallway on the other side of the Stations of the Cross became consultation areas for doctors and patients and their parents along with translators. The administrative offices handled the medical histories, scheduling appointments, surgery appointments to other hospitals, and air flight arrangements. These are some of the examples of how the entire space was used.

St. Andrew's Children Clinic exemplifies compassion and love in action radiating beyond the borders and reaching those most in need: *children*. This is a wonderful example of how powerful and touching a witness can be made through a church ministry.

Another Opportunity for Habitat in January

By Grant Gilfeather

Carol Sheehan-Mathis and I are recruiting volunteers for a Habitat build in Ore Vista in south Phoenix on Saturday, January 16, 2010. Our assignment for the Daniel Hailegeorgis family will be landscaping and punch list.

The Hailegeorgis family has two sons and a baby daughter. The family emigrated from Ethiopia in 2004 and have permanent residency in the U.S. We will be carpooling from St. Anthony's parking lot at 6:30 a.m. and returning at 2 p.m. Lunch, water and snacks will be provided.

The date dedicated to landscaping work tends to be an ideal fit for high school students who want to help with this worthy cause while earning community service hours. (*You must be 16 years old to volunteer.*) If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Sheehan-Mathis (SHEEHAC@scottsdaleins.com) or Grant Gilfeather (g2feather@cox.net).

The St. Andrews Children's Clinic Tour and Field Trip

By Grant Gilfeather

Deacon Susan Cihak and Grant Gilfeather invite the parish to participate in a one day field trip to tour the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church of Nogales, Arizona and Children's clinic on Thursday, January 7.

The trip includes driving to Nogales, Arizona, touring St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and seeing the clinic in operation as it ministers to the needs of the children of Nogales, Mexico. We will be learning about how to volunteer at the Clinic and how we can help by donating specific items. In addition we will be enjoying a great home prepared lunch and returning by mid afternoon.

All are welcome to come, tour, volunteer and learn what goes on at St. Andrew's on the first Thursday of every month.

If you are interested in participating in the tour please contact:

Deacon Susan Cihak
cheehawk@q.com

or

Deacon Grant Gilfeather
g2feather@cox.net

Thank you for your interest.

Seniors & Snowbirds Buy Flocks of Chickens

By Barbara Ells

But don't look for them around St. Anthony! For the past year and a half, our group has been collecting money at each of our get togethers for support of the Millennium Development Goals to end poverty and hunger. We know we CAN make a difference!

With the funds collected this fall, we have bought two flocks of chickens to provide families with protein from eggs and a steady income.

In the past, we have bought goats, mosquito nets, and even a micro-credit loan for honey producing. To date we have raised \$1,252 to support the Millennium Development Goals.



Biographies of Candidates for the Vestry

JUNIOR WARDEN CANDIDATE

(1 Year Term; Elect One)

Jay Murrillo

Jay and his wife, Leanne, have been members of St. Anthony for more than three years. Jay has served as junior warden for the past year and is well versed on the "ins and outs" of maintenance at the church. Drawing on his previous business experiences, he has managed upkeep of the church buildings on a very limited budget. In addition to his work on buildings and grounds, Jay is involved in many other ministries. He serves as both a Eucharistic minister as well as Eucharistic Visitor, bringing communion to those unable to attend worship services.

Jay is also an active member of MOSA and helps in many hospitality and fellowship capacities.

VESTRY CANDIDATES SEEKING

A 3-YEAR TERM

(Elect Three)

Kelle Hohl

Kelle has been a member of St. Anthony for about five years. She has been involved in MOPS as both a member and leader for two years, and currently participates in MOM-OSA. She is also involved in Youth Ministry, serving as a Plan 6 and Rite 13 leader. In addition, she helps out in both the church office and nursery on occasion.

Kelle has been fulfilling another member's term on vestry for the past half year and is willing to now serve a full three-year term. Kelle is a full-time wife to husband Jeff and mother to Kaitlyn (7) and Ryan (4-1/2). She has a finance degree as well as a Montessori teaching degree and previously worked as the business manager for a Montessori school in Illinois.

Kelle is in her second year of EFM (Education for Ministry) and also serves as a Brownie leader and as a volunteer at her children's school.

Cyndi Sax

Upon arriving in Arizona in 2002, one of the first things Cyndi did was join St. Anthony and sign up for EFM. In addition to EFM, Cyndi has been involved in many ministries, including Eucharistic Minister and lector, four years as a senior high school youth leader, and as a

member of the Rector Search Committee.

She has also served as a small group leader, delegate to the annual diocesan convention and as a team member in both Cursillo and Faith Alive. Cyndi speaks about the difference her participation in these ministries has made in her life. Out of these ministries has grown relationships, a sense of purpose and mission, and an awareness of God's presence.

Cyndi is the mother of two grown sons, Matthew and Brandon. She is employed by a consulting firm based in Princeton, New Jersey, where she serves as a member of the Executive Steering Committee as well as managing the firm's Client Services teams and providing organizational development services to key clients. Her professional areas of focus are leadership development, executive coaching and team building.

Rosemary Hansen

Rosemary and her husband, David, have been members of St. Anthony for a number of years. During this time she has served on the Center for Health and Reconciliation Committee. She was also part of a vestry appointed team to review the ministries of St. Anthony and make a recommendation on future options for the Center for Health and Reconciliation.

Rosemary currently serves as the convener for the Healing Ministry team and is also a part of the Order of St. Luke the Physician. In addition to this, Rosemary is a member of the Prayer Chain and Pastoral Care team and a Eucharistic Minister. She is a first year student in EFM.

Rosemary's professional experience is divided equally between for-profit and not-for-profit businesses. She has worked for a gas and water utility company and also as the Executive Director for both the Memphis Volunteer Center and the YWCA in Charleston, West Virginia. She has served on numerous community boards and as president of the League of Women Voters. The last 15 years of her career have been in retail sales management at Talbots and now at Coach.

VESTRY CANDIDATE SEEKING

A 1 YEAR TERM

(Elect One)

Mario Vassaux

Mario and his wife, Pat, and daughter, Catherine, have been members of St.

Anthony for 14 years. Mario was one of the original youth leaders and also served on the vestry as junior warden from 1999-2001. This was during the critical planning and building of the new church and education buildings.

Mario has served as an usher for many years and was also a part of the recent capital campaign team. Mario has served on vestry for the past two years, completing another member's unexpired term. He is willing to serve for an additional year. As part of his vestry responsibilities, Mario serves on the Advisory Council for Walking the Mourner's Path, a team charged with providing greater strategic direction for this ministry.

Mario is the CEO of a Scottsdale-based technology company.

VESTRY CANDIDATE SEEKING

A 2 YEAR TERM

(Elect One)

These candidates still to be identified.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

Five convention delegates and three alternates will be elected at the Annual Meeting. Information on convention delegate candidates will be provided during the month of January prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Sunday Café New Year's Brew

By Jill Kyler

Have you give much thought lately to the Kingdom of God? Most of us would probably say, "not really." Or maybe we might think that it doesn't concern us *now* ... only after we die. Yet Jesus was very clear in saying that we are living in God's Kingdom, *right here, right now*. Do we live our lives as though we really believe that? Join this intriguing conversation as we discover our own beliefs about Kingdom living and our roles in it.



The Sunday Café is an interactive discussion after both Sunday morning worship services in the Parish Hall. We'll save you a seat!



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Holidays Can Stir Up Feelings of Grief

Did you miss someone this Christmas? Did you find yourself tearing up when you pulled out your mom's favorite ornament? Did the music on Christmas Eve remind you of sitting in church with your wife? Did you wish that Dad was here to see the kids light up when Santa arrived? Did you wish that they just could be here?

Christmas can stir up some new feelings of grief, or bring to the surface those feelings lingering in our hearts and minds. Many of us think, "I am over the death" ... but then, all of the sudden, not having a loved one with whom to share Christmas finds us feeling sad and tearful. These feelings are not uncommon. In fact, many people often spend part of the holiday season missing someone we love.

After we lose a loved one, we eventually begin to go on with our life. The casseroles and cards stop coming, and our friends stop asking, "How are you doing?" We find ourselves no longer in that deep emotional grief that happens within the first few months of a death. Yet, we still miss our loved one.

These feelings of missing someone who has died are what we explore in an eight-

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To register or for more information, contact Peggy Sands at 480.657.8503 or peggysands@mournerspath.com

week session of *Walking the Mourner's Path*. In a small workshop setting, we find ways to remember our loved one, sharing stories of what they meant in our lives and finding a touch stone to remember them. Our goal is to continue our journey in grief — recognizing that the loved one still has a place in our hearts and memories — but to find a way to joyful living. All of this is completed with the acknowledged love that God has for us and the one we miss.

If you are feeling a need to explore the lost of someone you miss, please join us for a *Walking the Mourner's Path* Workshop. A group will be forming in January. For more information, or to sign up for the session, please contact Deacon Susan, Catherine Gilbert at 480.836.0637 or Peggy Sands in the church office at 480.451.0860.

Belonging, Believing, Becoming

Are you new to St. Anthony? Or not so new, but desiring to renew your commitment to the faith community at St. Anthony? If so, our three-week series, *Belonging, Believing, Becoming*, is for you!

Our first gathering of 2010 will be Sunday, January 17, and will be offered at two different times to suit your schedule: either 9:15 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. Childcare will be available upon request, and lunch will be served at the later meeting.

Discussions will cover our worship, ministries and mission, and also helping you discover how your talents and passions might be used to benefit our communities, our country and the world.

This series is facilitated by Pastor Dorian Mulvey and Jill Kyler. Please contact Jill at 480.451.0860 or jillkyler@st-anthony.net with questions or to register. You may also sign up at the "RSVP, Please" bulletin board outside the door after worship.