



The Desert Wind

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

SUNDAY SERVICE ON SATURDAY

5 P.M.
Evening Prayer & Holy Communion

SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

8 A.M.
Traditional 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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Listen to God's Words to Us



By The Rev. Dorian Mulvey

"There is one Body and one Spirit; There is one hope in God's call to us."

These are the opening words in the baptismal liturgy. They anticipate God's call and form the basis for our life as followers

of Christ. They tell us that God calls to each and every one of us. We first respond to this call in our baptism. Yet this response marks only the beginning. Throughout our lives God continues to call us and to point us to new purposes and new ways of using our gifts.

Although I was baptized as an infant, I did not hear or recognize God's call for many years. But events in my life conspired to provide an opening for me to hear God's voice. And since then I have discovered that God's call takes many different forms: from creating a loving sense of God's presence in my family to discovering ways to reach out with God's love to others.

This process of being called doesn't seem to come with a blueprint. Instead, it pulls us one step at a time—each new experience preparing us for the next—growing our confidence, and helping us to listen more attentively and trust more completely.

January 11 marks an important celebration at St. Anthony. We will worship together in one service

at 10 a.m. Bishop Smith will be with us and a number of adults and youth will be confirmed. Part of this celebration will include my installation as your rector. But, perhaps most importantly, this day marks a celebration of the way each of us has responded to God's call in our work together. St. Anthony is blessed with over 35 ministries and new ones continue to emerge. Each of us possesses gifts essential to the whole. No ministry can be complete without others. Only together can we discover God's special call and purpose for our congregation.

I have not uncovered any blueprints in my office or detailed instructions on what the future looks like for St. Anthony. But I know that God has assembled an incredible community filled with loving and generous people who possess all the skills and gifts needed to do God's work. And I feel especially blessed that God has called me to be a part of this place. Together I trust that we will listen for God's words to us and step by step grow in our confidence to be the body of Christ.

To paraphrase the prayers for those making a commitment to Christ:

*Open our hearts to your grace and truth.
Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.
Send us into the world in witness to your love.
Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.
Lord, hear our prayer.*

In Christ's Love,
Dorian

Celebration of New Ministry
**The Installation of
the Rev. Dorian Mulvey
as Rector of
St. Anthony on the Desert
January 11 at 10 a.m.**
The Rt. Rev. Kirk S. Smith Officiating
(There will be no 5 p.m. Saturday or 8 a.m. Sunday Worship this weekend.)

**Annual Meeting
Within the Context
Of Holy Eucharist
Sunday, January 25
10 a.m.**
(There will be no 8 a.m. worship.)

DIRECTORY:

Rector:

The Rev. Dorian Mulvey

Deacon:

Jan Wilner

Minister for Evangelism:

Jill Kyler

**Director of
Christian Education:**

Beth Hammond

**Director of Operations
for *Walking the***

Mourner's Path

Administrator:

Peggy Sands

Music Director:

Joe Hacnik

Senior Warden:

Catherine Gilbert

Junior Warden:

Jon Bost

Treasurer:

Barbara Ells

Finance:

Tom Cervino

Accounting:

Mary Hopeman

Sexton:

Cassidy Lavato

VESTRY

Harold Aikins

Shelley Byrnes

Stephen Cihak

Bill Counce

Barbara Ells

Patricia Faiveley

Jeanne Paige

Jeff Roberts

Mario Vassaux

The Ministry of Leadership



By Catherine Gilbert
Sr. Warden

For the church, the New Year begins with the Annual Meeting. We share stories from the past year and look forward to the New Year and how we, as a parish, will answer God's call for us. At the Annual Meeting, we also thank the outgoing members of the Vestry and elect new members to serve.

The Vestry's role is one of leadership and management in partnership with the Rector. One could easily compare the role to that of a Board of Directors; and, although it is similar, you cannot neglect the important spiritual component of any vestry. As the managing body of the church, the Vestry is responsible for ensuring good stewardship of parish resources. The Vestry is concerned with financial planning, establishing and enforcing policy and procedures, maintaining church property and forming plans of action, or in other words, ensuring that things get done. Leadership is defined as having vision and taking action to move the congregation forward in order to fulfill our mission.

The *Vestry Resource Guide* published by the Episcopal Church Foundation describes this as "creative destruction, some unfreezing of established patterns." As you can well imagine, and may have experienced, this "creative destruction" is the most difficult role for a Vestry. The balance of preserving well-honored and

established traditions and the need to move forward—to change for the betterment of the parish—can be difficult and cause hurt and misunderstanding. This is why the spiritual component of any Vestry is so vitally important. Decisions are made best in the context of spiritual study and reflection, framed around how we—as a parish—best live into our mission statement: "To celebrate the love of Christ through worship, teaching and outreach."

So how do we choose the Vestry? The slate is chosen by a nominating committee that includes the Rector, Sr. Warden, Jr. Warden and the three outgoing members of the vestry. Suggestions for candidates are given by the entire Vestry. There are Canonical—or church law—and bylaw requirements for Vestry. At St. Anthony, we also look for individuals that show a commitment to St. Anthony through their involvement in ministry. Identifying individuals who have shown leadership in ministry and a temperament to look beyond personal agendas to what is best for St. Anthony. It is important to fill essential roles in Vestry; for instance, we need someone like Barbara Ells on the Vestry to help guide us through financial decisions. A strong spiritual foundation is a must because of its importance in the decision-making of the Vestry. Not everyone who serves St. Anthony faithfully would be a good Vestry member, even those whom we love and honor for their commitment. It should not be a popularity contest. As we ask individuals to consider being a part of the slate, we give them a job description of their role and ask them to prayerfully consider the request.

The selection of the Jr. Warden is similar to the selection of an at-large member of the Vestry. The role of Jr. Warden at St. Anthony has traditionally been one of principal caretaker of building and

grounds ... so the nominating committee looks for someone who, in addition to fulfilling the role as Vestry member, can fulfill this duty.

The Sr. Warden—or Rector's Warden—is selected by the Rector. This role is one of complete support of the Rector: serving as her cheerleader, confidant, caretaker, and an additional set of eyes and ears to the care and concerns of the congregation. I find defining the role difficult, and one that cannot be put into clear duties. It flows based on the needs of the congregation. I believe having a heart for servant-hood, an ear for listening, a wiliness to take action, to build consensus, to study the Gospel and pray daily for St. Anthony most important.

Being a member of Vestry can be a difficult job. You will not always like the decisions that are made, but please recognize that the Vestry has to move us forward in answering God's call for our parish. Decisions are made based on what is best for St. Anthony as a whole. Please support the members of the Vestry. You can do this by reading your *Desert Wind* newsletter and bulletins, getting involved in ministry, and making and keeping your pledge. When you are unhappy with decisions, or hear some rumor that upsets you, please talk directly to a member of the Vestry instead of about them. Most importantly, include the Vestry in your prayers.

I have had the privilege and honor to serve as Sr. Warden through our time of transition. Thank you to all who have supported me and lifted me up in my role.

Many Blessings ...
Catherine

Let's Be Honest About Life



By Jill Kyler
Minister for Evangelism

If you're anything like me, life shifts between dreaming about what life *could* be and living the day-to-day routine complete with challenges, frustrations and time crunches. Especially this time of year, I want to wipe the slate clean and create a

"new" me—peaceful, happy and wise.

Just when I thought this was a worthy goal (I'm resisting calling it a "resolution"), I read an article written by one of my favorite authors, John Ortberg, who said there is such a thing as a happiness paradox: "The more directly one aims to maximize pleasure and avoid pain, the more likely one is to produce a life bereft of depth, meaning and community."

Oh, my. On one hand, I'm glad that my attempts to maximize pleasure and avoid pain have failed miserably ... but I can't honestly say that I'm feeling any happier about it. Is it really impossible to be deep, full of meaning and have friends and family without a

great deal of pain? Duh. I think I know the answer.

Life is messy. There's no doubt about it. But to smooth out the lows would probably mean smoothing out the highs, also. And for what purpose would we do this? Certainly not to make ourselves more right with God. Isn't God the one who told us to come to him with all our junk and with all our problems, no matter how messed up we are, and that he would make us whole again? Yes, indeed, he did.

Are we willing to do this? When we're going through really hard times and everything seems desperate, can we trust that God will show us the way? Or do we think that it all depends on what we do

ourselves? Think about someone for whom you would do anything to keep safe, including laying down your life. Everything we read in scripture says God feels the same way about us.

I'm rethinking my resolutions ... er, I mean goals. Am I willing from this point forward to live my life believing, and acting as though I believe, that God is in charge? Am I ready to do the things that I can do and give the rest up to him?

Why would any of us want to live any other way?

Epiphany Blessings,
Jill



Join the Welcome Team!

Try to imagine that you have decided to attend a church (St. Anthony, in particular), something you have never done before or at least not for a long time. You start by taking a long walk from your car into a strange building. Inside, everyone knows what they are doing and where they're going ... everyone except you. You look on as they laugh and visit with each other. They know the drill. You wonder why you thought this would be a good idea. You stumble around, ask several people, and finally get where you are supposed to be. Everyone else is visiting with each other as they go inside. Afterwards, you wait around a few minutes to talk to the others, but they are busy. Would you ever go through that again?

Now imagine the same situation. This time however, there is one difference ... only one. As you walk towards that strange building, someone comes up to you and says, "Hello!" He chats with you for a moment and makes sure you have what you need and are headed in

the right direction. A few people see you with him and make small talk with you. They include you in their jokes and conversations, and ask if you'd like to sit with them. Afterwards, the same man seeks you out. He makes sure everything went well and asks if you have any questions about the church or the worship service. He says he's looking forward to seeing you again. *Now* how would you feel?

The Welcome Team helps our guests feel welcomed and appreciated so they will want to come back. Join us in this exciting ministry! Contact Jill Kyler at jillkyler@st-anthony.net or 480.451.0860, or talk to any Welcome Team member.

Pictorial Directory



Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Have you ever heard an announcement regarding a member and wish you could put a face with a name? Are you a new member and wish you could put names with faces? Help is on the way!

St. Anthony is producing a pictorial family directory. There is no cost to have your photographs taken, and you will receive a complimentary 8"x10" portrait along with the directory itself. You will

be able to view your images electronically immediately after photography. At that time, you will have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family or friends.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be part of the St. Anthony Pictorial Directory! Dates for sittings are: January 21-24, and January 30-31.

You can currently sign up for sittings, online using a link from St. Anthony's web site at www.st-anthony.net. Sign ups will also be available immediately following each worship service commencing December 28th.

If you should have any questions please contact Harold Aikins at haikins@tdsiaz.com.

THANK YOU, Stretch Cole

Special thanks go to Stretch Cole for his leadership in the Ministry of Chalice Bearers and Readers. His leadership has meant a great deal to us at St. Anthony in the time of transition, as he ensured that we would have Chalice Bearers and Readers for all of our worship services.

Blessings and gratitude to Stretch.

Rob and Linda Nehrbus have graciously agreed to serve as the next leaders of this important ministry to St. Anthony.

'Faith Affirmed': The Role of Confirmation

By Beth Hammond

On Sunday, January 11, during Bishop Smith's visitation, 11 of our high school youth will present themselves for Confirmation. They have been preparing for this important milestone in their spiritual journey since the beginning of November. It is a very personal decision for each of them and one not taken lightly.

When we confirm something, we say, "Yes." At Confirmation, we say, "Yes" to Jesus' call to follow him on our journey through life. We say, "Yes" to servant-hood. We confirm our faith in him.

Others speak for us when we are baptized. But Confirmation gives us the chance to say "Yes."

We have all had the experience of getting lost. This can happen because we have either no map or an inadequate one. Confirming our faith in Jesus is like deciding to travel with a really accurate map through life.

During the service of Confirmation, the candidates' response to several questions is, "I will, with God's help."

There is the recognition that—as a person of faith—we do not travel or struggle alone. Please continue to pray for our young people as they complete their preparations and begin a new chapter in their life in faith.



On January 11, the following persons will be presented to our Bishop Kirk S. Smith during his visit at St. Anthony:

To be Confirmed:

Cameron Cordes
Connor Gadek
Shannon Galloway
Stafford Gliva
Peter Igras
Jane Liffiton
Scott Montgomery
Shannon Pauly
Stephanie Sheaks
Shane Taylor
Arman Youssefi
Mark Close
Rena Close
Lara Muir

To be Received:

Mary Houle
Deborah Leary

To be Reaffirmed:

Miriam Packham
Sue Vold

Treasurer's Report

By Barbara Ells, Treasurer

As the year comes to an end and I reflect upon the church finances, we have many reasons to be thankful. When the Vestry sets the budget at the beginning of the year, it is with faith that we will collect all of our pledge income and that there will be no large unplanned expenses. The good news is that we had no major unplanned expenses. But little did we know that there would be such an economic downturn. At the time of this writing, it appears we will not collect all of our pledge commitment for 2007, but we have had several parishioners give more than their pledge—thus indirectly helping those who have suffered economic hardships.

We will be setting the 2009 budget in early January, and it will be based on the pledges that we have received at that point. As of this writing, our pledge commitments for 2009 are \$81,000 less than the 2008 pledge commitments. This will present a huge challenge to the Vestry as there is very little of our annual budget that is discretionary. Personnel expense alone is over 50% of our budget. The staff that has served us so well and are a critical part of all of our ministries have not had a salary increase in a couple of years. And we have a mortgage payment of \$116,000 each year which is almost 20% of our budget. Just think what we could do if we didn't have that ongoing payment!

I know several people have indicated on their pledge cards that they will do more if they can, and we know it is a tough time for many. Fortunately, we have had 61 households increase their pledge—some even increased their commitment after they turned in their original cards. This is one way that those who can are helping those who can't. We will be having a Financial Forum on February 1 to talk about the budget and where we are headed.

Let us hear God's call. Together we can use God's gifts to us to reach out to each other and those around us through the ministries and programs at St. Anthony's. Thank you for your financial support to these programs through your pledge and gifts to St. Anthony's.

SAVE THE DATE!

After both worship services on February 1, we are going to have a Financial Forum.

Capital Campaign Update

Plans for our Capital Campaign to retire our debt continue. A small task force is working with Marc Rieke, our consultant from the Enrichment Group, to identify individuals to serve on the campaign team and to set the campaign calendar.

More information will be coming soon.

A New Ministry Begins At St. Anthony

Helping Hands and Hearts



On Dec. 6, 2008, 30 volunteers of St. Anthony's came together to organize themselves into teams to provide active caring, concern and love to the members of our church.

The teams trained and prepared to work on this mission are:

Visitors Team to visit shut-ins, folks in nursing homes or hospitals, or anyone in need of a supportive visit.

Check-In Callers Team to call members who might need a daily reassurance call or people who would appreciate this connection to the church.

Drivers Team to bring people to church who could not otherwise get there, or to drive people to medical appointments.

Funeral Hosting Team to provide simple receptions in the parish hall and to be of assistance to families during a funeral at the church.

Grief Follow-Up Team to be available to families after a funeral and to

work with the *Walking the Mourner's Path* team to support grieving families.

Meal Makers Team to make meals for families or individuals in need of some temporary support. For example: a new baby in the family or someone ill or just out of the hospital.

How You Can Help

Be aware of the people in our congregation and their needs, and pass this on to the Core Team of Helping Hands and Hearts. Be assured the Core Team and the Working Teams will respect the confidentiality of every individual and family.

The Core Team consists of:

- Dorian Mulvey, Rector
480.451.0860
- Jan Wilner, Deacon
480.451.0860
- Pat Schmid
480.837.5020
- Kit Wyper
480.272.8817

Mentors/Grads Share What They Learned and Enjoyed about EFM

By Susan Mitchler
EFM Coordinator

The following are quotes from three people at St. Anthony on the Desert who have the distinction of not only graduating from EFM (Education For Ministry), but also of serving as mentors and thereby ushering and guiding many others through these classes.

“EFM for me formed an intense community and called me to continuously reaffirm my Baptismal vows to respect the dignity and needs of others through service. EFM is a program that seriously examines the context issues found in scriptures and church history. I continue to reflect on the marvelously written chapters about the two creation stories in Genesis.”

—Grant Gilfeather

“Looking back on my EFM experience it seems that the first three years served as background for the final year (Theological Choices). I found the final year liberating in the sense that theology is not something you study; it is something you do so that you can become the person God intends you to be. I learned that my personal ministry is not a compartment in my life; it is integrated with who I am and who I am to be. I value the conversations and questioning allowed in a safe environment within the EFM community.”

—Susan Gilfeather

“Before EFM I understood religion to be what we believe about God, and churches were places for like-minded people to form friendships and worship God on a weekly basis. Post EFM, I believe that religion is the institutional embodiment of what we traditionally call church, whose members are called to follow Jesus into mission and be a witness by how we live. The church should be so loving and nurturing that it functions as an incubator of faith to transform the world.

Before EFM, ministry meant the time I spent working for the church, when I could find the time. Post EFM, ministry is the way I live my life. Everything I am and do is a witness to our loving God and a reflection of His love for all creation. As a disciple of Christ, I always try to follow the examples of Jesus, whether working for social justice, partnering with a village in Africa, forgiving and reconciling with someone who hurt me, enjoying a rainbow with my best friend, or compassionately listening to my adult children.”

—Barbara Guenther

Bless Our New Deacons

God willing, on Saturday, January 24, 2009 Susan Cihak and Grant Gilfeather will be ordained to the sacred order of Deacons at 10 a.m. at Trinity Cathedral.

God has called them to a special ministry of servanthood directly under their bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ they are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As deacons in the Church, they are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model their lives upon them. They are to make Christ and his redemptive love known by their word and example to those among whom they live, and work, and worship. They are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world, assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and to carry out other duties assigned to them from time to time.

At all times, their lives and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself. (Paraphrase of BCP page 543)

We will have three vocational Deacons on the staff here at St. Anthony on the Desert who will be performing the regular duties of the liturgical deacon at the Saturday and Sunday services, assist in other liturgies and carry out other duties as assigned.

Although the diaconate is an ordained ministry, it is not a paid position within the parish. The deacon is a symbol of Christ the Servant and a model of Christian service that leads, enables and encourages other Christians in charitable service. They bring the church and Christ's love to the world while calling needs of the world to the attention of the church. Please welcome them and share their joy at this special time in their lives.

Domestic Violence Victim Support Group

Happy New Year! The Domestic Violence Victim Support Group (DV Group) certainly hopes that you and your loved ones enjoyed the Peace of Christmas and look forward to a Blessed New Year!

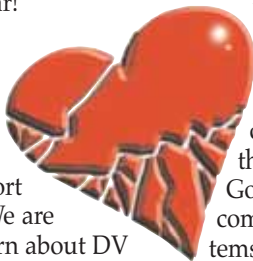
In the last *Desert Wind* newsletter, you were introduced to the DV Group—how we got started and what we had learned about some domestic violence (DV) support agencies here in the Valley. We are continuing to explore and learn about DV victim support locally, and would like to share what we are learning. Please be aware that what we share may shock you.

In 1998 30 women, eight men, and one unborn child in Maricopa County were murdered in domestic violence incidents, leaving 66 children without mothers and seven without fathers. One victim—a mother of six who attempted to escape the violence in her home—found that all eight of the Valley's domestic violence shelters were full. With no place to flee, she was

forced to remain in her home, where she was stabbed to death by her husband in front of the children.

The woman's death acted as a catalyst for a community-wide response to domestic violence and a desire to prevent any more such tragedies in Maricopa County.

As a result of this valley wide concern, the Regional Council of the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) requested a comprehensive evaluation of the systems in place to prevent and address domestic violence and an identification of recommendations to create a regional, effective means of responding to this concern. The result is the MAG Regional Plan on Domestic Violence (called The Plan), approved by the Regional Council on May 26, 1999. In January 2000 the Regional Domestic Violence Council (the Council) was created to implement The Plan. The Council was one of the largest coordinated community response coalitions of its kind in the country at the time.



As we approach the 10-year anniversary of The Plan with its 41 recommendations, the Regional Domestic Violence Council is still very active, and a key organization for DV victim support. A representative of the St. Anthony DV Group attended the Council's last meeting on December 4, 2008, and was very impressed with the organization. We will refer to the information obtained from the Council regularly in sharing information about DV with you in *The Desert Wind*.

Unfortunately, there are many more staggering facts and information to share with you regarding DV. Please look for future DV Group articles in *The Desert Wind*, and please come to our next DV Group meeting on January 20 at the Church.

We welcome everyone to participate! Questions? Please call Gary or Bonnie Spedl at 480.836.7174 or see Eloise Crossman or Susan Mitchler at Church!

Blessings!

Each Day a New Beginning



By Peggy Sands, *Walking the Mourner's Path*

It has been our family tradition to leave Christmas lights, decorations and especially the Nativity scene up through Epiphany. This is a week that started with expectation and hope of Jesus birth and now moves toward anticipation of the arrival of the wise men. "For we have seen his star in the east ..."

This first week of January is also the time that I look expectantly and with great hope to the upcoming year. During those years when the holidays were so sad and lonely, January offered relief that perhaps in this New Year I would begin to feel like life was getting back to "normal"—or at least I would begin to feel less at loose ends and would find direction in my life ... something to look forward to again.

Death of a loved one does that to us. It puts us into a bit of a tail spin that disorients and confuses and leaves us with the feeling of not quite knowing what we should be doing with the minutes that lie before us. Thinking about the future seems way too overwhelming much of the time. But with the New Year comes new hope and the chance to give direction to the life we still have to live. Each new day we can make the decision to at least give equal attention to the blessings in our lives as we do to the sorrow we may still feel. Each new day brings the opportunity for a new beginning.

As you continue to mourn the death of your loved one, pray not only for God's continued comfort but now also for him to breathe new life and hope into your heart and to help you see the life that awaits you.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

—Jeremiah 29:11.

The next eight-week session of *Walking the Mourner's Path* begins Monday, January 12.

To register for the session, or for more information, call Peggy Sands in the Church office 480.451.0860.

It will be an honor to support you on your journey.

Special Flower Arranging Workshop

Have you ever wanted to learn the special techniques for creating a beautiful floral arrangement? Then join us for a hands-on workshop with guest presenter Esther Ross.

Esther heads the Flower Guild at Church of the Ascension in Seattle. She was trained at Washington National Cathedral and is also a Master Gardener. Esther's love of flowers and her eye for colors and shapes led her to this wonderful ministry where her creations enhance the worship space.

The workshop will include a demonstration by Esther as she assembles the sanctuary floral arrangement that will be used the next day at our Celebration of New Ministry. In addition, everyone will have an opportunity to create special table arrangements for the reception that will follow. There will be plenty of time for questions and conversation and a light lunch will be served.

So whether you are thinking about joining the Flower Guild ministry team or simply want to learn more about flower arranging, join us! Please call the church office at 480.451.0860 to reserve your place at this wonderful event.

News from the GO! Team (Global Outreach Ministry)



For anyone interested in learning more about how our GO! Ministry (Global Outreach) is connecting with Food for the Hungry, now is the time to register for Summit 2009, which will be held February 20-22 in

Tempe.

Through our partnership with Food for the Hungry, the people of Takwe, Rwanda, have been given hope. This Summit is designed for pastors, advocates, church staff, core team members, team leaders and volunteers to be equipped and inspired. Some of the topics will include:

- 1) The church as the instrument for ending poverty

- 2) Effective partnerships on short-term teams
- 3) Connecting with a city to end poverty
- 4) Cultivating a culture of mission in your community

If you plan to attend, contact Becky Pearson RPearson18@msn.com or 480.837.2136. For more information go to <http://www.fh.org/summit2009>.

'EE' Green Week ~ Everything Electronic!

Don't throw away those electronic devices you no longer need. Not only can we save our environment but we can earn money for St. Anthony at the same time.

From January 12-18, bring your unwanted electronics to the church for recycling. The items we will be collecting are:

- Cell phones
- Ink jet printer cartridges
- DVD movies
- Video Games

- Portable DVD players
- Laptops
- MP3 Players
- X-Boxes
- Sony Playstations
- Wii
- Digital Cameras
- Digital Video Cameras
- Portable Navigation Devices
- Desktop Computers
- Printers

If you are interested in participating with the Green Team on this event or



have any questions, please contact Jill Kyler at jillkyler@st-anthony.net or 480.451.0860.

Music Ministry Update

By Joe Hacnik
Music Director

Thinking about joining the music ministry? There is always room for new members. During the month of January, we will begin the preparation of music for Lent and Easter. Please consider being part of the music ministry.

Adult Choir rehearses Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the choir room. The choir sings at the 10 a.m. Sunday liturgy.

Junior Choir (5th-8th grades) rehearses on Wednesdays from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. They sing on the third Sunday of every month as well as Christmas Eve and other special Liturgies.

Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the choir room.

New members are always welcome!

High School Youth

By Caitlin Gilbert

On January 18th, the High School Youth Group will be holding a presentation of their Summer 2008 Mission Trip to Wheaton,

Minnesota.

Come join them after the 10 a.m. service as they share their God sightings, slideshow, and life-changing experiences.

See you then!

Seniors & Winter Residents

By Barbara Ells

At the October and November get togethers, the Seniors and Winter Residents continued our tradition of contributing funds towards the Millennium goals. With the \$189 collected, we purchased a smokeless stove and two mosquito nets. We will continue to support this great cause by collecting funds at all of our get togethers.

We had a wonderful Christmas party on Dec 17 at Pat Schmid's home. Thank you, Pat, and co-hosts Kit Wyper and Gretchen Stephenson. There were 30 of us who enjoyed appetizers and desserts and the fellowship of our group. Our next get together will be Sunday, January 18th in the parish hall. Jim and Jean Dunsing will be our hosts and Aline Mankin is our co-host. Watch the service bulletin for further information.

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual Senior High Rummage Sale

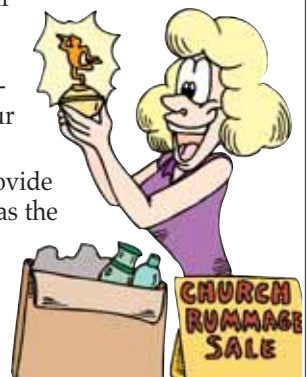
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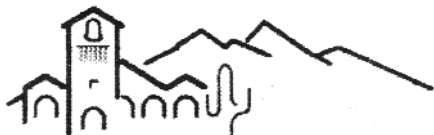
This fundraiser is a great way to clean out your closets and help support the annual Senior High Mission Trip, and **we need your help.**

We would love to have you donate any items which are still in good condition but just not right for you. Furniture, children's clothes, better adult clothes and toys are our biggest sellers.

If you, or a friend or neighbor have furniture to donate, we would love to have it for our sale. Pick up will be available for furniture items, our best sellers!

We will provide more details as the sale draws closer.





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Rwandan Child Image by Rodney Rascona

Make a Difference by Sponsoring a Child

During this Epiphany season, when Jesus is shown to be the "light of the world," we ponder the ways in which we ourselves are called to bring the light of Christ to the world. In a world with so much need and suffering, you might wonder if you can make a difference. *You can!*

Child sponsorships of the children of Takwe, Rwanda, will help meet the critical needs of a hurting child by showing them that someone cares. So far 30 Rwandan children have been sponsored by St. Anthony members. These sponsorships are geared towards empowering and equipping families, the local church and the leadership of the community to meet the needs of their children. The focus is on long-term solutions: strengthening the families and communities in which the children live. Not only are their health needs addressed, but also their spiritual, educational and emotional needs.

Find out how you can offer lasting hope and a brighter future for these children. Stop by the GO! Ministry cart in the lobby of the church or contact Becky Pearson at RPearson18@msn.com.