

The Chant

St. Gregory's Anglican Church

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World by Knowing, Loving and Serving God.



New Church Directory Coming in January!

Remember the old television sitcom called, "Cheers"? It was a show about a bunch of folks who regularly visited a Boston bar. One of them was a man named "Norm." Every time Norm walked into that bar, everyone stopped their conversation and they all yelled in unison the greeting, "N-O-R-M!"

Have you ever had one of these conversations? "Who is that woman that sits about 3 rows in front of you? She has brown hair and wears glasses?" "Who is the family with those two little boys, do you know them?" "I heard prayers were being said for John Jones. I can't picture him. Do you know who he is?"

We see people all the time at church but don't have a clue who they are. Sometimes, it's easy to become just a face in the crowd. At St. Gregory's Anglican Church, we want to know one another and share God's love. It may sound strange, but a church directory can help!

Phil Hawkins, Rick Black and I are beginning the process of updating our church directory. Our plan is to have this project completed in January 2023. It will be available in a printed booklet, along with a digital one as well.

The biggest part of this project is verifying the information about each parishioner, making sure home addresses, email addresses, contact phone numbers and names are all correct. It starts with your help.

On **Sunday, November 6**, we will have a listing of the current information on file for you. Please take a minute to update and correct this info for us. This is our 1st (and biggest!) step in creating our new directory.

After the data is corrected and verified, we will be giving you information about how pictures will be gathered for this directory. Over the next few weeks, watch the weekly bulletin for information about how we will gather or take your family photos for the directory. If you would like to send your contact information directly to me, you may email it to me at bloomfieldphoto@tx.rr.com.

Using Our Church Directory as a Prayer Tool

Have you ever thought about using your church directory as a prayer tool? I stumbled on this idea this week as I was researching formats and ideas for church directories.

While it is a very simple approach, you can strengthen your prayer life for our congregation by using the directory as a prayer tool. Maybe it starts as a monthly idea or perhaps it fits as a part of your weekly or even daily prayers. As you look upon the faces and names in our directory, you can pray for the needs of each person and family represented there.

As we use our church directory to place names with faces (and even use it as a daily prayer tool) may people who the Lord brings to St. Gregory's Anglican Church realize that they matter to us because our God calls us to love each of them!

-The Bible says that we should "pray without ceasing" – 1 Thessalonians 5:19

God's Blessings to all, Cindy Bloomfield



By the time the next edition of the Chant has been published, Daylight savings time will be done for the year, the days will be considerably shorter, Thanksgiving will have come and gone, and we will already be in the Advent season. It seems like every year is moving faster and faster and we will be hurtled into the new year before we can even blink. During this upcoming Advent season, we would all do well to take some time to slow down and really prepare our hearts for our annual celebration of the Incarnation. The biggest step is to be intentional about incorporating specific practices into your daily routine. Decide now what you want to do and make sure that you are prepared with the proper resources to undertake whatever it is. Start looking now for books or online devotionals to assist you in your efforts. Get your advent wreath out and dusted off before November 27 (the First Sunday of Advent). If you need any guidance, feel free to speak to your rector, and he would be more than happy to work with you to find something that will work.

With this in mind, I want to look at some of the themes of Advent that could be a focus for your season. The first is Darkness. This one coincides not just with the liturgical season but also with the natural season as more of our hours are spent in darkness. Jesus came into a world of spiritual darkness and while his light has broken into the world, there are still many places where it has yet to penetrate, places still in darkness. Places in our community, in our families, throughout the world, and even in our own hearts. One of my favorite points of reflection when it comes to the darkness is how incredibly fragile it is – how easily it is conquered and dispelled with just the smallest amount of light. Think of where you could shine the light of Christ and contribute to the driving away of all darkness.

Another theme is Humility. I think Paul perfectly describes the humility of Christ in his Letter to the Philippians; “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.” God humbled himself to take on our form, our weakness, our frailty – entirely for our sake. If this isn’t the example for us to follow to consider others before ourselves and to extend grace to those who have wronged us, or we disagree with, or we find irritating, then I don’t know what is. We have to let our love for Christ extend to everyone we know, following the perfect example of Christ’s humility.

One final theme I want to mention is hope. Aside from love, I believe hope is the most important virtue for Christians to cultivate in our lives and in the world. When we are sure in our hope, there is nothing in this world that we cannot endure. Hope has the ability to turn disappointment into expectation, grief into joy, despair into assurance. The Incarnation is the ultimate sign of the absolute confidence we should have that God will keep his promises. He will stop at nothing to restore his vision of creation and we can place all our hope on this fact.

So, this Advent, slow down, spend time in reflection and preparation, and don’t let yourself get caught up in all the stress of the “holiday season.” Let Christ bring peace to your heart and to your home and be ready to celebrate the Incarnation and the joy of Christmas.

Fr. Alan Horton +

team are finishing their terms. Serving the parish on the vestry is a rewarding experience in that we get insight into all of the things going on in our community. We also see in real time that God guides our decision making process and provides everything we require. I trust that you all will continue to pray about how you can serve our parish and community. If you have questions please contact me or any of the other vestry members.

November Birthdays

- 01 ~ Elizabeth Hameker
- 05 ~ Armand Auger
- 25 ~ Meredith Melton

November Anniversaries

- 03 ~ Rick & Terry Black, 50 yrs
- 26 ~ David & Janie Smith, 25 yrs

Mark Your November Calendar

- 01~ 9:30am Women’s Bible Study
- 02~ 6:30pm All Souls Day Mass
- 05~ 8am Men’s Group @ Rosa’s
- 06~ 9am Eucharist
10am Sunday School
- 08~ 9:30am Women’s Bible Study
- 09~ 1pm Watercrest Mass
6:30pm Eucharist
- 11~ Veterans Day
- 13~ 9am Eucharist
10am Sunday School
- 15~ 9:30am Women’s Bible Study
- 16~ 6:30pm Eucharist
- 19~ 8am Men’s Group @ Rosa’s
- 20~ 9am Eucharist
10am Sunday School
Greening of the Church
- 23~ 1pm Watercrest Mass
6:30pm Eucharist
- 24~HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- 26~ 10am DHC Meeting
11am OSL Meeting
- 27~ 9am Eucharist
10am Sunday School
- 29~ 9:30am Women’s Bible Study
- 30~ 6:30pm Eucharist

Sr. Warden’s Report



At this time of year I always look back and think of all the things for which I am grateful. I am thankful for everyone here at St. Gregory's, together we accomplish many things throughout the year. I always look forward to working with each and every one of you in support of our fellowship and ministries. Thank you all!

You may know that we are looking for two vestry members in 2023 as two of our

In Christ, *Tim*

Parish Life



It is so nice to have cooler weather to enjoy the Fall Fest on Sunday, October 30. As we leave October there are many events coming up in the next two months: Samaritan's Purse, Angel Tree, Greening of the Church, and the Christmas Pageant.

First, the Daughters of the Holy Cross were able to fill 25 boxes for Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox project. This would not have been possible without the kind donations to Christmas July. Boxes are delivered around the world, not only are the contents enjoyed but the message about Christ's love for them is shared. Boxes will be sent to the distribution center on November 13. If you would still like to donate a box or help supply money for mailing, please do so by that date.

Next will be the Mansfield Mission's Angel Tree. There are several key changes that have been made to the program, ages have changed from 2 – 14 to 0 months – 18 years. The program wanted to be able to serve a wider range of students and help make Christmas brighter for their families.

The next key change is that Mansfield ISD and the Marines Toys for Tots have joined a partnership. All toys that are collected around the MISD schools and business, will be distributed here in Mansfield rather than being shipped off. Each child will get at least two gifts plus a bike if requested.

The change for us and buying for the 10 children we have agreed to sponsor will be that there will not be any toys on the list. What is wanted from the sponsoring church is that each child will get a complete set of clothes- including a coat, jeans, shirts, shoes, and undergarments. The Angel Tree will go up on November 20. Your gifts are due back to the church by December 5 with tags and receipts, if at all possible. Distribution will be Thursday, Dec. 8 from 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

The Advent Greening of the Church will take place after church on November 20. It shouldn't take very long, we have it organized by stations, so the more helping the faster this can be done. The final decorating the church will be done after the service on Sunday, December 18.

The Sunday school classes and others will be presenting our Christmas pageant before service on Christmas Eve service.

Kathy Walker



Order of St. Luke

The Healing Ministry of Jesus, biblical references that Jesus wants us to continue his works, and the biblical basis of healing, in the New Testament

AN OVERVIEW

Healing and deliverance are expanded to a new dimension in the New Testament record through the examples of Jesus and the first Church.

The example of Jesus: In the New Testament, Jesus is the believer's model of faith and practice. His healing and deliverance ministry is the pattern that you should follow in your own ministry. Out of 3,774 verses in the four New Testament Gospels, 484 relate specifically to the healing of physical and mental illnesses and the resurrection of the dead. In Mark, 209 verses out of 666 relate to the miracles of Jesus. Of the 1,257 narrative verses in the Gospels 484 (38.5 percent) are devoted to describing healing miracles.

Jesus spoke the words of God in His ministry: "...I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things." (John 8:28).

Jesus did the work and will of God: "For I came down from Heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me." (John 6:38). "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work." (John 9:4). "...My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work." (John 4:34).

The purpose of Jesus was to destroy the works of the enemy including sin, sickness, and bondage: "...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil." (1 John 3:8).

The works Jesus did pleased the Father: "...for I do always those things that please Him." (John 8:29).

This means that when you minister healing and deliverance as Jesus did you are pleasing the Father, speaking His Word, doing His will, and destroying the work of the enemy. There are several New Testament references where Jesus healed everyone present: - Acts 10:38, - Luke 4:40; 6:17-19; 9:11, Matthew 4:23-25; 9:6,35; 10:1; 12:15; 14:14,34-6

Jesus healed many types of diseases: Epilepsy, Dropsy, Deaf and dumb, Palsy or paralysis, Chronic hemorrhage, - Demonized, Withered hand (deformities or paralysis), Blind, Infirmities, Restoration of an ear that was cut off, Raising of the dead, Maimed (as used in Mark 9:43, clearly this indicates a limb gone).

ALL OF GOD'S BLESSING, *Heinz Liedke*



Daughters of the Holy Cross

Each year, the DHC participates in Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse), donating shoeboxes full of toys, clothes, and non-perishable items for needy children worldwide. This year we opened the donations to all our church members, holding a Christmas in July. On Tuesday, October 25, a number of Daughters packed these donations and filled 26 shoeboxes. Thanks to everyone for making this such a huge success.



In the last issue of the Chant, we discussed that Safe Haven, a women's shelter in Arlington, is in desperate needs of toiletries; also, they need gently used clothes, purses, and baby items. This week, we made our first donation to this organization.

The DHC has also "adopted" a ministry in need, the food pantry at the United Methodist Church in Kennedale. They provide a weekly meal to the community and are in need of food items. We are placing a donation box in the Parish Hall for canned goods.

The three new Daughters, for their service project, are sending out cards to visitors, thanking them for attending St. Gregory's. Our next DHC meeting will be held on Sunday, November 20th, after Sunday School.

Theresa



Choir

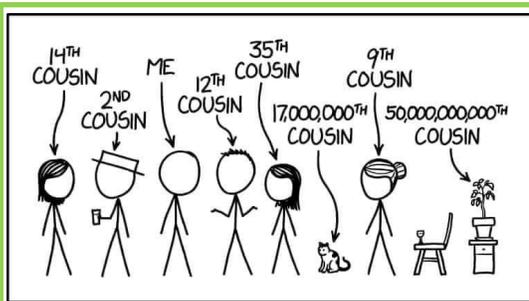
Last November, almost a year ago, I was asked to help with the music we provide on Sunday. We have grown to provide almost everything we had prior to the pandemic shutdowns.

Our choir has grown this past month. As we enjoy providing the service music for services, we have been blessed with a new member. Breanna Aeschmann (Brea) has joined our group. Her contribution has been so welcomed by all of us in the choir. As well as with the holidays around the corner, it is greatly appreciated. We welcome anyone to come and join us in the choir loft. With such a great group of vocalists, we always welcome more participants. Our rehearsals are at 8:20am Sunday before the service. We welcome everyone and anyone who would like to participate.



Speaking of the holidays, we will have a violin accompaniment with our All Saints Sunday service. One of our parishioners, Diann Bressert, will contribute with her violin students. This will be such a nice change during this service.

Thank you all for allowing us to sing for you, Fritz



REALLY, EVERY GATHERING IS A FAMILY REUNION.

St. Gregory's Genealogy Research Group

The Genealogy Group will be going on a field trip in November. Instead of our monthly meeting, we are going to the Arlington Public Library. They have a new Retro Technology Lab to digitize your video tapes, audio cassettes, 8mm film, photos, negatives, slides, and more to preserve them. We'll get an overview of the digitizing equipment and observe how they work.

We will meet in the church parking lot on Thursday, November 3, at 9:00 a.m., and carpool to the meeting.

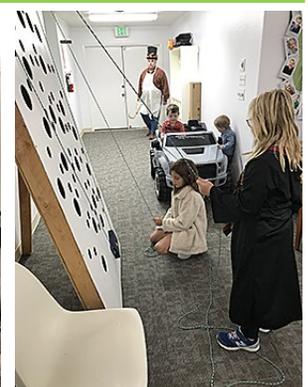


Hope to see you there!! Happy Hunting!

Gayle



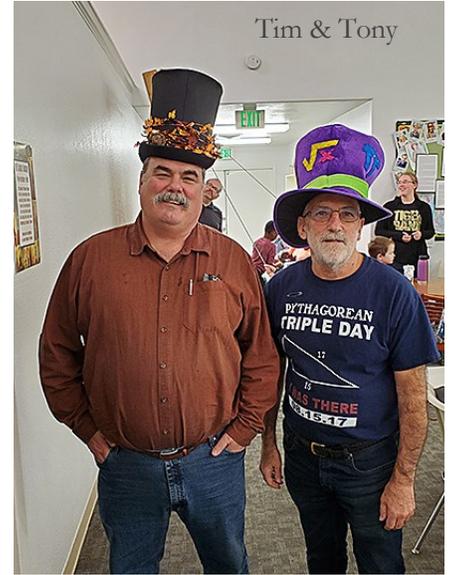
Family Fest '22



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Angie & Colin



Tim & Tony



Tony & Maria



Terry & Rick



Colin told me, in his youth, work bibs were blue, striped were reserved for church. Phil



Angie



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“Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him”
John 13:16

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