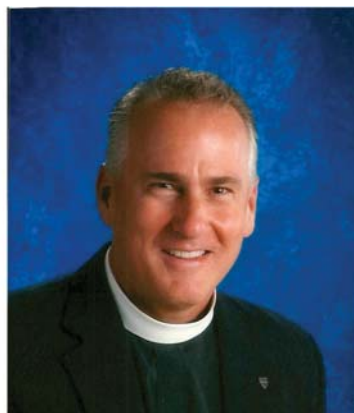


Saint Anne's News

A newsletter for Saint Anne Episcopal Church Desoto, TX



The Rev. James Harris, Jr., opa+,
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Rectors Corner

Daily Office Anyone??

What a joy it is to return to corporate Morning and Evening prayer with you at Saint Anne. One's day is better when it begins and ends in scripture and prayer. The Morning Office takes approximately 20 minutes and the Evening Office, about 15 minutes. How do you begin and end each day? Join us in All Souls Chapel, even if occasionally, You will be amazed how prayer and holy scripture can change your life for the better.

So much has happened since our last newsletter.

One of the most exciting for me and for our Youth, was the summer mission trip to Albuquerque, NM. On this trip we engaged in local outreach and mission, and we explored the local culture. Check out Mandy's Farm at mandysfarm.org and The Storehouse at thestorehouseabq.org.

On one of those days, all of the planets seemed to align. On the Feast Day of Saint Anne, the youth from Saint Anne, DeSoto, from Saint Mary's Irving and from Holy Family, McKinney were able to attend the annual home-coming and Festival of the Pueblo de Santa Anna, located just outside of Albuquerque. Look back at the names I just underlined and tell me that the Holy Spirit is not in charge of things, both great and small.

Thank you for your ongoing prayerful and financial support of our youth ministry. Thank you Martha Villa, Rita Drake and Jeff Simnacher for serving as chaperones. You are the best!

Jim Harris opa+

From the Deacon



As you know, we recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of our church, Saint Anne. I had the privilege of helping with planning the celebration. One of my duties was to find the old Registers from Saint Gabriel's and Saint Matthew's and determine who the 35 founding families were. From there we were able to identify and then honor the five families that twenty five years later are still a part of our church family.

What I also found in my search through the old registers was something that was significant to me. I always knew that my family was one of the first to join the then newly created Saint Anne. What I did not know until I examined the Register that my family was actually the first family to officially become a member of our church that was not from one of the two other churches. We became "official" by transferring our letter from the Church of the Ascension, where incidentally we first met Fr. Sevick, as he was the Curate there before coming to our church.

I cannot believe that it has been 25 years since my family and I have been at Saint Anne. What a wonderful 25 years it has been. My husband and I were able to raise our three daughters, all adults now, in a caring and loving family environment. The children's and youth programs were beneficial to them and had a positive effect on their spiritual development. Even though they have moved away, they still feel connected to our church. For example, my oldest daughter, Allison, still has Essie Reed as her mentor and advisor, a role Essie took on almost 15 years ago. It was at Saint Anne that my husband and I were able to learn so much and to grow in our relationship with Christ. And of course it was the people of Saint Anne that supported me on my path to ordination for so many years and continue to support me as I am now honored to serve as your Deacon.

If you are a new member to our church I want you to know that Saint Anne can be a wonderful spiritual home, for you and for your family. My prayer is that you can find your place here, that you can be blessed here just as I have been for the past 25 years. I would love the opportunity to meet with you and share my story and hear yours, so we can go forward together in the years to come.

With love, Deacon Adriana 214-793-2246

Pastoral Care Ministries

Daughters of the King

The Daughters ended our program year with a Service Project to support our youth on their mission trip to New Mexico. We wrote them encouraging letters, gathered snacks for the journey, and kept them in prayer. From all reports, this made a difference to both our youth and the Daughters who participated! After a quiet summer, we dove into a busy fall season by sponsoring the renewal of the Saint Anne's Women's Retreat, which was well attended. Not content to rest after that wonderful event, we will be hosting the Daughters from throughout the Diocese for our Fall Assembly here at Saint Anne at the end of October. This is always a full and busy day for Daughters, when we gather for worship, friendship, encouragement, and to take care of the business of the Order. With so much going on in the first part of this year, our November and December meetings will be pretty quiet as we plan for the Spring.

Meals Ministry Volunteers of our parish prepares meals throughout the year for parishioners recovering from surgery, or are homebound, ill or in need of a meal for various reasons. What a blessing it is to be able to take a meal to a brother or sister in Christ.

Lay Eucharistic Visitors They go from our Sunday Eucharist to share the sacraments with members of our congregation who are unable to be present at the celebration of the Holy Eucharist because of illness or infirmity. This ministry is understood to be an extraordinary ministry, and helps keep our parishioners connected in Christ.

Flower Delivery Ministry You should see the eyes light up when flowers are received by someone in our church community. Altar flowers are delivered almost every week of the year to those who have had some special event occur; an illness the birth of a child, death of a loved one or someone homebound. There are even special deliveries of lilies and poinsettias at Easter and Christmas.

Transportation Ministry Have you needed a ride to church... how about a ride to a Dr. appointment, or to the store. In the first 6 months of 2016, church volunteers have taken parishioners to 5 doctor appointments, over 11 shopping outings, 9 pharmacy visits, and provided transportation to and from church each Sunday. Beep Beep!

Card Ministry The card ministry sends personalized cards to parishioners who are ill, to caretakers of those who are ill, to those who have experienced a death of a loved one, and to those who are experiencing a special or tragic event in their lives... to let each one of them know they are in our thoughts and prayers.

Walking the Mourner's Path This is a new ministry that will help you explore the many emotions that arise after the death of a loved one, and transform grief into joyful living. Christ-centered and Episcopal-specific, our eight-week program will start in the fall. Visit www.mournerspath.com for more information.

Pastoral Care Committee This confidential-care-giving ministry is made up of a group of about ten parish members who meets once a month to pray and discuss the healing needs of our parish family. Volunteers make phone calls to parishioners, and visit parishioners at home & hospitals throughout each month.

Pastoral Care Ministries

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Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry

Prayers and Squares Quilting Ministry was formed at St. Anne Episcopal Church in January 2008. For the year of 2015, 12 quilts were requested by members of St. Anne's for family or good friends, bringing the total to 92 since our inception. These quilts were made and given to those in need of our prayers and support. Our dedicated members are Dixie Loving, Pat Conway, Shirley Garner, Alice Miller, Barbara Rose and Carolyn Fisher.

Prayers & Squares is a non-denominational outreach ministry that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a hand-tied quilt. Each knot on the quilt represents a prayer offered for someone in special need. That person receives not just a quilt, but also a symbol of faith in God, and in his power to comfort, strengthen and heal.

Prayers & Squares is a prayer ministry that can involve the entire congregation, including children. Quilts can be tied and prayers offered at services or within small groups. It is an outreach ministry bringing the love and care of our parish to people in crisis and need, and the affirmation of the love of God through prayers in those who need it most. Prayers and Squares is a fellowship ministry offering the opportunity that forms a meaningful and purposeful small group in our church for those who love to make quilts or who enjoy being around those who do.

Prayers & Squares is a teaching ministry, demonstrating to both the children and adults of our parish, the power of intercessory prayer. This opportunity brings a new and dynamic ministry to the church that benefits the participants, as well as those who receive the quilt.

When we are contacted by someone for a quilt for a family member or a VERY CLOSE friend in need of a prayer quilt, there are three conditions:

1. The "Prayers & Squares" motto: "It's not about the quilt, it's about the prayers". The purpose of the ministry is to promote an active prayer life among the participants, not just to make and give away quilts.
2. The one receiving the quilt must be ASKED if they would like to receive a prayer quilt. Surprises are not appropriate. Is the person to receive the quilt ready to accept our gift of prayer?
3. The quilt is a gift and no payment is ever expected. It is a gift of love and prayer, which cannot be bought or sold. Those who request or receive prayer quilts should not be obligated to Prayers & Squares in any way.

Our members meet monthly in St. Bridget's Room at 9am. We work at our own pace at home and welcome anyone that would be interested in becoming a member of the chapter to contact me, Carolyn Fisher, at 972-965-6091, or e-mail fishtex1@sbcglobal.net. You do not have to be an experienced quilter or accomplished seamstress. Most all of us were beginners and learned together.

Pastoral Care Ministries

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Women's Retreat

Our first refreshed Women's Retreat was a big success, gathering women to rest in some time together as we talked about not only our lives in faith, but our lives in general. One thing that came out of this gathering is a desire for a space and time for women to come together and let go of their worries and responsibilities for a while. While the retreat offered that, it was only one event out of the year, and the community expressed a desire for more. So, look for upcoming women's events throughout the year – something new is afoot for the women of Saint Anne!

Saint Anne Wellness Ministry Adopts Cedar Hill

What's an easy way to get some fresh air, do a little light exercise, help your community, help the environment, spend time with friends and family, AND represent Saint Anne all at once? Have I got a deal for you! Saint Anne has renewed its contract to adopt a trail in Cedar Hill to help the city keep it clean and inviting for all to use. Our one-year commitment is to collaborate with Parks and Recreation by doing simple clean-ups six times a year, and to keep a watchful eye so we can notify the city of any major needs, such as damage or repairs. Cedar Hill will provide all the clean-up materials, staff assistance as needed, and an on-site sign designating Saint Anne as the adopting organization. The trail we've chosen is Windmill Hill, in the residential subdivision across from Costco. It's a short, paved walking trail, easily accessible and family-friendly, so everyone can get involved! Our new Leader for this component of the wellness ministry is Ann Barrick, with the assistance of Joci Ryan. Trail clean-up dates have been scheduled for October 9th and December 10th. For more information, contact Ann Barrick at abarrick@sbcglobal.net.



Pastoral Care Ministries

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Brotherhood of Saint Andrew hosted a fantastic Gunslinger night and BBQ at the last Meat & Meet. Robert Elling was the key-note speaker. Robert has an exceptional grip on the flavors and freedom of those who lived in the exciting & troubling times in the West after the Civil War. He told stories of the gun fighting shows that were performed by his troop, The "Regulators & Outlaws", who were dedicated actors well versed in firearm handling, voice control and period language.

Robert explained the use of fire arms & their safety. He demonstrated how they loaded their own "shot". Robert had a wonderful display of artifacts from his gun fighting shows, including a "Regulators & Outlaws Calendar", gun fighting scenes, and many pictures from his travels with his Troop! Robert even had a picture of Willie Nelson at one of his shows.

The evening was filled with good fellowship & good food. A Big Thank You to Robert for taking everyone to the Old West, and a special shout-out to Karen, Robert's wife. Although Karen wasn't at Meet & Meat with the Brotherhood, Karen was always with Robert and played a big part in their Old West travels. The next Meet & Meat will be late October... celebrating Oktobfest 2016. Look for the date it in your Sunday Bulletin.



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"WE SHOULD USE ANOTHER LANGUAGE FOR A WHILE
AND THEN COME BACK TO OUR NATIVE TONGUE,
FOR THE RITES OF BIRTH AND BURIAL,
AND TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN RIGHT FROM WRONG."

NEW POEMS, A NEW VOICE

Outreach



Barbara Daley helping out at the Cedar Hill Food Pantry

HUNGER IN NORTH TEXAS

856,000

people in NTFB's 13-county service area live in food-insecure households

1 in 4

children in North Texas live in food-insecure households

of Food-Insecure People by County

Collin - 135,570 (16.7%)	Hopkins - 6,730 (19.1%)
Dallas - 472,170 (19.6%)	Hunt - 17,610 (20.4%)
Delta - 1,060 (20.3%)	Kaufman - 18,380 (17.5%)
Denton - 115,590 (16.8%)	Lamar - 11,440 (23%)
Ellis - 24,980 (16.4%)	Navarro - 9,670 (20.2%)
Fannin - 7,050 (20.9%)	Rockwall - 11,580 (14.3%)
Grayson - 24,230 (20%)	

Familiar, but hard to measure

Hunger is a familiar physical sensation, but can be hard to measure in a large population. Food insecurity offers an accepted method for measuring food deprivation.

The USDA defines food insecurity as a state in which “consistent access to adequate food is limited by a lack of money and other resources at times during the year.” Good shorthand terms for food insecurity are “struggling to avoid hunger,” “hungry, or at risk of hunger,” and “hungry, or faced by the threat of hunger.”

How many Texans are food insecure?

According to the latest USDA report, 17% of Texas households (one in six) experienced food insecurity in the years 2012-2014. Texas was one of just fourteen states with higher food insecurity than the nation during this period. In raw numbers, 1.7 million Texas households were food insecure, more than any other state except California.

What does “food insecurity” not mean?

- Food insecurity is not “the government’s definition of hunger.” It is a broader term that describes outright hunger and the coping mechanisms that households use to avoid hunger.
- Food insecurity is a household situation, not an individual situation. While food insecurity affects everyone in a household, it may affect them differently. Specific individuals in a home (such as children) may be shielded from some aspects of food insecurity by caregivers.
- Food insecurity is a year-long measure. It is impossible to say whether a food insecure household is “hungry right now,” “going hungry tonight” or “does not know where their next meal is coming from.” Research shows that food insecurity tends to be episodic and often cyclical.
- Food insecurity does not mean that a household lacks access to grocery stores, lives in a “food desert,” or does not have time to shop/cook. It only refers to lack of food access based on financial and other resources.

Saint Anne Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry at St. Anne’s is doing its part to assist food insecure households. Each week, members of this Ministry take the food collected by Saint Anne to either Cedar Hill, Desoto or Duncanville food pantry.

Saint Anne Youth

Saint Anne EYC began the school year with a presentation by Claudia, Martha, and Jeff on how their time was spent on the mission trip to Albuquerque. Youth members also enjoyed a pool party at the Bergerson's, and an evening cookout at the Villa's.

As our youth fall back into the school routine, Martha and Kathryn have been excited to kick off the new year with a new curricula that is sure to encourage and enlighten in the best of ways. We will be following a standard monthly schedule: regular meetings after the late service on first and third Sundays, an activity on second Sundays, and break on fourth Sundays. During our regular meetings we will be following year two of Episcopalian Curriculum for Youth, engaging our youth in lessons such as Difficult Decisions, Peace & Justice, Success & Failure, and Treasuring Our Gifts. Year Two closely aligns with helping them process a lot of the unrest in our society and all over the world (a good example being millennial tensions with more traditional ways, or even the upcoming presidential election). There will be a variety of outings and activities, both as a youth group and involving parents, to incorporate these lessons into their daily lives.

Martha and I are always available via email or phone. Please don't hesitate to contact us at any time with your questions, concerns, or recommendations. We have also set up a new St. Anne Youth Instagram (search: saydesoto)

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Martha: 214-766-0441 martha51889@gmail.com



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Stewardship



Stewardship and Circles of Connection

Our celebration of Saint Anne's 25th anniversary is also a celebration of our shared Saint Anne story of Welcome, Worship, and Witness. Saint Anne is known and loved as a community which warmly welcomes everyone. Our traditional, liturgical worship draws us together each Sunday to praise God and feel his love through community. And together, we, as both individuals and as a community, strive to be Christ's presence in the world. These three things bring us together and form a connection between each other and between us and God.

This fall, we have invited all Saint Anne members to connect and share their personal experiences of welcome, worship, and witness at Saint Anne. We are very grateful for the thirty-two individuals who have facilitated these discussions.

In addition to being an opportunity to exchange our own histories with Saint Anne, these meetings also offered a chance to reflect on the variety of volunteers that are needed to make our parish a wonderful place of welcome, worship, and witness. Participants were invited to pray about whether God was calling them to serve our church through the gifts of time and talent, which are part of our stewardship or care for Christ's church.

In late September, all members received a packet focused on the monetary gifts that will be necessary to sustain our parish in 2017. We hope that all recipients will reflect on our connections to Saint Anne and our deep gratitude for all the gifts that God has blessed us with. All members are asked to prayerfully complete an intended giving card for 2017 and, on Sunday October 9, put it on the altar during our worship services to demonstrate our commitment to Saint Anne and our praise for God's gifts. After church that day, we will celebrate our parish community and the coming year with a shared meal. We hope you will join us on this special day and continue to be part of our Circles of Connection for years to come.