



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Sep 6, 2023)

Saint Anne's Episcopal Church, South Carolina

2104 Main Street, Conway, SC 29526, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge | Receiving Names until 11/01/23.

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Weekly Average Sunday
Attendance (ASA)

81

Number of Weekend
Worship Services

2

Number of Weekday
Worship Services

Number of Other per Month
Worship Services

Current Annual
Compensation

Cash Stipend

Housing / Rectory Detail

Utilities

SECA reimbursement

Compensation Available for
New Position

\$80000

Housing Available for

Pension Plan

**We're in compliance with
CPF requirements.**

Healthcare Options

Negotiable

Dental

Yes

Housing Equity Allowance in
budget

Annual Equity Amount

Vacation Weeks

**One month, including 5
Sundays (standard)**

Vacation Weeks Details

Continuing Education Weeks

2 (standard)

Continuing Education Weeks
Details

Continuing Education
Funding in budget

\$1001-\$2000/year

Sabbatical Provision

Travel/Auto Account

Other Professional Account

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

St. Anne's was established in 2012 as a congregation of principle and faith. We worshiped in homes and itinerant spaces, much like early Christians, and built our church's identity on inclusive and radical love. Trusting that God is love, we affirm that all genders and sexualities, all races and abilities, may participate fully in all aspects of the life and work of the church. The Horry County Council recently rescinded its proclamation of June being Pride month. St. Anne's was the only congregation that came to the protest demonstration organized by Pride Myrtle Beach, as a congregation. We had over 30 individuals at that event, and two members of our Vestry spoke. That presence solidified our allyship both within the church and to our community. It pushed our congregation forward in hosting PFLAG monthly meetings, their information festival, and also bringing a protestor to the front of our church, as ways of reaffirming our founding mission and the principle of making our physical space welcoming and safe.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

We are a member of a diocese that shares the tenets in our faith and commitments to deepening our engagement with racial reconciliation and inclusivity. St. Anne's is participating in an Epiphany Book Study based on "The Church Cracked Open" by the Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers. In addition to the book study, St. Anne's is working to educate ourselves on the tenets of racial reconciliation through the Sacred Ground education series. Over 90% of our congregation identifies White, but 85% of survey respondents expressed an interest in holding more community events and conversations targeted toward our Hispanic and Black neighbors. St. Anne's is also committed to providing streaming and hybrid events, including the above-mentioned programming.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

liturgical presence, management and administrative skills, Spiritual Wisdom, Progressive Ministry

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

You will find our liturgy traditional, because we believe that history and tradition give us strong roots. You will find the practice of our faith progressive, because we believe that the Anglican approach to scripture, reason, and tradition leads us to strive to allow room for the Spirit to help us discern the truth about our history, ourselves, and our purpose. With wings may our hearts and minds soar, with roots may we remain connected to those who have come before us. With grace we offer empathy and reconciliation to those who have been hurt by the brokenness of the church and our world. With conviction we share the love of Christ through our worship, our fellowship, and our ministry. Jesus summarized all of the scriptures with two commandments: that we should love the Lord our God with all our hearts and all our souls and all our minds, and we should love our neighbor as ourselves (Matt. 22:36-40). We hope our efforts to follow these two commandments bear nutritious fruit for those who come after us on this earth.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

We regularly incorporate our congregants in our eucharist services. In our outreach ministry, we join with other churches in the Conway area to provide services to those in need, as well as celebrate holy days, such as Ash Wednesday, and unique programming, like the Blessing of the Animals and the Blue Christmas service. Our congregation and physical space also embody ministry of inclusivity to host PFLAG meetings, summer Bible Schools, and other events.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

A recent protestor reminded us of the need for training and protocols in regards to physical safety, and our Vestry has taken steps to consult with our local law enforcement and diocesan guidelines to develop our own protocols. We have recruited two new Eucharistic visitors, raising our total of five, to offer the sacrament to those who are shut in or unable to physically come to services. With the recent absence of a full-time priest, our congregation has also become stronger at ministering to one another.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

Our weekly newsletter system provides congregants with a “micro” and “macro” prayer list. The prayer list is a way to highlight the needs of St. Anne’s and her community. Suggestions from the Book of Common Prayer are included for a reflective practice. Outside of our congregation, volunteers provide lay chaplaincy at Conway Medical Center.

Describe your worshipping community’s involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

Our congregation views community outreach along three branches: visibility, food, and facilitating conversations. The church financially supports Churches Assisting People (CAP) and the Shepherd’s Table, both nonprofit organizations that focus on supporting individuals experiencing hardship or homelessness within our community. Our congregants volunteer at Conway Medical Center, Freedom Readers, Eastern Carolina Housing Organization (ECHO), work with other churches to provide food for unhoused people on Saturdays (when the Shepherd’s Table is closed), and participate in activism in support of the LGBTQ+ community. Every month, we send volunteers and financial support to these missions to love our community through Christ’s mission.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

St. Anne’s enjoys one of the few Education for Ministry (EfM) Programs in our region, which is unusual for St. Anne’s size. Following the tradition of St. Anne’s quickly employing the gifts of our congregants, when Dan Hutchins and Jim Gross stepped through the doors at St. Anne’s; Father Rob, in greeting them, immediately noticed Jim was wearing an EfM pin, having completed all four years of the program. Within the year, the first class of seven congregants met, and this year, we will enjoy a course of fourteen. In 2023, our first class will graduate out of its fourth year under the leadership of Susan Slavin, who became the EfM mentor in 2022.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

At St. Anne's, financial stewardship is an important and integrated part of our parish life. Together, we fund ministry within our parish, to the Conway community, and to the wider world. Our financial profile and donations show our continued commitment to feeding and providing support for those who are struggling within our community through our local soup kitchen and assistance programs. Because we are a congregation of choice, our congregation is accustomed to making church through the gifts of our congregation. Our first meetings, and most of our social functions, are hosted in congregant's homes, and our new church building is decorated with demonstrations of stewardship of many kinds: the decorative glass windows, audio and video system, handcrafted credence table, chalice and paten, processional cross, hymnal, and even the funds for the organ are donations from individuals within and outside our congregation.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

In the fall of 2012, two dozen Episcopalians met in a living room determined that the Episcopal Church would not disappear from this region, a casualty of controversy and politics. Stories of church divisions sometimes end unhappily. A few loud disagreements among Christians can undo a thousand quiet good works and years of Christian witness. In a borrowed worship space, with an improvised altar, a loaner communion kit, and a few prayer books, we were reminded how simple church is supposed to be. Each week new faces appear, many of them blissfully unaware of our recent church controversies. Just folks looking for a place to pray and sing and ask questions and experience the weekly miracle of the Eucharist. Because of our origin in the schism, most of the conflicts within our congregation have been interpersonal and over small matters (the musical program, traditional services). Most of these conflicts resolve with rolling up our sleeves and working together to create an event or clear the table. As a congregation, we actively try to talk about pressing issues facing both our diocese and our church, so the spirit of debate and communication is frequent.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

The reputation of St. Anne's as a welcoming place of all genders and sexualities has given us positive media attention, several new congregants, and our first protestors. The addition of our church has created even more opportunities to provide space for community organizations, including monthly PFLAG meetings. St. Anne's has been a beacon of hope for those who identify as LGBTQ+ and our congregants and past priests have been activists for change. At St. Anne's, the most important mission is the work.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Sandy Moyle	Interim	2022-04	

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Rob Donehue	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2016-01	2022-03

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Barry Stopfel	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2013-01	2016-01

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
None		

Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School

Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School

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Worshipping Community Web site: <http://www.stannconway.org>

Media Links:

> <https://www.wmbfnews.com/story/32241588/conway-church-holds-service-for-orlando-victims-thursday-night/>
> <https://www.wmbfnews.com/2019/08/07/neighbors-focus-buildin-g-safer-communities-while-remembering-shooting-victims/>

Online References:

> <https://www.facebook.com/episcopalchurchconway/>
> <https://www.instagram.com/stannesconway/>

Languages Significantly Represented:

English

Provide Worship or Classes in:

English

References

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