

# The Carpenter's Helper

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**WELCOME!** Please introduce yourself to any of our parish family and complete our yellow Welcome Form found in the pew card-holder. Place the form into the alms basket or give it to an usher. Join us for fellowship in the Great Hall following services. Guests are invited to put on a hand-written blue name tag which an usher or greeter can give you. The ushers will also be glad to help with any questions you may have.

Location Key    *AH: Aidan House*    *C: Classroom*    *CO: Counter's Office*    *GH: Great Hall*    *K: Kitchen*  
*MR: Music Room*    *N: Nave*    *P: Parlor*    *U: Undercroft*    *TBD: to be determined*

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist I</b>
	9:00 a.m.	U	Youth Confirmation
	9:15 a.m.	C	Novel Theology
	9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
	9:15 a.m.	U	The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)
	9:30 a.m.	U	Children's Worship
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist II</b>
	11:30 a.m.	GH, K	Fellowship in the Great Hall
	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Lenten Choral Cantata</b>
	6:30 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	5:15 p.m.	N	Evening Prayer
<b>Monday, March 14</b>	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	U	Musik Garten
	6:00 p.m.	C	Girl Scouts
	7:00 p.m.	U	Climate Change Ministry
	7:30 p.m.	GH, K	Scottish Dance
<b>Tuesday, March 15</b>	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	7:00 a.m.	P	Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	U	Musik Garten
	5:30 p.m.	CO	AIDS Delaware Test Site
	6:00 p.m.	U	Dusk Patrol
	6:00 p.m.	MR, GH, K	Children's Lights Choir
	6:00 p.m.	P	Pastoral Care
	7:00 p.m.	P	Finance Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team
	8:00 p.m.	U	AA Meeting
<b>Wednesday, March 16</b>	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	C	Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	GH, K	Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)
	6:00 p.m.	P	Centering Prayer
	8:30 p.m.	GH	South College Speakers AA Meeting

<b>Thursday, March 17</b>	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	11:30 a.m.	GH	12 Step Recovery Yoga
	1:00 p.m.	C	Property Ministry
	6:00 p.m.	C	Girl Scouts
	6:00 p.m.	P	Worship Ministry
	7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir
<b>Friday, March 18</b>	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	C	Al-Anon
	6:00 p.m.	GH, K	Children's Ministry Gathering
	6:30 p.m.	P	Women's AA Meeting

**PALM SUNDAY IN LENT–March 20, 2016**

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Palms &amp; Holy Eucharist I</b>
9:00 a.m.	U	Youth Confirmation
9:15 a.m.	C	Novel Theology
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
9:15 a.m.	U	The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)
9:30 a.m.	U	Children's Worship
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Palms &amp; Holy Eucharist II</b>
11:30 a.m.	GH, K	Fellowship in the Great Hall
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Palms, Inclusive Language Liturgy &amp; Holy Eucharist</b>
6:30 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team

**Stewardship -**

**ST. THOMAS CLIMATE CHANGE MINISTRY – NEW THIS WEEK** on the Climate Change Ministry Wall: Want to cut down on using those pesky plastic grocery bags? **Help yourself to one or more of the cloth bags on this ministry's display shelf in the Great Hall**, and help the planet at the same time. Free to all! Please borrow and return the resources you find there in the way of books or magazines. We are looking for someone who is willing to investigate and report on how St. Thomas's has been successful in reducing energy use since 2008. The meter readings have been carefully filed; detailed study will help the parish to be good stewards in making further improvement in our care of the creation. Those interested contact Karl Krauss. The Climate Change Ministry meets weekly Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. For more information contact Karl Krauss at [ktkdelaware@gmail.com](mailto:ktkdelaware@gmail.com) or go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/stthomas-climate-change-ministry>.

**GIVING BY TEXT** -You can now make a contribution to St Thomas's Parish with a quick text message! Simply **send a text to 302-246-5684** with the amount you would like to contribute. Make sure to include the dollar sign before the amount. **Example:** \$25. Within a few minutes, you'll be sent a text with a link to register. Click on the link and enter your cardholder name and credit or debit card information. Once your registration is complete, you will receive a text verification and a receipt via email. For future giving, simply send a text with the amount you wish to give, and it will process automatically!

**Worship**

**CENTERING PRAYER AT SAINT THOMAS** - The Centering Prayer Group meets on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. *Silence is the language of Spirit.* For more information contact Joe Corsello 302-369-0330 or [jmcorsello@gmail.com](mailto:jmcorsello@gmail.com).

**DAILY DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE** - Are you having trouble making prayer, meditation and scripture a part of your daily life? *FORWARD DAY BY DAY* is a publication that may help. It contains Bible readings and devotions and is issued quarterly. They are available in pocket size and large print and can be found in the top shelf of the publications rack in the entry hall. The cost of the booklet is a free will donation.

**LENTEN CHORAL CANTATA: THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – This evening, don't miss! *The Stations of the Cross*, by Marc F. Cheban will be given its first Delaware performance here at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church at 4:00 p.m. Though Mark has written a great many choral works over his career, this work is his most ambitious. *The Stations of the Cross* (also known as the *Way of the Cross*) is a series of fourteen meditations on the final hours of Jesus' Passion. In this arrangement, each station begins with the singing of a verse of the *Stabat Mater* (a short plainsong chant associated with the Passion) by the entire assembly. The main musical component of each station varies among choral pieces, organ interpretations, and congregational hymns. In its breadth of texture and emotion, the *Stations of the Cross* is a deeply spiritual work of great power, inspired over a ten-month period.

### **Education**

**NOVEL THEOLOGY** - Novel theology meets the second Sunday of the month at 9:15 a.m. in the classroom, off the Great Hall. You are welcome to join us any time even if you haven't read the particular book for that month. If you have questions please contact Phyllis Rawling at 239-2689 or [phyllcr@gmail.com](mailto:phyllcr@gmail.com).

<b>Mar. 13</b>	<i>The Road to Character</i>	<b>David Brooks</b>
Apr. 10	<i>Miracle at Augusta</i>	James Patterson/Peter de Jonge
May 8	<i>We Are All Welcome Here</i>	Elizabeth Berg

**DISMANTLING THE NEW JIM CROW**— Many in the Episcopal Church and other congregations, after becoming aware of our complicity in the problems of racism have wrestled with the question *What can I do?* Here is an opportunity. The Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow in Newark will meet here at St. Thomas's **March 21, at 5:00 p.m.** in the classroom off the Great Hall. If you would like more information contact Connie Malin at 302-834-3016 or Cami Seward in the church office 302-368-4644 or at [camiseward@gmail.com](mailto:camiseward@gmail.com).

### **Evangelism**

**EPISCOPAL RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT** - Once again during Lent, we will be participating in the **Episcopal Relief and Development's NetsforLife®** program. NetsforLife® provides long-lasting insecticide-treated nets approved by the World Health Organization (WHO) along with the appropriate training and use of the nets. NetsforLife® prioritizes the distribution of insecticide-treated nets to those groups most vulnerable to malaria—young children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with compromised immune systems (such as people living with HIV/AIDS). To participate, you can give a check (made out to St. Thomas's with Netsfor Life on the memo line) or cash donation to Sister Jackie Fossler or Connie Malin or charge your credit card by going directly to the ERD website at <http://www.netsforlifeafrica.org>. We will be providing more information about this program as Lent continues. If you have questions contact Connie Malin at 302-834-3016 or Sister Jackie Fossler at 302-738-7496 or [srjcalynhild@gmail.com](mailto:srjcalynhild@gmail.com).

**WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH** - In addition to the Google group mail list, keep in touch via St. Thomas's web site at <http://stthomasparish.org/> or via St. Thomas's **Facebook** page. To join our Facebook community, you can go to our web site at <http://stthomasparish.org/> and click the Facebook ("F") link at the **top right**, log on to Facebook and *like* us. You can also go directly to Facebook, search for *St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish* just be sure to click that you *like* us! The weekly *Carpenter's Helper*, monthly *Carpenter* newsletters, and sermons are published via all three avenues. Please share our mail list, web site and Facebook page with others who wish to keep in touch with St. Thomas's Church.

## **Pastoral Care**

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY** – The Pastoral Care Ministry members provide many services to our parish family. Pastoral Care is not just for prayers and lay eucharistic visits, but also for prayer shawls, note/cards, hospital/home visits, rides and meals. There are many needs within our parish family and we continue to reach out a hand in Christian fellowship. Whenever you know of a need or can lend a hand, please contact Donna Weaver at [dweaver214@gmail.com](mailto:dweaver214@gmail.com) or the parish office.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** – The Prayer Shawl group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Parlor. We hope this new time will encourage other knitters, or want-to-learn knitters, to join us. For more information contact Sister Jackie Fossler at 302-738-7496 or [srjacalynhild@gmail.com](mailto:srjacalynhild@gmail.com).

## **Service**

**SEEKING A NEW EDITOR FOR THE CARPENTER** – After years of faithful service, Sue Houghton is ready to step down from ministry as editor of the monthly newsletter *The Carpenter*. Sue is now on the Vestry and working in several other ministries around the church. This is an important time for someone else to take on the responsibility of *The Carpenter*. We are seeking a new editor. HOW ABOUT YOU?? The work involved is a good way to get to know the parish. This opportunity for ministry allows you to work from home or as it fits with your schedule. Sue is willing to train anyone who has basic word processing skills. If you are interested contact Sue Houghton for more information at [mshoughton@verizon.net](mailto:mshoughton@verizon.net).

**SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE WITH HOPE** – On the third Monday each month, St. Thomas's is committed to preparing & serving a nutritious meal for those in need at Hope Dining Room at Kingswood United Methodist Church on Marrows Road. Volunteers gather by 10 a.m. or after to begin preparation of the meal, set up of the dining room and so on. Lunch is served from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. This is a wonderful time of fellowship and Matthew 25:31-40 service to others that has been part of our community service for many years. Our next day to serve is **Monday, March 21**. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Marge and Jack O'Donnell at 302-832-1419 or [jodmod2@yahoo.com](mailto:jodmod2@yahoo.com) or Susan Hechter at 302-738-9918 or [susanahechter@gmail.com](mailto:susanahechter@gmail.com).

**THE GIFT OF FLOWERS** - Each week, during the appropriate Church seasons, a **Flower Guild** member creates the arrangement that adorns the sanctuary. We have a couple of new members and would like to have more! There will be a schedule sent out by email so guild members know well in advance when their turn comes to create an arrangement. Contact Karen Krauss at [krauss831@yahoo.com](mailto:krauss831@yahoo.com) for more information.

**NEWARK AREA WELFARE COMMITTEE'S FOOD CUPBOARD** - There is a great need for **canned fruit**. Contributions go in the baskets as you enter the Sanctuary. The NAWC Food Cupboard **also needs volunteers** to distribute food at the Cupboard housed at the United Methodist Church on Main St. The Cupboard hours are from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information contact Susan Hechter at 302-738-9918 or [susanahechter@gmail.com](mailto:susanahechter@gmail.com).



***And Also***

**LEAVE ONE~TAKE ONE BOOK BOX** - Finished reading all those great books you received for Christmas? How about passing them on? We are starting a "**Leave One ~ Take One**" box in the Great Hall. Just drop off any books that you have enjoyed but want to pass along in the green plastic box. You can also leave videos, CDs, and DVDs. Feel free to take anything that catches your eye. Periodically any items that have not found a new home in a couple of months will be stored for the Craft Bazaar used book shelf.

**CARPENTER'S HELPER** – The *Carpenter's Helper* newsletter and week's schedule of events is sent out electronically each week to the St. Thomas's Google group list. A printed copy can also be found on the nametag table. Please have your *Carpenter's Helper* submissions into the church office my noon on Tuesdays.

**MANY HANDS NEEDED** – **Brian Smith is away**, and as always, we miss him! Brian, our most excellent sexton returns on Monday, March 14 from his travels. Until then, we will need **many hands** working together to do the things that seem to happen magically! If you see something that needs cleaning, clean it! If the trash is full, please dump it! Brian's return is always cause for great thanksgiving!

*Friday April 15th*

# Ladies Night ☆ Out

As long as I can leave when I want.

As long as I can stay until the kids are asleep.

As long as I do not have to clean up.

As long as I do not have to COMMIT to being there.

As Long as I do not have to cook or bring anything.

I can't come till later.

Friday, April 15th

Starting at 6 p.m. at Courtyard Marriott

Call Sue Houghton (302) 650-3850 with questions or to see if we are still out.

## **Contact Information**

Church office hours Monday – Thursday 9:00 - 2:00 p.m. 302-368-4644

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