

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

TODAY	8:00 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist I
	9:15 a.m.	U	The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)
	9:15 a.m.	N, U	Children's Worship
	9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
	9:15 a.m.	C	Novel Theology
	10:30 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist II
	11:30 a.m.	GH	Feast & Fellowship in the Great Hall
	5:30 p.m.	N	Inclusive Language Liturgy & Holy Eucharist
	7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team
Monday to Friday	5:15 p.m.	N	Evening Prayer
Monday, January 16	The church office will be closed honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. Day		
	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	10:00 a.m.		Hope Dining Room – Kingswood Methodist Church
	6:00 p.m.	C	Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow
	7:00 p.m.	P	Tom Fairchild Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	U	Climate Change Ministry Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	GH, K	Scottish Dance
Tuesday, January 17	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	7:00 a.m.	P	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	U	Musik Garten
	10:00 a.m.	P	Staff Meeting
	5:30 p.m.	CO	AIDS Delaware Test Site
	6:30 p.m.	U	Dusk Patrol
	10:00 p.m.	P	Finance Ministry
	7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team
	8:00 p.m.	U	AA Meeting
Wednesday, Jan. 18	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	C	Bible Study
	1:00 p.m.	U	Musik Garten
	4:00 p.m.	GH	ECM Food Pantry
	5:00 p.m.	GH, K	<u>No</u> Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM) – Resumes Feb. 1
	6:00 p.m.	P	Centering Prayer
	8:30 p.m.	GH, K	South College Speakers AA Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 19	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	C	Property Ministry Meeting
	5:45 p.m.	C	Worship Ministry Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	MR	Lights Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir

Friday, Jan.20	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	U	Al-Anon
	6:30 p.m.	P	Women's AA Meeting

Third Sunday after the Epiphany – January 22, 2017

8:00 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist I
9:15 a.m.	U	The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)
9:15 a.m.	N, U	Children's Worship
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
10:30 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist II
11:30 a.m.	GH	Feast & Fellowship in the Great Hall
12:30 p.m.	P	Vestry Meeting
5:30 p.m.	N	Inclusive Language Liturgy & Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team

Diocesan Prayer for 11th Bishop Search & Calling

In your Name, Lord Jesus, the community that is the Diocese of Delaware has been raised up and has flourished. We pray that in our day we as a Diocese may continue to be a sign of your presence in this State, a people devoted to You, and willing agents of your peace. In this time of transition as we seek a new bishop, help us to discern your will for us, to receive with joy and grace those who offer themselves to the election process, and to celebrate the episcopal ministry we have been given and that which is yet to come. Give us open and gracious hearts, patience with one another, and joy in anticipation. Lord Jesus Christ be with us in these days, as you are with us always, for You, with the Creator and the Holy Spirit, are one, Our God, now and forever. Amen.

Stewardship -

ST. THOMAS CLIMATE CHANGE MINISTRY – On the Climate Change Ministry Wall: Please borrow and return the resources you find there in the way of books or magazines. **The Climate Change Ministry meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Undercroft. For further information contact Karl Krauss at ktdelaware@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. 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!

RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND -The Vestry has resolved to commit the plate cash (i.e., the cash not contributed toward a pledge) from the first Sunday of every month to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. While the plate cash is typically about \$80 a Sunday, the First Sunday resolution is meant to represent an outward, visible commitment to those who are less fortunate.

Worship

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER – TODAY, January 15, the third Sunday of January, we remember nationally and spiritually the life and witness of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On this day, I have invited Dr. Teri Quinn Gray as our preacher. Teri was born in Jackson, MS and raised in an extended hyper-functional family steered by a matriarchal regime of activists. Even though a cradle Episcopalian, Teri's spiritual formation dipped from Southern Baptist and Nation of Islam to Buddhism and Hoodoo. This childhood experience led to a very personal practice of the platinum rule – treat others as they want to be treated – and the family directive to “be of consequence” in the world. After doctoral studies in chemistry at the Univ. of Maryland, she joined DuPont Crop Protection in 1997 as a research chemist and currently works as Regional Technology Manager with DuPont Performance Materials. She also serves as President of the Delaware State Board of Education, appointed by Governor Jack Markell in 2009. At St. Thomas's, Teri has actively lived her faith, serving on Vestry, as People's Warden, co-leader of our Confirmation Program, and a member of the Standing Committee and Disciplinary Board for the diocese. Teri and her husband Bernard Gray have been married 25 years, have one son, Zhalen, and are residents of Newark.

CENTERING PRAYER AT ST. THOMAS - *Be still and know that I am God.* Psalm 46:10

Centering Prayer is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our body, mind, and spirit to receive this gift. For more information contact Joe Corsello at 302-369-0330 or jmcorsello@gmail.com.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE - FORWARD DAY BY DAY is a publication that 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 covered by your free will donation.

Education

DISMANTLING THE NEW JIM CROW– *What can I do about racism?* Please join us in the efforts of the Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow. The Newark group meets the third Monday of the month in St. Thomas's Great Hall. The next meeting will be **TOMORROW, Monday, January 16th, at 6:00 p.m.** please join us in honor of **Martin Luther King, Jr.** If you are interested or 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.

ADULT EDUCATION – On Sunday, Jan. 22 the adult education group will begin discussing the first autobiography ever written in English, *The Book of Margery Kempe*, written by Margery Kempe (c. 1372-after 1438). Although it is an autobiography, it focuses largely on her fantastic spiritual life and has much to fascinate modern readers. We will be reading the Penguin translation by B. Windeatt, which is readily available through Amazon. After discussion of Margery the class will work with *Revelations of Divine Love* by Julian of Norwich (1342-1416). Please join us at **9:15 a.m. in the Parlor** on any Sunday. For further information, contact Larry Duggan at lgjd@udel.edu or Ronnie Wilbur at vfwilbur@gmail.com.

NOVEL THEOLOGY - Novel Theology meets **TODAY**, (usually the second Sunday of the month September - May) at **9:15 in the Great Hall Classroom**. Below you will find the book list for 2016/2017. If you have questions, call Phyllis Rawling at 239-2689 or phyllcr@gmail.com.

Jan. 15	<i>The Fault In Our Stars</i>	John Green
Feb. 12	<i>Relic Master</i>	Christopher Buckley
Mar. 12	<i>Union Quilters</i>	Jennifer Chiaverini
Apr. 9	<i>In His Place</i>	Harry C. Griffith
May 14	<i>A Man Called OVE</i>	Fredrik Backman

Evangelism

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 provides many services to our parish family such as prayers, lay eucharistic visits, prayer shawls, note/cards, hospital/home visits, rides and meals. When you know of a need or can lend a hand, please contact Donna Weaver at dweaver214@gmail.com, your Vestry leader Marilyn Prime, or the parish office.

Service

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. Our next day to serve is **TOMORROW, Monday, Jan. 16th**. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Marge and Jack O'Donnell at 302-832-1419 or jodmod2@yahoo.com or Susan Hechter at 302-738-9918 or susanahechter@gmail.com.

HOLY HEARTS AND HELPING HANDS - We ask your prayers and help to purchase a gift card that could help provide a tank of gas or to buy some needed grocery staples at a local store. Please give them directly to Cami Seward or put in an envelope marked to Cami's attention and place in the offering plate.

NEWARK AREA WELFARE COMMITTEE'S FOOD CUPBOARD - There is a current need for **small jars of mayonnaise, grape or strawberry jam or jelly, canned fruit, and canned tomatoes**. 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.

THE GIFT OF FLOWERS - Each week, during the appropriate Church seasons, a **Flower Guild** member of this parish creates the floral arrangement that adorns the sanctuary. We need new members! If interested contact Karen Krauss at krauss831@yahoo.com for more information.

And Also

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. THOMAS'S - St. Thomas's parish was first organized on August 1, 1842 – 175 years ago in 2017. This year-long birthday party recognizes our enduring ministry in Newark and our warmth as a parish of faithful people. Watch *The Carpenter's Helper* and webpage for further details as the celebration develops. Please contact **Nicole Cebula, Laura Greene, or Tom Fairchild** to learn more about our plans and how you can help.

HISTORY RESEARCH FOR 175TH ANNIVERSARY - In honor of St. Thomas's 175th anniversary, we will continue research into the parish's history that we began in 2015. This will include organizing the parish archives, researching in various sources, and sharing the information with the parish and the larger world. All that is required is an inquiring mind and a commitment to accuracy. An organizational meeting will be held on Saturday, January 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the Parlor. If you're interested or have questions, contact Connie Cooper at 302-731-7595 or cjcooper15@verizon.net.

JOURNEY OF CHANGE: CALLING OUR 11TH BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF DELAWARE- You can access all up-to-date information from www.bishopsearchdiodel.org. The prayer for our search will be included in the *Carpenter's Helper*, and will be our concluding prayer during Prayers of the People each Sunday now through the election in the summer of 2017. You are invited to add this prayer of intention in your daily prayer practice.

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