

# 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*

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist I</b>
	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.	C	Novel Theology
	9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist II</b>
	12:00 a.m.	GH	Fellowship & light lunch in the Great Hall
	12:30 p.m.	GH	St. Thomas's Parish 175th Annual Meeting
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Inclusive Language Liturgy &amp; Holy Eucharist</b>	
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team	
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	5:15 p.m.	N	Evening Prayer
<b>Monday, March 13</b>	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	U	Climate Change Ministry Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	GH, K	Scottish Dance
<b>Tuesday, March 14</b>	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
	7:00 p.m.	P	Finance Ministry Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team
	8:00 p.m.	U	AA Meeting
<b>Wednesday, March 15</b>	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	10:30 a.m.	P	Bible Study in the Parlor
	1:00 p.m.	U	Musik Garten
	4:00 p.m.	GH	ECM Food Pantry
	5:00 p.m.	GH, K	Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)
	6:00 p.m.	P	Centering Prayer
	8:30 p.m.	GH, K	South College Speakers AA Meeting

<b>Thursday, March 16</b>	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	C	Property Ministry Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	MR	Lights Children's Choir
	6:00 p.m.	C	Worship Ministry Meeting
	7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir
<b>Friday, March 17</b>	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
	7:00 p.m.	GH	Documentary 13 <sup>th</sup> to be shown by the Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow

### Third Sunday in Lent – March 19, 2017

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	N	<b>Holy Eucharist I</b>
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
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	N	<b>Holy Eucharist II</b>
11:30 a.m.	GH	Feast & Fellowship in the Great Hall
12:30 p.m.	P	Vestry Meeting
<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	N	<b>Inclusive Language Liturgy &amp; Holy Eucharist</b>
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.*

**175TH ANNUAL MEETING – TODAY**, March 12, 2017, is **the 175th Annual Meeting** of St. Thomas's Parish. This important gathering gives us an opportunity to meet as a community of faith, to hear reports of our ministry activities over the year past and plans for the year ahead, and to elect four [4] people to three year terms as servant leaders of our parish. We will also be affirming/electing delegates to represent St. Thomas's at the Special Convention for the election of the 11th Bishop of Delaware scheduled for July 15, 2017. The current delegates to the Diocesan Convention are willing to serve – **Devon Miller Duggan, Sister Jackie Fossler, and Marilyn Prime** as delegates, **Mariah Payne** as our under 30 year old delegate. We will gather at **12:00 p.m.** in the Great Hall, beginning with a time of fellowship, and a light lunch with refreshments. The Annual Meeting begins at **12:30 p.m.** We are offering activities for our children so that parents may participate fully in the life and ministry of our parish. The Annual Report is available electronically through the church office. **Copies of the autobiographies of the Vestry candidates can be found on the name tag table**, for your consideration. Please join us in the Great Hall for the 175<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of St. Thomas's Parish.

## **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 [ktkdelaware@gmail.com](mailto:ktkdelaware@gmail.com) or go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/stthomas-climate-change-ministry>.

## **Worship**

**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](mailto: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?* Join us as we work for racial justice and a better understanding of the impacts of racism in our lives. The group meets the third Monday of the month in the Great Hall. The next meeting will be **Monday, March 20th, at 6:00 p.m.** 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](mailto:camiseward@gmail.com).

**ADULT EDUCATION** – The adult education class is 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](mailto:lgjd@udel.edu) or Ronnie Wilbur at [vfwilbur@gmail.com](mailto:vfwilbur@gmail.com).

**NOVEL THEOLOGY** - Novel Theology meets 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](mailto:phyllcr@gmail.com).

Mar. 12	<i>Union Quilters</i>	Jennifer Chiaverini
Apr. 9	<i>In His Place</i>	Harry C. Griffith
May 14	<i>Proof Of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the After Life</i>	Eben Alexander

## **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](mailto: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 **Monday, March 20th**. 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).

**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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:krauss831@yahoo.com) for more information.

## **And Also**

**FUNDRAISER FOR EPISCOPAL RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT’S NETS FOR LIFE** - St. Thomas’s is offering participation in a modified version of *Lent Madness*. For the small sum of \$5, you can complete a bracket form and be in the running for a prize if you get all entries correct. We’re even considering allowing a second submission after the first round (for an additional fee and only if you participate in the first round). We’re hoping that this will be a great way to raise some money for a good cause and learn about some of the Saints in our windows and those we pray for each day. More information is available at the *Lent Madness* website ( [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)) and on our Google Group page. Sister Jackie Fossler will be distributing the bracket forms today and at the **Shrove Tuesday Supper**.

**IT’S TAX TIME!** - Sister Jackie Fossler and Ann Banning volunteer doing taxes for AARP at local Libraries and Senior Centers. We would also like to do your taxes if you need some help. We will use the guidelines set forth by AARP (i.e. no clergy, no depreciation, no complex businesses, etc.). Please contact Ann Banning (302-738-6608) or Sister Jackie (302-738-7496) to arrange a convenient time.

**ST. THOMAS GARDEN TREKKERS** – Come join St. Thomas’s *Garden Trekkers*. Mt. Cuba Center, April 22nd, Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a Flower trek with Brenda Tunis to guide you through the beautiful, serene gardens at Mt. Cuba Center. Pack a lunch for a Picnic on the grounds, bring \$10 for admission and wear sturdy shoes for the rolling terrain. Meet at the St. Thomas parking lot to carpool at 9:30 a.m. Call or email for any questions 302-530-1492, [brendartunis@yahoo.com](mailto:brendartunis@yahoo.com) or just sign up on the Great Hall door.

**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 175<sup>TH</sup> 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. If you're interested or have questions, contact Connie Cooper at 302-731-7595 or [cjcooper15@verizon.net](mailto: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](http://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.

**SHARING HISTORY/ COLORED CONVENTIONS - Denise Burger**, PhD candidate at UD will be speaking Monday, **March 27, 2017, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Denise is a student in the English Department at the University of Delaware, and part of St. Thomas's. She will be speaking about nineteenth-century literature written by women of the African diaspora but particularly the texts that come out of the Afro-Protestant world. She is chair of the **Colored Conventions Project** historic church out-reach committee, where she works to connect members of church communities to the colored convention movement. The League of Women Voters of New Castle County, Delaware host the *Hot Topic* luncheon. Each month the public is invited to become informed on a wide variety of topics. Location : **Michael's Restaurant**, 1000 Churchman's Rd, Newark, DE 19713. **Buffet lunch is \$15.00 paid at time of the luncheon. Please pay in cash if at all possible. Please RSVP at [lwvde@comcast.net](mailto:lwvde@comcast.net) or 302-571-8948 by Saturday, March 25, so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.** If you have not made a reservation please come anyway; meal is buffet style.

*March 14th*  
*Ladies Night Out* ☆

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

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

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

As long as I do not have to clean up.

As long as I can leave when I want.

I can't come till later.

Tuesday  
March 14th  
Home Grown  
Cafe'  
Main Street  
Newark

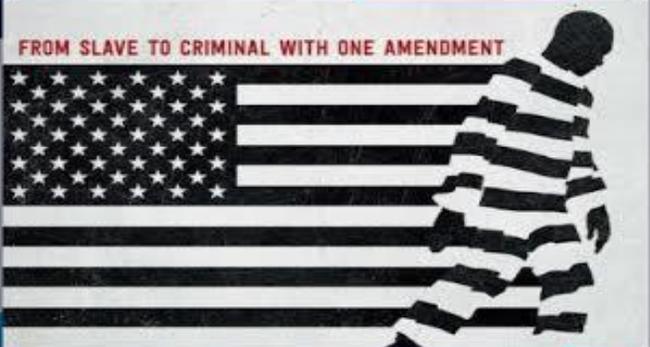
Starting at 6 p.m.  
Come when you can.  
Let us know on  
Facebook if you are  
coming.

**13th**  
**Scholars, activists, and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom.**

**Bring A Friend!**

- \*Refreshments
- \*Discussion
- \*Engagement
- \*Advocacy
- \*Education
- \*Networking

**FROM SLAVE TO CRIMINAL WITH ONE AMENDMENT**



**Fri. March 17th - 6:30PM - 9:30PM**

**Location: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 276 S. College Ave., Newark, DE (Across from the University of Delaware)**

*Hosted by the Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow*



### **Contact Information**

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