

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
	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, April 3	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
Tuesday, April 4	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	7:00 a.m.	P	Bible Study
	9:00 a.m.	U	Musik Garten
	5:30 p.m.	CO	AIDS Delaware Test Site
	6:30 p.m.	U	Dusk Patrol
	7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team
	8:00 p.m.	U	AA Meeting
Wednesday, April 5	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	Episcopal Campus Ministry (ECM)
	6:00 p.m.	P	Centering Prayer
	8:30 p.m.	GH, K	South College Speakers AA Meeting
Thursday, April 6	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	6:00 p.m.	MR	Lights Children's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir

Friday, April 7	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

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday – April 9, 2017

8:00 a.m.	N	Liturgy of the Palms & 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.	C	Novel Theology
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
10:30 a.m.	N	Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist II
11:30 a.m.	GH	Feast & Fellowship in the Great Hall
5:30 p.m.	N	Liturgy of the Palms & 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 ktkdelaware@gmail.com or go to <https://groups.google.com/forum/#!forum/stthomas-climate-change-ministry>.

SPRING CLEANING - We are having our annual **Spring Clean-up** on **Saturday, April 8th at 9:00 a.m.** and we should be done by noon. Last year our Spring Clean-up day rained on us but that didn't seem to bother anyone, especially true of the children. It was a good reason to get dirty with no repercussions. Everyone is invited. Stay as long as you like. Do as much as you want. St. Thomas's gardeners will be glad to have some help and will be there to give directions.

Things on the "to do" list:

- Pruning
- Mulching
- Planting
- Raking
- Fertilizing
- Attacking the overgrowth in the Grove



Bring garden tools if you have a favorite. Some will bring weed whackers for the Grove. It's really a lot of fun! Hope to see you then. If you have questions contact Barry Gregg at barry.gregg45@yahoo.com

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.

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 together for racial justice and a better understanding of the impacts of racism in our state. We meet the **third Monday** of each month. The next meeting will be at **New Ark United Church of Christ, 300 E Main St, Newark, DE, Monday, April 17th, at 6:00 p.m.** If you are interested or would like more information contact Connie Malin at 302-834-3016 or Cami Seward at 907-321-3336 or at camiseward@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION – Beginning April 2nd, the Adult Education group will begin exploring the book and movie, ***THE SHACK***. This is about what seems to be a family's unending grief, until God becomes part of the story. In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant, ***THE SHACK*** wrestles with the timeless question: *Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?* You'll want everyone you know to read this book. It can be purchased through *Barnes & Noble*, *Amazon*, and other outlets. 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 vwilbur@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.

Apr. 9 *In His Place*

Harry C. Griffith

May 14 *Proof Of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the After Life*

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, your Vestry leader Marilyn Prime, or the parish office.

Service

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 Adele Meredith or put in an envelope marked to Adele'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.

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, April 17th**. 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.

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

EASTER FLOWERS – The Easter Flower Memorial forms are available beginning this Sunday, April 2. Please fill out the **bright green form** along with your check. Please note Easter flowers in the memo line. These forms can be put in the offering plate, in the Parlor mailbox of Adele Meredith (our new Church Administrator), in the box on the church office door, or mailed in. All forms must be received by the church office by **April 10** to be included in the Easter bulletins. Thank you for honoring your loved ones in a way that is a gift to us all, here at St. Thomas's.

SOCIAL JUSTICE DAY— Newark United Methodist Church (62 E. Delaware Avenue) invites the greater Newark community to join us on Saturday, **April 8, 2017, 9 a.m.-3pm** as we bring together area speakers on a wide variety of social justice topics, including affordable housing, discrimination, environmental issues, and cross-cultural understanding. Each session will include resources for attendees who wish to become involved in justice efforts in our area and beyond. A box lunch will be provided. Registration is \$20 for adults, \$10 for students. Online registration. For more information, visit **NUMC's Social Justice Facebook page** (https://www.facebook.com/events/495764084145150/?active_tab=discussion) or contact Ruth Oatman (roatman2@earthlink.net; 410/398-7491). Registration is limited to 100 participants.

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 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 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. 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. Please add to your prayers our delegates to the Special Convention: **Devon Miller Duggan, Marilyn Prime, Sr. Jackie Fossler, and Mariah Payne.**

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Spring Clean Up

