

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 The Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 a.m.	U	The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
9:30 a.m.	U	Children's Worship
10:30 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 p.m.	GH, K	Feast and Fellowship
12:00 p.m.	C	C.R.E.W. Youth
5:30 p.m.	N	Inclusive Language Liturgy and Holy Eucharist
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team

Monday to Friday 5:15 p.m. N Evening Prayer

Monday, May 1
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, May 2
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, May 3
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. C, 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, May 4
6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
6:00 p.m. GH, MR Light's Choir
7:30 p.m. MR Adult Choir

Friday, May 5	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	10:00 a.m.	K	Spring Gala Prep
	12:00 p.m.	U	Al-Anon
	6:30 p.m.	P	Women's AA Meeting

Saturday, May 6 9:00 a.m. C, GH, K Spring Gala

Sunday, May 7 – The Fourth Sunday of Easter ECM Sunday

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

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>.

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. 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**. 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?* 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.

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

INQUIRER'S CLASS -- In our liturgy for Holy Baptism, the concluding prayer for the baptized person includes this invitation to our journey of faith ... *"Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and persevere, a spirit to know and to love you and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works."* For those adults of *"inquiring and discerning hearts"* at St. Thomas's, I will offer *What It Means To Be An "Episcopalian"* – *An Outline Of Our Christian Faith & Life*. This course is open to anyone who desires to journey deeper in this commitment we live. It is required for those persons who desire to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church at the regional confirmation service, the Day of Pentecost: June 4 at 4:00 p.m., Christ Church Christiana Hundred. The course booklet will be provided for reading prior to the class to maximize our time together. Two teaching sessions will be held on Thursday evening, May 11 & 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. Please contact Fr. Paul if you have any questions or are interested in attending by e-mail paulgennett@comcast.net,

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**,

May 15. 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.

And Also

GARDEN TREKKERS – Wednesday, May 17. Enjoy a Flower Trek with Brenda Tunis to guide you through the Azalea Woods, Enchanted Woods and Primrose Garden of Winterthur. Pack a picnic lunch, bring \$20.00* for admission or Winterthur Membership card or complimentary ticket (see sign-up sheet for additional pricing information). Wear sturdy shoes for the rolling terrain. Meet at 9:30 at the St. Thomas parking lot to carpool. Call or email for any questions 302-530-1492, brendatunis@yahoo.com or just sign up on the sign-up sheet in the lobby. Possible 20 minute tram tour available.

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

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.

HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Do you have a spare bedroom and an interest in fostering global understanding? Renascentia Hall International, a global education organization located in Newark Delaware, has an urgent need for host families for Chinese students attending local private high schools (Sanford, Tatnall, Tower Hill, St. Marks, etc.) for the 2017-2018 school year. Our students possess strong academic skills, speak English, have their own spending money, and are covered by health insurance. Host families will receive a generous stipend of \$1,100 per month to cover the cost of each student's food, lodging, transportation to school and related activities. I would love to tell you more about our mid-August to mid-June program. Please contact Karen Krauss at [302.273.2009](tel:302.273.2009) or kkrauss@renashall.com for more information. Thank you!

CONGRATS & Helping Hands for Student Success -- Our very own Zachary McGough is a member of the 1st place Bay View Elementary School "Destination Imagination" Wolves! The team, consisting of seven 4th and 5th graders, had to write their own play and design their own props as their Team Challenge and are given a surprise STEM [science, technology, engineering, and mathematics] problem as an *Instant Challenge* during each level of the competition. They finished in 1st place for the Regional and State Competitions, so now the Wolves can go to Knoxville, TN to represent the state of Maryland at the Destination Imagination Global Tournament next month! They have so far raised just over half of the \$8000 needed to pay for registration fees and travel expenses for the team members and their teacher advisor. All donations are greatly appreciated and are tax-deductible! For more information, please visit <http://tinyurl.com/diwolves>, see the flyers posted on the Great Hall door bulletin board, or ask Zach or Brandi. Thanks for your support!

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