

# 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>The Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>Episcopal Campus Ministry Sunday</b>
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> N	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>
	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
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> N	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
	12:00 p.m. GH, K	Feast and Fellowship
	1:30 p.m. GH, K	Baby Shower
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b> N	<b>Inclusive Language Liturgy and Holy Eucharist</b>
	7:00 p.m. GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team
<b>Monday to Friday</b>	5:15 p.m. N	Evening Prayer
		NOTE: Fr. Paul away at annual clergy conference Monday, May 8 to Wednesday, May 10
<b>Monday, May 8</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, May 9</b>	6:30 a.m. C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	7:00 a.m. P	NO Bible Study
	5:30 p.m. CO	AIDS Delaware Test Site
	6:30 p.m. U	Dusk Patrol
	6:30 p.m. GH	UD Ballroom Dance
	7:00 p.m. P	Finance Committee Meeting
	8:00 p.m. U	AA Meeting
<b>Wednesday, May 10</b>	6:30 a.m. C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	10:30 a.m. CH	Bible Study
	12:00 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
<b>Thursday, May 11</b>	6:30 a.m. C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	6:00 p.m. C	Inquirer's Class
	6:00 p.m. GH, MR	Light's Choir

	7:20 p.m.	U	Blue Grass Jam
	7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir
<b>Friday, May 12</b>	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	U	Al-Anon
	5:00 p.m.	GH, K	Vestry Retreat
	6:30 p.m.	P	Women's AA Meeting
<b>Saturday, May 12</b>	8:00 a.m.	GH, K	Vestry Retreat
<b>Sunday, May 14 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter &amp; Mother's Day</b>			
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>
	9:15 a.m.	C	Novel Theology
	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
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
	12:00 p.m.	GH	Feast and Fellowship
	12:30 p.m.	C	C.R.E.W. Youth
	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Inclusive Language Liturgy and Holy Eucharist</b>
	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](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.

**ECM SUNDAY** – This coming Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> ECM will provide our preacher, Ms. Matanda Mondo who will be graduating from the University of Delaware this spring. The students will also provide Coffee Hour for this Sunday. At our recent elections the following students were elected as officers for 2017/2018: rising junior Collen Murray, President; rising sophomore Carla Wegner, Secretary; rising sophomore Susan Zaccaria, Treasurer. We also give thanks & say “God be with you” to graduating students Catherine Morse, Matanda Mondo and Max Holdsworth.

## **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 Monday, May 15, 2017 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](mailto:camiseward@gmail.com).

**ADULT EDUCATION** – The Adult Education group continues 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](mailto:lgjd@udel.edu) or Ronnie Wilbur at [vfwilbur@gmail.com](mailto:vfwilbur@gmail.com).

**NOVEL THEOLOGY** – On Sunday, May 14 the Novel Theology group will be discussing Proof of Heaven: A Neurosurgeon's Journey into the After Life by Eben Alexander. Father Paul will be joining us and we welcome everyone who would like to join in or listen to the discussion. We meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Great Hall Classroom. Remember that we will be selecting our books for 2017/18 season so bring your suggestions.

**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 Great Hall classroom. Please contact Fr. Paul if you have any questions or are interested in attending by e-mail [paulgennett@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jodmod2@yahoo.com) or Susan Hechter at 302-738-9918 or [susanahechter@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 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). 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](mailto:kkrauss@renashall.com) for more information. Thank you!

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