

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 Fifth Sunday of Easter & Mother's Day

8:00 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist Rite I
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.	U	Children's Worship
10:30 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 p.m.	GH, K	Feast and Fellowship
12:30 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 15

6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
10:00 a.m.		Hope Dining Room – Kingswood UMC
6:00 p.m.	C	Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow
7:00 p.m.	U	Climate Change Ministry Meeting
7:30 p.m.	GH, K	Scottish Dance

Tuesday, May 16

6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
7:00 a.m.	P	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
8:00 p.m.	U	AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
9:30 a.m.		Garden Trekkers to Winterthur
10:30 a.m.	CH	Bible Study
12:00 p.m.	GH	ECM Food Pantry
6:00 p.m.	P	Centering Prayer
8:30 p.m.	GH, K	South College Speakers AA Meeting

Thursday, May 18	6:30 a.m.	C	Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	P	Property Ministry
	6:00 p.m.	P	Worship Ministry
	6:00 p.m.	C	Inquirer's Class
	6:00 p.m.	GH, MR	Light's Choir
	7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir

Friday, May 19	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, May 21 – The Sixth 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.	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 -

UNITED THANK OFFERING – The spring ingathering of **The United Thank Offering** will take place on **Sunday, May 21st**, at all services. The Blue Envelopes are in the service bulletin **TODAY**, and again next week. Blue Boxes for collection of coins are available on the nametag table. Please count the coins in your Blue Boxes and write a check for that amount. For more information please contact Ronnie Wilbur at vwilbur@gmail.com.

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 **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.

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 or Ronnie Wilbur at vwilbur@gmail.com.

HAIL TO THE GRADUATES -- This time of the year brings celebrations for the accomplishments of many of our parish family in completing their academic journey in high school and college, and we would like to honor them with you! Please send the name of your graduate [high school, undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, or a special degree program] to our parish administrator Adele Meredith **on or before May 30**. You can send the information by e-mail to Adele at adelemeredithstthomas@gmail.com or call the church office at 368-4644. The graduates will be honored in the Carpenter's Helper throughout the month of June. "*Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation. Amen*"

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 **TOMORROW, 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

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. **SAVE THE DATE** – Next 175th celebrations & fellowship will be included as part of our annual Pentecost Day Parish Picnic in the Grove. Look for information soon to come on a SUPER-SIZED day of fun & fellowship!

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. Announced on May 6, our slate of five candidates are the Rt. Rev. Laura Ahrens, Suffragen Bishop, Diocese of Connecticut; the Very Rev. Michael Battle, Director of the Desmond Tutu Center at General Theological Seminary, New York, NY; the Rev. Kevin Brown, rector Church of the Holy Comforter, Charlotte, NC; the Rev. Patricia Downing, rector, Trinity & Old Swedes Parish, Wilmington, DE; and the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn, Executive Director, Forward Movement, Cincinnati, OH. Please add to your prayers each of our candidates and 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!

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