

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 Seventh 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
12:30 p.m.	C	C.R.E.W Youth
5:30 p.m.	N	LAST 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 29 OFFICE CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY
6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 30 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
8:00 p.m. U AA Meeting

Wednesday, May 31 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
10:30 a.m. CH Bible Study
6:00 p.m. P Centering Prayer with Holy Eucharist
8:30 p.m. GH, K South College Speakers AA Meeting

Thursday, June 1 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting

Friday, June 2 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, June 4 – Pentecost Day

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.		Pentecost Picnic & 175 th Celebrations In the Grove
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 the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month starting in June 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

REGIONAL CONFIRMATION SERVICE – In this “in-between time” as we await the call & election of our 11th bishop, we will gather as “a great cloud of witnesses” to share in the Sacrament of Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation on the Day of Pentecost, June 4th at 4:00 p.m. Our host parish is Christ Church Christiana Hundred and our celebrant is our visiting bishop, the Rt. Rev. James “Bud” Shand. I invite your prayers for OUR 2017 class – Teresa Coons and Emily White to be confirmed, and Barbara Eldred, Lisa DiRenzo, and Regina McCann to be received. *“Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the power of your Love.”*

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 will meet **Monday, June 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Society of Mill Creek, 579 Polly Drummond Hill Rd., Newark.** The speaker for the evening will be Kate Parker West of the Delaware Center for Justice speaking on Money Bail Reform. 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 -- 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 leaders Marilyn Prime and Rejane deMoraes, 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.

And Also

GARDEN TREKKERS – Enjoy a flower trek with Brenda Tunis to guide you through the romantic, imaginative gardens of Chanticleer. Pack a lunch for a picnic, bring \$10.00 for admission and wear sturdy shoes for the rolling terrain. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Thomas's parking lot to carpool. Call or email for any questions at 302-530-1492 or brendatunis@yahoo.com.

HELPING HANDS – Our faithful sexton Brian Smith will be taking rest and refreshment time May 24 to June 4. In his absence, let us be mindful and helpful in caring for our spiritual spaces in sweeping floor of Great Hall as needed, taking out the trash, and making sure bathroom necessities [paper towels and toilet paper] are available. Grateful for your helping hearts and hands. *Fr. Paul & staff*

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.** A book containing all information about each candidate, including resume and responses to questions during the process, is available to review on the nametag table. This is the **ONLY COPY**, so please return when you are finished reading. 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 -- Laura, Michael, Kevin, Patricia and Scott -- 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.

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