

# 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. 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.

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

### **Eighth Sunday after the Pentecost**

**8:00 a.m. N Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
9:15 a.m. P NO Adult Education. We will resume on September 3  
**10:30 a.m. N Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
10:30 a.m. U The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)  
10:30 a.m. U Children's Worship  
12:00 p.m. GH Feast and Fellowship  
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School – St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
7:00 p.m. GH UD Ballroom Dance Team

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

**Monday, July 31** 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School – St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
7:30 p.m. GH Scottish Dance

**Tuesday, August 1** 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA  
7:00 a.m. C NO Bible Study until the first Tuesday in September  
5:30 p.m. CO AIDS Delaware Test Site  
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School – St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
6:30 p.m. U Dusk Patrol AA  
7:00 p.m. GH UD Ballroom Dance Team  
8:00 p.m. U AA Meeting

**Wednesday, August 2** 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting  
10:30 a.m. C NO Bible Study until the first Wednesday in September  
5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School – St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
6:00 p.m. P Centering Prayer  
8:30 p.m. GH, K South College Speakers AA Meeting

**Thursday, August 3** 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting

5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School – St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

**Friday, August 4**  
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, August 6**      **Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**8:00 a.m. N**      **Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
9:15 a.m. P      Adult Education  
**10:30 a.m. N**      **Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
10:30 a.m. U      The Crèche (Nursery, birth to 3 years)  
10:30 a.m. U      Children's Worship  
12:00 p.m. GH      Feast and Fellowship  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month starting in June in the Undercroft. **Their next meeting will be Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>.** 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 August – October 2017 edition is now available. 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. The group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month with changing locations every month. **Their next meeting is Monday, August 21st at Newark United Church of Christ, 300 East Main St., Newark.** 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** – We will resume our study together on September 3. For further information, contact Larry Duggan at [lgjd@udel.edu](mailto:lgjd@udel.edu) or Ronnie Wilbur at [yfwilbur@gmail.com](mailto:yfwilbur@gmail.com)

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**Who:** Children and families of St Thomas Episcopal Church, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, and of the surrounding community.

**What:** *Soccer! Cheerleading! Sports Basics!* for preschoolers/Kindergarteners! Rallies, music and drama, sports practice and scrimmages, bible lessons and a light meal.

**When:** July 30-August 3 from 5:30pm -8:30 pm. (Registration begins at 5:00 on July 30.)

**Where:** St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Marrows Road Newark DE

**Why:** A great opportunity for ecumenical fellowship and outreach for adults and children as well as a great way to provide fun and education to our children.

*Please consider bringing your children, being involved as a volunteer, and/or donating money or supplies.*

- We are currently looking for older teens or adults to be huddle coaches who will accompany groups of children from one activity to another, a head coach for cheerleading, a rally coach//music coach a Safety (1<sup>st</sup> Aid ) Coach, an actor to be Mega (our VBS mascot) and dinner helpers.
- A complete list of supplies needed is posted on the Great Hall door at St. Thomas.
- For questions or to volunteer, contact Belinda Young-Payne at 302-388-4017 or fill out a volunteer sheet found on the Great Hall door.

### **Evangelism**

### **Pastoral Care**

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY** – The Pastoral Care Ministry provides many services to our parish family. 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 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. **We have no cards to give at this time so we turn away many who come to us – will you help??**

**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, August 21st**. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Marge and Jack O’Donnell at 302-832-1419 or [jdmod2@yahoo.com](mailto:jdmod2@yahoo.com) or Susan Hechter at 302-738-9918 or [susanahechter@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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).

### ***Thanksgiving for our XI Bishop of Delaware, the Reverend Kevin S. Brown***

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you for the call of our XI Bishop of Delaware, the Rev. Kevin S. Brown, his wife Caroline, and their daughters Margaret and Emily; we pray that he will be a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries we share together. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. Amen

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