

# 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

### The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	N	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
9:15 a.m.	C	Novel Theology
9:15 a.m.	GH	Sunday School Registration
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	N	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
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

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

**Monday, September 11** 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting  
7:30 p.m. GH Scottish Dance

**Tuesday, September 12** 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA  
5:30 p.m. CO AIDS Delaware Test Site  
6:30 p.m. U Dusk Patrol AA  
7:00 p.m. GH UD Ballroom Dance Team  
7:30 p.m. U Climate Change Ministry  
8:00 p.m. U AA Meeting

**Wednesday, September 13** 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting  
10:30 a.m. C Bible Study  
4:00 p.m. C, GH, K ECM  
6:00 p.m. P Centering Prayer  
8:30 p.m. GH, K South College Speakers AA Meeting

**Thursday, September 14** 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting  
7:15 p.m. U Blue Grass Jam

	7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday, September 15</b>	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
<b>Saturday, September 16</b>	4:00 p.m.	N	JoAnn Blaingit Poetry Reading
<b>Sunday, September 17</b>	<b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>		
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite I</b>
	9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
	9:15 a.m.	U	Creche Nursery
	9:30 a.m.	U	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Holy Eucharist Rite II</b>
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**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 in the Undercroft. **Their next meeting will be Tuesday, September 12th.** 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**

**FR. PAUL AWAY** --Fr. Paul is away September 15-18 to celebration the Ordination as Priest with a former parishioner at St. Mark's in Johnstown PA.. Please welcome back the **Reverend Emily Gibson** to St. Thomas's as our guest officiant on Sunday, September 17. Emily served our parish family during my sabbatical times in 2015 and 2016 and will be celebrant at the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services this day. Deacon Cecily will be available for pastoral emergencies if they arise. You can call Deacon Cecily if needed at 302-530-3493.

**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).

**Education**

**COME & SEE AT BIBLE STUDY** -- Being part of an ongoing weekly bible study group has been part of my life for over 30 years. The **Not-As-Early-Risers** group meets on **Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the Great Hall classroom, and will resume on **Wednesday, September 13**. No preparation needed nor seminary training required – just bring yourself, your soul, your interest, your wonderings, your hunger for sharing and knowing YOUR story that is the Bible, and sharing this sacred story of you with others in this journey.

**TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY SUSPENDED** -- "There is a time for all things under the sun" the preacher Ecclesiastes writes, and so it is for the 7:00 a.m. bible study gathering. Over the years, once vital and active in numbers, has diminished to two or three gathered together. While that is certainly enough as Jesus commends, it

is unsure what form this will take after my taking leave. I am grateful for the Word shared with you all these nine years, and pray for God's Word to find new and renewed "cracks & crevices" of this holy space in your holy hearts ahead.

**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, September 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas's** . 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 10. 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** – We will resume our Novel Theology Book Group on Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 9:15 a.m. in the classroom area. The list of books for the coming year are:

Sept. 10	In the Sanctuary of Outcasts	Neil White III	Oct. 8	A Man Called OVE	Fredrick Bachman
Nov. 12	Life After Life	Raymond Moody	Dec. 10	The Christmas Train	David Baldacci
Jan. 14	Hillbilly Elegy	J. D. Vance	Feb. 11	Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker	Jennifer Chiavari
Mar. 11	The Reason For God	Timothy Keller	Apr. 8	Turn Right at Machu Picchu	Mark Adams
May 13	The End Of Your Life Book Club	Will Schwalbe			

For further information or questions please contact Phyllis Rawling at [phyllcr@gmail.com](mailto:phyllcr@gmail.com) or 302-545-5105.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL** - Our fun summer times are almost at an end and the time for fall preparation has come. I'm excited. Regular Children's Worship will begin again on September 10 for children 3 years (bathroom trained) to 6th grade. Sunday School normally runs from 9:30 to 11:10. **Registration for Sunday School will begin at 9:15 in the Great Hall on September 10.** Our goal is to have three Sunday School classrooms this year. In order to do this in the best way that we can, **we need at least two more teachers.** I am praying we can find some new faces to join our children's ministry team. Teaching involves an average commitment of two Sundays a month and an hour or two of preparation the week you are the lead teacher. We teach in teams of two so you would be lead teacher an average once a month. If you are more comfortable being the helper teacher each time, that is fine too. This ministry is an act of both giving and receiving. The children teach and inspire us as much as we do them. And the team members are tremendous supports and inspiration to each other. Training for Godly Play and training for Living the Good News for anyone who needs it will be held in late August/early September and as needed. If you feel called to be a part of children's ministry in any way, please contact me. I can be reached via email at [belmar43@aol.com](mailto:belmar43@aol.com) or by phone at 302-388-4017 (cell) or 302-832-8834 (landline).

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION** – All youth in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8th grade or who are at least 12 years of age are invited to join the 2018 Confirmation Class for a spirit-filled journey centered around worship, learning, service, witness and fellowship. There will be loads of prayerful dialogue, laughter and fun, too! Confirmation completes our baptism and is the sacramental rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, culminating with the laying on of hands by the bishop. Youth Confirmation classes are held on Sundays at 9 – 10:15 AM from Sept. to May, and include a pilgrimage to The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. **Stop by this**

**Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 in the Great Hall** to learn more and register for the 2018 Confirmation Class.

Contact Teri Quinn Gray (tquinngrey@verizon.net) and Bob Rys (bobrys05@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Evangelism**

**COFFEE HOUR** - As we say goodbye to summer, so shall we be saying goodbye to the lighter fare of Sunday Morning Coffee Hour. Beginning this Sunday, September 10th, we will be returning to our usual Coffee Hour fare and a need for volunteers!! This week will be hosted by the Vestry (Team A). Volunteers are needed throughout September and into October. There are sign up sheets located on the bulletin board near the kitchen, and also on the door leading into the Great Hall. We are looking for volunteers to be at the church between 9:30 and 10:00 and to be sure to take care of set up and clean up. Please sign up to host a Coffee Hour

**SUBMITTING ARTICLES** - Articles submitted for publication in the Carpenter's Helper should reach Adele in the church office by Tuesday noontime each week. This will allow time to insert and proofread the article prior to copying.

### **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, September 18<sup>th</sup>**. 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).

**HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF** - Episcopal Relief & Development has set up web donation page to begin the long journey of relief for Houston & the Texas Gulf Coast. More than 90% of donations go to support those in need. Please pray and be generous as you are able. Go to [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org)

## **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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