

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 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30 a.m. N **175th Anniversary Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II**
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 25 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. GH Scottish Dance

Tuesday, September 26 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 27 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
10:30 a.m. C Bible Study
4:00 p.m. C, GH, K Episcopal Campus Ministry
6:00 p.m. P Centering Prayer
8:30 p.m. GH, K South College Speakers AA Meeting

Thursday, September 28 6:30 a.m. C Sunrise Serenity AA Meeting
6:00 p.m. GH, MR, U Lights Choir
6:00 p.m. C Worship Ministry
7:30 p.m. MR Adult Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 29 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, October 1

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 a.m. N	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 a.m. U	Youth Confirmation
9:15 a.m. P	Adult Education
9:15 a.m. U	Children's Creche
9:30 a.m. U	Children's Worship
10:30 a.m. N	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 p.m. C	C.R.E.W. Youth
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 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Undercroft. **Their next meeting will be Tuesday, September 26th.** For further information contact Karl Krauss at ktdelaware@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.

“All Creatures Great and Small” – Blessings of the Animals on St. Francis Day -- On **Sunday, October 8 at 4:00 p.m.** we remember and honor the life and ministry of Francis of Assisi, and will celebrate this feast day with our annual Blessing of the Animals. We will offer a brief liturgy with prayers and blessings for your special furry, or slimy, family members **OUTSIDE** in the The Grove, weather permitting! If weather is **NOT** permitting, we'll move into the Great Hall. On this day at our morning worship services we will bless all those special critters in our life of the **stuffed animal variety**. So bring your favorite friends to church with you for this special blessing!

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. We meet on **Wednesday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the Great Hall classroom. 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.

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 3rd Monday of each month with changing locations every month. **Their next meeting is Monday, October 16th at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Newark (UUFN) 420 Willa Rd.** 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 – We gather most Sunday’s at 9:15 a.m. in the Parlor. For further information, contact Larry Duggan at lgjd@udel.edu or Ronnie Wilbur at vwilbur@gmail.com

NOVEL THEOLOGY – Our Novel Theology Book Group has resumed at 9:15 a.m. in the classroom area. The list of books for the coming year are

October 8	A Man Called OVE	Fredrick Bachman	November 12	Life After Life	Raymond Moody
December 10	The Christmas Train	David Baldacci	January 14	Hillbilly Elegy	J. D. Vance
February 11	Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker	Jennifer Chiavari	March 11	The Reason For God	Timothy Keller
April 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 or 302-545-5105.

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP - Children’s Worship began again on September 10 for children 3 years (bathroom trained) to 6th grade. Sunday School normally runs from 9:30 to 11:10. 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 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 or by phone at 302-388-4017 (cell) or 302-832-8834 (landline).

YOUTH CONFIRMATION – All youth in 7th 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. Contact Teri Quinn Gray (tquinngrey@verizon.net) and Bob Rys (bobrys05@gmail.com) to learn more and register for the 2018 Confirmation Class.

Evangelism

COFFEE HOUR - As we say goodbye to summer, we will be returning to our usual Coffee Hour fare and a need for volunteers!! Volunteers are needed throughout September and into October. There are signup 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, your Vestry leaders Marilyn Prime and Rejane deMoraes, or the parish office. Our next meeting is Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

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.

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, October 16th**. If you are able and willing to help, please contact Marge and Jack O'Donnell at 302-832-1419 or jdmod2@yahoo.com or Susan Hechter at 302-738-9918 or susanahechter@gmail.com.

NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF - Episcopal Relief & Development has set up a web donation page to begin the long journey of relief for Houston & the Texas Gulf Coast, the disaster needs as a result of Hurricane Irma and Maria, and the earthquake impacting Mexico and Central America. More than 90% of donations to Episcopal Relief & Development go directly to support those in need. Please pray and be generous as you are able. Go to www.er-d.org

And Also

INPUT MEETINGS FOCUS ON CAMP ARROWHEAD

Regional meetings in September and October to learn about Camp Arrowhead and its importance to the diocese will offer everyone an opportunity to give their input as we explore the need and desire for a proposed capital campaign for the diocesan camp. Conversations are scheduled on **Saturday, Oct. 21, at St. Luke's, Seaford, at 9 a.m. and at St. Peter's, Smyrna, at 2 p.m. A third meeting will be at Christ Church, Greenville, on Sunday, Oct. 22, at 1 p.m.** Persons wishing to attend a meeting are asked to register at www.camparrowhead.net after Sept. 10 so that adequate arrangements can be made.

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.



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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