

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 Twenty-first 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.	GH	Feast and Fellowship – Ice Cream Social
5:00 p.m.		Stewardship Cottage Meeting – Light Dinner at Jerry & Peggy Schultz's, 113 Cardiff Ct., Newark
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Dance Team

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

Monday, October 30 6:30 a.m. C Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
7:30 p.m. GH Scottish Dance

Tuesday, October 31 6:30 a.m. C Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
10:00 a.m. **Stewardship Cottage Meeting** – Tea & Scones at Sue Houghton's, 1206 Virginia Ave.
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
8:00 p.m. U AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 1 6:30 a.m. C Serenity at Sunrise 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, November 2 6:30 a.m. C Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
5:30 p.m. C Network Delaware
6:00 p.m. GH, MR, U Lights Choir

	7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 3	6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
	12:00 p.m.	U	Al-Anon
	6:30 p.m.	P	Women's AA Meeting
Saturday, November 4	1:00 p.m.	Cemetery	Remembrance of Faithful Departed
	6:30 p.m.		Final Stewardship Cottage Meeting at Rejane DeMoraes', 820 North Aikens Tavern Ct.
Sunday, November 5	Celebration of All Saints Day		
	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.	GH	Feast and Fellowship
	12:30	C	C.R.E.W. Youth
	7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Ballroom Dance Team

Stewardship - - *Responsible Vestry Members – Barry Gregg & Rich Wadman*

STEWARDSHIP COTTAGE MEETINGS

If you have not already done so, please join us for one of the Cottage Meeting events. Sign up sheets will be in the Entrance way. Our final two meetings will be **Tuesday, October 31 at 10:00** at Sue Houghton's home and **Saturday, November 4 at 6:30 p.m.** at Rejane DeMoraes' home. Please come out and enjoy some time with your fellow church family as we journey forward in this time of transition for our Parish.

Worship – *Responsible Vestry Members – Judy Grabowski & Ronnie Wilbur*

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 jmcorseello@gmail.com.

INTERFATH THANKSGIVING SERVICE – This year's Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at St. Thomas's Church on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. We will welcome our friends and neighbors from other Newark area faith communities and join in an evening of celebrating the Thanksgiving Season in our worship.

Education – *Responsible Vestry Member – Kristin Sausville*

FORWARD DAY BY DAY – The November, December, January edition of Forward Day by Day can be found in the tract rack. Your free will donation helps defray the cost of the subscriptions for this publication.

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, November 20th.** 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 – Come one and all, new and old! Starting on October 1st, the Adult Education group began to explore the ‘People of the Way: Renewing Episcopal Identity’ by Dwight Szcheile. The discussion aims to explore the ways St. Thomas can move into the future beyond these walls as we share our story of God. The book can be easily purchased online via Amazon, B&N or any bookstore. For any questions, please contact Ronnie Wilbur at vwilbur@gmail.com or Larry Duggan at lgjd@udel.edu

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

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 of 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).

Evangelism – Responsible Vestry Members – Oneta Applewaite, Joe Corsello, & Regina McCann

COFFEE HOUR - Volunteers are needed throughout November and December. 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. Send articles to adelemeredithstthomas@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care – Responsible Vestry Members – Regina DeMoraes & Marilyn Prime

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.

Service – Responsible Vestry Member – Keith Fleming

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.

HOPE DINING ROOM TEAM is seeking a new leadership to coordinate our monthly commitment to serve at Hope Dining Room. Help us continue the valuable ministry to the homeless and those who are food challenged by becoming a member of our team. Contact Jack & Marge O'Donnell or Susan Hechter if you are called to serve this ministry in this time.

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, November 20th**. 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.

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

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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To view Parish Emails: <http://groups.google.com/group/StThomasParish>

To subscribe to automatically receive Parish Emails see the "Google Groups" section on the Parish Website.

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*For everything there is a season, and a
time for every purpose under heaven.*
Ecclesiastes 3:1