

The Carpenter's Helper

April 8, 2018

St. Thomas's Parish, Newark, DE

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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 handwritten 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 Second Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m.	N	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 a.m.	C	Novel Theology – <i>Turn Right at Machu Picchu</i>
9:00 a.m.	U	Youth Confirmation
9:15 a.m.	P	Adult Education
9:15 a.m.	U	Nursery (Crèche)
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
2:00 p.m.	GH, K	ECM
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Dance Team

Monday, April 9

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise
7:00 p.m.	P	Search Committee
7:30 p.m.	GH	Scottish Dancing

Tuesday, April 10

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise
10:15 a.m.	U	Musikgarten
5:00 p.m.	CO	AIDS Delaware
5:15 p.m.	N	Evening Prayer
6:30 p.m.	U	Dusk Patrol AA
7:00 p.m.	GH	U D Dance Team
7:00 p.m.	P	Finance Committee
7:30 p.m.	U	Climate Change Ministry
8:00 p.m.	U	AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 11

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
10:30 a.m.	C	Bible Study
4:00 p.m.	GH, C, K	ECM

5:30 p.m.	N	Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m.	P	Centering Prayer
8:00 p.m.	GH, K	South College Speakers AA Meeting

Thursday, April 12

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
5:15 p.m.	N	Evening Prayer
6:00 p.m.	MR, GH,	Lights Choir
7:15 p.m.	U	Blue Grass Jam
7:30 p.m.	MR	Adult Choir

Friday, April 13

6:30 a.m.	C	Serenity at Sunrise AA Meeting
12:00 pm.	U	AI-Anon
6:30 p.m.	P	Women's AA Meeting

Saturday, April 14

Sunday, April 15

The Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m.	GH	Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00 a.m.	U	Youth Confirmation
9:00 a.m.	P	Adult Education
9:15 a.m.	U	Nursery (Crèche)
9:30 a.m.	U	Children's Worship
10:30 a.m.	GH	Holy Eucharist Rite II
12:00 p.m.	GH	Feast and Fellowship
12:00 p.m.	C	C.R.E.W. Youth
12:30 p.m.	P	Vestry
7:00 p.m.	GH	UD Dance Team

Our Heavenly Creator, who has blessed this dedicated church family for 175 years, serving our community in your faith and love. We ask for guidance for our Parish, Search Committee and Vestry as we embark on the journey to mutual ministry with our next Rector. Bless us with your grace and fill us with knowledge and fortitude throughout this process. In the holy name of Jesus Christ, our savior, and of the Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Transition Topics

SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS - Thank you to everyone who participated in the Congregational Assessment Tool Survey!! We are excited to report that we received over 100 responses to this very important step in our search process. If you would like to offer additional input to the assessment, the "Comments Box" will remain on the name tag table during this period of self- study and discernment. We have also been busy working on our parish profile and have updated our website with a rector search page - check it out! We plan to regularly update the search page as we make progress on the profile over the next month or so. We also plan to hold a congregational meeting on an upcoming Sunday after services to report to you the results of the survey. This meeting will be an opportunity for open discussions and will help us form a clearer picture of who we want to call as our next Rector. Once again, the search committee thanks you for your support, prayers and participation during this transition.

There will be no Search Committee on Monday, April 16.

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

VESTRY ELECTION RESULTS - We welcome four new vestry members were elected at the Annual Meeting on March 11: Denise Burgher, Cana Hartman, Joy Lynam, and Jerry Schultz. And we thank Oneta Applewhaite, Connie Cooper, Keith Fleming, and Barry Gregg, whose terms will be expiring.

STEWARDSHIP OF THE EARTH: THE CLIMATE CHANGE MINISTRY - *Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

(Book of Common Prayer, Prayer for the Conservation of Natural Resources)

The Climate Change Ministry is back and is looking for a few (or more) good persons! We will begin to deal with follow-up on the Diocese-wide acceptance of the Genesis Covenant (50% reduction in carbon emissions in 10 years) and will also discuss education in stewardship of the earth and new ventures for the ministry. We invite everyone to come; the more hands on board, the more we can do. Jerry Schultz, secretary

Worship - Responsible Vestry Members – Judy Grabowski & Ronnie Wilbur

EASTER THANKS - Thanks to everyone who contributed to creating the rich worship experiences from Palm Sunday to Easter at St. Thomas's! This week is the core of our faith, and it takes untold hours of dedication and hard work by many groups and individuals within the parish to carry out the observances that mark this holy time.

WORSHIP CHANGES - The planned work on the floor of the Nave will begin on April 9 and continue for the next several weeks. This is part of the clean-up from the roof leak. On April 15, 22, and 29, services will be held in the Great Hall at their regular times.

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.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION WHAT IS IT? IS IT FOR ME? - By Sister Jackie Fossler

There are many ways to grow spiritually. Bible study, reading, and contemplative prayer are just a few that come to mind. No one way is right for everyone and a combination of each of these may be appropriate for different times in one's life.

Many of you know that I am trained as a Spiritual Director (I attended the same school as Fr. Paul). Some of you might ask what that means. A Spiritual Director helps guide people on their Spiritual Journey. Though it is often therapeutic, it is not therapy and I am not a trained mental health therapist. To me, the most important component of the process is listening as persons talk about their journey and the stumbling blocks and successes they have encountered. My own Spiritual Director likens it to a buffet where she makes suggestions that I may choose to try, or if they don't appeal to me, I can ignore.

The most common type of Spiritual Direction is individual which is one-on-one. I have participated in this type for over 10 years. The other type is group where a small group (maximum 6) gather together to support one another with a facilitator. This second type is what I am proposing to begin with members of St. Thomas's. A group of six individuals will meet monthly in my home. I would act as facilitator for the group. The location is chosen for the ability to have confidentiality and for uninterrupted conversation. I want participants to feel that they are in a safe space during our time together.

We would start with prayer and some silence and then each person would have an opportunity to speak uninterrupted for approximately 5 minutes. The rest of the group will listen actively to the speaker. No one will be asked to comment on the speaker's thoughts, nor should they discuss it with anyone else at any time, ever. After each person has had a chance to speak (or one can pass if they desire) I will speak briefly and we will end in prayer. The Spiritual Direction should last about an hour. I would ask for a commitment of 6 months (6 sessions). After that time, we would decide if the group wants to continue or disband. Being in Spiritual Direction has helped me grow in my faith, in my love of God, in my prayer life and in how I approach my daily challenges. I believe that helping others to enrich their spiritual lives will also enrich St. Thomas's. If you think you might be interested in joining this small group, please pray about it and then talk to me. I am also glad to answer any questions you might have, even if you don't feel called to join.

Education – Responsible Vestry Member – Kristin Sausville

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, April 16, 6:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 420 Willa Rd, Newark.** If you are interested or would like more information contact Cami Seward at 907-321-3336 or at camiseward@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION – Come one and all, new and old! Starting on October 1, 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 been meeting at 9:15 a.m. in the classroom area. Our last book for this year is *The End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe. May 13 will be the final meeting of Novel Theology for this year. Suggestions for next year's reading list are being accepted by Phyllis Rawling. 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 – During this time of transition and changes within St. Thomas's, the Hospitality Ministry has decided to transform and revamp the coffee hour held after the 10:30 service each Sunday. As our Sunday Service booklet invites us for "fellowship and light refreshment," we have decided to keep the coffee hour to a minimum of light refreshments such as coffee, tea, and iced tea/lemonade. This will be very much like what we offer in the summer months, but now to be all year round. The coffee hour can be expanded to a larger offering if there are special occasions that warrant it, such as special events or if groups or ministries want to have a larger assortment of treats to celebrate an event or milestone. Those individuals/groups can host a Sunday of their choice and announce it to the parishioners as they see fit to communicate it. We welcome parishioners who

may want to bring a tray of cookies or cheese/crackers to offer to a regular Sunday coffee hour, but there is no obligation to do so. Volunteers for making the coffee and juices are always welcome and appreciated immensely but, there is no need to sign up for a designated Sunday. The same will apply for the clean-up process, volunteers to clean up after the refreshments are welcomed and appreciated but, it should be a minimal amount to clean up. The idea is to keep a lighter, simpler method to our gatherings and allow us all to enjoy our fellowship time together as parishioners and congregation.

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 – Rejane 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.

HOSPITALS, HIPPA, AND YOU – Being ill is stressful. Whether it is a planned procedure, a long term illness or an emergency, your St. Thomas's family wants to be there to help you get through the period of your illness and your recovery. Unfortunately, due to federal laws that have been in place for several years, medical facilities are not allowed to notify us if you have been admitted without your permission. You, as the patient, must inform the admissions staff that you are a parishioner at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church in Newark. In this way we are informed of your admission and can be there to aid in your healing. Better yet, take a moment to put Fr. Godden's cell number in your phone (302) 373-7999 and the church office (302) 368-4644. This way if it gets forgotten you (or a family member) can still call and let us know what has happened. Another option is to ask to speak with a hospital chaplain who can relay the information to us (with your permission.) If there are any questions please contact Fr. Godden or any member of the Pastoral Care Team.

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 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. **Donations of gift cards are always welcome – will you help??**

NEWARK AREA WELFARE COMMITTEE'S FOOD CUPBOARD - There is a current need for folks to transport the food that has been collected over to Newark United Methodist Church. There is also a continuing 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.

TAXES- Yes, it's that dreaded time of the year again. To help ease the pain, Sister Jackie Fossler and Ann Banning are once again willing to help you complete your returns. We both volunteer for AARP doing taxes so you can come to the locations where we are working or meet with us separately if that is more convenient. The earlier you talk to us, the better it will be for us so catch one of us at church or contact us – Sister Jackie (302) 738-7496; Ann (302) 738-6608.

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