

The Carpenter's Helper

August 5, 2018

St. Thomas's Parish, Newark, DE

302-368-4644

www.StThomasParish.org



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.

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

Thanks to everyone who attended one of the CAT information meetings. We appreciate your feedback and involvement in this important process. Don't forget we have a Suggestion Box if you have additional comments. The box is on the small table on the left as you come in the main entrance.

After much discernment, the Parish Profile is complete and is available on our website under the Rector's Search tab.

As always we thank you for your support, prayers and participation during this transition. We open every meeting with the prayer above and invite you to join us in daily offering this prayer.

Stewardship -- *Responsible Vestry Members – Rich Wadman & Denise Burgher*

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 jmcorsello@gmail.com.

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, September 17, 6:00 p.m. at St. Thomas's Episcopal Church.** If you are interested or would like more information, contact Cami Seward at 907-321-3336 or at camiseward@gmail.com.

ADULT EDUCATION – The adult education (parlor) group is now on summer hiatus and will resume on the first Sunday AFTER Labor Day -- September 9, 2018. We will be exploring the book - *The Misunderstood God* by Darin Hufford. It can be obtained on Amazon or Barnes and Noble for new folks who are interested in

joining. Questions? Feel free to contact Ronnie Wilbur at vfwilbur@gmail.com or Larry Duggan at lgjd@udel.edu

NOVEL THEOLOGY – The reading list for the coming year’s Novel Theology is below.

September	Creek Mary’s Blood	Dee Brown	October	The Nightingale	Kristin Hannah
November	The Lie: Evolution	Ken Ham	December	Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with His Father’s Questions about Christianity	Dr. Gregory A. Boyd
January	The Hidden Flame	Davis Bunn	February	The Centurion’s Wife	Davis Bunn
March	The Damascus Way	Davis Bunn	April	TBD	
May	Remarkable Creatures	Tracy Chevalier			

For further information or questions please contact Susan Hechter at susanahechter@gmail.com or 302-738-9918.



St Thomas Children’s Ministries

- May 20 was the last day of regular Sunday School until we resume on September 9, 2018.
- From May 27 to September 2, St Thomas’s nursery for children aged birth to 3 years will be open from 10:15 to the end of the 10:30 service.
- Summer Children’s Worship for children 3 years and older began on **June 10** and will run through **August 19**. Our summer theme this year is The Fruit of the Spirit, based on Galatians 5:22-23 (But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control). Each week, we will learn about a different spiritual gift through scripture lessons, stories, hands-on play/art activities, service projects, and/or take-home assignments to promote real-life applications of the fruit of the Spirit. On most Sundays this summer (when children’s worship leader is available), children are invited to the Undercroft from 10:30-11:10. The children will rejoin their families at the Peace. On some Sundays (when a children’s worship leader is not available), children will remain with their families and are invited to complete the activity in the Fruit of the Spirit bags found in the basket by the sanctuary door.
- If you have questions, need more information, or would like to volunteer to help this summer, please contact Belinda Young-Payne at 302-388-4017

Vacation Bible School

St. Thomas will not be hosting Vacation Bible School this summer.

The following churches will be having Vacation Bible School:

Church	Dates	Time
Life Community Church, 75 Otts Chapel Rd., Newark	August 6 – 10	6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Christ Church Christiana Hundred, 505 Buck Rd., Wilmington	August 13 – 16	9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Evangelism – Responsible Vestry Members – Joe Corsello, Cana Hartman & Joy Lynam

COFFEE HOUR – After our Sunday 10:30 a.m. service, please join us for fellowship in the Great Hall. Coffee hour offers light refreshments such as coffee, tea, iced tea or lemonade. Parishioners are invited to bring light fare such as cookies, fruit, vegetables, or cheese/crackers. Volunteers for making the coffee and juices and clean-up afterward are also appreciated.

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.

LADIES NIGHT OUT -This summer we will hold Ladies Night Out on the 13th of each month at 6:00 p.m.
 Monday, August 13th: Iron Hill Brewery - Downtown Newark
 Thursday, September 13th: Olive Tree Cafe - Chestnut Hill Plaza, Newark

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.

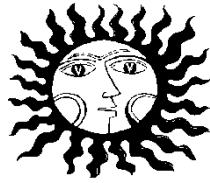
HOSPITALS, HIPPA, AND YOU – Being ill is stressful. Whether it is a planned procedure, a long term illness or an emergency, your St. Thomas’s family wants to be there to help you get through the period of your illness and your recovery. But we cannot help if the need goes unknown. Take a moment to put Fr. Godden’s cell number (302) 373-7999 as well as the church office (302) 368-4644 in your phone. 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 – Jerry Schultz

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. The office is currently out of both grocery and gas cards. 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.



SUMMER

Parish Calendar

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

Sunday, August 5, 2018

The Very Reverend Barbara Melosh Celebrant & Preacher

8:00 am N Holy Eucharist – Rite I
 10:15 am U Nursery
 10:30 am U Children's Worship
10:30 am N Holy Eucharist – Rite II
 12:00 pm GH Feast & Fellowship
 7:00 pm GH UD Dance Team

Monday, August 6, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 2:00 pm P Search Committee
 7:30 pm GH Scottish Country Dancing

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 5:00 pm CO AIDS Delaware
 6:30 pm U Dusk Patrol
 7:30 pm GH UD Dance Team
 8:00 pm U AA Meeting

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 10:30 am C Bible Study
 6:00 pm P Centering Prayer
 8:00 pm GH South College Speakers

Thursday, August 9, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 5:30 pm C Network Delaware

Friday, August 10, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 12:00 pm U Al-Anon
 6:30 pm U Women's AA Meeting

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Sunday, August 12, 2018

8:00 am N Holy Eucharist – Rite I
 10:15 am U Nursery
 10:30 am U Children's Worship
10:30 am N Holy Eucharist – Rite II
 12:00 pm GH, K Feast & Fellowship
 7:00 pm GH UD Dance Team

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Facebook Page: <facebook.com/StThomasEpiscopalChurchNewarkDelaware>
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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