

The Carpenter's Helper

September 16, 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.

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:

After a much-needed respite in July, the search committee is recharged and ready for all that needs to be done to call a new rector for our Parish. We have recently started interview training and will soon receive candidate names from the Diocese. We have much to prepare and plan for as we begin this next phase in our search process. It is our hope to have the candidate interviews and visits completed by mid to late November. We ask for your continued prayers for the candidates, the vestry and the search committee as we all move forward together to find a new leader for St. Thomas's Parish.

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

BUILDING USE FORMS – It's that time of the year when all ministries should re-submit their request for use of the building various spaces. Please fill out a "pink sheet" and put it in Wendy Campbell's mailbox at your earliest convenience. Do it today so you will have the space you desire. Thank you to all ministries who have already submitted their pink sheets for the coming program year.

BUILDING STEWARDSHIP – Please remember to close and lock all doors and turn off lights when leaving the building. Thank you.

DID YOU KNOW YOU MAY BE ABLE TO USE YOUR IRA TAX-FREE?

In December 2014 Congress enacted legislation making QCDs (qualified charitable distributions) permanent. If you're over age 70 1/2, you can send up to \$100,000 per year directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity -- including St. Thomas's. The distribution is excluded from your gross income making it tax free. For more information, contact Amy Keach or your tax advisor.

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

YOUTH CONFIRMATION - All youth in 7 – 8th grade (or at least 12 years of age) are invited to join the 2018-19 Confirmation Class at St. Thomas’s. We’ll embark on a spirit-filled journey centered around worship, learning, service, witness and fellowship. There will be loads of dialogue, laughter, fun and food too! Weekly classes will be held on Sundays at 9-10:30 AM from September to May, and will include a pilgrimage to The Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City. Contact Teri Quinn Gray or Bob Rys for additional info.

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 Newark United Methodist Church.** Peace Week program: *Poverty, Race, and Public Education in Delaware*. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Cami Seward at 907-321-3336 or at camiseward@gmail.com.

REGULAR CHILDREN’S WORSHIP – Regular Children’s worship in the Undercroft will resume Sunday, September 9, for children 3 years (potty 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 9. Nursery for children aged birth to 3 years (not potty trained) resumes a program year schedule: open from 9:15 to the end of the 10:30 service.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES LEADERS NEEDED for Fall 2018: Please consider the INVITATION to join the St. Thomas children's ministries team. It is a wonderful ministry that richly blesses everyone involved. The children teach and inspire us as much as we do them. And the team members are tremendous supports and inspiration to each other. We are so thankful for all the children and adults who have been and still are a part of the program. However, we need new faces to join us. Maybe God is calling you?

“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 are more comfortable being the helper teacher each time, that is fine too. 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 Belinda Young-Payne via email at belmar43@aol.com or by phone at 302-388-4017 (cell) or 302-832-8834 (landline).

NOVEL THEOLOGY –Novel Theology resumed on Sunday, September 9. The reading list for the coming year’s Novel Theology is below.

September	<i>Creek Mary’s Blood</i>	Dee Brown	October	<i>The Nightingale</i>	Kristin Hannah
November	<i>The Lie: Evolution</i>	Ken Ham	December	<i>Letters from a Skeptic: A Son Wrestles with His Father’s Questions about Christianity</i>	Dr. Gregory A. Boyd
January	<i>The Hidden Flame</i>	Davis Bunn	February	<i>The Centurion’s Wife</i>	Davis Bunn

March	<i>The Damascus Way</i>	Davis Bunn	April	TBD	
May	<i>Remarkable Creatures</i>	Tracy Chevalier			

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

ADULT EDUCATION – resumed on 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 yfwilbur@gmail.com or Larry Duggan at lgjd@udel.edu

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

RALLY DAY WEEKEND -Rally Day, is this Saturday and Sunday. **Mark your calendar!**

Remember: Join us for an Italian feast on Saturday evening at 5:30 in the Great Hall. Join together to break bread, and *remember*, "Wherever two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them"(Matthew 18:12). Please invite friends, family, and neighbors to this celebration of community. All food and beverages will be provided, but we are looking for help with dishes after dinner.

Renew: Helping others sparks happiness. Renew your spirit by learning about some of the opportunities; it feels great to contribute to the lives of others. There will be information stations set up both at Saturday's dinner, and after both the 8 am and 10:30 services on Sunday.

Rejoice: Over this weekend, learn about and reflect on all of the amazing possibilities for the upcoming season. "Be truly glad. There is great joy ahead" (1 Peter 1:6).



Volunteers do not necessarily have lots of time; only lots of heart !

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.

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

BLUE HEN BOUNTY NEEDS RE-STOCKING - *Blue Hen Bounty*, ECM’s and St. Thomas’ food pantry for U of D students is in need of food for the fall semester-*especially instant food like Easy Mac, canned tuna, and other instant one-serve meals, snacks such as crackers and granola bars, and non-perishable breakfast foods.* Please bring your contributions to the stage in the Great Hall.

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 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 nave. 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.

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, September 16, 2018

8:00 am N Holy Eucharist – Rite I
 9:00 am GH Rally Day
 9:15 am U Nursery
 9:15 am P Adult Education
 9:30 am U Children’s Worship
 10:30 am N **Baptism & Holy Eucharist – Rite II**
 12:00 pm GH, K Feast & Fellowship
 7:00 pm GH UD Dance Team

Monday, September 17, 2018

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

Tuesday, September 18, 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, September 19, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 9:30 am U Muskickgarten
 10:30 am C Bible Study
 6:00 pm P Centering Prayer
 8:00 pm GH South College Speakers

Thursday, September 20, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 4:00 pm P Search Committee
 4:00 pm P Staff Meeting
 5:30 pm C Network Delaware
 7:30 pm MR Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 21, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 12:00 pm U Al-Anon
 4:30 pm GH, N Smith/Hamlet Rehearsal
 6:30 pm U Women’s AA Meeting

Saturday, September 22, 2018

12:30 pm P Vestry Meeting
2:30 pm N, GH Smith/Hamlet Wedding

9:15 am P Adult Education
9:30 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

Sunday, September 23, 2018

8:00 am N Holy Eucharist – Rite I
9:15 am U Nursery

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