

The Carpenter's Helper

September 23, 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*

SEPTEMBER 30 - COME HELP US DECIDE - On September 30 the Bazaar Committee will have on display some of the offerings that will be available at the Bazaar this year. The dates of the Bazaar are **November 30** and **December 1**. We will also have on display 4 tiles of the Saints windows. We would like you to vote to determine which two tiles will be made for sale at the Bazaar. Please look for our table and stop by to vote and visit. Hope to see you then.

BUILDING USE FORMS – It's that time of the year when all ministries should re-submit their request for use of various spaces in the building. 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*

THIS WEEK WE WELCOME THE REV. MARGARET K. PUMPHREY - Margie was baptized at St. Thomas's as a baby and is happy to serve this Sunday at the parish of her early years. She has lived in Delaware most of her life, with brief times away for school and ministry. Margie has been active in the Diocese of Delaware in many capacities, both lay and ordained. She was ordained in 2003 and has served parishes in Delaware and Kansas City, Missouri. She is now retired and enjoys, among other things, attending her grandchildren's recitals at the place of her baptism – Old St. Thomas's, now Rodney Sharp Hall.

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, October 15, 6:00 p.m. at Newark United Methodist Church.** 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 resumed on Sunday, September 9, for children 3 years (potty trained) to 6th grade. Sunday School normally runs from 9:30 to 11:10. 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's 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.

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| 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 vwilbur@gmail.com or Larry Duggan at lgjd@udel.edu

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.

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 UofD 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.

GO BAGS NEEDED - NEC is currently at a critical shortage of Go Bags. *There are none in stock.* Please ask your congregation to provide Go Bags as quickly as possible. Don't wait until you've collected supplies for 50 or so. Even 15-20 will help for now. Use your social media. Host a Go Bag Party. Ask your office friends. Don't keep it a secret!

The contents all assembled in a 1 gallon zip lock bag, with a napkin and spoon are: individual Chef Boyardee meals in microwaveable container, snack cracker packs (cheese or peanut butter), granola type bars, individual fruit cup or applesauce, box or pouch drink.

Community Offerings

LITTLE MASTER'S PROGRAM (LMP) is continuing to expand its program to accept new students. Lessons will take place at the University of Delaware's Newark Campus on Sundays with a choice of two sessions, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm. Students will receive a new instrument, all accessories, a 45 minute private lesson on their instrument, a 45 minute group music theory class as well as a snack break. We are currently accepting applications for students for the following instruments: violin, viola, cello, erhu, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, classical guitar, and percussion. **If you know any students who would like to participate in the program, please ask them to have their parents submit an application.** We are now accepting applications on a rolling admissions basis, however we anticipate our first session will take place on Sunday, September 23, 2018. Applications and instructions can be found on our website: <https://www.masterplayers.udel.edu/outreach/little-masters>. Please let me know if you have any questions and I will do my best to answer them. We hope that we will be able to offer these valuable resources to those who need it most.

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 23, 2018

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

Monday, September 24, 2018

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

Tuesday, September 25, 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 26, 2018

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

Thursday, September 27, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
4:00 pm P Staff Meeting
7:30 pm MR Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 28, 2018

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

Saturday, September 29, 2018

Sunday, September 30, 2018

8:00 am N Holy Eucharist – Rite I
9:00 am GH Bazaar Display & Tile Vote
9:15 am U Nursery
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

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