

The Carpenter's Helper

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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 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.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY CHOIR - This year I am trying a new idea to help interest anyone out there to sing with the choir. Here is my plan: It is called *Fourth Sunday Choir*.

On the 4th Sunday of each month (not necessarily the last Sunday....) anyone who is interested in singing with the choir will be encouraged and welcomed. This will also involve the Thursday evening rehearsal just before that Sunday, for the first part of the rehearsal. The anthems for these Sundays will be fairly uncomplicated and

the choir will already have rehearsed them. New singers will be able to sing either the melody or try one of the other parts, depending on their voice range.

This idea is different than the Summer Choir in that new singers will be expected to attend the prior Thursday's rehearsal for the first half-hour or so. If they can't then they wouldn't sing on the Sunday.

The strong choral tradition of St. Thomas's is in jeopardy unless a new wave of singers comes forth to make a commitment to our parish and our liturgy. Experiencing the joy and fellowship in the rehearsal room is an essential ingredient in understanding how important and rewarding this way of giving time and treasure is to the life of our parish.

The first *Fourth Sunday Choir* will be this month on October 28, with rehearsal the Thursday before on October 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Please consider giving this a try!

Thank you, and....CHEERS!

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.

CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOPS – Invitations to two Centering Prayer Retreat/Workshops have been received. They are:

1. Forgiveness Prayer Workshop, October 27 - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Bethany Retreat Center, Frenchville, PA. Register online at <http://bethanyretreatcenter.org/blog/registration-form/> or call Bethany Retreat House at 814-263-4855.
2. Seeking Life in Christ Through the Method of Centering Prayer – An Introduction, November 4, 9:30am to 2:30 pm at Mother Boniface Spirituality Center, Philadelphia, PA. To register call the retreat center at 267-350-1830.

Further information regarding these offerings can be found on the bulletin boards inside the front door.

Education – Responsible Vestry Member – Kristin Sausville



'TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF' is an education and fundraising initiative that, for over 60 years, has given US children, along with their parents and teachers, the opportunity to learn about their peers worldwide who are truly in need – and to raise money on their behalf. US children have collected nearly \$160 million by going door-to-door with the trademark orange collection boxes on Halloween and by planning fundraisers with their school or group.

The tradition of 'Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF' began in 1950 in the United States, when Philadelphia schoolchildren first went door-to-door at Halloween collecting money in decorated milk cartons to help their global peers. They raised a grand total of \$17, kicking off a campaign that has since brought in millions of dollars each year to help UNICEF provide medicine, better nutrition, safe water, education, emergency relief and other support to children in more than 150 countries. And millions of children now participate in Halloween-related fund-raising campaigns in the United States, Canada and Hong Kong, China, among other places.

But in these campaigns, children go far beyond trick or treating in scary costumes with the familiar orange collection boxes in hand. Children and young people take part in various fun and educational events that

help them gain a better understanding of child rights and the challenges facing children around the world – including poverty, killer diseases and armed conflict. They help stage events to raise funds and increase awareness about these issues, and in doing so learn that they can help change the world.

As in years past, the Children’s Worship Class will be participating in Trick or Treat for UNICEF on October 28. Won’t you support them in their quest to support the United Nations as they bring relief to children all over the world?

COPING WITH GRIEF - The daily struggle of missing loved ones that are no longer with us is always hard. The holidays are a time of gathering with family and friends, a time full of traditions and memories. It can be particularly difficult for those who are dealing with loss to navigate through the holiday season.

The Reverend Deacon Cecily Sawyer Harmon, LCSW and Dr. Lisa DiRenzo will offer a grief workshop beginning November 4th between the two Sunday services starting at 9:15am. We will accept input from the group as to whether to continue meeting at that time or choose another more convenient time for members. Please call Adele Meredith at the church office: 302-368-4644 to register.

DISMANTLING THE NEW JIM CROW– *What can I do?* The Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow meets this month, November 19 at St. Thomas’s. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Cami Seward at 907-321-3336 or at camiseward@gmail.com.

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. 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.

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.

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

LADIES NIGHT OUT FOR THE FALL - Happy Fall!!
Ladies Night for Oct., Nov. & Dec. will be on the 12th at 6 p.m.

Monday Nov. 12 Skipjack Dining (401 Louviers Shopping Center)
Wednesday Dec. 12 Taverna (Main Street 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.

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.

NATIONAL CHURCH

SEE'S CANDIES FUNDRAISER FOR THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

The Delaware Chapter of the National Cathedral Association (NCA) is holding their Third Annual *See's Candies Fundraiser* to benefit Cathedral ministries and projects. This annual effort is named in for the late Muff Scott- an inveterate supporter of the NCA, with 2018 Winter offerings being listed at the Cathedral in memory of Harriett Kimmel. The candy makes great Christmas gifts. You can choose Assorted, milk, dark, and nuts & chews chocolates; peppermints, molasses chips, premium lollypops, peanut brittle, and toffee. There is a flier, and a sheet to fill in your order pinned to the right door entrance to the Great Hall. Orders are due by November 26th.

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, October 21, 2018

8:00 am N Holy Eucharist – Rite I
 9:00 am U Youth Confirmation
 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
 12:00 pm C C.R.E.W. Youth
 12:30 pm P Vestry
 7:00 pm GH UD Dance Team

Monday, October 22, 2018

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

Tuesday, October 23, 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, October 24, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 10:30 am C Bible Study
 5:00 pm GH, N ECM
 6:00 pm P Centering Prayer
 8:00 pm GH South College Speakers

Thursday, October 25, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 7:30 pm MR Choir Rehearsal
 (first half hour is 4TH

Sunday Choir)

Friday, October 26, 2018

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
 12:00 pm U Al-Anon
 6:30 pm U Women's AA Meeting
 7:00 pm GH,K Doggett Family Event

Saturday, October 27, 2018

Sunday, October 28, 2018

*We welcome the Reverend Carl Kunz as our
 Celebrant and Preacher*

8:00 am N Holy Eucharist – Rite I
 9:00 am U Youth Confirmation
 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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