

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 Welcome Form found in the pew cardholder. 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.

S.W.E.E.P.S.

The name is an acronym for five aspects of church mission: Service, Worship, Evangelism, Education, Pastoral care, and Stewardship. Our vestry members lead these ministries, and would love for you to join in. Read on to see what exciting news is happening in each SWEEPS ministry!

Service *Responsible Vestry Member. Denise Burgher, Mark Burchess, Barbara Graham*

BLUE HEN BOUNTY CONTINUES THIS SUMMER

Blue Hen Bounty, ECM's and St. Thomas' food pantry for UofD students is in need of food- *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 bin by the name tags in 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. Please give them in the church office or put in an envelope marked *Gift Cards* and place in the offering plate. Donations of gift cards are always welcome.

GO BAGS NEEDED

Newark Empowerment Center is once again in seriously short supply of Go Bags. While there were many delivered around the holidays, those supplies have been exhausted. Time for a Go Bag party for youth groups, church groups, Scouts, office parties, or service organizations. The need never goes away. These Go Bags are used right here in Newark.

HOW TO MAKE A GO BAG. All assembled in a 1 gallon zip lock bag, with a napkin and spoon. Individual Chef Boyardee meals in microwaveable container, Snack cracker packs (cheese or peanut butter), Granola type bars, Individual Fruit cup or apple sauce, box or pouch drink.

Worship *Responsible Vestry Members – Jeannie McCann, and Ronnie Wilbur*

CENTERING PRAYER AT ST. THOMAS

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Centering Prayer continues through the summer. This is a method designed to facilitate the development of Contemplative Prayer by preparing our body, mind, and spirit to receive this gift. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:50 p.m. in the Parlor, or for more information contact Joe Corsello at 302.369.0330 or jmcorsello@gmail.com

FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar flowers may be donated to remember a loved one, or to celebrate an occasion or person in your life. Available dates are listed on the bulletin board on the great hall door as you enter through the front red doors of the church. The flower donation forms are available at the bottom of the sign-up sheet. The forms may be dropped off in the office, placed in the Sunday collection basket or mailed into the office. Call the church office if you have questions 302.368.4644.

Education

Responsible Vestry Member – Kelly Tompkins, Joe Corsello, Rejane de Moraes

CAMP ARROWHEAD

Brochures are now available in the Narthex for the summer of 2019 at Camp Arrowhead. Additional information regarding applications and costs are available from Belinda Young-Payne.

COPING WITH GRIEF

The daily struggle of missing loved ones that are no longer with us is always hard. It can be particularly difficult for those who are dealing with loss to navigate through the changes that loss creates. The Reverend Deacon Cecily Sawyer Harmon, LCSW, and Dr. Lisa DiRenzo offer a grief group that meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 9:15 a.m. in Deacon Cecily's office.

DISMANTLING THE NEW JIM CROW

What can I do? The Coalition to Dismantle the New Jim Crow – Newark, meets on the third Monday of each month, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. The organization has the support of 10 Newark faith communities and rotates meeting locations. Please join us! For more information, contact Cami Seward at 907.321.3336 or at camiseward@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES LEADERS NEEDED

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 support 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).

Evangelism *Responsible Vestry Members –Jamie Sloan, Kelly Tompkins, and Barbara Graham*

COFFEE HOUR AND FELOWSHIP

The goal of coffee hour is to embody the welcome Jesus gives us to his realm. Its goal is intimacy, ordinary intimacy. It is kitchen talk. Toni Morrison said, “Is it any wonder the most intimate conversations take place in the kitchen, anguish poured out to an aproned back or sputtered over a chopping board?” When Morrison said this, I believe she meant coffee hour conversations. At their best, they are quick, deep, and self-revealing. They are our weekly chance to demonstrate the love of God incarnate to one another, and to ALL who walk through our doors.

At the coffee hour we have an opportunity to extend the hospitality we proclaim. There is a new sign-up sheet posted next to the kitchen. Please consider signing up to lend a hand. Coffee hour is not the afterthought of the worship service at all. Instead it is its reality test.

ST. THOMAS’S LADIES NIGHTS FOR THE SUMMER

Come out and share some relaxing summertime conversations with the ladies of St. Thomas’s. We gather at 6:00 p.m for dinner and conversation. Once University of Delaware has its graduation, we will do our part to help support the businesses on Main Street Newark. Sue Houghton will be traveling this summer so put these dates on your calendar. Contact Sue for more information
mshoughton@verizon.net

Monday June 17th: Iron Hill (Main Street)

Wednesday July 17th: Taverna (Main Street)

Monday August 19th: Home Grown Cafe (Main Street)

Pastoral Care *Responsible Vestry Members – Rejane DeMoraes, and LaRue Manning*

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

RECTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The plate offering for the first Sunday of each month goes to the Rector’s Discretionary Fund. There are many people in need in our community. Please give generously.

LAY HEALING MINISTRY

Members of the Lay Healing Ministry Team are available every Sunday at the 10:30 service during the administration of the Eucharist and after the service at the Julian Porch. Anyone wishing to join the team is invited to attend the meeting or contact Sylvia Berta at sylsings@aol.com or 302.743.2899.

CHRIS DONOHO MEDICINE MINISTRY

Did you know that medical expense assistance is available from St. Thomas's Chris Donoho Medicine Ministry account? We have a small endowment in memory of Chris Donoho which generates interest designated to be used for medical expenses (doctor appointments, medicine, equipment, etc.). If you, or someone you know, is in need of help with medical expenses, please contact Fr. Howie or any member of the Finance Committee for details. Please do not let a lack of money keep you from taking the medications you need or from seeing a doctor.

Stewardship *Responsible Vestry Members – DJ Ferguson, Joy Lynam, and Amy Keach*

GET TO KNOW FR HOWIE

The picnic at White Clay Creek State Park, hosted by the finance committee, was called off due to thunderstorms. Another event will be scheduled soon!

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

The 2019 contribution envelopes are available. Please contact Jeanne Moore at jeannesmoore1@verizon.net or 302.292.1326 or Barbara Graham at 44graham@comcast.net or 302.598.4143 to arrange a pick up.

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.



The 'Happy Birthday to You' song is now known the world over and must be sung thousands of times every day. This song was actually composed by Mildred J Hill, a school teacher born in Louisville KY on June 27, 1859 along with her younger sister, Patty Smith Hill, who wrote the lyrics for the later version.

Mildred, a Sunday School teacher, went on to work with music, composing, teaching, and the study of Negro spirituals. It was while teaching at the Louisville Experimental Kindergarten School that the sisters came up with the song 'Good Morning to All'.

Patty first published the song on this day in 1893 as 'Good Morning to All' in the book Song Stories for the Kindergarten as a classroom greeting that teachers could sing to their students. The book was translated to French, German, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, and Swedish and had over 20 editions.

Mildred and Patty were raised by passionate parents who taught their children the importance of education, play and the necessity of advocating for others. Both of them grew up to contribute much to the education system of the day. The sisters were awarded at the Chicago World's Fair for their contribution to progressive education in experimental kindergarten.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following members of our St. Thomas's family, and to all those celebrating in July!

Bob Rys
Linda Landini
Juliana Fincher
Bernadette Blair
Carly Landini
Donna Rotandi
Keri Wilkins

Ina Drake
Fred Fortunato
Dennis Landini
Colleen Murray
Gregory Schlosberg
Cathy Wojewodzki
Sonji Exley

Thomas Fincher
Jo Ann Grier
Carol Palermo
Ali Eshaghi
Rick Rotandi
Kristin Sausville

Parish Calendar

Location Key C: Classroom CO: Counting Office GH: Great Hall K: Kitchen MR: Music Room
N: Nave P: Parlor U: Undercroft RO Rector's Office DO Deacon's Office TBD to be determined

Sunday, June 23, 2019

8:00 am N Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 am DO Coping with Grief
9:15 am P Adult Education
9:15 am U Nursery
10:30 am U Children's Worship
10:30 am N Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 am GH Coffee and Fellowship
12:00 pm C CREW Youth Group
12:30 pm P Vestry Meeting
6:00 pm GH UD Ballroom Dance

Monday, June 24, 2019

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
7:30 pm GH Scottish Country Dance

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
5:00 pm CO AIDS Delaware
6:00 pm GH UD Ballroom Dance
8:00 pm U Keep It Simple AA

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
10:30 am C Bible Study
4:00 pm GH Blue Hen Bounty
5:50 pm P Centering Prayer
8:00 pm GH South College Speakers

Thursday, June 27, 2019

6:30 am C Serenity at Sunrise
6:00 pm P Christmas Bazaar
planning meeting

Friday, June 28, 2019

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

Saturday, June 29, 2019

Sunday, June 30, 2019

8:00 am N Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:15 am DO Coping with Grief
9:15 am P Adult Education
9:15 am U Nursery
10:30 am U Children's Worship
10:30 am N Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45 am GH Coffee and Fellowship
12:00 pm C CREW Youth Group
6:00 pm GH UD Ballroom Dance

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