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St. Thomas's Episcopal Parish  
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weekly newsletter

# The Carpenter's Helper

*This Week...*

**Something to  
do with those  
PLASTIC  
shopping  
bags!**

**Weekly Parish  
Schedule**

Add your group's event to  
the calendar: email  
stthomassooffice  
@googlegroups.com

**Way of Love  
guides  
available  
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Stations of the  
Cross are UP!**

We share our building with many groups. It is one of the most direct ways our Parish serves the community and builds relationships. Several Girl Scout Troops meet here throughout the week. These troops run on dues and cookie sales, and cannot afford to make large monetary contributions for the use of the space, but they do give back in other ways.

Girl Scout Troop 719 came up with a most creative service project, as way of "leaving a place better than you found it"- a major tenant of the Girl Scout Way. They are working towards getting a new bench for the Grove- and you can help!

Coordinating with Ecoplastics of Delaware, they are collecting recyclable plastics to be melted down to make the bench. You will notice a collection bin in the Great Hall by the Creation Care table. The easiest products to collect are plastic bottle caps and plastic grocery bags.

*It takes around 500 lbs of collected plastic to melt into one bench, or 31,000 grocery bags. How many do you have stuffed away that you can bring in?*

Delaware Ecoplastics has an awesome website ([ecoplasticproducts.org](http://ecoplasticproducts.org)), where you can learn more about their mission and the process of recycling. They are located in Wilmington, and offer tours of their facility that look fascinating! In addition to saving the earth, they also employ those on the spectrum by working with Arc.

Having a bench like this in our Grove will stand as a testimony to our commitment to the stewardship of God's creation. It will also serve as a reminder of the relationships we grow by sharing our building with our neighbors. Let's partner with troop 719 to bring this bench to life, and help to spread awareness in our community!

# Traveling the "Way of Love"

## season 1 guides available

A compilation of Season 1 resources for the Traveling the Way of Love video series from The Episcopal Church Office of Communication, is now available on The Episcopal Church website.

Hosted by Chris Sikkema, the Office of Communication's manager for special projects, Traveling the Way of Love shares stories of the ways people across The Episcopal Church practice the Way of Love with each episode highlighting one of the **seven Way of Love practices: turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go, and rest.**

The Traveling the Way of Love: Season 1 Guides includes the following resources: episode guides with summaries; suggested practices; additional resources; and meditation guides for small groups to foster discussion and deeper thought about each episode's lessons. Find the compilation on the website "[EpiscopalChurch.org](http://EpiscopalChurch.org)".

Watch for Season 2 of Traveling the Way of Love, with guides and other curriculum resources, later this year. Want to be notified when a new episode is released? Sign up on The Episcopal Church website, and on Episcopal Cinema/YouTube.



## Stations of the Cross are UP!

### come and experience the journey

I'm sure you have noticed the interactive stations around the sanctuary; they are available daily during office hours (9am. - 2pm, Mo-Th) and any time the building is open.

Call 302-368-4644 for group visits or to arrange for a guided tour or merely to arrange to have someone else present while you experience the Stations.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15...ANNUAL MEETING

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite 1

9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation

9:15am (P) 6-week series

History of Christianity

9:15am (U) Nursery

9:30am (U) Children's Worship

10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II

12:00pm (C) LUNCHEON AND  
ANNUAL MEETING

12:30pm (P) Vestry Meeting

2:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513

5:30pm (N) Evening Prayer  
with Gregorian Chanting

6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

Monday, March 16

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

7:30pm (GH) Scottish Dance

Tuesday, March 17

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

4:30pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 719

5:00pm (CO) AIDS Delaware

6:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513

6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dancing

6:00pm (P) Pastoral Care Meeting

6:00pm Ladies' Night Out  
at the Blue Crab

8:00pm (U) KIS AA

Wednesday, March 18

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

10:30am (C) Lectionary Bible Study

12:00pm (N) Intercessory Prayer  
with Holy Eucharist

5:00pm (K, C) ECM

5:45pm (P) Centering Prayer

7:00pm (P) Inquirers' Class

8:30pm (GH,K) S College Speakers AA

Thursday, March 19

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

3:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty

7:30pm (MR) St Gregory's Choir

Friday, March 20

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA

12:00pm (P) Al-Anon

6:30pm (P) Women's AA

Saturday, March 21

10:00am (U) Kindermusik

4:00pm (N) Poet's Corner:  
Crucial the Poet

Sunday, March 22

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite 1

9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation

9:15am (P) 6-week series

History of Christianity

9:15am (U) Nursery

9:30am (U) Children's Worship

10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II

11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship

2:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513

5:30pm (N) Evening Prayer  
with Gregorian Chanting

6:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance