



# St. Thomas Episcopal Church



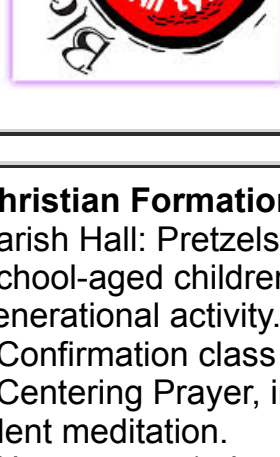
## THE EPISTLE

### March 1, 2018



#### Welcome Rodney!

Please help us welcome Rodney Glass to our St. Thomas family. He is our new sexton. Some of you may remember Rodney from last week's Lenten Series as he shared his poetry with us. We're very happy to have Rodney join us.



The spring **St. Thomas Blood Drive** will be held THIS Sunday, March 4. Please consider giving the "gift of life." The LifeSouth bloodmobile will be here from 7:30 AM till about 1:00 PM. You can sign up in Information Hall. This drive is being done on short notice, so don't worry if you don't get a chance to sign up. Just come to the Library THIS Sunday and we will get you on the bloodmobile. And remember, blood donated to LifeSouth in Huntsville stays in Huntsville. First time donors are always welcome. Questions? Call Dan Seaman at 256-337-4616.

**Christian Formation this Sunday at 9:30 AM:** \* Theological Gumbo, in the Parish Hall: Pretzels and prayer - with instruction by the youth of St. Thomas. School-aged children remain in the Parish Hall after breakfast for the inter-generational activity. Join us!

\* Confirmation class continues in the Conference Room.

\* Centering Prayer, in St. Anne's Chapel. No materials required for this time of silent meditation.

\* Newcomers 1 class, Crossroads Room.

#### Readings for the Third Sunday in Lent

**Exodus 20:1-17**  
**1 Corinthians**  
**1:18-25**  
**John 2:13-22**  
**Psalm 19**

**Theological Gumbo next week** - On March 11, Bob Harwell will give an update on the St. Thomas mission trip planned to Honduras this summer. Come hear of the projects our parish will participate in, and how you can get involved. Mark your calendar -- the trip is scheduled for June 9 - 16.

#### Looking ahead: Save The Date

**Altar Guild Meeting** - Saturday, March 10 at 10

**Prime Timers** - Thursday, March 22 at 10 AM in the Parish Hall

**Seder Supper** - Tuesday, March 27 at 6 PM

#### Book Club Meeting

- The Monday Morning Book Club will meet March 12th at 10 a.m. in the Parlor to discuss our monthly book selection *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion. Visitors and newcomers welcome.

**St. Thomas' Midweek Lenten Schedule** - Join us each Wednesday during Lent for a chance to slow down with contemplative Taizé Eucharist at 5:30 PM. We will have a simple dinner in the Parish Hall around 6:00 PM and a Lenten speaker at 6:30 PM. Our Lenten speaker series is called "When did you see me?", exploring how Christ shows up for us in the midst of problems, and how grace shines through times of darkness. Sign-up sheets for providing soup and salad are in Information Hall. Please sign up if you can. We need at least 3 soups per week. Thank you for helping.

#### Newcomers - We

are so glad you are here and we want your transition to St. Thomas and the Episcopal Church to be easy. THIS Sunday there will be a History of the Episcopal Church at 9:30 AM in the Crossroads Room (follow the blue signs). On March 11, hear the history of St. Thomas and take a tour of all the nooks and crannies here. For information, call Elouisa Stokes, 256-539-2058.

**Lent Madness Update** - Have you been following the voting, and casting your own, as you study the Who's Who of faithful followers of Jesus on [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org)? If so, you learned about Dymphna, the patron saint of madness, and Gertrude of Nivelles, the patron saint of cats - these women from our monastic and martyred history went head-to-head. Who won? Find Michelle Crull on Sunday to find out! There is still time to join this educational, fun Lenten discipline in which you learn about saints and vote daily, but remember - only one vote per person per day!

**Grief Recovery Group** - Our meetings for March are planned for March 1 and March 15. We gather in the Parlor at St. Thomas from 5:30 to 7 PM. Bring a beverage and snack or light dinner. We share our experiences and support one another as we process loss in our lives. You are welcome to join us. Contact Katherine with questions ([curate@stthomashuntsville.org](mailto:curate@stthomashuntsville.org)).

#### Pantry Sunday on March 4 - Please

remember the Servant's Pantry on March 4th. This has been an unusually hard winter, and there are many people in need of a little extra help! It's hard to be hungry!

#### EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower dedication envelopes are in the pews if you'd like to make a donation in honor, memory or in thanksgiving for someone special. It's a wonderful way to both beautify our church and honor loved ones at the same time. Please be kind and print to ensure correct spelling. Please leave envelopes in the offertory plate or in the church office. All memorial envelopes must be received in the office before Tuesday, March 19.

**Day-long Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 10** - Based on the Living Compass Program: "Living Well Through Lent 2018: Loving with all Your Heart, Soul, Strength and Mind", come spend the day at Nativity as Marilyn Lands, M.S., LPC, facilitates. For people of faith, love is not an abstract or feel-good concept, but an urgent call to radically incarnate love in how we relate to God, our neighbor, and ourselves. The retreat is designed to provide a foundation for seeking a deeper experience of love and Lent, in order to prepare us for the true meaning of Easter. It is Saturday, March 10 from 9 AM to 4:30 PM, with a simple lunch at noon. There is no charge for the program but we will be accepting donations to cover the expense of lunch and materials. Register online by going to Nativity's website: [nativity.dioala.org](http://nativity.dioala.org).

**Christian Formation Planning** - Do you have ideas about a series you'd like to discuss on Sunday mornings, or in a gathering during the week? Do you have a topic you'd like to present during the forum-style Theological Gumbo on Sunday morning? The Adult Christian Formation team is meeting Monday, March 12 at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. We will be brainstorming, delegating and planning - your thoughts and creativity will help us set a vision for the next year of St. Thomas' offerings for adults. Cannot join us in person? Email your ideas to Katherine ([curate@stthomashuntsville.org](mailto:curate@stthomashuntsville.org)).



#### Children's and Youth Ministry Information

<https://www.stthomashuntsville.org/youthchildren/>

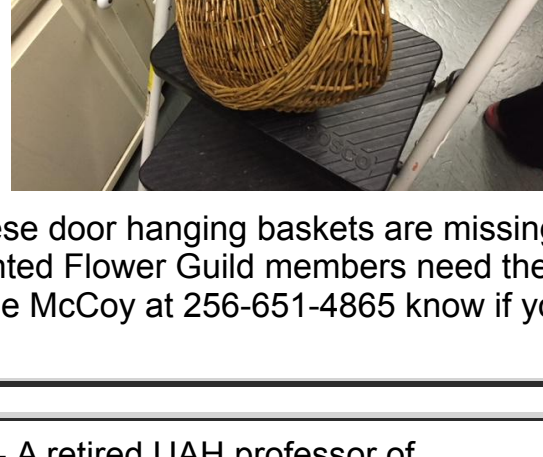
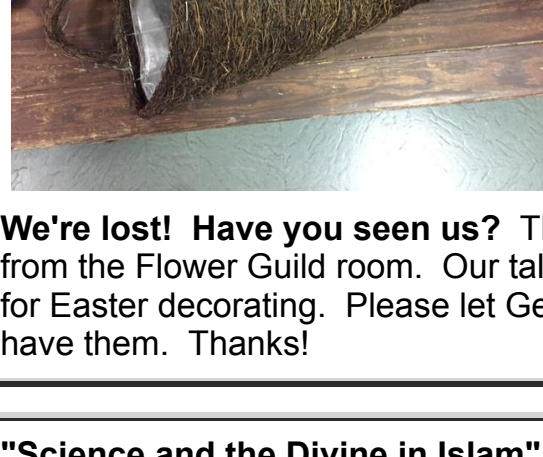
Youth, March's theme is Agriculture! Welcome to March!

March 4th Lenten Pretzels Intergenerational Activity. Pretzels are a traditional Lenten food. They remind us of praying children and the monks who started it all. Come learn, cook, and play in this interactive lesson. In the parish hall 9:30am.

March 10th Children's Fun Day: Skate Odyssey 12pm-1:30pm To sign your children up RSVP on our Website. We ask for Parents/Guardians to provide \$5 per child.

March 11th Youth and Children Service project Sunday Heirs Hall 9:30am. A gift from the children to all those on the pastoral care list, making Lenten Prayer Crosses.

For all future events coming this month visit our website. Pick up a physical calendar on our bulletin board.



**We're lost! Have you seen us?** These door hanging baskets are missing from the Flower Guild room. Our talented Flower Guild members need them for Easter decorating. Please let Genie McCoy at 256-651-4865 know if you have them. Thanks!

**"Science and the Divine in Islam"** -- A retired UAH professor of Atmospheric Science, Noor Gillani -- now focuses on global improvement through a foundation he established to help children in distress. Noor has presented at the Parliament of the World's Religions. Abrahamic Prayers meets this Thursday, March 1 in the Parlor from 7 to 9. RSVP to [meisterp@uah.edu](mailto:meisterp@uah.edu) for seating and handouts.

**HALLELUJAH CHORUS** - The choir will be singing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's "Messiah" on Easter Sunday. We would like to invite anyone who has sung the Hallelujah Chorus before to join us on Easter morning. Copies of the chorus are on the music bulletin board outside the music office in Hudson Hall. You can review your part on the Internet by searching "Hallelujah Chorus" and your voice part (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass.) You can also come to Wednesday choir rehearsals on March 14, 21, or 28 at 7:00 - 7:30 PM and work with the choir. Please join us for this joyous musical tradition.

#### WORSHIP TEAM for MARCH 4, 2018

Celebrant & Preacher  
Deacon  
Seminarian  
Organist  
Choir Director

The Rev. Jaun Pradat  
The Rev. Jennie Randall  
Les Hegwood  
Melanie Payne  
Donna Clark

#### 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers  
Lectors  
Acolyte  
Ushers  
Greeters

Bryan Dodson, Kay Strobel  
Al Johnson, Beth Cantrell  
Gayle Dodson  
Pat Stueck, Garry Griffith  
Kay & Dick Strobel

#### 10:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers  
Lectors  
Acolytes  
Moore,  
Ushers  
Greeters

Kathleen Brewer, Laurie Fowler  
Susy Thurber, Bob Thurber  
Erin Slagle, Cade Atkins, Vincent  
Brady Jones  
Larry Hill, Norman Bradley  
Linda & John Hanson, Elysa Jones

Vestry on Duty  
Breakfast

David Hattaway, Elizabeth Duling  
Vestry - Greg Albur, Elizabeth Duling,  
Evie Wilson, George Harriman, Trish Caraway, Al Cantrell,  
Nancy Ward, Kay Strobel, Pat & Kim Johnson,  
Mike & Beth Jones

Altar Guild

#### This Week at St. Thomas

##### Thursday, March 1

5:30 PM Men's Spirituality, Parlor  
7:00 PM Grief Group, Youth Room  
7:00 PM Abrahamic Prayers, Parlor

##### Friday, March 2

8:30 AM First Stop Breakfast

##### Sunday, March 4

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave  
Nursery Available  
9:00 AM Breakfast, Vestry, Parish Hall  
9:30 AM Christian Formation Classes  
Confirmation Class, Conference Room  
Children and Youth Sunday School, Parish Hall  
Theological Gumbo, Parish Hall  
Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel  
Newcomers 1 Class, Crossroads Room  
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave  
Nursery Available  
4:00 PM Hand Bell Choir, Bell Room  
4:00 PM EYC (until 6:00 PM)  
4:00 PM Treble Choir (grades K-2), Choir Room  
5:00 PM Treble Choir (grades 3-5), Choir Room

##### Monday, March 5

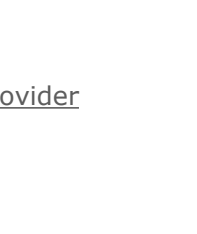
6:00 PM Outreach Meeting, Conference Room

##### Tuesday, March 6

6:00 PM EFM, Conference Room  
Wednesday, March 7  
9:30 AM Bible Study, Conference Room  
9:30 AM Parents' Morning Out - drop-off  
11:00 AM Healing Service, St. Anne's Chapel  
Noon Bible Study, Conference Room  
12:45 PM Parents' Morning Out - pick-up  
5:30 PM Taizé Eucharist, Nave  
Nursery Available till 8:00 PM  
6:00 PM Dinner, Parish Hall  
6:30 PM Lenten Program, Parish Hall  
6:00 PM Financial Peace, Conference Room  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

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