



St. Thomas Episcopal Church



THE EPISTLE May 10, 2018



Parish Workday - Join the hard-working folks of St. Thomas THIS Saturday, from 9 AM until 12 PM, as we gather for a parish workday. We will have tasks for people of all abilities. Please bring work gloves and tools, if you'd like, but they are not required. Come to help us tend to our church grounds, and in doing so, meet new friends. We'll break for a grilled hot dog lunch! Let David Hattaway (256-337-0973) know if you have questions.

Golden Girls & Boys St. Thomas will fete its Golden Girls and Boys with a luncheon in the Parish Hall on Saturday, May 19, at 11:30 AM. Merriam Webster defines 'fete' as 'to honor or entertain lavishly,' which is exactly what we plan to do. Our group of Golden Girls has lived long (80+), seen much, and offered self and service to our benefit. You are invited to join them for a fancy lunch, cake, conversation, music, dancing, stories from when St. Thomas wore knee britches. And cake. Call the church office (256-880-0247) to add your name to the guest list. Contact Libby Potter with questions.

Readings for the Seventh Sunday in Easter 8 AM Service Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19 Psalm 1

Sunday's Theological Gumbo Join us in the Parish Hall for a Bible study of scripture we call the Lord's Prayer - words we say, sing and pray in worship each Sunday. Come to the Parish Hall at 9:30 AM to ponder, share and pray with others!

EfM Graduation Please join us during the May 16, evening Eucharist as we acknowledge and celebrate with a special litany, the graduation of Laurie Fowler, Lipmon Moy, and Renee Redfield, from the Education for Ministry program. EfM, which originated at Sewanee, is a four-year distance learning program of study in scriptures, church history, and theology.

The Monday Morning Book Club will meet to discuss our latest popular book selection Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng on May 14th at 10 AM in the parlor. Newcomers welcome.

Pentecost Picnic Sunday, May 20 - ONE service at 10:30

The Pentecost Picnic is headed back to the mountain! What a great way to kick off summer!

This year we are going back to one of our old St. Thomas traditions by taking the Pentecost Picnic back to this pavilion in the Nature Center on Green Mountain. The pavilion should be easily accessible to all since the last time we had our picnic there the city has made many improvements. We will celebrate with the Jazz Eucharist arranged by our own Kathy Heim.

St. Thomas will provide fried chicken, beverages, and of course - the traditional "lard cake". Please bring a side dish or salad to share. There are a large number of picnic tables available. Everyone is encouraged to bring a chair. Let's hope for a sunny day!

Neighborhood Store Luncheon

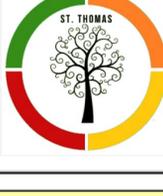
The initial planning meeting for the 4th annual Neighborhood Store Luncheon and Fashion Show will be Thursday, May 24th at 10AM in the conference room. Please join us!

Grief Recovery Group People gather twice a month, on the first and third Thursdays, in the Parlor at 5:30 PM. Are you curious what happens during these sessions? It's not all about death and mourning; we talk about living in fellowship with our grief. If you have been grieving a loss and need a community to express these feelings and receive support, come join us. Our next gathering is Thursday, May 17, and we'll be going out to dinner on May 31. Questions? Ask Katherine (curate@stthomashuntsville.org).

Summer Sunday Service Music Please consider sharing your time and talent for Summer Sunday Service Music. The choir will take a summer hiatus, and we are looking for people to share their musical gifts, vocal and instrumental, for summer services. You may choose to do the 8:00 service, the 10:30 service, or both. There is a sign up sheet in the hallway of Hudson Hall just outside the music office. Please contact Donna (clarkdf@aol.com) or Melanie (payneme67@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Thank You!!

I wanted to thank all the people that supported the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity dinner. Those that helped with the preparations, set up, serving, clean up and made sides or desserts. The event was a huge success and the guys really enjoyed the meal. I want to especially thank Patty Moy for doing the menu and cooking, I couldn't have done this without you!!
Thanks again,
Tom Perry



No EYC or Youth Sunday School May 13th. EYC will resume May 20th from 4pm-6pm all youth grades 6-12 are welcome to meet us in the youth room.

Children Choir mark your calendars for May 20th for end of the year pool party! For address and times contact Kathy Heim.

Safeguarding God's Children Saturday, June 2 from 9 - 12, The Rev. Rob Morpeth, will conduct a Safeguarding God's Children workshop. This workshop is a three hour educational and training program for preventing and responding to child sexual abuse in everyday life and in ministry. Our diocese requires this training for clergy, paid employees who work with children, and volunteers who work with or around children and youth of the parish. Emails have been sent to parishioners whom we have identified as needing the training. However, if you did not receive an email but currently work with children/youth or are planning to volunteer in the future, please call the church office and ask to be added to the list.



In spite of not working last Saturday, we are on for this week. We will finish the soffits and metal around the house and should be able to put up insulation. The electrical folks are already on the job, so that allows us to keep going. If we can get sheet rock in next week, we will be painting on May 19. Cassandra Stewart is really excited to see her house being built. Hope to see a bunch of you there either week to help her reach her dream. Directions: Take Memorial Parkway north to Winchester Road. Left on Winchester to Sandia Boulevard. Right on Sandia to Desha Avenue, turn left and right on Menefee to 6312.

What's a "Jazz Eucharist"?
If you've been an Episcopalian for a while, you've probably noticed that there are some things that are sung and said in the Eucharist just about every week. These include the Kyrie, Gloria, or Trisagion, the Nicene Creed, The Lord's Prayer, the Sanctus, and Fraction Anthem. The music may change seasonally at the discretion of the Rector and Music Director, but the words are pretty much the same, with the allowance of some alternate texts. Those sung or spoken prayers and statements are called the "Ordinary." And they have been set to music by many different composers throughout the ages, collectively titled "Mass Settings," though the Episcopal Church generally uses the word "Eucharist" instead of "Mass."

Shortly after I became the Director of Music at St. Thomas way back at the turn of the century, our rector, the Rev'd Kee Sloan (now Bishop of Alabama) mentioned to me that he had a friend in Mississippi who always celebrated Pentecost with a Jazz Mass. Kee thought it would be fun to do the same at St. Thomas, so I asked him to find out the particulars, and in the meantime I'd do a little research of my own. I discovered that Vince Guaraldi had written music for a Jazz Mass at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco, and I was able to order a CD of the service, only to discover that it was more of a major production than we were capable of. I also found out about Ray Hanson's Gospel Mass, but again, it wasn't really the kind of thing we had in mind. Further searching over the internet and questioning colleagues produced no results.

I wanted the music to be fun and accessible, comfortable enough for the congregation to participate in, and accessible to spend hours learning it. I wrote new music for the Trisagion and Sanctus, and tweaked the Fraction Anthem from an Ambrosian chant (see S-172 in the hymnal - there it is!) That was the "Ordinary" part. Then I flipped through the hymnal, looking for hymns that were suitable for a) Pentecost and b) able to be adapted rhythmically and harmonically to suit my purposes. I gathered up friends and family to form the band, and we had our very first Jazz Mass on May 19, 2002 (the day before my 42nd birthday)! Now that I'm back in Huntsville I thought it would be fun to bring the Jazz Mass back, too, and this time for my "gasp" 58th birthday!

If you'd like to listen to what our music is going to sound like on Pentecost, click on the link below!
[St. Thomas Jazz Mass audio](#)

-Miss Kathy

This Week at St. Thomas

Thursday, May 10
4:00 PM Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel
5:30 PM Children's Christian Formation Meeting, Conference Room
7:00 PM Men's Spirituality Group, Youth Room

Saturday, May 12
9:00 AM Parish Work Day, all over!

Sunday, May 13
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave
Nursery Available
9:00 AM Breakfast, Arthur Thompson & Friends
9:30 AM Christian Formation Classes
Children's Sunday School, Hiers Hall
Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel
Theological Gumbo, The Lord's Prayer, Parish Hall
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave --- Children's Service
Nursery Available
4:00 PM No EYC
4:00 PM No Treble Choir Rehearsals, out for the season

Tuesday, May 15
6:00 PM EfM, Conference Room

Wednesday, May 16
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
6:00 PM Holy Eucharist, Nave --- EfM Graduation
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, May 17
4:00 PM Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel
5:30 PM Grief Recovery Group, Parlor
7:00 PM Men's Spirituality Group, Youth Room

WORSHIP TEAM for MAY 13, 2018

Celebrant The Rev. Paul Pradat
Preacher The Rev. Katherine Harper
Deacon The Rev. Jeannie Randall
Organist Melanie Payne
Choir Director Donna Clark
Treble Choir Director Kathy Heim

8:00 AM
Eucharistic Ministers Nick Pawluk, Sally Barnett
Lectors Nell Fisher, Kathleen Redman
Acolyte Kaitlyn Morris
Ushers Bob Willisson, Pat Stueck
Greeters Nell & David Fisher

10:30 AM
Eucharistic Ministers Bob Harwell, Kathy Heim
Lectors Brady Jones, Katie Bird Smith, Josephine Harper, Toby Conklin, Vivian Brown, Marley Lamb and others
Acolytes Nathan Cantrell, Wyatt Starnes, Maggie Jones, Zane Starnes
Ushers Logan Self, Marley Lamb
Greeters Cooper Green, Emily Wood, Evie Wilson

Vestry on Duty Evie Wilson, Wyn Christian
Altar Guild Nancy Ward, Kay Strobel, Pat & Al Johnson, Mike & Beth Jones
Flower Guild Karen MacLeod, Kelley Johns
Breakfast Arthur Thompson & Friends

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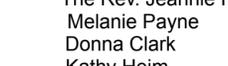
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