



St. Thomas Episcopal Church



THE EPISTLE November 20, 2018



Advent Wreaths - THIS SUNDAY - This Sunday, November 25, between services, we will make Advent wreaths, have kid crafts and enjoy fellowship. Join us for this fun annual event at St. Thomas. We provide the supplies, you create beautiful wreaths to carry you through Advent.

Stewardship 2018

We find ourselves in that unique season here at St Thomas that resides between the seasons of Pentecost and Advent, the season after Lobsterfest! We also find ourselves preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving, a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that we have to be thankful for. I know that I am personally thankful for all that you do to make St Thomas the loving, serving, open and inviting community that it is.

We're also in the process of bringing to closure another opportunity to respond in gratitude for all that we've been blessed with, our Stewardship campaign. You have heard others reflect about what Stewardship means to them and you have been given additional information for personal reflection. You also received a letter and pledge card in the mail earlier this fall. If you have supported St Thomas in the past and would like to do so again or if you would like to begin supporting our mission and ministry, you may do so by putting your card in the mail or in the offering on Sunday. You can also come by the church office or send an e-mail to Terri Good, our accountant, at finance@stthomashuntsville.org. Additional pledge cards are available at the church as well.

I cannot thank you enough for all the ways in which you support St Thomas. We are truly blessed to be part of such a vibrant, active community committed to living out the Gospel here in Huntsville and beyond.

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Paul



Christmas Day is almost here so come join the Pradats and the Vestry for some holiday cheer.
Christmas Open House
Sunday, December 9
14005 Greenway Park Circle
A little something new:
Those with last names beginning with A-H please come from 4-5 PM
and those names J-Z please come from 5-6 PM

Readings for the last Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 23:1-7
Psalm 132:1-13
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Sunglasses Missing!

Paul's sunglasses went missing at Lobsterfest. They are tortoise shell Wayfairers. He has a pair of black Wayfairers that we found that are not his. Please give us a call in the office if you have a pair that aren't yours.

In this season of Thanksgiving, please remember our less fortunate brothers and sisters with a gift of food for Pantry Sunday, Dec. 2nd.

Thanksgiving Dinner at St. Thomas

Thursday, November 22, parishioners will be gathering at the church at 2:00 PM to share a Thanksgiving meal. Join us! If you have questions on how you can help, contact Laurie Fowler and Gus Davis (lauriefowler@gmail.com; 256-924-2800).



Shellie's Kids Christmas Gifts

As Christmas quickly approaches, St. Thomas will again provide Christmas gifts to Shellie's kids, a wonderful inner-city ministry. A pickup station is in Information Hall. There are a few children who still need to be adopted. Please remember ALL gifts need to be wrapped into four boxes, clearly marked with the name of the child and delivered to the church no later than Monday, December 10. For more information, please contact Travis Lee at tle777790@gmail.com or (850) 503-5587.

Caregiver Support Group When you are caring for a spouse, child or other loved one, it may feel quite lonely. Come join others who share in this role, as we build community, gather ideas for resources and pray for God's guidance and strength. Our next gathering is Monday, November 26, 1:00-2:00pm in the Parlor, facilitated by Liz Byrne. Contact Katherine with questions (curate@stthomashuntsville.org).

Soup & Salad for Lessons and Carols - On Wednesday, December 12 we'll be treated to another wonderful Lessons & Carols by our choir. Before the service begins at 7 PM, we like to have a cozy warm dinner for everyone. If you'd be willing to help by bringing a crockpot of soup or a large bowl of salad, please contact Anne Schlendering at ascsdw@yahoo.com. Thank you!!



Saint Thomas Presents will host the Liminal Duo on Sunday, January 27th at 3pm. Rooted in the practices of Celtic Traditional and Classical music, this duet shares their passion for these genres while exploring other traditions for flute and percussion. The concert is open to the public. More information on the group is at liminalduo.org.

Summary of financial giving for the last two weeks:

Sunday	Offering	Actual	Budget	More(Less)
11-Nov		\$12,881	\$13,841	(\$960)
18-Nov		\$9,544	\$13,841	(\$4,297)
YTD		\$645,690	\$636,686	\$9,004

WORSHIP TEAM for November 25, 2018

Celebrant	The Rev. Katherine Harper
Preacher	The Rev. Jeannie Randall, Deacon
Organist	Melanie Payne
Choir Director	Donna Clark
8:00 AM	
Eucharistic Ministers	Mark Dixon, Kathie Clayton
Lectors	Debbie Harriman, Garry Griffith
Acolytes	Alex Steel
Greeters	Garry Griffith, Bob Willisson Elisa & Mark Stucker
10:30 PM	
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Hardison, Jocelyn Wright-Dempsey
Lectors	Natalie Brock, Tim Williams
Acolytes	Cade Atkins, Griffin Anderson, Rowan Duling, Olivia Moore
Ushers	Jeanne & John Crown
Greeters	Linda Anders, Nancy Chandler
Children's Chapel	Liz Byrne
Vestry on Duty	George Harriman, Elaine Poplin
Altar Guild	Ulla Allison, Marcia Steiner, Vicki Bell, Pat & Al Johnson
Flower Guild	Pam Hammond, Gayle Dodson
Breakfast	Cursillo

This Week at St. Thomas

Thursday, November 22
Office Closed
2:00 PM Thanksgiving Meal, Parish Hall
Friday, November 23
Office Closed
Sunday, November 25
8:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave Nursery Available
9:00 AM Breakfast, Cursillo
9:30 AM Inter-Generational - Advent Wreath Making, Parish Hall
Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Nave Nursery Available
Monday, November 26
***** Pickleball has been canceled till spring
1:00 PM Caregivers Support Group, Parlor
Tuesday, November 27
6:00 PM EFM, Conference Room
Wednesday, November 28
9:30 AM Bible Study, Conference Room
9:30 AM Parents' Morning Out - drop-off
11:00 AM Healing Service and Holy Eucharist, St. Anne's Chapel
Noon Bible Study, Conference Room
6:00 PM Holy Eucharist Nursery Available
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thursday, November 29
4:00 PM Centering Prayer, St. Anne's Chapel

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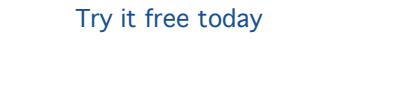
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