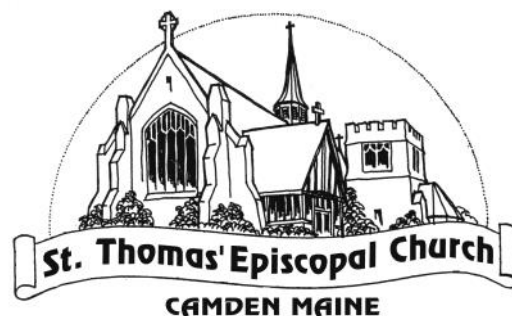


S T . T H O M A S' Tidings

Sunday, September 3, 2017

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. May this place be like home to you! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar. Members of our prayer ministry are available in the Chapel during Holy Communion to pray with you about any need or thanksgiving.



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Labor Day Cookout!

The grill is ready! Tomorrow from 4:00-6:00 pm we will be having a cookout for the whole community. Grilled hamburger and hotdogs as well as Bob Knapp's famous ribs will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. See you then!

Celebration of New Ministry

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry will be installed as the 17th rector of this parish next Sunday at 4:00 pm at a service celebrating a new ministry. The Rev. Canon Michael Ambler will be the preacher. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall. All are invited to this joyous occasion.

Due to the Labor Day weekend there will no Sunday School today. Children are welcome to attend worship!

End of Summer Celebration News!

There is still time to donate to our End of Summer Celebration on Friday, September 22. We're looking for unique and desirable items for our silent auction (think antiques or rare items) or a themed basket (for kids, or for a picnic or movie night). Please bring your items to the parish office, Tuesday through Friday.

Training Meetings

Acolyte, Lay Eucharistic Minister, and usher training will be held Sunday,

Hurricane Help

We ask your prayers for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. The area is devastated and will be working for months on cleanup and rebuilding. If you would like to contribute, we recommend Episcopal Relief and Development. They have people on the ground there. Send checks to: Episcopal Relief & Development 815 Second Avenue New York, NY 10017. Put "Hurricane Harvey relief effort" in the memo line.

September 17 immediately after the 9:30 service. All lay ministers in those areas from both services are requested to attend. Anyone wishing to become an acolyte or LEM is most warmly invited. Snacks will be served. Please call or email Rev. Lisa if you are unable to attend. 236-3680 X 102; rector@stthomascamdenme.org.

Outreach Coalition

Monthly meetings of the Outreach Coalition resume this Tuesday, September 5 from 5:00-6:00 pm in the Conference Room. Come and join with others to serve those in need in our community.

Cottage Meetings

Members of the parish will be hosting cottage meetings, a setting where Lisa can become better acquainted with members and vice versa! The first meet-

ing will be held on Wednesday, September 13. Signup sheets will be available on the table in the Sun Room.

Deacon Abby's Schedule

Deacon Abby will serve at the 7:30 service on the first Sunday of each month and at the 9:30 service for the remaining Sundays. The only time that schedule will change is when she is on vacation, or when she preaches. When preaching she will be at both services. She is also available on Tuesday afternoons after 3 in the Library every week. Appointments are recommended, please contact her in advance. 207-706-6744 or abpettee@gmail.com

Today's Music

At 7:30 am we sing a "consecration hymn" written by Frances Ridley Havergal in 1873. When first published this quotation preceded the hymn: "Here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy and lively sacrifice unto Thee (Book of Common Prayer, 1979, p. 336.) At 9:30 a.m. we sing the rousing Welsh tune, *Blaenhafren*. Albert F. Bayly wrote the text in response to an appeal in 1961 for "Hymns to express the interrelationship of worship and service of love as expressions of one deep, abiding faith in God."

The sequence hymn, *Take up your cross, the Savior said*, was written in 1833 by the nineteen-year-old Charles W. Everest. The tune, *Bourbon*, first appears

in 1814.

Our going forth into the world hymn, *At the Name of Jesus*, was written in 1861 by Caroline Maria Noel, a woman who spent her adult years as an invalid. This perspective inspired her to write this hymn. Once Ralph Vaughan Williams composed the tune named, *King's Weston*, for this text in 1925, its use soared!

The Choir sings the lilting Hispanic hymn, *Cuando el pobre nada tiene* (*When the poor one who has nothing*) written in 1971 by J.A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano. **Please join us on the refrain.** *Then we know that God still goes that way with us.*

The setting of *Pleading Savior* is from a collection of women composers which Charles Callahan compiled. Not much is known about the English composer, Elizabeth Turner, who died in 1756.

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Choir Seeks New Members!

- No experience necessary
- Excellent Fringe Benefits
- Great Parties
- Camaraderie
- Learn Lots of New Tunes
- Free Black and White Uniforms (we don't care what you wear underneath)
- AND, Front Row Seats!



Requirements

Thursday Rehearsals 5:00-6:30 p.m. (September-May); Sunday Rehearsal 8:30 -9:10 am; Sunday Worship 9:30-10:30 (ish) am. Speak to Jane Schroeder at the organ (AFTER she has finished playing), or e-mail her at music@stthomascamdenme.org

For a consultation with her and her trusty sidekick, *Vulcan*, (shown below singing with gusto).

Next Sunday

September 10, 2017
The Fourteenth Sunday
after Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Sandy Lyle, Jan Lyle; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers; **Usher:** Isa Babb

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Deacon:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Crucifer:** Kristian Kibler; **Eucharistic Minister:** TBA; **Lectors:** Chris Glass, Jocelyn Tidwell, **Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker; **Ushers:** Bill Freeman, Dean Jackson.

Prayer List

Let us celebrate those members of our parish who have birthdays in the coming week: Paul Achterhof, Pam Bardon (September 4), James Carpenter, Deb Whittaker (September 7). Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Jean Harper, Jane Hards, Joanne Scott, Nancy Soderberg, Missie Stone, Sallie Leighton, Tiffany Andrews, June Dolcater, Loren Kitt, Stormy Bok, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Janan Vaughn, Heather Lehr Bryant, Michael, Judy Mayberry, Charles Z., Madeleine, Meredith Peters.

Calendar

Sunday, September 3
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:45 am—Coffee Hour—Parish Hall

5:00 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, September 4

4:00 pm—Parish Cookout

—Parish Hall

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Tuesday, September 5

9:00 am—Xi Gong class (Parish Hall)

5:00 pm—Outreach Coalition Conference Room

6:30 pm—OA meeting —Library

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, September 6

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist and Healing Service—Chapel

10:00 am—Fellowship Time

—Sun Room

10:30 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, September 7

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, September 8

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, September 9

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, September 10

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:45 am—Coffee Hour—Parish Hall

1:00 pm—Service at Quarry Hill

4:00 pm—Celebration of New Ministry

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement