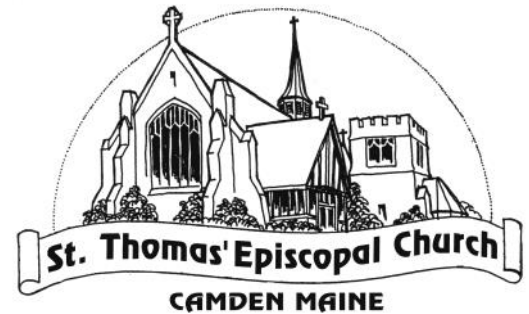


HAPPY NEW YEAR!

S T . T H O M A S '
 Tidings

Sunday, January 7, 2018:
The Feast of the Epiphany

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.



The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry, Rector
33 Chestnut Street (P.O. Box 631)
Camden, ME 04843
207 236-3680 Fax: 207 236-8016
admin@stthomascamdenme.org
www.stthomascamdenme.org

2018 Parish Directory

We're updating our membership information as we prepare for our 2018 Parish Directory. The information we have on file for each member is available for review in a looseleaf book in the Sun Room. Please take a look at the information and correct it if necessary. If you are not listed, there are blank forms you can fill out. Out of town for the winter? Contact George in the Parish Office. Thank you!

Upcoming Dates

January 14

Quarry Hill service, at 1:30 pm

January 16

Vestry meeting, at 5:00 pm

January 20

Loaves and Fishes

at St. Peter's Rockland, 11:00 am

Parish Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of St. Thomas' Church will be held immediately following the 9:30 service on Sunday, January 28. We will be electing a junior warden and five new vestry members. Reports from lay ministers are due by Friday, January 19. If anyone is interested

in running for the Vestry for 2018 please contact Rev. Lisa as soon as possible.

Middle School Youth Group

We are partnering with the Camden Congregational Church to discuss the possibility of having a combined Middle School Youth Group. If you have a child in middle school and are interested in this group, please join me for this meeting, Saturday January 13 from 5:00—7:00 pm. Food will be served.

Lisa+

Today's Music

Today's prelude is a lovely chorale prelude with a highly ornamented tune (think lots of extra notes around the melody) based on a tune by Melchior Vulpius (1570?-1616) who was Cantor at Weimar one hundred years before Johann Sebastian Bach. You can look up the tune in the Hymnal # 295/356. Some of the last music that Johannes Brahms (German, 1833-1897) composed was the set of eleven chorale preludes (Opus 122). The communion voluntary is one of these, *Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele*, which we then sing as communion hymn #339. You may not have heard of Johann H. Buttstedt/Buttstedt (German,

1666-1727); however, he was Johann Pachelbel's most distinguished student and one of Buttstedt's students was Johann Gottfried Walther. (Buttstedt married J.S. Bach's mother's cousin and they had ten children! Those prolific German composers!) So, the florid setting of *Vom Himmel kam der Engel Schar*, which I play as the postlude is a good representation of Buttstedt's work. We sing the tune as the Sequence Hymn. It is one of Martin Luther's transmutations (I love that fancy word!) It means that Luther took a basic Latin chant, *A solis ortus cardine*, put his own words to it and then changed it into triple meter (think "waltz") and that is what we sing!

The Choir sings a well-crafted anthem by Charles Lee Williams (1853-1935) an English organist and composer of church music. *We three kings of Orient are*, with both words and music written by John Henry Hopkins (1820-1891) and published in 1863, is considered the first American Christmas/Epiphany carol. Our going forth into the world hymn tune, *Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein* (*There flew a little woodbird*) is a lilting early Seventeenth century German folk tune. James Montgomery (1771-1854) wrote the text we sing today for a *Christmas Ode* at a Moravian settlement. A "Moravian Ode" is a special service

composed of hymns and anthems. Montgomery's text is based on Psalm 72 (the psalm appointed for The Epiphany).

Sing like a little woodbird!

—Jane Schroeder, Minister of Music

Prayer List

We celebrate those members whose birthdays are this (and were last) week: Richard Soderberg (January 2), Penny Chrysler, Budge Walen (January 3), Ed Williamson (January 8), Robbie Lewis. 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, Tiffany Andrews, Stormy Bok, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Brian Fitzpatrick, Cara, Risa, Chris, Janan Vaughn, Peg, Ann Foster, Trish.

Next Sunday

January 14, 2018

1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

7:30 am: Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Paul Holman, JoAnne Ryan; **Prayers of the People:** Terry Mello; **Usher:** Jan Lyle.

9:30 am: Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Jeff Conrad; **Eucharistic Minister:** Kristian Kibler; **Lectors:** Anna Black, Br. Donovan Bowley; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert.

How to reach us

Church Office: 207 236-3680
(We're closed on Monday)

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry, Rector
rector@stthomascamdenme.org
207 231-2411

The Rev. Abby Pettee, Deacon
abpettee@gmail.com
207 706-6744

**Jane M. Schroeder, S.M.M.,
Minister of Music**
music@stthomascamdenme.org

**George H. Jones,
Parish Administrator**
admin@stthomascamdenme.org

Lucy Ebbert, Senior Warden
lbebbert@gmail.com

JoAnne Ryan, Junior Warden
jdryan@yahoo.com

Calendar

Sunday, January 7

**The First Sunday after Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
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
5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, January 8

9:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite II
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Tuesday, January 9

4:00 pm—Watershed School—Parish Hall
6:30 pm—OA meeting—Library
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, January 10

4:00 pm—EfM Conference Room
6:00 pm—VoXX Rehearsal
—Parish Hall, Green Room
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, January 11

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal
—Green Room
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, January 12

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, January 13

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, January 14

The Second Sunday after Epiphany
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
5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement