

S T . T H O M A S '
Tidings



Sunday, July 29, 2018
The Tenth 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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Sunday School Meeting

There will be a meeting about the future of our Sunday School next Sunday, August 5th at 11am. All parents and interested parties (people who would like to teach or support our mission to youth) are welcome. I have several ideas, and would welcome yours. Please come prepared to find a way forward. Our youth are vital members of our community.

Coffee Hour

The coffee hour will be set up in the Sunroom for the next couple of weeks, beginning this Sunday. You'll see why when you come.

Next Sunday, August 5th, there will be a coffee hour after the 730 Service.

Food Pantry

Please remember to bring donations next Sunday, August 5th for the Food Pantry. Any personal hygiene items or non-perishable foods would be helpful. Of particular need: hearty soups, cereals, baked beans, baking mixes, spaghetti sauce, soups, soups, soups, rice and canned vegetables or fruits. Please check the expiration dates. You can also make a cash donation using the specially marked envelopes in the pew racks.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Fair...

After a full year as your rector, I was astonished to find a new room at St. Thomas'. It's located off the AA room and even has a dedication plaque on the door! I opened the door and my first thought was, "Oh my gosh, I've died and gone to heaven." My second thought was, "Oh my gosh, there is a ton of stuff in here for the Fair (August 18th!) and how in the world will we get it all out...

Sign up in the Narthex or in the Sunroom to help us set up during the week of the Fair. You will A) get to shop before everyone else does, B) have fun and C) get to actually witness the secret St. Thomas' room. Sign up to share the excitement!

EFM (Education for Ministry) Begins Again in the Fall

EFM is for anyone who seeks spiritual growth in a small group setting, hungers for a deeper knowledge of God and scripture, Christian history, and theology. Participants come from diverse backgrounds, making the shared learning experience rich and rewarding. To register or get more information, please contact Brother Donovan Bowley at brdavid-en@aol.com or speak to him at the EFM table at the coffee hour.

Today's Music Pentecost 10 July 29, 2018

"The indefatigable Emma Lou Diemer" is how I have started to think of this incredible American born in 1927! She composed the prelude based on the old hymn *O Love, that will not let me go* (sorry, not in our hymnal). Diemer is a contemporary organist who is still composing! The offertory is a Victorian hymn, *Just as I am*, the text written by Charlotte Elliott (English, 1789-1871). Elliott became an invalid who spent her life in seclusion: she used this time and circumstance to write over 150 hymns. The Choir sings her text to *Saffron Walden*, by A.H. Brown. It is good to sing a very familiar text with a different musical setting; it helps us hear the words in new ways.

The processional sings of the heavenly Jerusalem written by Walter Russell Bowie (American, 1882-1969). Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin (American, 1877-1954) Presbyterian pastor, professor at Union Theological Seminary (my alma mater) requested new hymns expressing that the Kingdom of God is not a far-off possibility, but real. We hear the result.

We have sung our sequence hymn, *Not far beyond the sea*, only a few times in the years I have been here: it is worth learning. The text by

George B. Caird, written around 1945, springs from Deuteronomy 30:11-14. It is paired with the sturdy tune, *Cornwall*, by Samuel Wesley (1810-1876). During communion we sing a 17th century German Eucharistic text paired with a tune by Heinrich Isaac (German, 1450-1517). By 1555 this tune appeared with sacred text and was entitled, *O Welt, ich muß dich lassen*. The version we sing today is taken from Bach's melody and harmonization in his *St. Matthew Passion*. We go forth into the world singing a paraphrase of today's Psalm 145 by the Irish prelate Richard Mant (1776-1848). It is paired with *Stuttgart*, a very familiar tune.

I only just discovered the stirring postlude by John Stanley (English, 1712-1786). A childhood accident left Stanley blind. From the age of seven he studied music with Maurice Greene. When Greene died, Stanley- at the age of eleven- took over as organist. At the age of seventeen he became the youngest person ever to obtain the Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Oxford. In 1734 Stanley became organist at the Society of the Inner Temple. Handel regularly visited the church to hear Stanley, who was also an accomplished violinist. So, enjoy the joyous postlude!

Jane Schroeder
Minister of Music

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Missie Stone, Tiffany Andrews, Stormy Bok, Seana Roubinek, Pat Olds, Paul Whittaker, Sid and Priscilla Lindsley, Carolyn Morris, Roxanna, Risa, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Darlene, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Ginnie Harper, Abby Neal, Francesca Bero, Mary

This Sunday

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2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-19
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Terry Mello, Melissa Woodhead; **Prayers of the People:** Pam Bardon; **Usher:** Tom Crowley

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley **Lectors:** Sally Williamson, Sydney Hall; **Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker; **Acolytes:** TBA; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert, Lucy Ebbert.

Next Sunday

August 5, 2018:

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Paul Holman, Sandy Lyle; **Prayers of the People:** Jan Lyle; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

9:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** TBA; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Anna Black, John Mattern; **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan Bowley; **Acolytes:** TBA; **Ushers:** Ed Williamson, Michael Moore

What's Where

Our Sunday School and Nursery rooms are located past the sun room. Turn right. The *Blue Room* is the Nursery; the *Yellow Room* is the Sunday School room. Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side. Additional rest rooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on your left).

Calendar

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8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal
9:30 am—Holy Eucharist, EOW II
5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement
7:00 pm—Shakespeare Co.—Othello
—Parish Hall

Monday, July 30

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 31

9:00 am—Xi Gong—Green Room
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, August 1

9:30 am—Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist—Chapel
10:15 am—Fellowship
—Conference Room
11:00 am—Bible Study—Conference Room
5:00 pm—Shakespeare Co.—Othello
—Parish Hall
6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, August 2

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, August 3

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, August 4

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, August 5

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