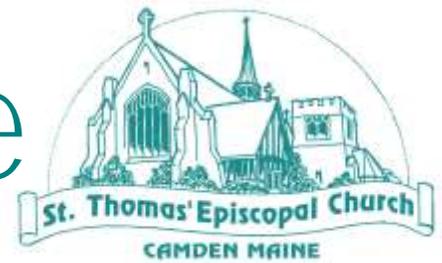


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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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A Letter from the Rector:



When relatives from out of state visit it's always fun to see our world through fresh eyes. My daughter-in-law has never been to Maine before. She raced to see the statue of André-the Seal at Rockport harbor. It wouldn't have been my first choice of things to see, but, it seems she'd watched the movie about André—about a hundred times. Who knew?

She kept commenting, "I get it Maine. You look like a Hallmark movie." They both loved the Damariscotta Pumpkin Festival and Boothbay Harbor, and Wild Oats in Brunswick, but their favorite town was Camden. We do have something special here.

We have something special at St. Thomas' too, and I'm so grateful for all the support given to the Capital Campaign to restore our church building. Not many churches open

their doors these days to the community for a bit of quiet, prayer and contemplation. I'm proud that we do.

But our building is not all we have to be proud of: we are now offering Sunday school classes to children ranging in ages from 4-teens. Karen Colburn is continuing to teach the 4 – 9 year old kids in *Godly Play*, a hands on curriculum that engages all the senses. Rachel Bickham has begun a new class to teach those 10 and up with a class called *God, the Bible and Me*. I'll be able to teach occasionally in those classrooms, too!

We have also begun a new Rector's class which meets at 9:00am on many Sundays of the year. Watch for offerings. Forum meets after the second service, and may resume soon with offerings from Rosalee

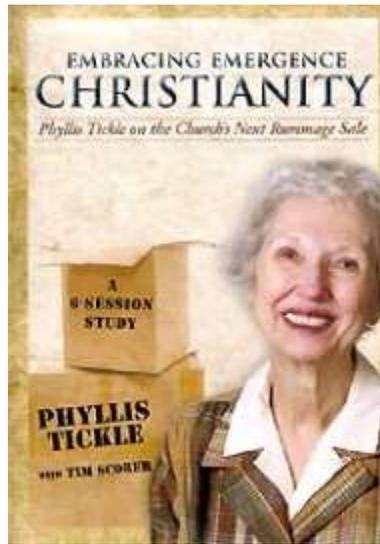
and Donovan. When Abby returns in January she will be teaching, too. I also hope to begin a book group in 2019. I think that group would meet during the week. If anyone would be interested, let me know.

We love our beautiful town, our beautiful church—but maybe it's sometimes good for us to see it through fresh eyes.

Our church offers so much to our people, the town, and to everyone who walks in our doors... I'm excited about where we are going as a community within a larger community. I hope you are too.

The Spirit is moving!

Blessings to you all.
Lisa+



Rector's Class Beginning Dec 2!

Author, historian and sociologist Phyllis Tickle invites us to join her in examining the changing face of Christianity and culture. Phyllis surveys 2000 years of Western history, identifying the great upheavals that occur in Western culture and Christianity every 500 years.

The last was the Great Reformation of the 1500's; the next is happening now, and will greatly impact our society, our lives, and our Church.

Join the discussion about the scope of Christian Church history, American history and American culture. She discusses *sola scriptura*, **slavery, and the "uppity women" of the suffragist movement at the time of World War I.**

You will leave this series with a deeper appreciation of the sweep of history and the connections between the voice of *sola scriptura* and the voice of our modern culture.

This will be a 6 week series (with a break at Christmastide) for everyone beginning Sunday, December 2, Advent 1, at 9:00 in the Conference Room!

For more information email the Rector:
rector@stthomascamdenme.org

The Bells!

We have a fine set of eleven cast metal bronze bells which hang in our Bell Tower (above the Lady Chapel) given by Mary Sophia Smart in 1939. There is a lovely plaque on the wall of the hallway going into the chapel. (see photo) The bells are referred to as Chimes, which would mean a person is physically striking the bells or is playing a keyboard especially designed for that. More on that later. Also, the plaque states that most hymns can be played on the eleven bells. More on that later too. It amazes me that the bells are exposed to all the elements (the tower is not enclosed) which means snow, rain and wind as well as salty sea air. The bronze bells truly just get better with age. However, the electronic ringing gadgets are impacted by the weather: we have a contract with the Verdin Company of Ohio to come once yearly to service the bells, and mostly that means addressing what the weather has done to the ringing mechanisms.

In the Flower Room there is a computer which is only about 14 years old (but looks like it is from the set of the old television show "The Jetsons!"). I had a very steep learning curve when I was tutored by the Verdin Bell folks in how to program in hymn tunes and then program tunes to play at designated times. I was surprised to learn that many folks have no idea how this all happens: hence this article! I attach a small electronic keyboard to the bell computer, then play the hymn tune I have chosen. This usually involves transposing hymns to fit within the given bells. It also

means that there are many hymns which will not work since they have a wider range of notes than the given octave. Look up #8, *Morning has broken*: it does not fit in the eight notes. #89, *It came upon a midnight clear* goes beyond the eight note range and also has



"accidentals" (notes not in that particular key; in this case E natural and F sharp.) #207, *Jesus Christ is risen today*, has a range of ten notes, not eight. Repeated notes frequently will not sound. To correct this I will play the hymn very slowly; but then it becomes like a dirge! I think you can see where I am going with this.

I program in the hymn tunes to play at 11:50 a.m. and 5:50 p.m. so as not to compete with the Town Clock which chimes on the hour. I change the hymn tunes according to the Liturgical Year: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and also will observe some holidays such as The 4th of July and Thanksgiving.

I am looking for a "Worthy Assistant!" I would train you in how to program in new tunes and then how to program them in for the twice daily ringing. I have settled on putting in fourteen different hymn tunes (one for morning, one for evening) just to keep things interesting; but that is not etched in stone. I believe the Tower Bells are truly an outreach to the community. It is probably subliminal to most folks in town, but I suspect that most find hearing the bells is comforting and timeless. Next time you are here, or you are in town and you hear the bells ringing, try to figure out what tune it is. And then consider applying for the job of "Worthy Assistant!"

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One Night Without a Home

CAMDEN — The Knox County Homeless Coalition will host its inaugural One Night Without a Home from 6:00 p.m. November 9, 2018 to 6:00 a.m. November 10, 2018.

On any given night here in the Mid-coast, Knox County Homeless Coalition (KCHC) is actively working to house up to 160 people who are homeless — and to assist just as many people who have recently been housed — guiding them to gain the skills necessary to maintain long-term housing and independence. KCHC's holistic approach to homeless services is seeing a housing sustainability success rate, for those who complete our multi-year program inclusive of Aftercare of between 90-95%.



KCHC's first One Night Without a Home is our kick-off event to National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

We hope you'll join the campaign and sign up at <https://www.crowdrise.com/KCHC-One-Night-Without-A-Home-2018> and then join with us on November 9-10, 2018 on the Camden Village Green to raise awareness of the issues surrounding homelessness both locally and globally. This fundraiser challenge supports the work of Knox County Homeless Coalition — the *only* homeless services organization serving Knox, Waldo and part of Lincoln Counties.

"Homelessness is often misunderstood as are the causes and effective solutions. And, to many, homelessness is invisible here, or too weighty to discuss. Our goals with this event are to make the topic approachable, raise awareness of the growing need in our own home towns, and bring people together in a meaningful and empathy-generating way around the issues of homelessness while raising much-needed funds to continue our successful programming and address the needs of the homeless individuals we serve — *about half of which are children* — in this area," said Stephanie Primm, Executive Director of KCHC

"There will be sleep-outs across the country as part of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week", said Becca Gildred, Development Director of KCHC, "We hope we'll have a good turnout of caring citizens willing to stand together against homelessness in our area."

Fundraising is ongoing through November 9, so join a team or create your own team (note that the term *team* is inclusive of teams made up of just 1 individual) today! The "sleep-out" begins at 6:00 p.m., Friday, November 9, 2018 and ends at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 10 and will be held on the Village Green in Camden, ME. Detailed specifics are available on the sign-up site.

Business sponsors include: Camden Real Estate, Viking Lumber Maine Sport and The Bayview Collection which includes Lord Camden Inn, Grand Harbor Inn and 16 Bayview. In-kind sponsors include: Town of Camden and Chestnut Street Baptist Church. Businesses looking to sponsor should contact Becca Gildred at 207-593-8151 or bgildred@homehelphope.org.

Bells of Peace

There will be a nationwide bell-tolling on November 11 (Veteran's Day) designed to honor American men and women who served 100 years ago during the 1st World War, and especially the 116,516 who died. Veterans Day was designated as "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace".

World War One ended on by the signing of the armistice agreement between the warring countries at eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month

of 1918. We will be ringing out the bells for peace in partnership with churches everywhere including our own Washington National Cathedral. Listen for our bells, which will toll 21 times at 11 on November 11.



Addiction & Recovery

**Addiction and Recovery in Our Backyard – Camden Public Library
Thursday, November 1, 6:30 PM –
A Film and Discussion**

The Mid-Coast Recovery Coalition will show several brief films followed by a viewing of *Recovery Boys*, from Academy Award nominated director Elaine McMillion Sheldon. Following the viewings, the audience will be invited to engage in a discussion about this topic.

“Recovery residences” are one such proven approach to impacting this public health crisis. By providing a supportive communal living environment, people with addiction can work on their recovery and return to productive lives for their family and for the community. Public resistance to recovery residences can stem from lack of understanding about how these homes operate and how opposition (NIMBY) is counterproductive to community health.

The movie *Recovery Boys* (from www.recoveryboysthefilm.com): deals with America’s opioid epidemic, and four men’s attempt to reinvent their lives and mend broken relationships after years of drug abuse.

For questions about this movie viewing and discussion, please call Mid-Coast Recovery Coalition at 207-701-1182 or send an email to info@midcoastrecovery.org.



Jane's Moving

Jane’s moving—to a new office! Soon Jane will get to leave the days of triple sweaters, mittens and chilblains behind her as she moves from the backstage area of the stage (58 degrees in the winter, 95 in the summer) to the room we have been using as the library. She is excited to be closer to the other staff, in the ‘modern’ section of the circa 1855 Rectory building. It will be easier to work together now that we’re all within easy proximity.

The library will be moving to new digs, and as soon as we have those exciting plans firmed up, we’ll unveil them. We hope to make the library more accessible to our parishioners, and that will encourage more lending. Dedication of the new library space will happen after the move is complete.

An additional positive is that we will be able to close the hall door to the offices and heat *only* the office portion of the building to 68 degrees in the winter. This will save us on fuel oil expenditures, good news, since the price of fuel oil will be significantly higher this winter than last winter.

We will be asking for your help soon to move the books from the library to their new home, and Jane’s books and music to her new digs. Bring your friends and we’ll make a day out of it!

Lisa+

Meeting for Christmas Fair November 2

If we're going to have a Christmas Fair this year it's time to start thinking about it. There will be a meeting at 11am on Friday, November 2 to talk about what we plan to do. Everyone is welcome to come to the Guild Room to join in the discussion.



Community Thanksgiving

We will be having our annual Thanksgiving dinner at St. Thomas' on Thanksgiving Day for anyone who would like to come. Carlos and Terry Mello will coordinate this and will let you know how you can help out!



Support Camp Bishopswood

One of the many outreach ministries we support here at St. Thomas' is Camp Bishopswood, which has just finished another season. This week we received a letter in the office updating us on the season and asking us to consider giving a gift to their Bishopswood Annual Fund which will help them complete the work they are doing to make sure that all of the cabins have working electricity. In addition to this, on their web-



site: <https://www.bishopswood.org/wish-list/> you will find a wish list of items that the camp is in need of. If you are able to make a donation, please reach out to the camp directly. If

you would like to see the letter or the wish list they are posted in the copier room, across from the church office.

One of their campers said, "They took really good care of us." Let's take care of Camp Bishopswood, so that they can continue impacting young lives in a positive way through their summer camp program!



Blessing of the Animals 2018



Recycling at St. Thomas'

The yellow bags for the transfer station used to come 7 to a bag. Then it was 5. Now it is 4. They still charge \$10 dollars for each sleeve of bags, however. Please help us cut our trash expenses by trying very hard to recycle all you can: plastic, cans, returnables, paper etc. in the bins provided in the kitchen. Your help is most appreciated, both by St Thomas' and by our environment.

For more information on recycling in Camden, visit the transfer station website. <http://www.midcoastsolidwaste.org/recycling-bin-line-up/>



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Watch for bags and labels and start saving your cans to help St. Thomas'. We haven't done a lot with this lately, but we will be starting back up, soon! It's a great way to be good to our environment and to help St. Thomas' meet our financial needs! Thank you in advance for playing a part!

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