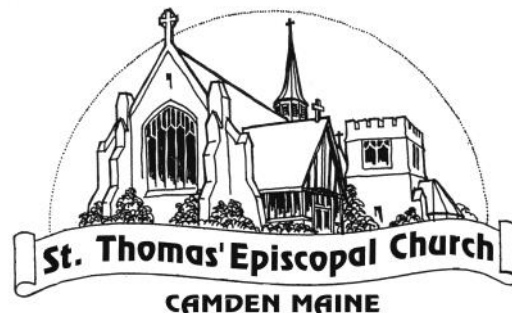


Merry Christmas!

S T . T H O M A S ' Tidings

Sunday, December 23, 2018
The Fourth Sunday in Advent

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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Christmas Services:

Christmas Eve:

4:30pm Pageant and Holy Eucharist
10:30pm Candlelight Holy Eucharist

Christmas Day

10:00 Quiet Holy Eucharist

Christmas Week News

- ◆ Rev. Lisa will be on vacation from December 26—January 1.
- ◆ The Parish Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25.
- ◆ There will be no Wednesday Eucharist on December 26.
- ◆ The Parish Office will be open from 9 am—12 noon, Dec, 26—28.

Christmas Decorations

Are you tired of some of your Christmas decorations? Do you have so many that some you leave in a box from year to year? Well now is the time to do some “weeding” and bring some of those “no longer loved” decorations to the church office to be packed away for our next Christmas Fair. Just think of the new storage space you will be making for

yourself. Now someone else can love your decorations. Thank you and Merry Christmas. -Elizabeth

Survey for all Parishioners!

At the end of this week we will be sending out a survey to the congregation to assess where we are, where we are going, and what you perceive our priorities to be as we move forward into 2019.

This anonymous survey won't take long to complete. Parishioners will have three choices of ways to complete it:

- Via Survey Monkey. A link is being sent out in a parish-wide communique on 12.21/18.
- Printing a copy from the website and completing it at your leisure
- Picking up a copy of the survey in the narthex, sun room or parish office

This survey page will be set up on St. Thomas' website and be available online between December 23rd and January 11. We will have the results for you at the Annual Meeting on January 27th. We appreciate your time and your thoughts as we discern how best to spread the love of God as Christ's hands and feet and hearts in both Camden and the world.

Stewardship News

Pledge cards are due by the December 31.

If most of our 50+ “pledging units” (families, singles and couples) who are members, *but are not currently pledging*, pledged just \$40 a month (the cost of a latte or two a week) we could raise an additional \$24,000. Think of the good work we could do. Think of how just that little bit would help us lead vibrant worship services, care for more people, teach about our faith, help us to offer symposiums on health and spiritual issues, and allow us to keep our doors open for peace and prayer in the Lord's house. Join us in supporting the work of Jesus in our midst.

If you would like a pledge card please let Raylene in the office know.

Greening the Church
TODAY

After the 10:00 am service.

Please join us!

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: Marya Allen, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Seana Roubinek, Pat Olds, Carolyn Morris, Janan Vaughn, Rosalind Clarke, Amy, Gordon Gushee, Susan, Martha, Jean Harper, Abby Neal, Mary, Jeremiah Swett, Dustin, Maxine, Ruth, Gwen, Jan, Millie.

This Sunday

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a
Canticle 15
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

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

10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** George Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Sarah Groman, Jeff Conrad; **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan Bowley; **Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins, Poppy Johanson; **Ushers:** Phil Groman, Leamon Scott

Next Sunday

December 30, 2018

The First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 147:13-21
Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7
John 1:1-18

7:30 am: Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Paul Tunkle; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Paul Holman, Terry Mello; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

10:00 am: Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Paul Tunkle; **Crucifer:** TBD; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Jane Schroeder, Jeff Conrad; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Ushers:** Leamon Scott, Phil Groman.

Today's Music

Will return
Sunday, January 6, 2019

Calendar

Sunday, December 23

The Fourth Sunday in Advent

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Coffee Hour follows)

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve

4:30 pm—Pageant & Holy Eucharist

10:30 pm—Candlelight Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, December 25

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

10:00 am—Holy Eucharist Rite II

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, December 26

9:00 am—Noon—Parish Office Open

4:00 pm—EfM—On Vacation

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, December 27

9:00 am—Noon—Parish Office Open

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal—on vacation

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, December 28

9:00 am—Noon—Parish Office Open

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, December 29

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, December 30

The First Sunday after Christmas

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am—Service of Lessons & Carols and Holy Eucharist

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Monday, December 31

Parish Office Closed

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Tuesday, January 1

Parish Office Closed—Holiday

9:00 am—Xi Gong—On Vacation

5:00 pm—Outreach Coalition—
Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Wednesday, January 2

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

10:00 am—Fellowship Time

—Sun Room

10:30 am—Bible Study—Sun Room

4:00 pm—EfM Conference Room

6:00 pm—VoXX Rehearsal

—Parish Hall, Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Thursday, January 3

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

—Green Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Friday, January 4

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Saturday, January 5

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Sunday, January 6

The Feast of the Epiphany:

The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

7:30 am—Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

Meetings and Events are subject to change. St. Thomas' welcomes the use of its facilities for meetings and events. Please contact the Parish Office before scheduling any event. A detailed building calendar can be viewed in the office copier room.

What's Where

Our Sunday School and Nursery rooms are located past the sun room. Turn right. The *Blue Room* is the Nursery & *Godly Play*; the *Yellow Room* is the *God, the Bible and Me* classroom. 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). The Conference Room is past the sunroom, take the right corridor to the end and turn left.