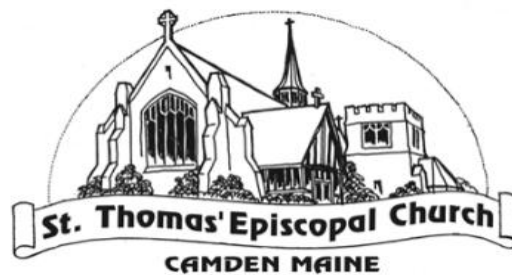


# ST. THOMAS' Tidings

Sunday, March 3, 2019

## The Last Sunday in Epiphany

We welcome all who enter these doors, especially those who enter for the first time or after a long absence. Everyone is welcome! All are welcome to receive the Bread and Wine at this altar.



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### Lenten Sermon and Teaching Series

#### Lenten Sermon and Discussion Series begins next week!

During the 7 weeks of Lent, Lisa and Abby will be team teaching and doing a preaching series using Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's new project: *The Way of Love*, as a discussion starter. Here's a link:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love>

Lisa and Abby's sermons and open discussions each week will follow the practices of **Rest - Turn - Learn - Pray - Worship - Bless - Go!**, focusing on one aspect each week. Join them at 9am each Sunday in the Conference Room from March 10-April 21 for a discussion about how these 5 practices impact your daily life.

### Confession is good for the soul

Sometimes people need to confess, especially if they can't stop thinking about something in their past. Sometimes we need to hear we are forgiven, no matter what.

I will offer The Reconciliation of a Penitent, sometimes referred to incorrectly as *confession*, by appointment on Shrove Tuesday, March 5.

### Food Pantry Sunday

Please remember to bring donations this Sunday, March 3rd, for the Food Pantry. Any personal hygiene items or non-perishable foods would be helpful. We ask that you please check the expiration dates. You can also make a cash donation using the special marked envelopes in the pews.

### Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday Services will be held on March 6 at 9:30am and 5:30pm

in the Church. The Rector will also be bringing ashes during the day to our homebound parishioners at Quarry Hill, Knox Mill, and to private homes as requested.

### Noon Music in Lent Lunches

The Noon Music in Lent Soup Luncheon is truly a St. Thomas' outreach event for the Camden Community. Volunteers are needed to make soup on the following dates: March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and April 12<sup>th</sup>. Likewise donations of Clementine Oranges are needed on several dates. Presently, there is no official clean-up crew who know how to run the dishwasher. If you can help with any of the above, please contact Lucy Ebbert, 596-6163 or [lbebbert@gmail.com](mailto:lbebbert@gmail.com).

### 2019 Directories Ready!

2019 Directories are now available in the Sunroom and the Church Office. Please check your information for accuracy, and help us fill in any missing information. Thank you!

### Help yourself out and....

Please check with Pat Ayers before buying duplicate food for the Lenten soups, coffee hour, and parish refreshments. There are quite a few things that could be used: including bread flour, cocoa, condiments, spices etc.

### Upcoming Zumba Dance

Volunteers are needed for the March 30th (7:30—9:30 pm) Zumba Dance Party Benefit (Proceeds to go to Knox County Homeless Coalition, and Habitat for Humanity) Help is needed for....

1) Childcare from 7:30—9:30 pm

- 2) Kitchen Help/Refreshments
- 3) Snacks and Baked Goods Donations
- 4) Decoration ideas and set up
- 5) Advertising (Freepress/Online, etc.)

Please contact Pam Bardon 236-2421.

### Organ Update!



Some background in case you have been out-of-town or out-of-the-loop: while I was on vacation in January the organ developed a cipher (pipes sounding even though none of the keys are pressed down). It sounded like a gremlin had gotten into the Choir division and was learning how to play the bagpipes (badly). The Potter-Rathbun company in Rhode Island has been tuning the organ for many, many years. Brian Mattias, the organ tuner, came for the regularly scheduled twice-yearly tuning on February 19, 2019. He discovered there had been a water leak sometime after they were here tuning the organ in early November. I agreed with Brian's assessment to cut off the wind to the Choir division of the organ. This means we still have 75% of the organ (the Great division, Swell division and Pedal division) up and running and tuned. That's what I used last Sunday.

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### Organ Update...continued...

I am grateful that we have the Chickering piano in the church to use for those three weeks while we waited. I am grateful that we have 75% of the organ to lead worship.

Brian took lots of photos of the inside of the Choir division where the water damage was. The insurance adjuster has been called. I had a lengthy conversation with Jeffrey Dexter, one of the vice presidents at the Schantz Organ Company in Orrville, Ohio (they built this organ in 1992). He is examining the photos, conferring with his colleagues at Schantz as well as with Brian: Jeffrey will get back to us with ways to go forward. There are a number of possibilities. Schantz could send some of their people to come here to remove what needs to be repaired/replaced and bring it back to Ohio. Schantz could send some of their people here to repair/replace right here. There might be other possibilities as well.

This will not be repaired overnight. It could take a few months. Meanwhile, I would encourage all of us to focus on what we **do have: 75% of a very fine pipe organ!** We could also hold our hymnals up a bit higher and take deeper breaths and sing out a bit more (\*grin\*).

Jane Schroeder  
Minister of Music

### News about Raylene

Raylene Hunt, our Administrative Assistant in the office has resigned. She has felt, and told us several times, that she didn't think this job was a good fit for her. She was also developing some eye issues working on the computer for long stretches of time. I offered to let her resign and she gratefully accepted. We will all miss her, but we are glad we'll see each other out and about in Camden. Be sure and say hello when you do!

### 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, Jeremiah Swett, Dustin, Maxine, Jan, Joan Pottle, Arnie Joy, Anne, Paul Whittaker, Sandy Lyle, Kevin Jackson.

### This Sunday March 3, 2019

#### The Last Sunday in Epiphany

*Exodus 34:29-35*

*Psalms 99*

*2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

*Luke 9:28-36*

#### 7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Sandy Lyle, Jan Lyle; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers; **Usher:** Bert Ryan

#### 10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Freya Johanson, Charlotte Watkins **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan Bowley **Acolytes:** Poppy Johanson **Ushers:** Lucy Ebbert, Jim Ebbert

**Altar Guild:** Pat Ayers, Ruth Tolman, Rebecca Vogt, Jeff Conrad

### Next Sunday

### March 10, 2019

#### First Sunday in Lent

*Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

*Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16*

*Romans 10:8b-13*

*Luke 4:1-13*

#### 7:30 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** JoAnne Ryan, Terry Mello **Prayers of the People:** Edmund Hartt; **Usher:** Edmund Hartt

#### 10:00 am: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Lily Robbins; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Jeff Conrad, Anna Black; **Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker; **Acolytes:** Will Robbins, Olivia Robbins; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson, Roy Gilley

# Calendar

## Sunday, March 3

### Last Sunday in Epiphany

#### 7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

(Coffee Hour follows)

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am—Christian Education Classes

#### 10:00 am—Youth-Led Eucharist, Rite II

#### Guest speaker: 7:30 & 10

#### Mike Douglas, Camp Bishopwood

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 pm—Centering Prayer—Chapel

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Monday, March 4

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Parish Hall

## Tuesday, March 5

9:00 am—Xi-Gong Dance Class

2:00 pm—Staff Meeting

5:00 pm—Outreach Meeting—  
Conference Room

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Wednesday, March 6

### Ash Wednesday

#### 9:30 am—Ash Wednesday Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

10:15 am—Coffee and Conversation—  
Conference Room

11:00 am—Bible Study—Conference  
Room

4:00 pm—EfM—Conference Room

#### 5:30 pm—Ash Wednesday Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

7:00 pm—VoXX

## Thursday, March 7

5:00 pm—Choir Rehearsal

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Friday, March 8

12:00 pm—Noon Music in Lent

(Luncheon Follows in Parish Hall)

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Saturday, March 9

6:30 pm—AA meeting—Basement

## Sunday, March 10

### First Sunday in Lent

#### 7:30 am—Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 am—Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am—Christian Education Classes

#### 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.

### Needs in the Area

It has come to my attention that our members occasionally run across specific and finite needs among our area families and individuals. I would like to open up this space to Parishioners of St. Thomas' who would like us to help. Lisa+

USE THIS SPACE!

### 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.