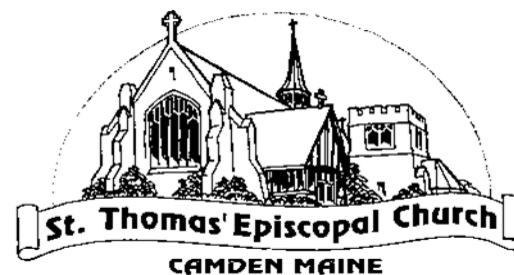


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, September 1, 2019

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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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Register for EfM Classes

Education for Ministry classes open in mid-September. Br. Donovan Bowley will register new members in the Sun Room after the 10:00 service each Sunday for the next few weeks. EfM is for anyone seeking spiritual growth in a small group setting, and who hungers for a deeper knowledge of God and scripture, Christian theology and history. If you would like to learn more about EfM, please speak with Brother Donovan or the Rev. Dr. Rosalee Glass.



Reading *A Bigger Table*!

The Rector's class **will not meet today**. It will resume September 8.

When the Rector's Away...

While the Rector is on vacation, the Rev. Abby Pettee and Br. Donovan Bowley will be on call for pastoral emergencies. Rev. Lisa will return Sunday, September 8.

And...

The Wednesday healing service will continue while the Rector is on vacation. Br. Donovan will lead a Celtic-inspired morning prayer service with homily and healing. He will facilitate the Bible Study as usual at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday.

☺ Today's Coffee Hour Angels

The September 1 Coffee Hour hosts are Terry Mello (7:30) and Fred Bucklin (10:00). Bless them!



Pizza: It's a Good Thing!

Be good to yourself and do good for others when you order a pizza **Tuesday, September 3**, at the St. Thomas' Outreach Committee's fundraiser at Flatbread Pizza on Route 1 in Rockport!

This event benefits New Hope for Women and the Knox Homeless Coalition (including Hospitality House). Flatbread will donate \$3.50 for each large pizza and \$1.75 for each small one, *including takeout*, ordered by St. Thomas' members, families, and friends **between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.** The goal is 100 pizzas. Enjoy fabulous fare — guilt-free! — have fun, and support these great causes!

Food Pantry Sunday

Please remember to bring your donations **Sunday, September 1**, for the Food Pantry. Personal hygiene items or nonperishable foods would be helpful. We ask that you please check expiration dates. You also can make a donation using the specially marked envelopes in the pews.

Host a Student from China

The STS Foundation, a U.S. State Department sponsored high school exchange program, is seeking a family in the Camden area to host a Chinese student attending Camden Hills Regional High School this fall.

Jiankun is a 16-year-old boy who plays piano, drum, and Morin Khuur (a string instrument). He enjoys table tennis, badminton, and computer programming. Jiankun describes himself as easygoing and good at making friends. He has taken 11 years of English and two years of French, and his teachers say he is responsible and hardworking. Jiankun is "very excited" to come to America and looks forward to experiencing our education system and joining clubs at school.

To learn more, or if you know of a family who might host, please contact Morgan Tondreault at 978-341-3512 or morgan@stsfoundation.org. STS is offering a \$200 referral gift card or donation for the name of any family that will host. To learn more about STS, please visit the website: www.stsfoundation.org.

Vestry Minutes

The July Minutes were approved at our August Vestry meeting. They are posted on our website and on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Office Closed for Labor Day

The Church Office will be closed Monday, September 2. It will reopen Tuesday morning.



Will You Be a Coffee Hour Angel?

After the Sunday service, the spirit has been restored, but the flesh is weak! That's why many parishioners appreciate the Coffee Hour where, fortified by a mug of French roast, a cup of Darjeeling, a tasty pastry, they can reflect on the sermon, catch up with friends, and hear all the latest church news.

If you're one such grateful soul, why not sign up to host a Coffee Hour? Or perhaps your ministry or committee could volunteer for a week, a month, a quarter! (It might just help your case when you're standing before Saint Peter someday.) Hosts are needed for the monthly Coffee Hour after the 7:30 service and after the 10:00 service each week. Sign up in the binder in the Sun Room. To learn more, see Kate Jackson or Ruth Tolman, or call Kate at 785-4500.



'Summer Farewell'

September is here and the "Summer Farewell" event is less than three weeks away! On **Friday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m.**, at St. Thomas', this celebration of the change of seasons will bring together the St. Thomas' family, friends, and neighbors to share summer memories and fall plans while benefiting worthy causes. This year, funds after expenses will help support the repair of our stone tower and aid our local "Meals on Wheels."

This fun event will feature delicious hors d'oeuvres, beverage bar, a raffle, and a silent auction. How about a schooner trip, an authentic Asian catered dinner for six, or a lobster dinner for ten?

To donate items, please contact Fred Bucklin (785-3772) or Sally Williamson (273-6080) so they can keep track of things as they come in.

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: *Vicky and Bill, Jacqueline Recht, Arnie Joy, Maxine, Judith Shepherd, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Seana Roubinek, Carolyn Morris, Amy, Susan, Joan Pottle, Paul Whittaker, Anne, Sandy Lyle, Jan Gilley, Brian Fitzpatrick, Skip Groman, Tom Fontaine, Kathy Kulick, Gayle and George, Lainie Vreeland, David Harper, Susan Conrad, Elaine.*

This Sunday

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Sirach 10:12-18

Psalms 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

7:30 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Robert Hargreaves; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Terry Mello; Carlos Mello; **Prayers of the People:** JoAnne Ryan; **Usher:** Carlos Mello

10:00 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher:

The Rev. Robert Hargreaves; **Crucifer:** George Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** Doc Wallace; Haunani Wallace; **Prayers of the People:** Bill Freeman; **Acolytes:** Lola Black; Hettie Bickham; **Ushers:** Dean Jackson; Ed Williamson

Next Sunday

September 8, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

7:30 a.m.: Celebrant:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Preacher:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Eucharistic Minister:** Sandy Lyle; **Lectors:** Pam Bardon; Edmund Hartt; **Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayres; **Usher:** Edmund Hartt

10:00 a.m.: Celebrant:

The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Preacher:** The Rev. Abby Pettee; **Crucifer:** Kavan Kibler; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeff Conrad; **Lectors:** Doc Wallace; Haunani Wallace; **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan; **Acolytes:** Kingston Kibler; Tom Roberts; **Ushers:** Bill Freeman; Roy Gilley

Calendar

Sunday, September 1

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Rector on Vacation Until September 8

7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

(Coffee Hour follows)

8:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 p.m. – Centering Prayer – Chapel

6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Monday, September 2

All Day— Church Office Is Closed

6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 3

9:00 a.m. – Xi-Gong Dance Class

6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

5:00 p.m.—Outreach Committee

Fundraiser— Flatbread Pizza, Route 1, Rockport

Wednesday, September 4

9:30 a.m. – Celtic-Inspired Prayer and Healing Service – Chapel

10:15 a.m. – Coffee and Conversation – Sun Room

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study – Sun Room

6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Thursday, September 5

5:00 p.m.— Choir Rehearsal

6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Friday, September 6

6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Saturday, September 7

6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Sunday, September 8

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

8:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m.—Rector's Class — Conference Room

10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II

(Coffee Hour follows)

5:15 p.m. – Centering Prayer – Chapel

6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Meetings and Events are subject to change. St. Thomas' welcomes the use of its facilities for Meetings and Events.

Before scheduling any activity, please contact the Parish Office
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