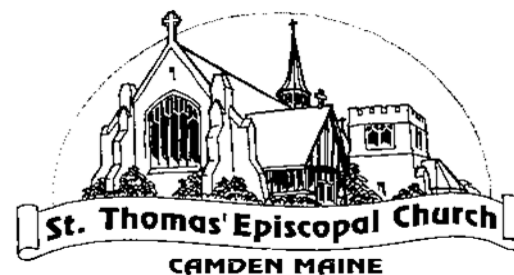


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, September 15, 2019

Fourteenth 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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Sunday School Schedule

Rachel Bickham will again be teaching the class for older children (10 and up). This fall, she has planned a block format with special lessons and activities covering several weeks. In the first section, **September 15-October 6**, students will explore some New Testament parables and create artwork for a display in the yellow classroom. Classes will run from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m., to give acolytes time to prepare for the service. For details, please contact Rachel at 763-2843.

New Time for Choir Practice

Summer is winding down and weekly choir rehearsals are gearing up. Our new Music Minister, Clarissa Brown, has decided, after consulting with the choir, to change rehearsal times to **Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.** (instead of 5:00 p.m.) to allow people who are working to join in. All are welcome! If you have friends who are thinking about singing, bring them along!

Join the Weed Whackers!

Want to get a bit of exercise and help beautify the church grounds, too? Bill Freeman is putting together a group to weed the gardens and help ease the church's landscaping expenses. Please contact Bill for details.

Today's Coffee Hour Angels

☺ Our September 15 Coffee Hour hosts are Sarah and Phil Groman. Bless them!



'Summer Farewell'

Fall is in the air! And so is the mounting excitement of this special St. Thomas' event that marks the change from easy summer to crisp autumn – now just five days away! St. Thomas' welcomes you, as well as your friends and neighbors, to the 'Summer Farewell' on **Friday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m.**

This is an adult, social fundraiser with hors d'oeuvres by Maynard's Catering, supported by Maine Street Meats, a beverage bar, and a music backdrop for all tastes. The festivities will include a silent auction featuring a lobster dinner for ten—with all the trimmings; an authentic Asian prepared dinner for six with three appetizers and three main courses; schooner trips; and other exciting offerings. There will also be a raffle of three baskets — "Maine Made," "Kids' Fun" and "Cooks & Bakers."

Admission is by freewill donation. Proceeds after expenses will benefit the repair of the iconic St. Thomas' stone tower and (the raffle) Meals on Wheels.

Please join us this coming Friday for a change-of-season social in support of two worthwhile causes!

Register for EfM Classes

Education for Ministry classes will begin again 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 seeking 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 continues with Chapter 14 in *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community*, by John Pavlovitz. Come join our book discussion **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** in the Conference Room!



Meals on Wheels Raffle

As part of the "Summer Farewell" celebration, we are holding a basket raffle to benefit Meals on Wheels.

Three baskets will be raffled off, each with a special theme: "Made in

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Maine"; "Kids' Fun," with puzzles, books, games, and an Heirloom Bear that sits on a chair crafted by woodworker Karen Backman; and "Cooks & Bakers," with placemats and napkins made by Kate Jackson, a hand-turned French rolling pin crafted by Karen, kitchen tools, assorted rubs, an apron, oven mitts, crocheted potholders —and a cake!

Donations of "Made in Maine" products are still needed — whether it's something you've made or have purchased, all will be gratefully received! **Please bring items to the Church Office by September 15.**

Raffle tickets are \$5 each, \$20 for five. You can buy them in the Sun Room on September 15 after both services and at the event, or send an email to JoAnne Ryan at jydyryan@yahoo.com.

Meals on Wheels now finds itself with a shortfall that could lead to wait-listing. Help Meals on Wheels feed the hungry in our community!



Will You Be a Coffee Hour Angel?

If you enjoy the Sunday Coffee Hours, why not sign up to host one? Maybe 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.

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: *Polly Chatfield, True Edward Moro, 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, Lainie Vreeland, David Harper, Susan Conrad, Elaine.*

This Sunday September 15, 2019

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*Exodus 32:7-14
Psalm 51:1-11
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10*

7:30 a.m.: Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Edmund Hartt; Andrew Moran; **Prayers of the People:** Sandy Lyle; **Usher:** Peggy Daniels

10:00 a.m.: Celebrant: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** George Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jacqueline Recht; **Lectors:** Dean Jackson; Kate Jackson; **Prayers of the People:** Chris Glass; **Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins; Poppy Johanson; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert; Lucy Ebbert

Next Sunday September 22, 2019

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

*Amos 8:4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13*

7:30 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Pat Ayres; Jan Lyle; **Prayers of the People:** Pam Bardon; **Usher:** Jean Cox

10:00 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** TBA; John Mattern; **Prayers of the People:** Millie Crocker; **Acolytes:** Lola Black; Hettie Bickham; **Ushers:** Mike Moore; Ed Williamson

Calendar

Sunday, September 15

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7:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, Rite I
8:30 a.m. — Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m. — Christian Education Classes
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 16

10:00 a.m. — Finance and Endowment committees meeting — Conference Room
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 17

9:00 a.m. — Xi-Gong Dance Class
5:00 p.m. — Vestry meeting — Conference Room
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

Wednesday, September 18

9:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist with 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
7:00 p.m. — VoXX rehearsal — Parish Hall and Green Room

Thursday, September 19

6:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

Friday, September 20

5:30 p.m. — 'Summer Farewell' — Parish Hall
6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

Saturday, September 21

6:30 p.m. — AA meeting — Basement

Sunday, September 22

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