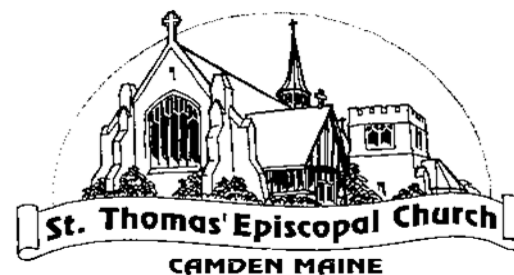


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Thirteenth 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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The Blessing of the Backpacks

A new school year is beginning, and to get the kids started off right, the Rector will give a blessing for St. Thomas' students' backpacks at the **10:00 service today, September 8.**

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.

Choir Practice Resumes

With summer winding down, weekly rehearsals are starting up again. For now, practices will continue to be on Thursdays at 5:00 p.m. Our new Music Minister, Clarissa Brown, has put out the call for people to join the choir. All are welcome! If you have a friend who is thinking about singing, bring them along with you!

☺ Today's Coffee Hour Angel

Our September 8 Coffee Hour host is Eileen Morelli. Bless her!

'Summer Farewell' Raffle

As part of the end-of-summer celebration, we are holding a raffle to benefit Meals on Wheels.

Three baskets will be raffled off, each with a special theme: "Made in Maine"; "Kids' Fun," with puzzles, books, games and an Heirloom Bear 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 by Karen, kitchen tools, 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 email JoAnne Ryan: 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!

Celebrating Ed Shindle

On **Thursday, September 12**—Ed's birthday—at 5 p.m., the Owl & Turtle bookshop in Camden will host a reception in honor of Ed. Donations for a memorial brick at the library will be gratefully accepted. All Ed's friends are welcome!

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 **resumes today, September 8**, as we discuss Chapter 13 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!

Episcopal Peace Fellowship

On **Sunday, September 15**, Grace Episcopal Church in Bath will host a celebration of the Episcopal Peace Fellowship and the coming anniversary of its founding, 80 years ago. The guest of honor at morning worship will be the Executive Director of EPF, Melanie Merkle Atha, who is visiting Maine on her tour of the United States to highlight

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local acts of peace and reconciliation and to promote the ongoing work of EPF. After the 10:15 service at Grace there will be a reception in the parish hall featuring remarks by Melanie on Episcopal Peace Fellowship with an informal Q&A. Those members of neighboring churches who wish to attend services in their own parishes are welcome to attend the reception only along with members of the public interested in furthering the cause of peace.

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.



'Summer Farewell'

September is here and the "Summer Farewell" is less than two weeks

away! Adults in the Midcoast area are invited to enjoy this fun event marking the change of seasons, on **Friday, September 20, at 5:30 p.m.**, at St. Thomas'. The proceeds after expenses will support the repair of our stone tower and aid "Meals on Wheels." The event will feature hors d'oeuvres by Maynard's Catering, beverage bar, silent auction, and a raffle. Admission is free, but freewill donations will be appreciated.

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: *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, Gayle and George, Lainie Vreeland, David Harper, Susan Conrad, Elaine.*

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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

Next Sunday September 15, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Calendar

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

Monday, September 9

6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, September 10

9:00 a.m. – Xi-Gong Dance Class
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Wednesday, September 11

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 12

All Day — ClIFF Forum — Parish Hall, Guild Room, Sun Room, Kitchen (private event)
4:00 p.m. — Pastoral Care — Conference Room
5:00 p.m. — Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Friday, September 13

All Day — ClIFF Forum — Parish Hall, Guild Room, Sun Room, Kitchen (private event)
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Saturday, September 14

All Day — ClIFF Forum — Parish Hall, Guild Room, Sun Room, Kitchen (private event)
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Sunday, September 15

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

*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** (admin@stthomascamdenme.org, 236-3680).*