St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, October 27, 2019

Twentieth 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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All Saints' Sunday Is Coming Up ~ November 3 ~

Several things will be happening on that Feast Day:

This year we're asking that people bring in pictures of people close to them who have died this year to put on one of two tables set up in the church, overflow in the chapel. Framed or unframed is fine. We will have candles lit on all tables.

We will offer the Eucharist in honor of those who have died from our congregation during the year.

We will have a "necrology": a short blessing and reading of the names of all those buried in our columbarium since it began. That will take place between the services instead of my class.

After both services we will have coffee hour, offered in thanksgiving for the lives of our beloved departed. At the reception after the 10:00 service we will give thanks for the life of Jean Harper, who was buried privately a few weeks ago in our columbarium. Please join us as we celebrate the lives of those who have gone on before us. *—Lisa +*

Today's Coffee Hour Angels

Our hosts for October 27 are the Rev. Abby Pettee after the 7:30 and Anne and Philip Bagnall after the 10:00. Bless them!

Outreach Donations

We are thrilled to report that from January through September, we have received **$4,756** earmarked for other non-profit organizations.

- Our fundraisers collected $1,625 for Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Knox County Homeless Coalition, and New Hope for Women.
- Our Sunday offerings for the Food Pantry totaled $1,605.
- Our NOON Music in Lent series raised $1,095 for the Food Pantry!
- Other miscellaneous donations and other allocations totaled $431.

Thank you all for your continued generosity to our community!

Help! — 1 Hour, 1 Friday

Please help us out just for one hour, any Friday morning in November or January! No strings attached. A sign-up sheet is on the table inside the church entrance. Please sign your name and phone number so we can set up a time.

We would be delighted to have you come back again, but we are also happy to have you see the flower room and share what we do. No, you do NOT have to arrange flowers; just help with the watering, lifting, sweeping, whatnot.

Of course, if you want to do flowers, it is fun and easy but NOT required. Now that our wonderful summer volunteers have gone South, we are down to three people, so please, give us just one hour. Thanks!

—Corallie, Kate, and Sarah

Join the Conversation About Wayfinders This Sunday!

Wayfinders is a program which encourages Christians to listen for where God might be calling them next, and then, crucially, supports them as they take steps to answer that call.

*Darreby Ambler will be preaching about the Wayfinders project at both services this **Sunday, October 27,** and speaking during a **coffee hour after each service.*** Come and join the conversation in the Guild Room. For more information, please go to www.wayfinders.me or email Darreby at darrebyambler@gmail.com.

Tibetan Monks to Visit Camden

This week, the First Congregational Church in Camden will host the National Sacred Arts Tour from the Drepung Gomang Monastery in Mundgod, India. Seven Tibetan refugee Buddhist monks from the monastery will visit Camden to bring a message of compassion and share the traditions and culture of Tibet.

The public is invited to attend the

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***Monks** continues…*

Opening Ceremony at the church on Elm Street at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, **October 28,** and to watch the monks create a sacred sand mandala. The public is welcome to join them as they chant each day at 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The Closing Ceremony and dissolution of the mandala will be Friday, **November 1,** at 3:00 p.m., followed by a blessing of the water at Camden Public Harbor Landing.

Drepung Monastery was founded in 1416 near Lhasa, the capital of Tibet. After the Chinese Communist takeover of Tibet in 1959, refugee monks were given land in India, where they rebuilt the monastery.

The National Sacred Arts Tour supports the education, health, and nutrition of the monastery's 2,000 monks. For more information about these and other events during the National Sacred Arts Tour's visit to Midcoast Maine, please go to https://www.camdenucc.org/content/newsm/news?show=VIEW&a=5275.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Lyles and the Mellos will be hosting St. Thomas' Community Thanksgiving Dinner this year. The doors will open at 1:30 p.m., with a buffet dinner starting at 2. As always, all are welcome! You are invited to bring a favorite dessert to share.

Reservations are not needed, but we ask that you to let us know if you plan to attend. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex and Sun Room. If you have questions, please contact Terry Mello.

Food Pantry Sunday

Please remember to bring donations for the Food Pantry next **Sunday, November 3.** Personal hygiene items and nonperishable foods would be especially helpful. We ask that you please check the expiration dates on products. You also can make a donation using the specially marked envelopes in the pews.

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: *Ted Conlon, Bayard Chanler, Sally Leighton, Ann McKendry, Carol, the Bob Bentley Family, Marcie Vega, Eleanor, True Edward Moro, Vicky and Bill, Arnie Joy, Maxine, Judith Shepherd, Ron, Andrew, Joanne Scott, Tiffany Andrews, Seana Roubinek, Carolyn Morris, Amy, Susan, Joan Pottle, Paul Whittaker, Anne, Sandy Lyle, Brian Fitzpatrick, Skip Groman, Tom Fontaine, Kathy Kulick, Lainie Vreeland, David Harper, Susan Conrad, Elaine.*

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Sirach 35:12-17
Psalm 84:1-6
2 Timothy 4:6-8
Luke 18:9-14

7:30 a.m.: Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Lisa Smith Fry**; Preacher:** Darreby Ambler; **Eucharistic Minister:** JoAnne Ryan; **Lectors:** Edmund Hartt; Diane Kirkman; **Prayers of the People:** JoAnne Ryan; **Usher:** Bert Ryan

10:00 a.m.: Celebrant: The Rev. Canon Lisa Smith Fry; **Preacher:** Darreby Ambler; **Crucifer:** George Bickham; **Eucharistic Minister:** Jeff Conrad; **Lectors:** Millie Crocker; Anna Black; **Prayers of the People:** Br. Donovan; **Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins; Poppy Johanson; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert; Ted Conlon

Next Sunday
November 3, 2019
All Saints' Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

7:30 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Lisa Smith Fry**; Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon; **Lectors:** Pam Bardon; Pat Ayers; **Prayers of the People:** Terry Mello; **Usher:** Bert Ryan

10:00 a.m.: Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Canon Lisa Smith Fry; **Crucifer:** Freya Johanson; **Eucharistic Minister:** Roy Gilley; **Lectors:** TBD; TBD; **Prayers of the People:** TBD; **Acolytes:** Lola Black; Hettie Bickham; **Ushers:** Jim Ebbert; Lucy Ebbert

Calendar

Sunday, October 27
Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(Coffee Hour follows: Forum with Darreby Ambler—Guild Room)
8:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m.—Christian Education Classes
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Coffee Hour follows: Forum with Darreby Ambler—Guild Room)
11:15 a.m. — Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:15 p.m. – Centering Prayer – Chapel
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Monday, October 28
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 29
9:00 a.m. – Xi-Gong Dance Class
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Wednesday, October 30
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
4:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m.—EfM—Conference Room
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement
7:00 p.m.—VoXX rehearsal — Parish Hall and Green Room

Thursday, October 31
6:00 p.m.— Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Friday, November 1
All Saints' Day
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Saturday, November 2
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

Sunday, November 3
All Saints' Sunday
7:30 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite I
(Coffee Hour follows)
8:30 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal
9:00 a.m.— Christian Education Classes
9:00 a.m. — Necrology
10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist, Rite II
(Coffee Hour follows)
11:15 a.m.—Youth Choir Rehearsal
5:15 p.m. – Centering Prayer – Chapel
6:30 p.m. – AA meeting – Basement

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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).*