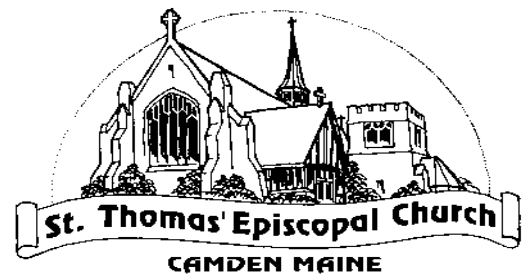


# St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, May 24, 2020

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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*Ella Johanson is St. Thomas' nursery attendant and a volunteer tech aide.*

### Ella Johanson

Ella's journey began at Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland on November 6, 2001. She was Erik and Jen's first child, and with that came lots of new experiences for all. She was named Ella Christiana, after her great-great-grandmother.

When Ella was 18 months old, the Johanson family moved to Ramstein, Germany, on orders with the U.S. Air Force. It was here in Germany that she found her love and talent for Irish dancing which, over the years, has taken her all over the place for competitions and events.

After a very happy seven years in Germany, the Johansons moved to Tampa, Fla., where Ella continued to dance and compete. She completed elementary school and moved on to a performing arts middle school. It was an exciting six years in Florida, but in 2016 it was time to relocate to Camden, Maine, where Ella began her freshman year at Camden Hills

## Honoring Our Graduating Seniors



Regional High School. When many high schoolers would be busy doing sports, Ella immersed herself in old books and maps, studying all areas of the world, and expanding her amazing geographical mind into something to be truly proud of.

In her own quiet way, Ella has flourished into the beautiful person she is today, and in a flash and all too soon, it is now her time to graduate high school and start college life at Plymouth State University in the fall.



*Kavan Kibler has served as an acolyte for eight years, the past two as crucifer.*

### Kavan Kibler

Kavan lives in Camden and has been attending St. Thomas' Episcopal Church since he was born in 2002.

Now a senior at Camden Hills Regional High School, Kavan has always remained true to himself. He doesn't see life as a race, but a stroll. He enjoys reading, going to Camp Kawanhee for boys during the summer, hip hop dancing, playing guitar, and spending time with his friends. Since he was a young boy, he has enjoyed participating in the worship service at St. Thomas'.

Although Kavan can ace a math exam, he is uncertain of where his life should take him. He has worked at the YMCA and plans to continue working to save money and take online and local classes, to continue to gain skills and clarity, and find his passion in life. Congratulations, Kavan, on your courage, and may you attain all that you aspire to in this wonderful gift called life. ♦♦♦

## Memorial Day

On this Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, let us remember the men and women who have died while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces:

*Father of all, we pray for you for all those who have given their lives in the service of their country. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

The “office” will be closed for the holiday. There will be no morning “Coffee & Check-In” or Noonday Prayer; they will resume Tuesday. Rev. Lisa will be trying out her new grill—send her some pictures of your own celebrations and we’ll run them in next week’s *Tidings*!

## Pandemic Memorial Service

The **National Council of Churches USA** will hold a public online service Sunday, May 24, at 6:00 p.m. ET, to mourn the more than 300,000 people worldwide who have lost their lives to the COVID-19 pandemic, more than 90,000 of them in the United States.

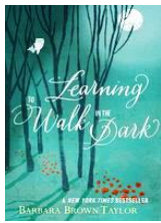
This service, ***A Time to Mourn: An Ecumenical Memorial Service for Lives Lost to COVID-19***, will air on YouTube and Facebook Live.

## COVID-19 Task Force Update

There will be a letter reaching you shortly from the Rector regarding tentative plans. It will include a link to a brief online poll that you are requested to complete, letting us know your feelings about potentially reopening sometime this summer.

## Diocese-wide Pentecost Service

Pentecost is almost here—May 31! The Episcopal Diocese of Maine is planning a diocese-wide worship service on Facebook Live. This service will air at 10:00 a.m. and will take the place of Morning Prayer with Rev. Lisa on Pentecost Sunday. Watch your email for more information and a link to the service and bulletin.



## Help in a Dark Hour

A new Rector’s Class has recently begun, and this time we’re reading the Rev. Barbara Brown Taylor’s ***Learning to***

***Walk in the Dark***—a guide to finding spirituality in times when we don’t have all the answers. Sound familiar?

I loved this book, and I think you will, too. You can still order it from your favorite bookstore or download it to your Kindle, and join the crowd in our discussions, every **Friday at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom!** We’re just getting started on Chapter 2. All (appropriate ages) are invited! It’s a fun class, and a great book. *Lisa+*

## Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need: *Kevin; Cam; Peg; Pam Stewart; Carolyn Moore; Edward; Jack and Betty McDermott; Jeremy Tucker; the Brooks family; Amelia Mello; Paula; Sandra A.; Julie; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Shirley; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill; Arnie Joy; Maxine; Judith Shepherd; Ron; Andrew; Joanne Scott; Tiffany Andrews; Seana Roubinek; Carolyn Morris; Amy; Joan Pottle; Paul Whittaker; Anne; Sandy Lyle; Brian Fitzpatrick; Skip Groman; Kathy Kulick; Lainie Vreeland; David Harper; Susan Conrad; Elaine.*

\*Click [here](#) to go to This Week’s Virtual Services, with readings and Facebook links.

## This Sunday May 24, 2020

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
*Acts 1:6-14*  
*Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36*  
*1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11*  
*John 17:1-11*

## Next Sunday

**May 31, 2020**

## Pentecost Sunday

*Acts 2:1-21*  
*Psalm 104:25-35, 37*  
*1 Corinthians 12:3b-13*  
*John 20:19-23*

## Calendar

### Sunday, May 24

**10:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer**—Facebook Live  
**11:00 a.m.—“Virtual” Coffee Hour**—Zoom

### Monday, May 25—Memorial Day

Office Is Closed.

### Tuesday, May 26

**9:30-10:00 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In**—Zoom  
**12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer**—Facebook Live

### Wednesday, May 27

**9:30-10:00 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In**—Zoom  
**10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Bible Study** via Zoom  
**12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer**—Facebook Live  
**4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.—EfM** via Zoom  
**8:00 p.m.—Compline**—Facebook Live

### Thursday, May 28

**9:30-10:00 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In**—Zoom  
**12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer**—Facebook Live

### Friday, May 29

**9:30-10:00 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In**—Zoom  
**12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer**—Facebook Live  
**4:00 p.m.—Rector’s Class** via Zoom

### Saturday, May 30

**11:00 a.m.—Youth Christian Education**—Zoom  
**8:00 p.m.—Compline**—Facebook Live

### Sunday, May 31

**10:00 a.m.—Diocese-wide Pentecost Service**—Facebook Live  
**11:00 a.m.—“Virtual” Coffee Hour**—Zoom  
\*Click [here](#) to connect to our Facebook page.

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