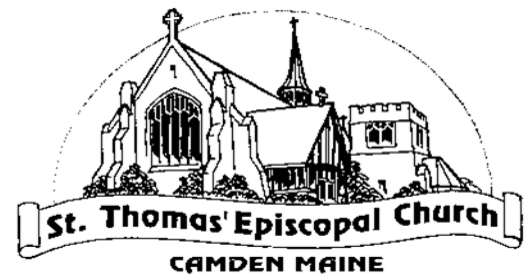


St. Thomas' Tidings

Sunday, June 21, 2020

Third 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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Happy Father's Day!

We remember and honor all our fathers today, especially this year when visiting is not possible, and fathers and children are often separated. No matter how distant, or how long departed, our fathers are always in our hearts. God's blessings on all our fathers.

The Holy Eucharist Streamed From St. Thomas'

Please join us again on Facebook this Sunday at 10:00 a.m. as we stream the Holy Eucharist, Rite II (with spiritual Eucharist) live from St. Thomas'. Just click the Facebook link on the website or in the email that will be sent. You do NOT need to be a Facebook user to watch this live.

Food Pantry Update

After three months of revised operating procedures to cope with COVID-19, the Camden Area Christian Food Pantry continues to serve our clients. We are now operating with a maximum of five volunteers per shift. So far, we have not seen a surge of clients as a result of the virus. Other food pantries in Knox County are experiencing similar numbers. Perhaps this is because many people are still receiving expanded unemployment checks. Those could expire in July. Also, schools are set to stop providing food to students because the session is

over for the summer. Our numbers may spike once this happens.

We continue to promote our service to those who may need it. The pantry has been able to obtain an adequate supply of food, although in some cases the selection has been limited. We've had an increase in monetary donations, which allows us to purchase food as needed. At this time, we are still not accepting donations of food from individuals.

We continue to communicate and cooperate with other pantries in Knox County as well as with the Good Shepherd Food Bank. Recently, we began working with a small pantry on Islesboro in an effort to expand their limited resources for food.

The Camden Area Christian Food Pantry is located at 128 Mt. Battie Street. We are open on Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Our phone number is 207-236-9790. Our website is camdenareachristianfoodpantry.org. If you know of someone experiencing food insecurity, please pass this information along. — *Leamon Scott*

What Hymns Do You Want to Sing?

This summer we're encouraging everyone to let us know what hymns you would particularly like to hear this summer. We might not yet be able to sing them together, but we can sing them as loudly as we want from home! If you listen really carefully, you might even hear your fellow parishioners singing....

So send your suggestions to Clarissa at voxhumana711@gmail.com, and we'll see how many of your favorites we can schedule.

Do you need a Prayer Book or Hymnal Delivered to You?

Speaking of hymns and singing—St. Thomas' will deliver hymnals or prayer books to you until we reopen the church to help you sing along with the hymns on Sunday and follow the Eucharist, Compline, and Noonday Prayer if you don't have access to a computer or a printer. We ask that you keep these at your home until we reopen, and after we reopen you should bring them with you on Sundays and take them home again, because we won't have books back in the pews for a few more months. Let Susie know if you need them: 236-3680, admin@stthomascamdenme.org.

Birthdays & Anniversaries During Our Time Apart

I will be saying a birthday prayer for those who have birthdays, and a special anniversary prayer for those with anniversaries, as we livestream services. Please let us know if you are having either one of those, or had one between March 15 and now.

Let me know by emailing me at rector@stthomascamdenme.org. If you would like your age, or number of years married, announced, let me know that, too. It's entirely up to you. I'm looking forward to saying a special prayer just for you. — *Lisa+*

Rector Taking a Week of Vacation

I will be taking a week off beginning June 22 and returning June 29. **The Sunday during the vacation (June 28) we will livestream the Diocesan monthly service.** It's been a trying time for everyone, and I can't seem to step away from work for even a day. When my father died, it became clear that I needed time both to rest and to grieve. Please take care of each other while I'm "away." I'm going to unplug my computer—which seems to be the only way I'll stop working—and Abby and Donovan will be on call for *urgent* needs. I'm still on call for *emergencies*. Keep me in your prayers, please. Lisa+

While the Rector is on vacation, there will be no Coffee & Check-In, Rector's Class, Compline, or 'Virtual' Coffee Hour. Noonday Prayer will continue, led by parishioners. All services and check-in will resume June 29.

Presiding Bishop Curry has asked that Episcopalians pray this prayer from Pentecost through September 1.

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit Among the People of God

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing
presence
and the hope you provide in times of
uncertainty and loss
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us
your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the
world;
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and
grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us
in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might
be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Information on the Poll And Ongoing Plans

There will be a letter coming to you soon from the rector regarding the poll we sent out and the ongoing plans. Please watch for it online in your email or in your mailbox if you do not have a computer.

Prayer List

Please pray for those members of this parish and others who are in special need:

Short-term: *Gwen Prosser; Kevin; Edward; Jeremy Tucker; the Brooks family; Amelia Mello; Paula; Sandra A.; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill.*

Long-term: *Shirley; Carolyn Moore; 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; Lainie Vreeland; David Harper; Susan Conrad; Elaine.*

God of all, we pray for our departed, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant to them eternal rest. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.



**This Sunday
June 21, 2020**

Third Sunday after Pentecost

*Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39*

**Next Sunday
June 28, 2020**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*Genesis 22:1-14
Psalm 13
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42*

Click [here](#) for *This Week's Virtual Services*, lessons, and Facebook links.

Calendar

Sunday, June 21

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II— [Facebook Live](#)

11:00 a.m. "Virtual" Coffee Hour—Zoom

Monday, June 22

*No Coffee & Check-In—Resumes June 29

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

Tuesday, June 23

*No Coffee & Check-In—Resumes June 29

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

Wednesday, June 24

*No Coffee & Check-In—Resumes June 29

10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Bible Study via Zoom

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

EfM is off for summer

***No Compline**—Resumes July 1

Thursday, June 25

*No Coffee & Check-In—Resumes June 29

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

Friday, June 26

*No Coffee & Check-In—Resumes June 29

12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live

*No Rector's Class—Resumes July 3

Saturday, June 27

Youth Christian Education is off for summer

***No Compline**—Resumes July 1

Sunday, June 28

10:00 a.m.—Diocese-Wide Service—

Facebook Live

No "Virtual" Coffee Hour—[Seeking Coffee Hour Angel\(s\) to host going forward](#)

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