

St. Thomas' Tidings

September 13, 2020, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

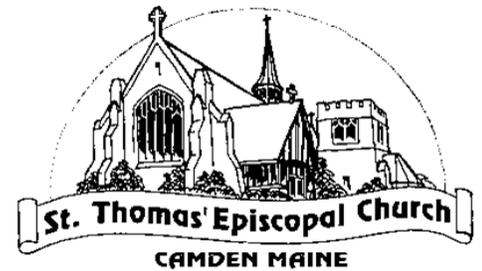
We are followers of Jesus who:

Worship in beauty

Question in faith

Serve in love

During the COVID-19 Pandemic our services, meetings, and classes are all online until further notice. Everyone is welcome at all offerings.



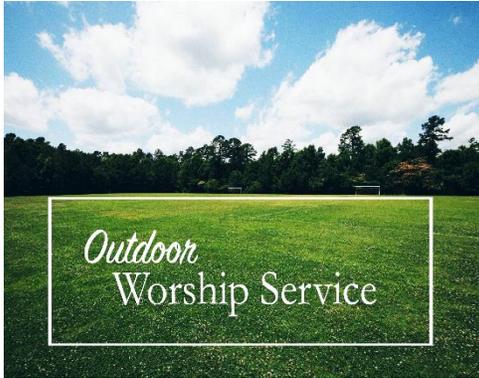
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Save the Date! September 20

St. Thomas' is excited to announce an outdoor worship service, as promised, on Sept 20 at Camp Bishopswood in Hope. The service will begin at 10:00 am. For those of you who are not comfortable with this, we will still offer our usual virtual service on Facebook and YouTube.

Instructions: Please bring a lawn chair or whatever is comfortable for you to sit on, bring a small piece of bread or cracker for your communion (no wine this time, please) and wear a mask that covers both your nose and your mouth. You will be directed to appropriately distanced places to sit, and we ask that you not "visit" with people but stay seated until the service begins. Waving, virtual hugs, blowing kisses are fine! There will be no singing at this service, but quiet humming is certainly fine. If it rains, the service will be canceled.

I can't wait to see you again. There should be ample parking in the lot, and I will send an email later in the week that will include directions to the Camp. —Lisa+

Coming Up in September...

Looking toward the fall... In September, I will begin my rector's class online again—watch for details. We will continue Bible Study online, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school starts again—watch for details on that, too. *Everyone is welcome at all these online classes!*

After Labor Day, Susie and I will begin working limited hours at the office, **but the church will remain closed**, and I will be meeting with people only by appointment.

Susie will be working in the office Monday-Thursday mornings—and she will be taking your calls again! I'll be there Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. When not in the office, I'll be working from home.

In September, I will also begin making pastoral calls again. If you are interested, give me a call. We'll meet outside—either at your house or at church. We will be masked and physically distanced—but we'll be able to talk and pray together. Lisa+

Creative Ministry: Help Produce The Weekly Service Video!

As Lisa+ mentioned a few weeks ago, producing the weekly service video is a labor of love by me for my St. Thomas' family. I genuinely enjoy pulling it all together; and while not seeing you in person, it is great to see so many of you in our Sunday service videos.

With that being said, I am asking for help. As you can imagine, this is a time-consuming task, and I am looking for someone to volunteer to produce the video on a bi-weekly or once-a-month basis.

Please consider sharing in this new and exciting ministry with me...it is a truly rewarding experience. If you think you would like to try your hand at filmmaking, you can get in touch with me at the address below.

Blessings,

Terry Mello

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CLICK TO JOIN US ON ZOOM
MAINE EPISCOPAL YOUTH

Third Mondays | 7-8:30 PM
All Youth, Grades 6-12, Welcome

Maine Episcopal Youth Gearing Up for Fall

Do you know youth in your parish who want to connect with other youth in the diocese? Maine Episcopal Youth will meet the third Monday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., starting September 21, using this [link](#). Youth in grades 6-12 are welcome to join us as we check-in and get to know one another and Christ.



Be a Part of the Diocesan Convention Virtual Choir

You are invited to sing in a virtual choir presenting music during the [201st Convention of the Diocese of Maine](#) (October 17-18)! Singers of any age, *especially children*, are welcome to participate. The choir also welcomes singers who are not members of Episcopal churches, so feel free to extend this invitation to musical friends. Four hymns are being produced, and participants may submit videos for just one or two or all of them.

REGISTER [HERE](#) FOR THE VIRTUAL CHOIR

Each singer should register for the Convention Virtual Choir separately. Soon after registering, you will receive a confirmation email with detailed instructions, links to pdf scores and a guide track with someone singing your part, as well as links for submitting your videos. All recordings must be submitted by September 25 at the latest.

Birthday & Anniversary Prayers During Our Time Apart

I will be saying a special prayer for those having birthdays, and one for those with anniversaries, as we stream services. Please email me if you are having one of those, or had one since March 15. If you want your age, or number of years married, announced, let me know that, too. I am looking forward to saying a special prayer just for you. *Lisa+*

Prayer List

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

Short-term: *Travis Heck; Tiffany Andrews; Jeremy Tucker; Lucy Ebbert; Millie; Shirley; Paul Whittaker; Jeff; Aaron Dowd; Megan Nowak; Eric Jenson; Mary; Edward; the Brooks family; Paula; Sandra A.*

Long-term: *Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicky and Bill; Arnie Joy; Maxine; Judith Shepherd; Ron; Andrew; Joanne Scott; Carolyn Morris; Amy; Joan Pottle; 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 September 13, 2020

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect—George Bickham
Genesis 50:15-21—Br. Donovan
Psalms 103:8-13—Edmund Hartt
Romans 14:1-12—Jeff Conrad
Matthew 18:21-35
POP—Pat Ayers

Next Sunday September 20, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Collect—Jeff Conrad
Jonah 3:10-4:11—Doc Wallace
Psalms 145:1-8—George Bickham
Philippians 1:21-30—Thor Gabrielsen
Matthew 20:1-16
POP—Bill Freeman

Click [here](#) for *This Week's Virtual Services*, the bulletin, and links to services on Facebook and YouTube.

Calendar

Sunday, September 13

Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook, YouTube.
Available to view after 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
10:00 a.m.—Finance Committee—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live
3:00 p.m.—Building & Grounds Committee—Zoom

Wednesday, September 16

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom
10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.—Bible Study—Zoom
12:00 p.m.—Noonday Prayer—Facebook Live
EfM—off for summer
8:00 p.m.—Compline

Thursday, September 17

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

Friday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 19

Youth Christian Education—off for summer

Sunday, September 20

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Camp Bishopswood, Hope
Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook, YouTube.
Available to view after 7:30 a.m. Sunday.

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