



# Tidings

## St. Thomas' Episcopal Church

We are followers of Jesus who:  
Worship in beauty  
Question in faith  
Serve in love

October 11, 2020

### Join Us for Outdoor Worship This Sunday at Camp Bishopswood!



Our next outdoor worship will be on October 11 at Camp Bishopswood in Hope. We had a great time there on September 20, only marred a little by the cold. This time we will be lighting the campfire, which should help radiate heat to all of us.

Please bring a lawn chair or other chair of your choice to sit on. There are a limited number of benches available for those for whom bringing a chair is difficult. Only one family unit—whether it's one person or more—is allowed per bench, so help us by bringing a personal lawn chair if you are able. Please bring your

own individual bread and wine. Lisa will bless everything from the altar, and you may consume them while seated. Masks will be required at all times, even if you are a reader.

Physical distancing from each other (at least 6 feet) must be observed at all times. Ushers will help you with correct spacing of chairs. No singing please, but soft humming with the mouth closed is fine.

It will be a great day, great service, and a great chance to see each other: masked and distanced, of course!

#### Directions to Camp Bishopswood:

**From Camden** take Route 105 West, drive approximately 2.5 miles and turn Right at Camp Bishopswood.

**From Appleton** go east on 105, and it's approximately 1.5 miles from the Hope General Store, on the Left.

**From Lincolnville, Northport** head west on 173 North for 5.8 miles, take 235 South for 3 miles, continue onto 105 East for 1 mile, turn Left at Camp Bishopswood.

**From Union** there are several ways there. Here's one: Go East on Route 17 toward Rockland, take Gillette/ Barnstow Road approximately 5 miles to 105 East, take a Right onto 105 and stay on 105 for .8 miles, Left at the Camp.

The address is: 98 Bishops Wood Road, Hope, ME 04847—and GPS will get you there. The Camp road is a sharp left from the north, so please be careful. Please park in the parking lot by the buildings.

*On October 11, the diocese celebrates Indigenous Peoples' Day; its video will take the place of our usual one.*

### Celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day with Diocese-wide Worship on October 11

In 2019 the state of Maine enacted legislation to replace Columbus Day with a celebration of Indigenous People. This year our diocesan Racial Justice Commission is pleased to offer a diocese-wide worship service for October 11th, in celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day (officially celebrated October 12).

Highlights of the service include:

- Liturgy crafted from indigenous resources
- Lakota Direction Song by the Rev. Shannequa Brokenleg
- A sermon by the Rev. Dr. Bradley Hauff, Missioner for Indigenous Ministries for The Episcopal Church
- Eucharist celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Carol Walkingstick Theobald Gallagher

The service will be available Sunday on the diocesan [YouTube](#) channel (from 7:30 a.m.) and [Facebook](#) channel (from 10:00 a.m.). You can also find links to the service and the bulletin on St. Thomas' [website](#).

As we prepare for this celebration and recognition of our Indigenous Ancestors on this land, we encourage you to learn more about the land on which you live and worship. Check out this [map](#) to discover more about the land beneath your feet.

\* PLEASE NOTE that the Office will be closed Monday, October 12, for Indigenous Peoples' Day. "Coffee & Check-In" and "Noonday Prayer" are canceled and resume Tuesday, October 13.

### **Sacred Ground, a Discussion on Racism**

A discussion via Zoom on racism using the Episcopal Church's curriculum *Sacred Ground* will begin in mid-November. Enrollment will be limited. Watch this space next week for more information.

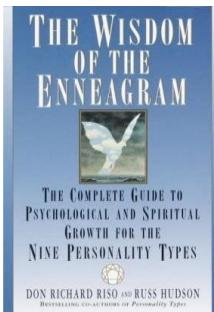
### **The 201<sup>st</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Maine**

October 17-18 is Diocesan Convention. Please keep our delegates in your prayers, and watch the monthly Diocesan Worship Service on October 18, which includes the Bishop's address to the Convention. The service will be available on the diocesan [YouTube](#) channel by 7:30 a.m. and [Facebook](#) at 10:00 a.m.

### **Rector's Class Resuming!**

What is the Enneagram?

The Enneagram is an ancient symbol and an ever-evolving model of nine. It diagrams, or maps, nine ways of viewing the world, nine ways we can get lost, and nine ways we find our way home. It's a diagram of how people grow in health, experience and transformation and how people get trapped in pain and suffering. It's a sacred map of the territories of the soul.



The Enneagram helps us understand other people's journeys and respect their struggles and their transformations. It's a map that's extremely useful for spiritual growth, team development, and leadership development. We are spiritual beings on a human journey. Traveling by car we use our Rand McNally Road Atlas or following our Maps app. With the Enneagram we start by identifying where we are currently, our "home territory" or type, and then explore the routes that take us where we want to go.

Come and join this journey and experience what makes us who we are, and why each of our faith journeys are unique.

We will be using the book *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* by Riso and Hudson. Please contact the rector at [rector@sthomascamdenme.org](mailto:rector@sthomascamdenme.org) if you are interested. The book costs just over \$16.00, but used copies are also available on Amazon for a reduced rate. Testing costs will be covered. The 12-week class will meet via Zoom on Sundays, at 4:00 p.m., beginning November 1.

### **Opportunities to Be a Part of a New Ministry Team: Video Production Volunteers!**

We are reaching a large percentage of our parishioners with our weekly Service Videos, with most weeks engaging 90+ viewers. We have had so many people willing to participate in them by reading, filming, singing, etc. We thank you all.

We would like to continue to offer this ministry to all our parishioners long-term, but to do so—we need people to join the Video Worship ministry team. Here's what we need:

- Two or three people responsible for getting all the readings out to people, making sure recordings are done on time, helping people upload their material if needed, and making sure the material is complete, and in the correct virtual folder for the week. We will train you on this process, and it will be a rotating (weekly) ministry. Our goal is to have each volunteer only work on one of our three videos a month.

- One or two people to become proficient in using the free computer program *DaVinci Resolve* to assemble the videos into our worship service. The bonus: you'll be developing the skill to do really great home videos!

If we don't get volunteers we may have to do fewer Service Videos. It's not fair for a single person to take on this entire load. High school students, moms, dads, couples, retired people—all are welcome to help serve their fellow parishioners in this way.

This is a ministry for all of us, and I envision many uses for this ministry—bible stories done with the children, videos for newcomers on the website, evangelistic opportunities, and more.

But we need YOU. Please join us in this brand-new ministry opportunity. Email me at [rector@stthomascamdenme.org](mailto:rector@stthomascamdenme.org) or Susie at [admin@stthomascamdenme.org](mailto:admin@stthomascamdenme.org). Let's continue to serve God—in new ways! *Lisa+*

### All Saints' Plans



We are encouraging all who lost someone in the past year to send Elizabeth Moran a photo of your loved ones. The images will be featured in the All Saints' service video on November 1. The deadline to submit photographs is October 26.

At 7:00 p.m. on All Saints' Sunday, November 1, we will hold a short outdoor service lit with candles and luminarias. Please bring pictures of your loved ones. There will be a 15-20-minute service which will include a recitation of the names of those from our congregation who have died in the past year, along with the names of those who are interred in our columbarium. We will close with prayers for those who have died since the last All Saints' service, and for all our beloved departed. Please come, and dress warmly.

### Worship Options

For those of you yearning to attend an indoor worship experience until we reopen our sanctuary, I encourage you to attend St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Rockland, where the Rev. Lael Sorensen is offering Holy Eucharist. There are no reservations, and limited seating. She would welcome a limited number of our people to both her Sunday services, which are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. COVID-19 protocols are to be followed: seating in marked places, masks, distancing, no singing, and each person bringing their own bread and wine—just enough to consume it all. She asks that socializing happen only after having left the campus.

Lael+ is encouraging her parishioners who don't attend in-person services to watch our service video on Sunday mornings, and she has linked our offerings to her weekly newsletter.

We are striving to meet the needs of all our parishioners as part of a greater Episcopal community. *Lisa+*

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### Prayer List

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

**Short-term:** *Kevin Jackson; Joan Grey; Travis Heck; Tiffany Andrews; Jeremy Tucker; Lucy Ebbert; Shirley; Paul Whittaker; Jeff; Aaron Dowd; Megan Nowak; Eric Jenson; Mary; Edward; the Brooks family.*

**Long-term:** *Paula; Sandra A.; Robert Pearson; Dustin; Hunter Fierro; Tadd Lyman; Harry Hart; Ada Power; Larry Parker; Bayard Chanler; Carol; Marcie Vega; Vicki 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.*

<p><b>This Sunday</b>  <b>October 11, 2020</b>  <b>Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p><i>Isaiah 25:1-9      Psalm 23      Philippians 4:1-9      Matthew 22:1-14</i></p>	<p><b>Next Sunday</b>  <b>October 18, 2020</b>  <b>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost</b></p> <p><i>Isaiah 45:1-7      Psalm 96:1-9      1 Thessalonians 1:1-10      Matthew 22:15-22</i></p>
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**Click [here](#) for *This Week's Virtual Services*,  
 the bulletin, and links to services on  
 Facebook and YouTube.**

**Click [here](#) for St. Thomas' Calendar**

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