

St. Thomas' Tidings

September 20, 2020, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

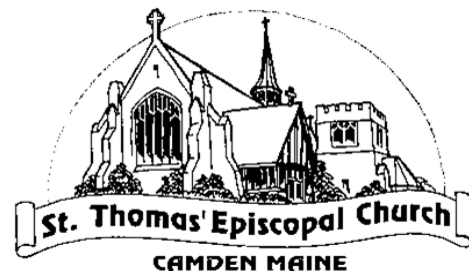
We are followers of Jesus who:

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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Worship With Us This Sunday At Camp Bishopswood!

St. Thomas' is excited to announce an outdoor worship service this Sunday, September 20, at Camp Bishopswood in Hope. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. For those of you who are not comfortable with in-person worship, 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 and wine for your communion, 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. Please consult the email you received this week for directions to the camp. —Lisa+

Register for EfM Classes

A new Education for Ministry (EfM) class is now forming. EfM is for anyone who seeks spiritual growth in a small group setting—this fall, via Zoom—and a deeper knowledge of God and scripture, Christian theology and history. If you would like to participate or want to learn more about EfM, please contact Brother Donovan Bowley at braidan@aol.com.



Spirituality of the Everyday

Recently I read an article about Pete Buttigieg in the Episcopal News Service. The House of Deputies interviewed this former mayor and presidential candidate, letting readers know that he is an active member of South Bend, Indiana's Cathedral of St. James. Pete shared about how he is getting connected to the everyday in life giving ways during the pandemic. Referencing life at home with his husband Chasten, Pete offered: "We have these moments of interaction with birds and butterflies" ... "You don't always pause to think about, let

alone imagine, that the presence of God is there." *

Pete's enthusiasm spoke to my heart. How could I be more open to and aware of gifts of nature in my own yard? In slowing down some because of the pandemic, could God's love be revealed to me in new, and perhaps surprising, ways?

My late husband Bill had a true passion for all birds, and in particular the ones that came to our little feeder. He always made sure they had a good supply of Black Oil sunflower food.



One day I discovered two sunflower stalks emerging from the ground, next to the Buddha statue that was given

to me by a chaplain colleague. One of the birds had dropped two seeds, and new life began! The presence of all that is sacred came together for me in this gift of holy grace. Bill's love, God's love, and nature's manifestation of both.

In Psalm 33 we are reminded that the earth is full of God's unfailing love. In the days ahead I hope that we can share with one another how everyday encounters bless us, and change us.

—The Rev. Abby Pettee

(*Pete Buttigieg talks to House of Deputies on faith, politics and the 'spirituality of the everyday.' Episcopal News Service, by Egan Millard. Posted on July 16, 2020)

Join the St. Thomas' Virtual Choir!

Music Minister Clarissa Brown is starting the fall season by learning new technologies to enable our choir community to sing safely from home. Through a series of webinars from the nonprofit **Practical Resources for Churches**, she will be learning to edit video and audio files so she can put our choir's voices together in song.

This new adventure also means that we can include choir members who live all over the world. If you would like to join, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Clarissa: voxhumana711@gmail.com. Members of local groups such as Down East Singers are all welcome!

Eventually, the Youth Choir also will be involved! Be looking for the choir in our recorded services! HOORAY!

Feast of St. Francis

On October 4 we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis, which honors the patron saint of animals. For our Sunday service video, we are looking for pictures or videos of animals (pets, wildlife, etc.). Please send them to me (communications@stthomascamdenme.org) or to Elizabeth Moran

(elizabethmoran1@mac.com) and we will do our best to include as many as we can. If you do not have digital photos, please contact Elizabeth and she will work with you to get your photos into our video. Thank you in advance for your help with this ministry.

Blessings, Terry Mello

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.

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 Jensen; 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

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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

Next Sunday

September 27, 2020

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-8

Philippians 2:1-13

Matthew 21:23-32

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

Calendar

Sunday, September 20

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Outdoor Service at Camp Bishopswood, Hope
Holy Eucharist, Rite II—Facebook, YouTube.

Available to view after 7:30 a.m. Sunday

Monday, September 21

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Tuesday, September 22

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Wednesday, September 23

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 24

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Friday, September 25

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Check-In—Zoom

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

Saturday, September 26

Youth Christian Education—off for summer

Sunday, September 27

Diocese-wide Service—YouTube, 7:30 a.m. and after; Facebook at 10:00 a.m.

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