



St. Thomas' Episcopal Church
Agenda
2016 Annual Parish Meeting
&
Report for the Year 2015
January 24, 2016 * 12:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER
OPENING PRAYER

The Rev. John Lipscomb
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BUDGET REPORT
COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRENT VESTRY MEMBERS:

Joan Allen, Nancy Conley, Bette Dufour – Senior Warden, Jack Geeslin, Janet Gizelt,
Diane Mullen, Jeff Ray, George Pawliczak – Junior Warden, Mary Shriner

OTHER REPORTS / COMMENTS (Verbal reports for those who did not hand in a report.)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

ADJOURNMENT

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ALTAR GUILD

I would like to start off by thanking the St. Thomas Altar Guild members for stepping up and taking over while I have been out this year. As “God’s Housekeepers”, they have done a WONDERFUL job keeping up with all the extra duties as well as our weekly routine. Serving on the Altar Guild can be a very humbling as well as rewarding experience. Our church is steeped in such beautiful tradition and ceremony, and I am very thankful to be a part of it. Our numbers are few, but we accomplish much. Have you ever thought about what it takes to decorate our church for Christmas or Easter? Maybe you should come and join us! I am thankful for the faithful few that serve on our Altar Guild. Another thank you to the members of MOST for helping to bring things in to the sacristy after the Sunday services; they have made this task much easier and quicker for us. There are many ways to become involved at St. Thomas – and Altar Guild is just one of them! Please consider joining us!

Respectfully,
Sue Kiefer
Altar Guild Directress

BAZAAR 2015 REPORT NOV. 7, 2015

CRAFT SHOP	430.25
PARISH PANTRY	639.00
PLANTS	107.00
SALAD LUNCH	1,227.00
GENERAL STORE	1,638.50
TOY SHOP	245.00
AFGHAN	53.00
BASKET	99.00
DONUTS	15.00
LICENSE TAGS	4.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS	4,457.75
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TOTAL EXPENSES	(387.00)
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BAZAAR DAY PROFIT	4070.75
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FOR COMPARISON: 2014 BAZAAR DAY PROFIT	2,957.09
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<i>THRIFT SHOP*</i>	<i>1,295.05*</i>
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ST. THOMAS' BOOK STORE & GIFT SHOP

St. Thomas' Book Store and Gift Shop is for the benefit of you, the parishioner. It is located in the Parish Hall and open on Sundays from 9-10:30 a.m. and after the 10:30 service until everybody has left the Parish Hall.

All proceeds from the Bookstore go for outreach and restocking the shelves. We have a wide variety of interesting and religious related stock. It includes everything from Prayer Books and Bibles to children's books and puzzles. We specialize in crosses and butterflies.

OUTREACH FROM THE BOOKSTORE

Rev. Stephen Dass (Missionary-Brazil)	\$100.00
C.E. Carter Scholarship (Panama)	\$100.00
Lake Care Food Pantry	\$100.00
Thanksgiving Baskets	\$ 50.00
CRU-Outreach-Refugee Kits (people from Middle East resettling in Europe)	\$ 50.00
Red Cloud Indian School, Pine Ridge, SD	\$ 50.00
Wounded Warrior Project	\$ 50.00
Mercy Corps-Nepal-Earthquake	\$ 50.00
Jan Karon Book-Added to an ECW Gift Basket	<u>\$ 25.00</u>

TOTAL - \$575.00

We also completed our 3rd Mile of Pennies (\$844.80). It went through National CPC, and a grant was given to Bates Avenue Resource Center: Books for Children.

Outreach Projects from Parishioners

Miles of Pennies – Collected on 4 th mile	\$313.00
Campbell's Bar Codes – Labels for Education	225 points
Episcopal Boys' Home, Covington, VA	
General Mills' Box Tops for Education	443 Box Tops \$44.30
Eustis Elementary School	
Pop Tops - Ronald McDonald House	6 lbs.
Used Stamps—to buy Bibles—through Bay Street Baptist Church	3/4 lb.

Thank you everyone for all that you have done. Everyone that we save Box Tops, pop tops, etc., for is very appreciative. It helps them buy educational equipment, books, etc., for boys and girls, and allows the family to stay near their sick child in the hospital.

However, I would like to bring it to our attention that we are way behind in what we usually do. **Please**, continue to drop the pennies, etc., in the jug, and cut out the Labels for Education and Box Tops.

A great big thank you to all, especially Bette and Richard Dufour and Carol Ann Nestor.
Betty Carr, Book Store Director

Craft Group and Fellowship Luncheon Annual Report for 1-24-16

The **Craft Group** meets every Wednesday, January through October, in Wisdom Hall from 10:00 a.m. to noon. We always welcome new members, male or female. Bring your own craft to work on or possibly learn something new from us or come teach us something new. We have 9 core members as Evelyn Webster cannot attend at this time, and there are 5 others who cannot attend on Wednesdays but who still contribute items to sell. Most of us attended the funeral recently of long-time worker, Doreene Fish. Come share in our fellowship and 5 minutes of prayer (we have our own Chaplain). Our objective is to make items to sell at the Bazaar so that we can help our church financially.

Most of us participate in the **Fellowship Luncheon**, which meets on fourth Wednesdays (except November and December), in the Parish Hall at 11:30 a.m. This fellowship has grown as a group of Thrift Shop workers now participate in the luncheon. There are already several men in our group. You too can be part of this feasting and camaraderie; just bring a dish to share.

In 2015 the Craft Group raised \$779.50 from Bazaar Day through Christmas Day; this money was turned over to St. Thomas' for the operations budget. Thanks for the hard work of all our members, and thanks to you, the parishioners, for the purchases you have made.

The money raised during the rest of the year goes for outreach projects and supplies for the next Bazaar. To raise this money, we continue to have our Craft Table in the Parish Hall. We have officially adopted the Seamen's Church Institute as our outreach project. In 2015, we spent \$103.40 for some of the yarn for the knitted (or crocheted) hats and scarves. The \$37.50 for mailing two of the shipments gave us a total of \$140.90 for this national project. We spent \$136.65 for supplies to make our famous scrubbies (\$1.25 each) and for other crafts; the workers donate many of the supplies themselves. We continue to knit lap robes for Boggy Creek. Louise Dixon created the plastic canvas (\$11.20) gift bags for the Christmas project for Kiva, sponsored by the ECW. We also donated supplies for the decorations for the ECW's Mad Hatters Luncheon in the spring.

Thank you to all the hard working members who attend the Craft Group every week, to those others who donate items, and to all of you who make purchases at the Bazaar or in the Parish Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Ann Nestor, Chairman (589-6181)

ECW FINANCIAL REPORT 2015

Our total Blessings Box for 2015 was \$204.25; this goes straight to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. At each meeting we share one or more blessings and put in \$1 (or more) for each.

We have other expenses, but for outreach in 2015, we gave:

\$100.00 – “Gift of Support” (Diocesan ECW dues)	
\$100.00 – CPC (Church Periodical Club)	
\$100.00 – UTO (United Thank Offering)	
\$200.00 – Nepal – Earthquake – through Diocese	
\$100.00 – Dr. Mike Ikeler – Mission Trip	
\$250.00 – Nancy Conley – Funeral Expenses of son Paul Roberts	
\$100.00 – The Havens	
\$100.00 – ERD (Episcopal Relief and Development)	
\$100.00 – The Rev. Stephen Dass (Missionary – Brazil)	
\$100.00 – Thanksgiving Baskets	
\$300.00 – Doug Brown Fund (hand bitten by alligator)	
<u>\$201.09</u> – Christmas Gifts for Girls at Turning Point Ranch	
\$1,751.09	TOTAL OUTREACH for 2015

Respectfully submitted by, *Carol Ann Nestor*, Treasurer

E.C.W.

ECW is open to All women of St. Thomas Church. Come and join us.

Our Motto is "Faith, Fun, Food & Fellowship".

Meetings are usually 1st Monday of the month at 3 PM.

The ECW Board for June 1, 2015 - May 31, 2016 includes:

President - Nancy Conley, Vice President - Kay Ikeler, Secretary - Leigh Clark, Treasurer - Carol Ann Nestor, Chaplain - The Rev. Janet Clarke, Church Periodical Chairwoman - Betty Carr, United Thank Offering Officer - Evie Wright, Programs co-chairs - Carole Meikle/Sonia Carter, Sunshine - Joan Pagliarulo, Telephone Tree - Monika Potter, Ways and Means - Blossom Mahoney, The Haven - Arlene Karwacki

We had a Very productive year. Starting with "The Mad Hatters Luncheon" April 11th. We can never thank our Chairwoman - Carole Warner - enough for all the time and work (Walking the Streets of Eustis) that she puts into getting the gift donations for the Baskets. There was a great time at the luncheon with good food, Hat contest, Raffle gift baskets. Fun time by all. We made a Profit of \$1420.32 on this event.

We were welcomed into Barbara Woods' home for a swim party in June.

We started the "Summer Harvest" Food Collection, Sonia Carter chairwoman, finishing in Nov. with enough food to complete baskets for 26 families for Thanksgiving. The most we have ever done. **Thank you for the generous giving.**

We gave a Great Christmas to 8 young ladies at Turning Point Ranch for girls in Umatilla, Chairwoman - Carole Meikle

We were able to take Candy baskets and Christmas Gifts to 25 residents at Kiva in Mt. Dora, Chairwoman - Rev. Janet Clarke

Candy baskets were handmade by Louise Dixon. Thank you Louise.

We finished off the year with a wonderful Christmas Party with music and singing from "Olivia and Friends", had exchange gift game, did a little acting, sang song. Enjoyed the Christmas Party, Laughter and fun by All. Put us in the mood for the Holidays.

E.C.W. & M.O.S.T. worked together for the Annual Parish Christmas Party.

ECW Monetary outreach went to: Father John's Discretionary Fund, Episcopal Relief and Development Fund, The Haven [Domestic abuse shelter], Turning Point Ranch for girls, Rev. Steven Dass/Brazil, CPC, UTO, Thanksgiving baskets, Paul Roberts Memorial, Doug Brown Fund.

I want to personally Thank ALL the women of ECW and ALL the Parishioners of St. Thomas Church for the **very** generous donations, hard work and time given, to make it such a **Successful year**. Without you, none of this would be possible.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Conley - ECW President

OUTREACH FUNDING 2015

for the 12 Months.....January, 2015 - December, 2015

Section I: St. Thomas Contribution to Diocesan & Parish Outreach Ministries

A) 25% of our Diocesan Pledge (\$18,774) goes to the Diocesan Outreach Program	4,693.50
B) Sao Paulo – Stephen Dass Ministry	1,685.00
C) Jerusalem Missions (Good Friday Offering)	604.00
D) Thanksgiving Offering for Honduras Church & Missions	261.00
E) United Thank Offering (UTO)	381.25
F) Thanksgiving Baskets for Eustis Elementary	1,150.00
G) Nepal Collection on May 17	863.00
TOTAL SECTION I	\$ 9,637.75

Section II: Other Cash Outreach Programs

A) Spring Thrift Shop Outreach Fund Allocation	8,800.00
B) Fall Thrift Shop Outreach Fund Allocation	9,500.00
C) ECW Outreach (See ECW Financial Report on Page 4 for detail)	1,751.09
TOTAL SECTION II	\$ 20,051.09

Year 2015 TOTAL Outreach Ministries Contributions \$ 29,688.84

Section III: Donations of Goods and use of Facilities to Community Programs

- Parishioners donated travel-sized toiletries for The Haven (a temporary shelter for women & children) in the Parish Hall Donation Basket.
- Items “at the ready” from Thrift Shop donated to burn-out victims and families in need.
- Eye glasses & hearing aids not sold in Thrift Shop are donated to local Lions Club, suitcases donated to the Haven, cell phones to the Haven.
- Monthly collection of canned and boxed non-perishable goods delivered to St. Vincent de Paul.
- Collection of Campbell’s Soup Labels for Boys Home in Covington, Virginia to help them purchase much-needed items.
- Donation of hand-made prayer shawls delivered by parishioners for Shut-ins.

Parish Register of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church 2015

Funerals:	<i>Frank Barlow Carlsson, Sr.</i>	<i>1/25/2015</i>
	<i>Louis Siegert Dixon</i>	<i>2/22/2015</i>
	<i>Annah E. Sheldon</i>	<i>5/24/2015</i>
	<i>Eldon LeRoy Herron</i>	<i>7/16/2015</i>
	<i>Alfred M. Smith</i>	<i>11/30/2015</i>
Baptisms:	<i>Tenley Gail Carlson</i>	<i>1/11/2015</i>
	<i>James William Meyer</i>	<i>8/02/2015</i>
Weddings:	<i>Bonita Mary McGonigal</i> <i>And Bruce Rispoli</i>	<i>5/02/2015</i>
	<i>Julie Tytler</i> <i>And Douglas Johnson III</i>	<i>7/18/2015</i>
Confirmations:	<i>Walker Joseph Lenninger</i>	<i>10/08/2015</i>
	<i>Valerie Nicole Ortiz</i>	<i>10/08/2015</i>

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been active at St. Thomas since October of 2007. During 2015 twenty-two prayer shawls were made for a total of 304 prayer shawls made since its inception. Members pray a prayer for the intended recipient as they knit or crochet a shawl. It is gratifying to read the notes that recipients have sent in giving thanks for the comfort and spiritual support they received from their shawl. During the years we have lost several members who contributed so generously. At this time we have only three members (Nancy Conley, Carole Warner, and Janet Clarke) trying to keep up with the demand. We are looking for new members who can knit or crochet.

Submitted by Janet Clarke, Prayer Shawl Ministry Coordinator

THRIFT SHOP ANNUAL REPORT - 2015

WOW! and a BIG THANKS! to the many volunteers
and to all parishioners for your donations!!!

Our dedicated group of volunteers worked many hours every week in the Thrift Shop, sorting, pricing, decorating, cleaning and stocking the shop with the many items donated from our parishioners and the community. The shop continues to be the most popular resale shop in the area because of all this hard work, our outstanding merchandise and workers, and our very chic boutique. We are proud to have several new volunteers who have joined the group this year to help man the shop.

The Thrift Shop phone number is (352) 589-0641 and our hours of operation are Thursdays and Fridays: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; Saturdays: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon. We close for Holy Week, Thanksgiving Week, two weeks for Christmas and New Year's Day, and for 6 weeks during the summer.

After expenses paid to run the shop and needed repairs, every penny is given to Outreach in our community. Our St. Thomas Thrift Shop has outfitted the annual ECW Fashion Show models with elegant and affordable clothing. The community as a whole knows to call us for any emergency needs such as fires, and prison release persons needing clothing to start a new job and life.

For the year 2015, at our Spring and Fall Outreach Disbursal Meetings, we contributed to the following organizations in our Community:

<i>Organization--</i>	\$
Bates Resource Center	1,600.00
Church Periodical Club (CPC)	600.00
ERD (Episcopal Relief & Development)	1,000.00
Lake Community Foundation – Homeless Drop-In Center	1,600.00
Sunrise ARC	4,500.00
The Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties	4,500.00
Turning Point Ranch	4,500.00

TOTAL 2015 THRIFT SHOP OUTREACH FUNDING \$ 18,300.00

2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

<u>INCOME</u>	Budget 2015	Actual 2015 (Dec., 2015)	Budget 2016
Offering Income	\$194,220	\$216,740.50	\$176,522
Other Income	\$15,500	\$33,476.15	\$29,260
Total Income	\$209,720.00	\$250,216.55	\$205,782
(2016 Total Pledge Income - \$172,782)			
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
Diocesan Assesemnt	\$19,422.00	\$18,774.00	\$17,652
Personnel Expenses	\$161,926.00	\$161,297.98	\$158,926
Operating Expenses	\$26,400.00	\$27,571.64	\$27,121
Property Expenses	\$39,527.00	\$37,941.07	\$39,403
Program Expenses	\$1,450	\$1,527.60	\$1,450
Total Expenses	\$248,725.00	\$247,112.29	\$244,552
Income minus Expenses	(\$39,005.00)	\$3,104.36	(\$38,770)
<p>Designated offerings are those monetary contributions for which you, the parishioner, determine the use. Designations for these offerings can be for personnel, programs, property, or operating.</p>			
<p>Pledges - If you turned in a pledge card for the year you may request that all your contribution be used for one of the above designations. You may turn in a dated, REVISED pledge and have the remaining annual amount be used for the designated fund.</p>			
<p>Checks - If your offering is in the form of a check, you may write one of the designations in the memo section of the check. If you do not write anything there the money will be placed in non-pledge income.</p>			
<p>All non-designated income must be included in the amount we pay to the Diocese of Central Florida, which assesses a 10% pledge for churches in good standing.</p>			
Bette Dufour -- Senior Warden			