

# St. Thomas Tidings February 2017

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## WORDS FROM FR. JOHN

One of my favorite fictional literary characters is Sarah Smith. She has been since I first encountered her in the 1990s. Her literary appearance is brief but powerful. My recent read of C.S. Lewis' The Great Divorce brought her into my focus once again. I present you with an extended quote that captures Sarah Smith as depicted in the afterlife. Another character provides commentary on what it is that makes Sarah such a noteworthy and memorable figure. As we begin a new year, may we resolve to strive to live for God the way that Sarah Smith lived for God?

*"First came bright Spirits...Then, on the left and right, at each side of the forest avenue, came youthful shapes, boys upon one hand, and girls upon the other. If I could remember their singing and write down the notes, no man who read that score would ever grow sick or old. Between them went musicians: and after these a lady in whose honour all this was being done.*

*"Is it?...is it?" I whispered to my guide.*

*"Not at all," said he. "It's someone ye'll never have heard of. Her name on earth was Sarah Smith and she lived at Golders Green."*

*"She seems to be...well, a person of particular importance?"*

*"Aye. She is one of the great ones. Ye have heard that fame in this country and fame on Earth are two quite different things."*

*"And who are these gigantic people...look! They're like emeralds...who are dancing and throwing flowers before here?"*

*"Haven't ye read your Milton? A thousand liveried angels lackey her."*

*"And who are all these young men and women on each side?"*

*"They are her sons and daughters."*

*"She must have had a very large family, Sir."*

*"Every young man or boy that met her became her son – even if it was only the boy that brought the meat to her back door. Every girl that met her was her daughter."*

*"Isn't that a bit hard on their own parents?"*

*"No. There are those that steal other people's children. But her motherhood was of a different kind. Those on whom it fell went back to their natural parents loving them more. Few men looked on her without becoming, in a certain fashion, her lovers. But it was the kind of love that made them not less true, but truer, to their own wives."*

*"And how...but hullo! What are all these animals? A cat-two cats-dozens of cats. And all those dogs...why, I can't count them. And the birds. And the horses."*

*"They are her beasts."*

**(Fr. John's Article Continued on Next Page)**

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Jack & Keith Barker 2/02/74  
Stephen & Carol Ann Luché 2/13/16  
Rick & Sue Kiefer 2/17/73

### Clergy, Office & Staff

**Rector** – John W. Lipscomb III

**Deacons** – Dick Labud & Janet Clarke

**Administrator** – Lisa Labud **Treasurer** – Marjorie Carter

**Organist/Choirmaster** – Richard Mangiagli

**Sexton** – James Sellers **Nursery** – Bess Short

Office Hours Mon.—Thurs. 9 am - 4 pm, Fri. 9 am – Noon

### Ministries Chairs/Small Groups Volunteers

**Acolyte Director** – Rev. Dick Labud

**Prayer Shawls** – Rev. Janet Clarke

**Prayer Chain** – Nancy Conley

**Fellowship** – Mike Christensen,

Bev Cox, Nancy Conley

**Memorial Garden** – Ruth Squire **Book Store** – Betty Carr

**Bereavement** – Kay Ikeler **Haven** – Arlene Karwacki

### MOST

Pres. – Jerry Fields V.P./Treas. – Bert Grace

### E.C.W.

Secretary – Leigh Clark Program - Sonia Carter

Treas. – Carol Ann Luché Sunshine – Joan Pagliarulo

CPC – Betty Carr UTO -Evelyn Wright

Phone – Monika Potter Chaplain – The Rev. Janet Clarke

### Needle & Craft Group Hours:

Carol Ann Luché /Chair Wed. @ 10 am in Wisdom Hall

### St. Thomas' Thrift Shop: Staffed by Volunteers!

Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 9 am – 3 pm, Sat. 9 am – Noon

Ph. (352) 589-0641

### Office Volunteers:

**Office Assistants** – N.Conley, M. Winslow, K. Easter

## CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

This month, Children's Chapel will be offered on February 5, 12, & 19 for our younger children attending the 10:30 am Sunday service. On February 26, we invite children to participate in various parts of the service on Family Worship Day.

## CHILDREN'S NURSERY

Our church **Nursery** is open and staffed every Sunday during our 10:30 church service. Our Nursery is located behind the Parish Hall.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
317 South Mary Street  
Eustis, Florida 32726

## THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop Loves you this month! Come see our great Valentines' Day-themed gifts from the Thrift Shop & Boutique. We have hearts & cupids and so much more for your sweetheart.

**We're unseasonably low on donations right now, so if each parishioner could DONATE ONE AWESOME ITEM to help us stock our shelves, it would be a real blessing. Remember: "It takes many threads to make a quilt."** Please leave donated items on the SIDE porch of the church office or bring to the shop during store hours: Thurs. & Fri., 9 am - 3 pm; Sat., 9 am - Noon. We need great condition kids' clothing & toys, knick-knacks, household items, and jewelry. Come any Wednesday between 9 - 11 am to volunteer on a **WORK DAY** to help with light-duty tasks. Phone the shop - **589-0641**.

## SUNDAY LOOSE PLATE

Our **February 26<sup>th</sup>** Loose Plate Collection is designated for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. Memo checks: "*Rector's Discretionary Fund*" and place in the offering plate.

## LIBRARY

St. Thomas' Library is open on the honor system any time the office is open. Please take the time to visit - located in the old Conference Room.

## PRAYER CHAIN

St. Thomas' Prayer Chain is ready to pray for any ongoing needs. Need prayers? Call Nancy Conley at 483-2947, cell (352) 350-4184, or leave a prayer request with the office.

## CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets in Wisdom Hall every Wednesday morning at **10 am** - rain or shine - to create wonderful hand-made items. All are welcome to join the group, no prior crafting skills are required!

## CRAFT BAZAAR REPORT

The **Craft Group** raised \$343.50 on Bazaar Day, and continued to sell on Sundays until Christmas. So, thanks to all of you who bought, we raised over \$400 more, giving St. Thomas' **\$814.25** to use as needed. Thanks to the Crafts' members who work hard all year long, and those who can't attend our Wednesday work days. Carol Ann Nestor, Chair **589-6181**.

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Fr. John's Adult Sunday Class; held each Sunday in our Parish Hall at 9:15 am.

## JESUS' MIRACLES STUDY COURSE

Bess Short is leading a 26-week study of the healing miracles of Jesus each Sunday at 9:15 am in our church Library.

## WEDNESDAY FITNESS CLASSES

Bess Short offers a half-hour **Beginners** fitness class on Wednesdays at Noon in our Parish Hall. Bess also leads an intermediate class at 12:30 pm each Wednesday to help you improve your daily lifestyle.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

☞ Please continue to donate **Forever Stamps**, Paper Products, or printer ink **HP61XL** to St. Thomas - your donations are a terrific way to keep down costs!

## WANT TO USHER? WE NEED YOU! CALL THE OFFICE 352-357-4358.

\*\*To receive a copy of the church directory, email us at [stthomasec@earthlink.net](mailto:stthomasec@earthlink.net)

## ECW FEBRUARY NEWS

The ECW meets on **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm** in the Parish Hall for: "*Faith, Food, Fun & Fellowship*". ALL women of the Episcopal Church are members of the ECW.

**Please come & join us.**

## ECW SPAGHETTI SUPPER

**Tickets for our ECW Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm in our Parish Hall are now sold-out!** We'll have a stand-by list if there are any cancellations. Each person attending will be served a delicious spaghetti dinner, with salad, bread, beverage, and dessert. There will also be a cash wine bar, a 50/50 drawing, and background music (provided by *Ruth King* for your listening enjoyment). **THANK YOU to all who bought tickets!**

## MOST NEWS

The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group meets this month on **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in our Parish Hall**. Contact *Jerry Fields*, President - 343-0007 with program ideas or input on future events.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

On Tuesday, **February 28<sup>th</sup>**, St. Thomas' Vestry will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from **5 - 7 pm** in our Parish Hall for **\$5/person**. Don't miss this event as we mark the end of the Season of Epiphany and begin the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 1<sup>st</sup>. A sign-up sheet for a head-count will be available in the Parish Hall.

## CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

St. Thomas' Church Office will be closed Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day.

## ALTAR GUILD TRAINING

Training will be offered on the following - **Linen Care Training** by Joan Allen & Diane Mullen: Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am in the Sacristy.

**Altar Flower Arranging Training** by Sally Hartenstein: Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the Sacristy. Trainings will be repeated later in the year if you cannot attend.

## 2017 PLEDGES

If you wish to fill out a pledge card; blank cards are located in the church or contact the office. Please leave your completed card in the Sunday offering plate or mail to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you for your support of St. Thomas operating costs, programs and ministries.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

St. Thomas' Fellowship Luncheon is every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at **11:30 am** in our Parish Hall, with plenty of food & fellowship. Bring a dish to share; it's a great way to get to know other people better and have a delicious lunch. This month: **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

## 2017 ALTAR FLOWER DONORS

The flower chart is available on the usher stand by the sacristy. Select any Sunday to donate flowers: they are \$60 each week. To ensure that your intention is listed correctly in the bulletin: **Fill out a green flower donor sheet located by the chart and place slip in the offertory plate with check or money for the flowers OR send in to the Church Office.**

Contact us if you are **hospitalized** and would like a visit. We rely on your help, or someone on your behalf, to provide us with details.

Office Phone: 352-357-4358



### **(Fr. John's Article Cont.)**

*"Did she keep a sort of zoo? I mean, this is a bit too much."*

*"Every beast and bird that came near her had its place in her love. In her they became themselves. And now the abundance of life she has in Christ from the Father flows over into them."*

*I looked at my Teacher in amazement. "Yes," he said. "It is like when you throw a stone into a pool, and the concentric waves spread out further and further. Who knows where it will end? Redeemed humanity is still young, it has hardly come to its full strength. But already there is joy enough in the little finger of a great saint such as yonder lady to waken all the dead things of the universe into life."*

(Excerpted from The Great Divorce, by C.S. Lewis – emphases added)

Wow! This inspirational figure makes me want to be better, a better husband, a better dad, a better friend, a better human for Christ and others! Please pray and meditate as to how your Christian life can grow this year.

Peace and Blessings,  
Fr. John

### **SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

Mike Christensen is our Sunday Fellowship Coordinator, with lite refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. Contributions are needed to help with weekly costs – just a small donation from each person attending will be a huge help! Contact **Mike [spikes0213@aol.com](mailto:spikes0213@aol.com)** or phone 352-205-3314 to help.

### **"SOUPER-BOWL" SUNDAY**

Take the challenge and enter your own special recipe soup (singly, or as a team) in our Soup Competition to be held **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Make a pot of "championship" soup and bring it to our cook-off in the Parish Hall following our 10:30 service. **ONLY ONE ENTRY** per person, please. **There is a box available in the Parish Hall for you to place your entry for the competition (name & phone number with the name of your soup).** Or phone the church office to enter @ 357-4358. Remember – everyone is encouraged to make a pot of soup – you don't need to enter! Bring a pot to share!

Natalie Christensen was last year's winner!

### **ST. THOMAS BOOK STORE**

Thanks to the generous contributors to the **Miles of Pennies** jug in the Parish Hall, we now have \$660.56, over ¾ of a mile (\$844.80). So, please continue to drop spare change, and dollar bills into the jug so that we can complete our **4<sup>th</sup> Mile of Pennies**, the branch of **Church Periodical Club** that buys books for children, both here and abroad. Please continue to also bring to Betty Carr: **Box Tops for Education** for Eustis Elementary, **pop tops** for Ronald McDonald House, **Labels for Education** (this is being phased out, but some are still available), Episcopal Boys Home, Covington, VA, and **canceled stamps** to buy Bibles. These are ways to help others that cost us nothing. All profits from St. Thomas' Book Store go for outreach. Many thanks for your continued support. *Betty Carr*, **CPC** Chairman, Book Store

### **HEALING – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAYS**

On **February 5<sup>th</sup>**, those wishing prayers or anointing may do so after all have received the Eucharist. All are invited to come to the altar rail, (or please notify one of our ushers and one of our clergy will come to you in your pew).

### **ERD THANK YOU**

Dear Thrift Shop: Thank you for the generous donation to ERD (Episcopal Relief & Development). This is the arm of our church that responds to disasters & helps developing countries. As Episcopalians, we are more than just a "local church." Carol Ann Luche

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

If you know of anyone for whom you would like to have a prayer shawl, please call Janet Clarke (728-0929). We are in need of those who can knit and would like to be part of this ministry.

### **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

From our recent \$1,000.00 Dickinson Scholarship recipient: *"Thank you very much for this financial assistance towards my academic career; it means a lot to me!" Sincerely, Marie Pawliczak.*

### **THRIFT SHOP OUTREACH**

From the Haven: *"Thank you so much for the \$2,183.33. Your thoughtfulness and kindness have blessed our organization and our clients. Please know the difference your donation makes. We're grateful for your warm and generous human spirit."* Kelly Smallridge

From the Arc: *"Thank you for your generous gift of \$2,183.33. For over 50 years, The Arc has provided meaningful services to people with disabilities."* Mark Swain CEO

### **NEWS OF RECORD**

#### **Baptisms:**

Christopher Michael Harrison 1/08/2017  
Lynn Ellen Bailey 1/22/2017  
Kevin Russell Bailey 1/22/2017

#### **Transfers In:**

Andra & Michael Ladd from St. Barnabas/Western Louisiana on 1/18/2017  
Ruth King from Trinity/Plattsburgh NY 1/20/2017

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

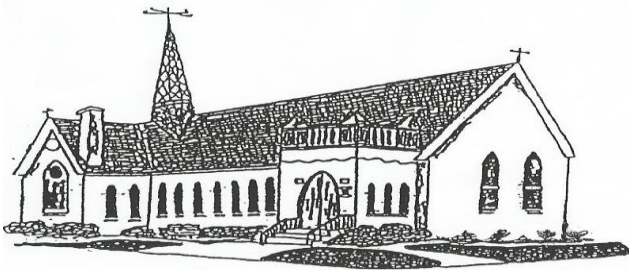
Janet Clarke	2/01
Laura Thomas Meyer	2/01
MaryAnn Winslow	2/02
Kent Tombow	2/02
Kathy Easter	2/04
Jeff Emerson	2/06
Tom Wright	2/08
Janet Gizelt	2/11
Mike Christensen	2/13
Zachary Hunter Boreske	2/14
Coleman Holt	2/20
Maggie Kaiser	2/21
Carl Pettitt	2/21
Keith Barker	2/23
Margaret Sitts	2/25
George Pawliczak	2/26
Dennis Hartenstein	2/28

### **ACOLYTES**

We presently have a great need for acolytes. Currently, Lia Dufour and Stephen Luche faithfully serve on Sundays at our 10:30 am service. They are a blessing and a terrific asset to St. Thomas' Services. This ministry requires hard work and devotion, and they continually meet the challenge, stepping up to volunteer their time and talents week after week, and I thank them for giving so generously. As always, we need to add to our ranks, so please, any who would like to try it out are invited to speak with me or call the church office 357-4358.

*In His Name, Dick Labud*

\*If you haven't already done so, please give the church office your email address, birthday anniversary date, and any contact changes.



# February 2017

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			<b>1</b> 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	<b>3</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	<b>4</b> 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
<b>5</b> <b>HEALING</b> <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 5 Epiphany <b>“Souperbowl Sunday”</b> after 10:30 service	<b>6</b> 3 pm – ECW Meeting 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6 pm – MOST Meeting 6:30 pm – AA Group	<b>10</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/ HE @ Lakeview	<b>11</b> 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop 11 am – Altar Guild Linen Care Training
<b>12</b> <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 6 Epiphany	<b>13</b> 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>16</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	<b>17</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	<b>18</b> 9 am–Noon-Thrift Shop 9 am – Altar Guild Flower Arranging Training 6-8 pm – ECW Spaghetti Dinner in Parish Hall
<b>19</b> <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 7 Epiphany	<b>20</b> <b>PRESIDENTS’ DAY</b> Church Office Closed 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	<b>21</b> 7 pm - Vestry	<b>22</b> 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 11:30 am – Fellowship Luncheon 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<b>23</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	<b>24</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/ HE @ Lakeview	<b>25</b> 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
<b>26</b> <b>DISCRETIONARY</b> <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> Last Epiphany	<b>27</b> 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	<b>28</b> <b>SHROVE TUESDAY</b> 5-7 pm – Pancake Supper in Parish Hall	<u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> Holy Eucharist Services: 8 & 10:30 am Fr. John’s Adult Class in Parish Hall: 9:15 am – 10 am Healing Miracles of Jesus Study in Library: 9:15 am Children’s Chapel at 10:30 am Service on February 5, 12, 19 Family Worship on Feb. 26 Coffee Hour in Parish Hall – 9 am Fellowship in Parish Hall - Noon “Souperbowl Sunday” in Parish Hall after 10:30 Service – Enter or bring a soup to share			