



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

Interim Rector – The Rev'd Ted Koelln
352-446-1205

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

Vestry

Sr. Warden – Bette Dufour Jr. Warden – George Pawliczak

Joan Allen, Gail Carlson, Nancy Conley, Bev Cox,

Rick Kiefer, Thelma Martin, Diane Mullen

Search Committee

Leon Stricklen (Chair), Kay Ikeler,

Jerry Fields, Maggie Kaiser (Alternate)

Ministries Chairs/Small Groups Volunteers

Acolyte Director – Rev'd Dick Labud

Altar Guild – Sue Kiefer

Search Committee Chair – Leon Stricklen

Prayer Shawls – Rev'd Janet Clarke

Prayer Chain – Nancy Conley

Fellowship – Mike Christensen, Kathy Easter

Bev Cox, Nancy Conley, Maryann Winslow

Memorial Garden – Ruth Squire Book Store – Betty Carr

Bereavement – Kay Ikeler Haven – Arlene Karwacki

Newcomer Baskets – Louise Dixon

MOST

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

E.C.W.

Programs - Winnie Luche Treas. – Carol Ann Luché

UTO -Evelyn Wright Hospitality – Nancy Conley

CPC – Betty Carr Chaplain – The Rev'd Janet Clarke

Needle & Craft Group Hours:

Chair – Carol Ann Luche

Wednesday @ 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

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From the Music Director:

It probably comes as a surprise to be reading the first page of this newsletter from me, as opposed to Fr. Ted, or even one of the deacons. In the wake of his surgery, Fr. Ted asked me to take a turn at greeting our congregation.

"Hello" to you, the family, friends, and visitors of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. May God continue to bless you and me as we continue our worship and fellowship together. As you may know, my job here among you is fairly obvious to most, as you see me at the organ console or in front of the choir ministering to you with music. There is more. Our rehearsals on Wednesday evening are filled with music, of course. We also make time for personal reflection, either pleasant or difficult.

We, the choir, are a small family within this larger family of St. Thomas. Prayer during our rehearsal is also very present, either in actual prayer offered by one of us, or by reading the hymn text, learning the important phrases of the psalm or other song. All of this is prayer, and it is offered by this small family to the larger family, that being all of you. Other aspects of my work include knowing the weekly lectionary for the purpose of providing appropriate hymns and anthems for the liturgy. Most of this work takes place either at home or in Wisdom Hall on Sunday, after I have enjoyed fellowship with all of you.

I feel very blessed working here at St. Thomas. This community is indeed a "family" and I see it every week when I come here. If you want to know anything more of our music ministry, and it is truly a ministry, please come and see me or any of our choir members. You may even attend rehearsal on Wednesday evening. No need to think of joining, as you may just want to see what we are about. May I say "thank you" for allowing me to continue to serve you.

Richard P. Mangiagli

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.



Please continue to 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. **Come any Wednesday to volunteer between 9 – 11 am on a WORK DAY** to help with light-duty tasks. Phone the shop: **352 589-0641**.

PRAYER CHAIN

St. Thomas' Prayer Chain will pray for any ongoing parish needs. If you can pray for those in need and contact others on the Prayer Chain, phone **Nancy Conley**, (352) **483-2947**, or cell (352) **350-4184**, or leave a message with the Office at (352) 357-4358.

SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

At 9:15 am on Sundays – we gather as a group in our Parish Hall. This is an opportunity to learn, share and grow. No materials are required; please just show up and join in.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bess Short leads **Bible Study** in the Parish Hall on **Thursdays** at **11 am**, following the Thursday Healing Holy Eucharist Service that is held at 10 am each week.

THRIFT SHOP

APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

There will be a Thrift Shop Appreciation Luncheon in our Parish Hall on Wednesday, February 7th at 11:30 am for all CURRENT Thrift Shop Volunteers. Please RSVP on the sign-up in the Thrift Shop or call the Thrift Shop at 352 589-0641 and leave a message.

WEDNESDAY FITNESS CLASSES

Bess Short offers a half-hour **Beginners** fitness class on Wednesdays at Noon in our Parish Hall. An **Intermediate** class follows immediately after that at 12:30 pm each Wednesday.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

DONATIONS FOR THE HAVEN

The Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties for Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault thanks you for the donations of soaps, shampoos, and assorted toiletries. Contributions are accepted in the basket located in the Parish Hall. Contact Arlene Karwacki 352-385-3838, for information.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Mike Christensen is our Sunday Fellowship Coordinator, with a wonderful offering of meals and refreshments available in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. **Helpers are needed to clean up after Fellowship** on Sundays to ensure that this ministry continues to enrich St. Thomas' parishioners each week. Please contact **Mike at spikes0213@aol.com** or phone 352-205-3314 to help.

USHERS NEEDED

Due to several recent departures, we are now urgently in need of USHERS for our Sunday church services. *Please* phone the office at 357-4358 to volunteer.

ECW

The ladies of St. Thomas will meet on **Monday, February 5th at 3 pm** in the Parish Hall with the special program, "*Getting to Know You: Part Two*" to discuss what would you like **YOUR** ECW to Be/Do? This meeting is open to all women – please make sure to be there if you were able to be at the December meeting for Part One. If you are so inclined, please bring a snack. We look forward to seeing you there for "Faith, Food, Fun & Fellowship".

MOST FEBRUARY NEWS



The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group meets this month on **Thursday, February 8th at 6 pm** in our Parish Hall Please feel free to contact *Jerry Fields*, President @ 343-000 with any program ideas or input on future events.

DECEMBER OUTREACH MEETING

Our Outreach meeting was held Sunday, Dec. 31, 2017. Thrift Shop funds were voted for disbursement as follows:

ARC Sunrise	\$1,750.00
Haven	\$1,750.00
Open Door	\$2,000.00
Turning Point Ranch	\$2,000.00
Thrift Shop Termite Tenting	
Repayment	\$1,353.00

TOTAL \$ 8,853.00

NEWS OF RECORD

Deaths:

Gordon Warner January 18, 2018

A Funeral service for Gordon Warner will be held at St. Thomas Church on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Your cards of caring and condolences may be sent to Gordon's widow:

Carole Warner
3625 Bay Shore Circle
Tavares, FL 32778

LENTEN PROGRAM

Beginning on Thursday, February 22nd, and continuing on Thursdays during Lent, Fr. Ted is offering a program in the evening, starting with Evening Prayer at 6 pm, progressing to a humble meal of soup and bread in our Parish Hall, followed by a study on the spiritual book by Joan Chittister, "*The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully.*" This delightful book invites us to embrace older age as a natural part of life that is both active and contemplative, productive and reflective, and deeply rewarding. Please sign up on the sheet available in the Parish Hall to give an approximate number for meals.

VESTRY UPDATE

For health concerns, Janet Gizelt had to resign from her position on St. Thomas' Vestry. Her replacement on the Vestry is Beverly Cox. We are grateful and very thankful to both of these ladies for their commitment and dedication to St. Thomas' ministries and their help throughout the search process. We ask that you continue to pray for our Wardens, the Vestry and Search Committee and ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we seek to call a new Rector for Saint Thomas.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Phone Deacon Janet Clarke @ 352-728-0929 to join this ministry, or if you know of anyone who would benefit from a prayer shawl while they are ill or indisposed for whatever reason.

SUNDAY LOOSE PLATE:

The Loose Plate Collection on Sunday, February 25th is designated for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. Memo checks: "*Rector's Discretionary Fund*" and place in the offering plate.

“SOUPER-BOWL” SUNDAY

Take the challenge and enter your own special recipe soup in our Soup Competition to be held **Sunday, February 4th**. 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. You **DO NOT** need to sign-up or call the office to enter; just bring your soup to the Parish Hall on February 4th. Remember – everyone is encouraged to make a pot of soup – you don’t need to enter! Bring a pot to share! Carol Ann Luche was last year’s winner!

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

On **Tuesday, February 13th**, St. Thomas’ Vestry will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper from **5:30 – 7 pm** in our Parish Hall for **\$5.00 per 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 February 14th. A sign-up sheet for a head-count will be available in the Parish Hall.

☞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!

ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST AND IMPOSITION OF

ASHES SERVICES:

St. Thomas’ Ash Wednesday services will be at
NOON & 7:00 pm on February 14th

2018 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.**

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

St. Thomas’ Fellowship Luncheon is every 4th 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.

Join us next on February 28th.



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

BOOK STORE



Betty Carr can help you find that special gift to share the love in Sweetheart Month. St.

Thomas’ Book Store has the perfect selection – key chains, jewelry, statues, books, pins, bookmarks, plaques, and an amazing assortment of religious-themed giftables. **Open Sundays in our Parish Hall after each service.** All profits go to outreach. Recently, \$200 was given to Eustis’ Open Door facility to help the area’s homeless.

Please support our Miles of Pennies and drop your pennies and spare change in the jug in the Parish Hall – we’re beginning Mile Five!! Please continue to bring to Betty Carr: **Labels for Education** (soup, cereal, many products) for Boys Home-Episcopal-Covington, VA, **Box Tops for Education** for Eustis Elem., **pop tops** for Ronald McDonald House. Many thanks for your support. Betty Carr, **CPC/Bookstore Chair**

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets in Wisdom Hall Wednesday mornings at **10 am** to create wonderful hand-made items. All are welcome. Carol Ann Nestor, Chair **589-6181**.

HEALING – 1st SUNDAYS

On **February 4th**, 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 an usher and one of our clergy will come to you in your pew.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

St. Thomas’ Church Office will be closed Monday, February 19th for Presidents’ Day.



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



JOIN THE CHOIR!

Choir Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in Wisdom Hall. Join us as we sing unto the Lord. **New Members Welcome!**

CHILDREN’S NURSERY

Our church Nursery is open and staffed every Sunday during our 10:30 am church service. The Nursery is conveniently located behind our Parish Hall in the Sunday school building. Please ask an usher to direct you.

**To receive a copy of the church directory, email us at stthomasec@earthlink.net

FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	2 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	3 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop 1 pm – Gordon Warner Funeral Service
4 HEALING <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 5 EPIPHANY NOON- "SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY SOUP COMPETITION	5 3 pm – ECW " <i>Getting to Know You</i> " Part 2 Meeting in Parish Hall 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	6	7 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 11:30 am – Thrift Shop Appreciation Luncheon 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	8 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6 pm – MOST Meeting 6:30 pm – AA Group	9 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	10 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
11 <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> LAST EPIPHANY	12 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	13 SHROVE TUESDAY 5:30-7 pm – Pancake Supper in Parish Hall	14 ASH WEDNESDAY 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group NOON – Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist Service 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist Service 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	15 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	16 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	17 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
18 <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 1 LENT	19 PRESIDENTS DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	20 7 pm - Vestry	21 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	22 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6 pm – LENTEN PROGRAM: "Growing Older Gracefully" 6:30 pm – AA Group	23 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	24 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
25 DISCRETIONARY <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 2 LENT	26 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	27	28 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	<u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> Holy Eucharist Services: Traditional - 8 am Family - 10:30 am with Healing at each service on February 4th Adult Class in Parish Hall – 9:15 am Coffee Hour in Parish Hall – 9 am Fellowship in Parish Hall - Noon		