

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Carl & Sandy Pettitt	7/02/72
Kevin & Lynn Bailey	7/09/88
Jill & Allen Malony	7/09/66
T.J & Lucinda Reilly	7/13/17
Lewis & Naomi Townsend	7/14/67
Trae & Julie Johnson	7/18/15

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Jerry Fields, Maggie Kaiser (Alternate)

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Bereavement – Kay Ikeler Haven – Arlene Karwacki

Newcomer Baskets – Louise Dixon

MOST

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

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

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WORDS FROM FR. TED

"What does the Episcopal Church believe?" A question that is asked directly or indirectly by many of our members and others quite frequently. I don't intend to make comparisons with others [finding fault as humans are wont to do]. I intend to give you information as I have found it through the years. While we believe that the Episcopal Church is a branch of the one Holy Catholic Church of Christ, we do not believe that it is the only branch, nor do we believe that ours is the only way [though for us, we mostly believe it is the best for us.] First, we are a biblical church. You cannot follow a service of Holy Eucharist or Morning Prayer without noticing that. This belief is not merely the fruit of custom or ancient habit. It is the expression of a deep principle: that the God we worship is a God who has acted in human history, and that the Bible is a record of God's action as we have experienced it first-hand.

We are also an historical Church. Our beliefs and practices are deeply rooted in the past. We use words in worship that have been used since the early times of the establishment of the Christian Church. We recite historical Creeds, creeds that have been around for over 1500 years now. But, this is also an historical Church in the sense that it recognizes that history involves the passage of time and the passage of time involves change. We are not so imprisoned in the past that we cannot live in the present. We use the local language where we are, because we recognize that the Christian gospel must always be translated into the language of the people to whom it is being preached.

We recognize further that the need for translation exists not only in the matter of words but also in the matter of ideas. We do not hesitate, in fact, to say that we have learned and are learning from science more about the ways in which God has worked in history.

If we are biblical and historical, we are also evangelical. I do not mean by "evangelical" what is sometimes meant when the word is used as the name of a particular party within the Church. In the broader sense, evangelical means that the only way in which the relationship between God and humanity can be understood is the way which is set forth in the Christian gospel. We believe that humankind, having been created in the image of God, is essentially good.

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FR. TED'S ARTICLE (Continued)

The gospel insists that Jesus came not to condemn us, but to save us; not to punish us for our sins, but to help us to discover within the Holy Scripture, and within ourselves, the law that God has written upon our hearts. We are also evangelical in that we face squarely the fact of sin. We recognize that humanity has within itself the capacity for destroying itself and that we cannot save ourselves unaided. That is why we insist that every individual in confirmation stands up in public and answers "I do," to the bishop's question: "Do you promise to follow Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?" This is the heart of the gospel which we preach, for we recognize and we believe that there is nothing, nothing, that can come before Jesus Christ and nothing that can take Christ's place. Faith in Jesus Christ is the one thing we cannot do without. And the acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior is the one ultimate requirement of membership in this Church.

Peace & Joy, Fr. Ted

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A Memorial Service for John Potter will be held *at St. Thomas Church on Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 10:30 am with a Reception to follow in our Parish Hall.* To send cards of caring and condolence to John's widow, please direct them to: Monika Potter 37201 Oak Lane Umatilla, FL 32784. Your cards of condolence may also be sent to John's daughter, Jen. Please direct them to: Jennifer Hoban 1940 Edgewater Drive Mt. Dora, FL 32757

INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST

Please bring a friend or neighbor to St. Thomas Church with you on Sunday, July 1st when Fr. Ted is planning to weave an Instructed Eucharist into the liturgy at both services.

"Eucharist" is a Greek word meaning "thanksgiving". The word "liturgy" means "the people's work". The basic pattern of the Eucharistic liturgy goes back to the earliest years of the Christian Church. What we do at this time, therefore, ties us together with all those who have come before us, and ties us together with those who will come after us. Please COME AND EXPERIENCE this powerful service with us. Corporate worship (*corporate* meaning what we do together as a body, as opposed to what we do as individuals) invites us all to worship as the Body of Christ.

BOOK STORE

St. Thomas' Book Store always has the perfect gift selection for any occasion: butterfly pins, crosses, key chains, jeweled necklaces, statues, books, pins, bookmarks, plaques, and an amazing assortment of religious-themed giftables. **The Book Store is OPEN Sundays in our Parish Hall after each service.** Betty Carr wishes to thank all those who have contributed to the **Miles of Pennies** jug in the Parish Hall. We now have **\$150 toward Mile 5**; so, please continue to drop your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollar bills into the jug in the Parish Hall. **Miles of Pennies** is the branch of **CPC (Church Periodical Club)** that buys books for children, both here and abroad. Many thanks for your continued support. *Betty Carr, CPC Chairman, Book Store*

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR E.E.S.

St. Thomas Church is partnering with Eustis Elementary School to help provide school supplies. Please see the wish list in the Parish Hall and the donation box for your items. Please bring your school supplies back to St. Thomas by August 15, 2018.

VESTRY MINUTES ONLINE

Our website, www.stthomaseustis.com, has current information regarding our ministries & events. Please take the time to visit our site to see everything that's been added to keep you abreast of St. Thomas' happenings! Please check out the "Upcoming Events" on the Home Page and our Photo Gallery for the recent Mother's Day event.

CRAFT GROUP

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

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.

SUMMER CONTRIBUTIONS

Now is a good time to catch up on your pledges if you have been away – or just to make sure that you are on track with your pledges. Please phone the church office for a current update 352-357-4358.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Mae Johnson	7/01
Jack Barker	7/03
Morgan Padgett	7/03
Winnie Luche	7/08
Evelyn Fields	7/10
Luke Carlson	7/10
Robert Easter	7/15
Bill Robertson	7/16
Thelma Martin	7/18
Brandon Wright	7/18
Ed Sigler	7/19
Kevin Bailey	7/25
Caitlin M. Calliste	7/26
Gail Carlson	7/28
Howie Kauffman	7/28
Anne Erben	7/28
Julie Johnson	7/29

SAVE THE DATE*SAVE THE DATE!

St. Thomas Church is planning our BAZAAR 2018. It will be held MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH from 9 am – 2 pm. Mark your calendars...SEE THE INSERT FOR MORE DETAILS.

4th Sunday Loose Plate Collection:

Our July 22nd Loose Plate Collection is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Please memo checks: "*Rector's Discretionary Fund*" and place in the offering plate.

☞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!

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

This month's Fellowship Luncheon will be on **Wednesday, JULY 25TH 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.

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.



***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. Phone: 352-357-4358

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 phone the Church Office at (352) 357-4358.

THRIFT SHOP SUMMER BREAK



Our Thrift Shop workers will be taking a summer break throughout the entire month of July and mid-way through August. The Shop Reopens on Thursday, August 16TH (closed for 6 weeks). To All of Our Generous and Very Wonderful Church Members – “Thank you so much for all of your volunteer hours, donations and support.” Please continue to leave donated items on the SIDE porch of the church office

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 our Healing Holy Eucharist Service held at 10 am each Thursday.

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!**

PIANO

If you have a good condition non-electronic, spinet piano (smaller size – not an upright grand) that you would like to donate to St. Thomas, please contact the church office or see Richard Mangiagli.

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

MOST JULY NEWS

The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group will be taking the summer months off, resuming meetings on Thursday, September 13th. Please feel free to contact *Jerry Fields*, President @ 343-000 with any program ideas or input on future events. Have a terrific summer!

CHOIR SUMMER BREAK

St. Thomas' Choir is now on summer break. Rehearsals will resume in September. Summer is a good time to ask for your favorite hymns – please let me know your hymn suggestions. Many Thanks, Richard Mangiagli, Organist/Choirmaster.

THANK YOU LADIES!!

St. Thomas' Father's Day Brunch was **outstanding**, thanks to our many talented ladies who helped with the event. We all appreciate your efforts. What a terrific Father's Day gift for us all! Special thanks to Bev Cox, Kathy Easter, MaryAnn Winslow, Lynn Bailey, Joan Allen, Sandy Pettitt, Sue Kiefer, Marilyn Pierson, and Nancy Conley. (Photo below shows some of our helpers at the brunch: left to right – Lynn Bailey, Bev Cox, Joan Allen, Nancy Conley, Kathy Easter, Maryann Winslow, Sandy Pettitt)



OUTREACH MEETING

The Thrift Shop funding meeting will be held on **July 1st at 9:15 am in the CHOIR ROOM IN WISDOM HALL.** All funding requests *must be in writing and received in the office prior to the 1st.*

HEALING – 1st SUNDAYS

On **July 1st**, those wishing prayers or anointing may do so after all have received the Eucharist. Please come to the altar rail, or notify an usher and one of our clergy will come to you in your pew.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Church Office will be **closed** on Wednesday, July Fourth.

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.

PARISH LIFE & SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Contributions to “Parish Life” enable St. Thomas to make further purchases for the kitchen ministry. Sunday Fellowship after the 10:30 service is coordinated by Mike Christensen – a small donation from each person attending is terrific! Contact **Mike spikes0213@aol.com** or phone 352-205-3314 to help.

SCHOLARSHIP



Please phone our office 357-4358 to inquire about St. Thomas' scholarship for your child who just graduated from high school and is enrolled in college, or to give us the name of anyone graduating from high school or college this year so that we may extend our congratulations.

JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 HEALING *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 6 PENTECOST 8 & 10:30 am INSTRUCTED EUCHARIST 9:15 am – Outreach Meeting in Choir Room in Wisdom Hall	2 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Church Office Closed	5 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	6	7 10:30 am – John Potter Memorial Service at St. Thomas Church
8 *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 7 PENTECOST	9 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	10	11 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class	12 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	13 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	14
15 *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 8 PENTECOST	16 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	17	18 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class	19 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	20	21
22 DISCRETIONARY *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9 PENTECOST	23 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	24	25 10 am – Craft Group 11:30 am – Fellowship Luncheon 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class	26 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	27 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	28
29 *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 10 PENTECOST	30 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	31		*SUNDAY SCHEDULE Holy Eucharist Services: - 8 am & 10:30 am Healing on JULY 1 ****Adult Forum in Parish Hall – 9:15 am Coffee Hour in Parish Hall – 9 am Fellowship in Parish Hall – Noon		

INDEPENDENCE DAY



CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 30, 2018
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

St. Thomas Episcopal Church Parish Hall
on the Corner of Lemon and Mary Sts.

Come Meet the Patriots

George Washington, Ben Franklin, Betsy Ross,
John and Abigail Adams, and others



Free Lunch of hot dogs and hamburgers



St. Thomas Thrift Store and Boutique will be open
and Historic Church Tours are available

Come join the celebration and visit our beautiful
church, which also is the oldest church in Eustis



St. Thomas Episcopal

Church

Bazaar



Monday, November 12th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Lemon and Mary Streets in Eustis

Luncheon 11:00 to 1:00 (\$10)

Coffee Café

Plant Sale

Thrift Shop and Boutique Sale

Parish Pantry

Craft Shop

Book, CD, DVD, Record Sale

Yard Sale – 25 different tables

Gift Shop/ Book Store

Raffle