

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Art & Ann Maltby 6/05/53
Thelma & Cliff Martin 6/14/69
Richard & Bette Dufour 6/15/74
Bert & Millie Gulston 6/21/69
Robert & Odalys Carter 6/27/97

Clergy, Office & Staff

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,

Janet Gizelt, Rick Kiefer, Thelma Martin, Diane Mullen

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 Programs - Winnie Luche

Treas. – Carol Ann Luché

CPC – Betty Carr UTO -Evelyn Wright

Hospitality – Nancy Conley

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

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

**“Thank you for your Caring!” Joanna
Cotter’s sister, Janice, passed away on
May 15th and is now at peace. To send a
card of caring, please mail to:**

**Joanna Cotter 237 Malaysia Island Lane
Leesburg, FL 34788**

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PRAYERS FOR A CHURCH IN THE SEARCH PROCESS

Gracious accompanying God, the One in whom we live and move and have our being, give us a vision of the times of our lives, the new situations in which we live out our faith in Jesus. May we ask anew what it means to be the Church in our time, our place. And as we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may we welcome according to your Spirit the one you are sending to us to lead us into the new days ahead. Amen.

Gracious gifting God, we are reminded of your gifts in and for all the children of the church. Call on our gifts now, use us, in service of your whole church. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may your Holy Spirit lead us to discern the gifts we seek and see those gifts clearly in the candidates you are sending to us. In our communications, interviews and meetings with them, may we find ourselves once again who we surely are in Christ Jesus, stewards of your many gifts. Amen.

Gracious sanctifying God, thank you for drawing us ever anew into the ministry of the Word. In the community of faith, we are empowered for witness and service even as we are ministered to with forgiveness, reconciliation, and healing. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, show us our neediness – what we need and what needs doing for our life together in Christ. Amen.

Gracious giving God, give us your help again, just as you have always done. Remind us of your care. Let there be gratitude in our congregation, for all that is needful has been sent and ordained for us already. As we work to call a new pastor to our congregation, may we be strengthened for this task with the thought that your providing reaches to every need of your church. This call committee and community of believers are your church, too. Amen.

Gracious calling God, call on us with your grace again and again. Renew us daily in the peace, hope, and eternal life we have been promised and which we have been called to proclaim. As we work to call a pastor to our congregation, may we count on the prayers of all members of this community of faith to uphold us, just as we trust your Spirit to guide us. We remember, God, you are the One who called us first. Amen.

**By the Rev. Ronald Olson, Director of Admissions,
Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota**



THRIFT SHOP IN JUNE

The fashions & sales are sizzling at the Thrift Shop & Boutique this month, with Wedding Gifts, Anniversary Gifts, Graduation Gifts, Father's Day Gifts and Anytime Gifts! As always, thank you for your continued donations. We'll gladly accept your well-cared for items that you would like to "regift". Continue to leave donated items on the SIDE porch of the church office or bring to the shop during shop hours: Thurs. & Fri., 9 am - 3 pm; Sat., 9 am - Noon. Phone # (352) 589-0641. **Please stop by this month, the Thrift Shop will be closed all of next month, throughout July and into August, reopening Thursday, August 24th (closed for 7 weeks).**

SUNDAY LOOSE PLATE

Our **June 25th** Loose Plate Collection is designated for the **Discretionary Fund**. Memo checks: "*Rector's Discretionary Fund*" and place in the offering plate.

TO CONTACT FR. JOHN & KAREN LIPSCOMB

We have bid Fr. John & Karen Lipscomb farewell as they have moved on to their new ministries beyond St. Thomas Church. Your cards can be sent to them at their Titusville address: 1923 N. Carpenter Rd. Titusville, FL 32796

VISITING PRIESTS AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH THIS MONTH:

**June 4: Fr. Ted Koelln
June 11 & June 25: Fr. Ron Chrisner
June 18: Fr. Joe Sitts**

PRAYER CHAIN

St. Thomas' Prayer Chain will pray for any ongoing parish needs. This healing ministry requires little time from members. If you can pray for those in need and contact others on the Prayer Chain, **consider joining the team!** Contact **Nancy Conley**, (352) **483-2947**, or cell (352) **350-4184**, Bette Dufour or Ann Johnson, or please leave a message with the Church Office 357-4358.

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! And check out their sale gift table in the Parish Hall- all hand-made and seasonally-themed!

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!



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. This month: **June 28th**.

FOOD DONATIONS

Every Sunday, a basket of food items donated by St. Thomas' parishioners is brought up to the altar. Donated food is then delivered to the local food pantry. We encourage everyone to bring in extra canned or packaged food each week.

ORGAN REPAIRS

Our organ tuner has notified us of organ repairs that need to be made. We have some funds in reserve but need additional funds for the remaining cost. If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause to keep our organ well-maintained, your donations would be very much appreciated. Contributions may be made at any time; please mark your donation for "Organ Repairs" and leave it in the offering plate or send to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you all for your help with the upkeep for our organ.

PLEASE LET US KNOW

Please 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.

MOST JUNE NEWS

Thank you to all who helped with/attended the Spring Fling Dinner Dance – the event made a profit of \$368! The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group will be taking the summer months off, resuming meetings on Thursday, September 14th. Thank you so much to all the men for their regular attendance and participation. Please feel free to contact *Jerry Fields*, President @ 343-000 with any program ideas or input on future events.

Have a terrific summer!

2017 BUDGET

Please remember to keep up with your pledges throughout the summer months.

FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 18th

Please help us honor all fathers by joining us in the Parish Hall between services for a delicious **FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH** on Sunday, June 18th at approximately 9:00 am.

MOTHER'S DAY HAT REPORT

\$5 was contributed to St. Thomas by an anonymous donor for each lady who wore a hat to church on Mother's Day– 59 hats for a total of \$295. WOW! Thanks to our ladies & especially to our benefactor!

VESTRY MINUTES ONLINE

Our website, www.stthomaseustis.com has current information regarding ministries, service times, Upcoming Events (click on that on the Home Page), and Links & Videos, including the listing on the Home Page: "*Newsletters and Vestry Minutes*". Our website is a terrific resource for both newcomers and long-time members. Even if you've visited St. Thomas' Website before, please take the time to revisit it to see what's been added to keep you abreast of St. Thomas' happenings!

ECW JUNE NEWS

The ECW will be taking a summer break, resuming meetings in September when they will gather for "*Faith, Food, Fun, and Fellowship*".

SCHOLARSHIP

Please phone our office 357-4358 to inquire about St. Thomas' scholarship, or to give us the name of anyone graduating from high school or college this year so that we may extend our congratulations.

PENTECOST IS JUNE 4TH

Help up heat the fire of the Holy Spirit with our

“Tongues of Fire”

Chili & Hot Wings

Cook-off after the 10:30

service on Pentecost Sunday –

June 4th. Just bring your award-

winning dish to enter (or just to

share) to the Parish Hall and enjoy

plenty of delicious chili and hot

wings. Please phone the Church

Office 357-4358 to enter.

**Please remember to
Wear RED
to church that day!**

DONATIONS FOR THE HAVEN

The Haven of Lake & Sumter

Counties for Domestic Violence &

Sexual Assault thanks you for

the toiletries donated to The

Haven’s women & children.

Contributions are accepted in

the baskets located in the Parish

Hall. Contact Arlene Karwacki, 385-

3838, for information.

SPRING OUTREACH MEETING

The Thrift Shop funding meeting

will be held on **June 11th at 9:15 am**

in the Sunday School room. Written

funding requests **must be received in**

the office prior to the 11th.

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 need those who can knit and

would like to be part of this ministry.

ALTAR FLOWER DONORS

Select any Sunday to donate flowers: they are

\$60 each week. The sign-up chart is located

by the sacristy. 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.

PARISH LIFE AND SUNDAY

FELLOWSHIP

Recently, our Sunday Fellowship group has

made some much-needed purchases of new

dinnerware and warming trays to create a

better fellowship experience for everyone. To

continue these welcome upgrades, your help

through contributions to “Parish Life” can

enable St. Thomas to make further purchases

for this ministry. Your donations are welcome

at any time, made out to “Parish Life”.

FELLOWSHIP

Our Sunday Fellowship after the 10:30

service is coordinated by Mike Christensen,

with special offerings in the Parish Hall each

week. Your Contributions help with costs –

just a small donation from each person

attending is terrific! Contact **Mike**

spikes0213@aol.com or phone 352-205-3314

to help.

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.

JESUS’ MIRACLES STUDY

Bess Short is leading a 26-week study of the

healing miracles of Jesus each Sunday at 9:15

am in our church Library.

BOOK STORE

Looking for something special for

Father’s Day? Betty Carr can help you

with your search.... St. Thomas’ Book

Store has the perfect gift – key chains,

books, bookmarks, plaques, and an

amazing assortment of religious-themed

giftables. **Open Sundays in our Parish**

Hall after each service. All Bookstore

profits go to outreach.



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., **canceled stamps** to buy Bibles, **pop**

tops for Ronald McDonald House, **PLUS**

coins for the Miles of Pennies jug. Many

thanks for your support. Betty Carr,

CPC/Bookstore Chair

HEALING – 1ST SUNDAYS

On **June 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 one of our ushers

and one of our clergy will come to you in

your pew).

ACOLYTES

Would you like to serve as an acolyte?

Any of our youth 9-years old and above

who have been baptized are invited to join.

See Deacon Dick Labud, or email or phone

the Church Office.

WANT TO USHER?

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW!

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE

352-357-4358.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Kathy Nolf 6/02

Barry Wood 6/02

Trish Patterson 6/07

Gordon Warner 6/07

Sandy Pettitt 6/10

Kalia Baillene 6/16

Tom Carlson 6/16

Ann Johnson 6/17

James Sellers 6/17

Lynn Bailey 6/19

Diane Damon 6/19

Grace Bartsch 6/22

Mimi Smith 6/23

Ruth Squire 6/26

Betty Turner 6/27

Dennis Ullery-Watson 6/27

Karen Lipscomb 6/29

Jeff Ray 6/30



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

CHILDREN’S NURSERY

Our church Nursery is open and

staffed every Sunday during our

10:30 am church service. The Nursery

is conveniently located directly

behind our Parish Hall in the Sunday

school building.

JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> Holy Eucharist Services: 8 & 10:30 am Healing Miracles of Jesus Study in Library: 9:15 am Adult Forum in Parish Hall: 9:15 am Coffee Hour in Parish Hall – 9 am Fellowship in Parish Hall - Noon					9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop Open	9 am–Noon - Thrift Shop Open
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
HEALING <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> PENTECOST SUNDAY (Wear Red!) Noon – "TONGUES OF FIRE" Chili/Hot Wings Contest in Parish Hall	7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall		9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class	9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 11 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop Open 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	9 am–Noon - Thrift Shop Open
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> TRINITY SUNDAY 9:15 am – Outreach Meeting in Sunday School Room	7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall		9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class	9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 11 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop Open	9 am–Noon - Thrift Shop Open
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
FATHER’S DAY <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 2 PENTECOST 9 am – Father’s Day BRUNCH in Parish Hall	7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	7 pm - Vestry	9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class	9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 11 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop Open 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	9 am–Noon - Thrift Shop Open
25	26	27	28	29	30	
DISCRETIONARY <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 3 PENTECOST	7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall		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	9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 11 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop Open	