



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Thelma & Cliff Martin	6/14/69
Richard & Bette Dufour	6/15/74
Bert & Millie Gulston	6/21/69
Bob & Carole Meikle	6/22/13
Robert & Odalys Carter	6/27/97

Clergy, Office & Staff

Rector – John W. Lipscomb III

Deacons – Dick Labud & Janet Clarke

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

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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, Larry Block, Nancy Conley, Janet Gizelt,

Thelma Martin, Diane Mullen, Mary Shriner

Ministries Chairs/Small Groups Volunteers

Altar Guild – Sue Kiefer **Acolyte Director** – Rev. Dick Labud

Prayer Shawls – Rev. Janet Clarke

Prayer Chain – Nancy Conley

Fellowship – K. Easter, J. Gizelt, M. Winslow, Bess Short

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

Treas. – Carol Ann Luché Sunshine – Joan Pagliarulo

CPC – Betty Carr UTO -Evelyn Wright

Telephone Tree – Monika Potter

Program – Carole Meikle, Sonia Carter

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 40+ Volunteers!

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

Ph. (352) 589-0641

Office Volunteers:

Office Assistants – Nancy Conley, MaryAnn Winslow,
Kathy Easter

EXERCISE CLASS

Bess Short leads an exercise class on Wednesdays at **12:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. This is a beginner's level class to help you improve your daily lifestyle.

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WORDS FROM FR. JOHN

Prayer is not about getting what we want, but rather about getting what God wants. Our prayers should never reduce God to a “divine bell-hop” who tends to our every whim. God is not a Genie released by the mechanism of prayer in order to grant us wishes. No! Prayer involves the transformation of our desires into God’s desires. Prayer is learning to dream God’s dream for the world, then living out that dream in our daily lives. This is precisely why Jesus taught us to pray, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.” And, in Gethsemane we hear Jesus pray to God, “not my will, but thy will be done.” This means in order to pray properly we have to see the world through more than just our own eyes and experiences. When we pray we must see the world through the eyes of the hurting, vulnerable, oppressed, marginalized, and forgotten i.e. through the eyes of God (see Matthew 25). Prayer should broaden our vision, deepen our concern, and soften our hearts. Oddly enough when we pray this way we begin to see ourselves more clearly, and we become the subject and agent of change in our world. I offer two examples of how this works: 1) very early in my marriage I had a pastor tell me, “if you want a good marriage, don’t pray for Karen to be a good wife, instead pray that you be a good husband – the kind of husband God desires and Karen deserves.” 2) The way I pray for St. Thomas to be a good church is to pray that I function as a good member of St. Thomas; the kind of member God desires and St. Thomas deserves. So, I offer the prayer below for the upcoming election:

“A Prayer for Leadership” by Joan Chittister

**Give us, O God,
leaders whose hearts are large enough
to match the breadth of our own souls
and give us souls strong enough
to follow leaders of vision and wisdom.**

**In seeking a leader, let us seek
more than development for ourselves—
though development we hope for,
more than security for our own land—
though security we need,
more than satisfaction for our wants—
though many things we desire.**

**Give us the hearts to choose the leader
who will work with other leaders
to bring safety to the whole world....**

Peace and Love
Fr. John

THRIFT SHOP IN JUNE



Find out what sizzling fashions & sales are at the Thrift Shop this month and browse the Boutique for chic accessories and clothes. The Thrift Shop has Anniversary Gifts, Wedding Gifts, Graduation Gifts, and Anytime Gifts! As always, thank you for your continued donations.

Do you have some time to give to the Thrift Shop? VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED – call for information, or just show up! **Needed especially this month are your donations of Housewares (no TVs, please).** We'll gladly accept your well-cared for items that you would like to "regift". **Please stop by this month, the Thrift Shop will be closed June 30th and through the 6 week summer break, until August 11th.**

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.

SUNDAY LOOSE PLATE

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

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS

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

NEWSLETTER MAILING & UPDATES

We're now mailing our Newsletter only to those unable to receive it online. We're also updating parishioner contact info – emergency contacts, phone number, and email address— **send these updates and preferences to the church office right away.**

CRAFT GROUP JUNE NEWS

The Craft Group meets Wednesdays in Wisdom Hall @ 10 am. Continue to shop by visiting the Craft Table in the Parish Hall. Join our crafters for fellowship, teach or learn a new craft. Carol Ann Luché, Chairman 589-6181

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 June 22nd.

THANK YOU

Thank you to Don Damon for spurring on the new Warewasher/Dishwasher addition in the Parish Hall Kitchen as Project Manager. Thank you also to Bob Meikle for all his help and input on the project, and Nancy Conley with her painting assistance.

Thank you also to George Pawliczak and Shawn for their work on the project and also the new table storage closets, church handrail (and for Shawn's cake donated for the Mother's Day drawing – raising \$51.00!)

Everyone is invited to take a look at the terrific Parish Hall renovations and handrail.

BAZAAR 2016

The Vestry has set a date for the Bazaar on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

2016 BUDGET

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

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!

FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 19th

Please help us honor all fathers by joining us in the Parish Hall between services for **FATHER'S DAY BRUNCH** on Sunday, June 19th at approximately 9 am.

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!

NEW ADDRESSES:

Wilmateen Chandler & Kirteen Calliste
1821 Dora Avenue, Apt. 151
Tavares, FL 32778

Bobby & Nancy Morgan
71 Fairway Circle
Umatilla, FL 32784

Jean Swain
353 West Ardice Avenue, Apt. 41
Eustis, FL 32726
Telephone # 352-242-8800


Winnie Lewis
100 Samaritan Way, AL Unit 353
Crossville, TN 38558
Telephone # 931-707-7221

Spring Outreach Meeting

The Outreach Meeting was held **Sunday, May 17th at 9 am**. Disbursal of the monies raised through our St. Thomas Thrift Shop sales was approved for the following:

ARC Sunrise	\$ 1,482.50
Church Periodical Club	\$ 500.00
E.R.D.	\$ 500.00
Eustis Open Door	\$ 1,482.50
The Haven for Women	\$ 1,482.50
Turning Point Ranch	\$ 1,482.50
(Held for Thrift Shop Repairs)	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 7,930.00

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Fr. John and Karen Lipscomb are proud to announce the graduation of their daughter, **Chelsie Lipscomb**, from the University of Toledo College of Law on Sunday, May 15, 2016. She plans to take the bar exam later this summer.

Juliana Wright, daughter of Tom & Georgiana, granddaughter of Evie Wright, plans to attend Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL upon her graduation from Eustis HS on June 3, 2016

Adrian Carter, son of Robert & Odalys Carter, grandson of Sonia Carter, has joined the Air Force and will be leaving for San Antonio, Texas on June 7th upon graduation from Eustis HS on June 3, 2016

Chris McEntire, grandson of Bess Short, will be pursuing his weightlifting goal to reach the National Level upon graduation from Umatilla HS on June 3, 2016.

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**

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. Please contact Arlene Karwacki, 385-3838, for information.

LIBRARY

St. Thomas' Library is open on the honor system any time the office is open. Please take the time to visit.

HEALING – 1st SUNDAYS

On **June 5th**, 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).

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

On the first, second, third and fifth Sunday of each month, St. Thomas offers Children's Chapel for our younger children attending the 10:30 am Sunday service. On fourth Sundays, we invite them to participate in various parts of the service on Family Service Day.

PRAYER CHAIN

St. Thomas' Prayer Chain is always at the ready to pray for any ongoing needs of the parish. Need prayers? Call Nancy Conley at 483-2947, email Nancyjohn90@centurylink.net or leave a prayer request with the church office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Phone Janet Clarke (728-0929) to join. Prayer shawls are made with love and prayers as they are made and are blessed at the altar. If you know of anyone, adult or child, who'd benefit from a prayer shawl while they are ill or indisposed for whatever reason, get in touch with Janet.

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS

If you wish to assist in helping St. Thomas with one of our unbudgeted ongoing expenses, we would be very appreciative. Right now, donations toward **Parish Life** would be a terrific way to help with church meals & refreshments. You may make donations by cash or check at any time: leave in the offering plate or mail in to the church office. Thank you to those who have already contributed!

☞ 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!

2016 ALTAR FLOWER DONORS

The flower chart is available on the usher stand by the sacristy. Please stop by to select the Sunday you would like to donate flowers. Altar Flowers are \$60 each week. To ensure that your intention is listed correctly in the bulletin - **PLEASE fill out a green flower donor sheet located by the sign-up chart. Place this slip in the offertory plate with your check or money for the flowers (or you may fill out your slip NOW and place it in the flowered tin box on the stand and send your money later).**

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". With a change in the status of officer positions, there will be no president or vice-president. Instead, nine ladies have volunteered to participate in a rotating schedule of leadership, switching off each month. At the May 2, 2016 St. Thomas' ECW meeting, approval for the following outreach gifts were given: CPC (Church Periodical Club)-\$100, UTO (United Thank Offering)-\$100, The Haven-\$100, ERD (Episcopal Relief & Development)-\$100, and The Rev. Stephen Dass (Brazil)-\$100. We have also approved up to \$150 for the new bowls in the Parish Hall.

MOST JUNE NEWS

The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group will be taking the summer months off, resuming meetings on Thursday, September 8th. 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!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Kathy Nolf	6/02
Barry Wood	6/02
Gordon Warner	6/07
Lara Lahey	6/09
Sandy Pettitt	6/10
Kalia Baillene	6/16
Tom Carlson	6/16
Ann Johnson	6/17
James Sellers	6/17
Diane Damon	6/19
Grace Bartsch	6/22
Mimi Smith	6/23
Kent Schwandt	6/25
Ruth Squire	6/26
Betty Turner	6/27
Dennis Ullery-Watson	6/27
Karen Lipscomb	6/29
Jeff Ray	6/30



CONTACT US:

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

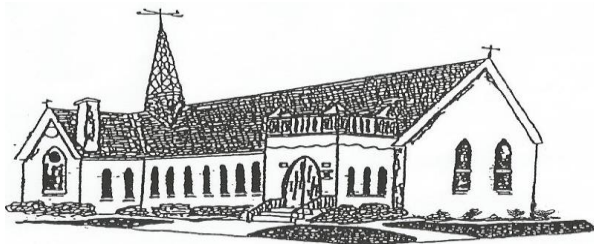
If you haven't already done so, please give the church office your email address, your birthday or anniversary date, and any contact changes.

Church Office Phone: 357-4358

Email: stthomasec@earthlink.net

CHOIR SUMMER BREAK

St. Thomas' Choir is now on summer break. Rehearsals resume in September.



June 2016

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

* <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> Holy Eucharist Services: 8 am & 10:30 am Healing on June 5 Children's Chapel: June 5, 12, 19 @ 10:30 am Service (Family Service June 26) Adult Class: "Our Church History" in Parish Hall 9:15 am - 10 am Fellowship in Parish Hall - 9 am and Noon Father's Day Lite Brunch - 9 am June 19		1 9-11 am - Thrift Work Day 10 am - Craft Group 12:30 pm - Exercise Class	2 9 am-3 pm - Thrift Shop 10 am - HE/Healing Service 10:45 am - Lectionary Class 6:30 pm - AA Group	3 9 am-3 pm - Thrift Shop	4 9 am - Noon - Thrift Shop	
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