



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

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**Newcomer Baskets – Louise Dixon**

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**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

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Greetings once again from your interim rector.

This month I want to share with you more about how we, as Episcopalians, respond to God's call to be followers of God.

At the very heart of Christian life and ministry is the call for one person to care for another. To care for others – to care for the creation – is to share in the very ministry of Jesus Christ.

Caring, for us as we follow Christ, is not just some syrupy sentimentality, but it is in fact the true way that we demonstrate that we are indeed following Him. These words sound relatively easy, but they are not. They are not because there is a cost involved. We must give up always wanting things our way, we must have consideration for the other (persons & creation) in order to truly care.

We, as Episcopalians, as followers of Christ, must take on holiness as our true being. (Wow, doesn't that sound frightening/difficult?) But listen a bit further; "holiness" means to be touched or encompassed by the glory of God. It is in its essence a description of completeness/wholeness. It is in holiness that we truly see and care for ourselves and see and care for others.

If we cannot do this, we will not have a full sense of who we are in God's eyes, nor what we are called to be about by God's word.

Wholeness, for us, is like an orchestra, fine-tuned and in synch, producing a wonderful sound for all to hear, for all to see. And, that is not at all easy. Wholeness, this call to "holiness", is a place of being where we are open to the Spirit of God. When our very being is open to the Spirit, we are indeed then open to the promptings, the guiding, the calling of God to be the people He has created us to be.

As Episcopalians, as those called to follow the Christ, with this vision of holiness given by Him, we can then expand our impact on the world around us by inviting others to answer His call along with us.

St. Thomas is an inviting part of Christ's church, don't hesitate to share with others the call you have received to be a part of this holy family.

Fr. Ted



### THRIFT SHOP

Please phone the shop at 352-589-0641 and leave a message if you would like to volunteer for this valuable ministry in any way. We need help on ANY Monday or Wednesday morning – work is light duty for just one or two hours. 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### EASTER FUN:

We NEED wrapped candies for our Easter Egg hunt - please bring by the Church Office.



### “SOUPER-BOWL” SUNDAY GAMEDAY RECAP

Thank you to everyone who participated in our February 4<sup>th</sup> soup competition – 10 entries were rated by our three esteemed judges: Richard Dufour, Kay Ikeler, and Dick Labud. First place went to Sue Kiefer for her taco soup; second place to Carol Ann Luche for her vegetable soup; and third place to Pam Ray for her Mediterranean vegetable soup. LADLES UP! to everyone for a terrific day!!

### 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](mailto:spikes0213@aol.com) or phone 352-205-3314 to help.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday during the day, the church will be open for any to come in and pray, although there will be no services March 26-28.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY – March 29<sup>th</sup>

Our HE/Healing Service will be at 10 am. In the evening, we will have a **7 pm Traditional Footwashing Service** and Stripping of the Altar, followed by the Watch of the Repose throughout the night. (Please sign up for the Watch)

### GOOD FRIDAY - March 30<sup>th</sup>

**Our Stations of the Cross is at 11 am.** At Noon, the Traditional Good Friday Liturgy service with the congregation taking parts in the narrative will take place.

### HOLY SATURDAY – March 31<sup>st</sup>

Great Vigil of Easter Service – 7 pm ushers in Easter Day with the lighting of the Paschal Candle.

### EASTER SUNDAY – April 1<sup>st</sup>

– Holy Eucharist with Music at **8 & 10:30 am.** Brunch in the Parish Hall at 9 am & Egg Hunt @ 9:45 am. Children – bring a basket for the Egg Hunt! And bring flowers from home to help flower the cross.

### PLEASE SIGN UP

*We have a sign-up sheet for the Watch of the Repose - a night vigil held in our church Maundy Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> (following the Stripping of the Altar) – through Good Friday morning, by parishioners in one-hours shifts. If you're able to keep vigil during the night, **please sign-up on the bulletin board** in the Parish Hall by the hours you will keep watch.*

### Good Friday Offering

The Good Friday Offering will be collected during Holy Week and at our Good Friday Service on March 30<sup>th</sup> in aid of the Episcopal Jerusalem Church in the Middle East. Last year, we collected \$655 through the generous donations of our parishioners.

### EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS



Easter flowers (Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>) will be purchased with gifts from members of the parish, as memorials & thank offerings. *It is our hope that donations received will be generous once more to enable our Altar Guild to cover increasing flower costs.* Please fill out an Easter Flower intention sheet (in Sunday bulletins). Print your intention & amount you wish to donate toward Easter flower costs. Mark “Easter Flowers” on your check’s memo and place your check & intention sheet in the Offertory Plate or mail to the Office. **Intention Deadline: March 25<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday.**

### MOST MARCH NEWS



The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group will not meet this month due to the Lenten Program in the Parish Hall Please feel free to contact Jerry Fields, President @ 343-000 with any future program ideas.

### SPRING WORK DAY

There will be a Spring Work-Day on **March 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am until Noon** to prepare the buildings and grounds for the Easter season. Please show up and help out as you are able.

## LENTEN PROGRAM

Continuing this month 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 & contemplative, productive & reflective, and deeply rewarding. Please sign up on the sheet available in the Parish Hall to give an approximate number for meals.

## 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, March 18<sup>th</sup> is designated for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. Memo checks: "Rector's Discretionary Fund" and place in the offering plate.

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Begins **SUNDAY, March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember to set clocks **AHEAD ONE HOUR Saturday night (March 10<sup>th</sup>)** before you go to bed.



## 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 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.

*Join us next on March 28<sup>th</sup>.*

☞ 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!



\*\*\*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

## NEWS OF RECORD

**Transfers Out** – Joan Pagliarulo to St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church/Mt. Dora

## BOOK STORE



*Betty Carr can help you find that special gift for Easter and Spring events.*

St. Thomas' Book Store has the perfect selection – 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. Please support our Miles of Pennies and drop your pennies and spare change in the jug in the Parish Hall – we're continuing 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 to join this creative group – just show up! Carol Ann Luche, Chair **589-6181**.

## HEALING – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAYS

On **March 4<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 an usher and one of our clergy will come to you in your pew.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Beverly Cox	3/02
Marilyn Pierson	3/02
Leigh Boreske	3/04
Valarie Ortiz	3/05
Morgan Emerson	3/07
Becky Battle	3/08
Quinn Reilly	3/09
Art Maltby	3/10
Pete Ortiz	3/11
Mark Lenninger	3/12
George Ikeler	3/16
Lisa Labud	3/17
Tenley Gail Carlson	3/18
Hannah Carter	3/19
Margaret Nacke	3/19
Nancy Conley	3/20
June Lindner	3/24
Terry Oldham	3/30
Richard Mangiagli	3/31



## 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!**

## We give thanks for the life of

Sharon Trembath, who died on Sunday, February 4, 2018 (sister of Janet Gizelt) To send cards of caring & condolences, please mail to: Janet Gizelt 21715 Rollingwood Trail, Eustis, FL 32736

*"Let light perpetual shine upon her."*

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

# MARCH 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b></p> <p><b>Holy Eucharist Services: Traditional - 8 am    Family - 10:30 am    with Healing at each service on MARCH 4<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Adult Class in Parish Hall – 9:15 am</b>  <b>Coffee Hour in Parish Hall – 9 am    Fellowship in Parish Hall - Noon</b></p>				<p><b>1</b>    9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop</p> <p>10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY</p> <p><b>6 pm – LENTEN PROGRAM:</b> <i>“Growing Older Gracefully”</i> 6:30 pm – AA Group</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop</p>
<p><b>4</b>    <u>HEALING</u></p> <p><b>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 3 LENT</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b> 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day</p> <p>10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop</p> <p>10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY</p> <p><b>6 pm – LENTEN PROGRAM:</b> <i>“Growing Older Gracefully”</i> 6:30 pm – AA Group</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop DST BEGINS: SET CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR TONIGHT</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p><b>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 4 LENT</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</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</p>	<p><b>15</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY</p> <p><b>6 pm – LENTEN PROGRAM:</b> <i>“Growing Older Gracefully”</i> 6:30 pm – AA Group</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>8 AM – NOON –</b> <b>CHURCH WORK</b> <b>DAY</b> 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop</p>
<p><b>18</b> <u>DISCRETIONARY</u></p> <p><b>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b> 5 LENT</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>7 pm - Vestry</b></p>	<p><b>21</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</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY</p> <p><b>6 pm – LENTEN PROGRAM:</b> <i>“Growing Older Gracefully”</i> 6:30 pm – AA Group</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop</p>
<p><b>25</b> <u>PALM SUNDAY</u></p> <p><b>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b></p> <p>10:30 am Service Gathers in Parish Hall for Procession of the Palms (Easter Flower Deadline)</p>	<p><b>26</b>    <u>MONDAY IN</u> <u>HOLY WEEK</u></p> <p>7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall</p>	<p><b>27</b>    <u>TUESDAY IN</u> <u>HOLY WEEK</u></p>	<p><b>28</b>    <u>WEDNESDAY IN</u> <u>HOLY WEEK</u></p> <p>10 am – Craft Group 11:30 am – Fellowship Luncheon 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>29</b>    <u>MAUNDY THURSDAY</u></p> <p>THRIFT SHOP CLOSED 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group 7 pm – Footwashing followed by Watch of the Repose</p>	<p><b>30</b>    <u>GOOD FRIDAY</u></p> <p>THRIFT SHOP CLOSED 11 am – Stations of the Cross Noon – Good Friday Service</p>	<p><b>31</b>    <u>HOLY</u> <u>SATURDAY</u></p> <p>THRIFT SHOP CLOSED 7 pm – Great Vigil of Easter</p>