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Deacons – Dick Labud & Janet Clarke

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Vestry

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Altar Guild – Sue Kiefer

Prayer Shawls – Rev'd Janet Clarke

Prayer Chain – Nancy Conley

Memorial Garden – Ruth Squire

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

Ph. (352) 589-0641

Office Volunteers:

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The Vestry members of St. Thomas want to thank you, the parishioners, for your steadfast loyalty and hard work in keeping St. Thomas a viable Christian community during our time of transition. We want to thank Fr. Ted for keeping us together spiritually and socially at a time when upheaval could have been our watchword; he kept us on a spiritual path and gave us solace when needed. Thanks also go to Leon Stricklen, Kay Ikeler, Jerry Fields, and Maggie Kaiser who joined with the Vestry to form the Search Committee.

Since June of 2017 we have accomplished a lot. With the sale of the Meiggs house, an endowment was established to supplement the annual budget with interest and dividends. Two other endowments were set up, one for Music and one for the Altar Guild. Eventually, these will help finance our parish needs. Two air conditioning units were replaced for Wisdom Hall from contributions you make through our Capital Improvement Fund. The Sanctuary, Sacristy, office, Wisdom Hall, and the Thrift Shop were tented for termite treatment.

Financially we are still in a deficit, but each year the pledge amount has risen. We paid off a Diocesan Assessment bill that was from past, adjusted annual payments. Bequests that have been received have been deposited into our accounts for future use. The Mowery Trust has been clarified and guidelines established with the Diocese so we are able to receive funds for needed projects every third year. Guidelines have been set for dispensing the Dickinson Scholarship funds to high school graduates. Job descriptions are now being rewritten so we can fill vacant positions with structured plans for new employees.

Work days, luncheons, and quiet days have been successfully held with good attendance. The Craft Fair of 2017 and the Bazaar of 2018 were successful financially and with the involvement of many parishioners. The Thrift Shop has done a great job of increasing the amount of money we can disperse to the community.

As we welcome The Reverend Kathryn Jeffrey to St Thomas on May 1, 2019, we begin a new phase of our story. With the continued involvement of all parishioners, we will continue to grow spiritually and as a community of Christians.

For His Sake,


Bette Dufour, Senior Warden

MEET & GREET

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH

Meet St. Thomas' new Rector, **Pastor Kate!** Join us in the Parish Hall on Sunday, May 5th, after each service, to welcome Pastor Kate and get to know her better. We hope that everyone is able to be introduced and join us for this milestone event at St. Thomas Church.

MOST MAY NEWS

 The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group meets this month on **Thursday, May 9TH at 6 pm in our Parish Hall.** Contact *Jerry Fields*, President - 343-0007 with program ideas or input on future events.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

St. Thomas' Fellowship Luncheon is every 4th Wednesday at 11:30 am in our Parish Hall, with plenty of great 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 May 22nd.

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.**

PRAYERS

Our Prayer Chain prays for any parish needs. If **YOU** can pray for others and contact Prayer Chain members, phone **Nancy Conley**, (352) **483-2947**, or cell (352) **350-4184**, or call the Church Office 357-4358.


WEDNESDAY FITNESS CLASSES

Bess Short offers a 1/2-hour **Beginners** fitness class on Wednesdays at Noon in our Parish Hall. An **Intermediate** class follows immediately after that at 12:30 pm. Please join the group and see how quickly **your** level of fitness increases!

VERY SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to everyone who donated Easter candy – the children's Easter Egg Hunt was a joyous success, with over 19 dozen eggs hidden for the children participating in the hunt.

CONTACT US!

 ***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**

4th Sunday Loose Plate Collection:

The Loose Plate Collection on the Fourth Sunday of the month is designated for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund – this month on May 26th.** As we welcome our new Rector here at St. Thomas Church, the **Reverend Kathryn Jeffrey**, please contribute with special generosity. What you donate each month will enable Pastor Kate to directly help those who come to her with financial burdens. If you can contribute in any way, you will be providing relief where none was available. Memo checks: **"Rector's Discretionary Fund"** and place in the offering plate, or send in to our church office.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY



Bess Short leads **Thursday Bible Study** in the Parish Hall at **11 am** (following the 10 am Healing Eucharist service).

EPISCOPAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES

WOW! AWESOME THANKS FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!! Your contributions have made such an impact for ECS, and all of your donations are greatly appreciated. Please continue to donate a pack of children's diapers, new underwear & socks, or crayons and art supplies for local children ages 3 – 5 years old. Place these items in the large boxes located in our Narthex & Vestibule. **Contributions are always eagerly welcomed** by the staff and children of ECS, located here in Eustis to assist children from this community with financial needs. Thank you!

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR E.E.S.

St. Thomas Church is partnering with Eustis Elementary School to help provide school supplies. Please pick up some extra supplies (disinfectant wipes, tissues, crayons, copy paper, pencils, etc.) on your next shopping trip. Please bring your school supplies back to St. Thomas by August 14, 2019.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Phone Deacon Janet Clarke @ 352-728-0929 if you are able to knit or crochet prayer shawls and would like to join this ministry, or if you know of anyone who would benefit from a prayer shawl while they are ill or indisposed – adult or child.




HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Bess Short	5/04
Wendy Geeslin	5/07
Bert Gulston	5/07
Marilyn Gordon	5/10
Martha Carter	5/11
John Prentice	5/11
Ben Carter	5/14
Joan Allen	5/16
Carol Ann Luché	5/17
Larry Tyree	5/18
"Trae" Doug Johnson III	5/21
Maxine Libbey	5/22
Christine Reilly	5/23
Shaylyn Tytler	5/23
Tyler Boreske	5/24
Arlene Karwacki	5/24
Joanna Cotter	5/25
Frank Mayr	5/26
Georgiana Wright	5/27
Pam Ray	5/30

FOOD COLLECTION

Thank you to those who faithfully contribute to the food bins to help provide non-perishable food to those who come to the local pantry for assistance. These items are always very welcome and much appreciated. Bins are in the church Narthex and Parlor.

 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!

HEALING – 1st SUNDAYS

On May 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 an usher and one of our clergy will come to you in your pew.

2019 ALTAR FLOWER DONORS

The flower chart is available on the usher stand. Select any Sunday to donate flowers - they are \$60 each week – you may SHARE a Sunday with someone. To ensure your intention is listed correctly in the bulletin: Fill out a green flower donor sheet located by the chart and place in the offertory plate with check or money OR send in to the Church Office.

ST. THOMAS' MINISTRIES

Please pray in consideration of joining one of St. Thomas' service ministries: Lectors, chalice bearer/ servers, LEVs, altar guild members, fellowship, choir members, ushers, acolytes, etc.

The more of you who serve, the less often you will have to be scheduled. We need to have all of this work shared. At present we are in need. Please respond in the positive, asap. In addition, if you can get involved in the BAZAAR coming up in November, please let Diane Mullen know of your likely contributions. Please join us in the Stained Glass workshop; other projects go on there, you might want to get involved. Also, there is the opportunity to try coloring art – possibly to frame and sell at the Bazaar. Give it a try!

THANK YOU!

Very special thanks to all who worked so hard over Holy Week & Easter – our clergy, staff, Easter Brunch MOST members, Altar Guild, LEMs, readers, acolytes, ushers, choirs, and all who volunteered in any way!

Another note of **thanks** to those who participated in our April Campus Work Day to spruce up our grounds - and to those working around the campus in the past few weeks – everything looks terrific and all of your hard work is **much appreciated!**

MOTHER'S DAY HATS



Mother's Day is coming... and so is our annual **Hat Day!** Ladies, wear your finest hat, bonnet, cap, or tiara to church on Mother's Day – **May 12, 2019**, and help us honor all mothers that day. Last year, 59 ladies wore hats– can we top that in 2019?

NEWS OF RECORD

Transfers In –

Sara Sladen from St. Andrew's Chapel/Sanford, Florida

Baptisms –

Jamie Lehman 4/07/2019

Deaths –

Jackie Brenner 3/21/2019

Connie Wilhelm 4/01/2019

Your cards of caring and condolence may be sent to:

Rob & Linda Wilhelm
402010 Pine Valley Dr. Paisley, FL 32787

And to the Wilhelm Family
C/O Debbie Roberts (Connie's daughter)
2300 Park Forest Mt. Dora, FL 32757

THRIFT SHOP



Great gift items and awesome apparel are blooming in May at our Thrift Shop. Don't miss out on the designer clothing in the very chic boutique. We'd love to receive your good-quality donations at any time. You may continue to bring donations to the shop or SIDE porch of the Church Office. Open to the public Thurs. & Fri. 9 – 3 and Sat. 9 – Noon. Phone the shop – **589-0641**.

Thank you to ALL our volunteers, new and long-time, for your dedication to this ministry. To become a new volunteer, please phone Sandy Pettitt 352-551-4225 or Gail Norris 352-357-2518.

ADULT FORUM

There will be NO Sunday Adult Forum on May 5th – please take the time to greet Pastor Kate at the Meet & Greet.

Sunday Adult Forum will resume on Sunday, May 12th at 9:15 am in the Parish Hall. *Please join us for this open forum - no materials are required.* Pastor Kate welcomes all!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

St. Thomas' Church Office will be closed Monday, May 27th for Memorial Day.



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!

EASTER OFFERINGS

Many heartfelt thanks for the generosity of all those who contributed to this year's Easter Offering in the special envelopes provided in the bulletins. Additionally, a total of \$620.00 was donated toward Easter Flower costs! Thank you!

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING

We thank all those who contributed to this year's *Good Friday Offering* to be sent for Missions in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

STAINED GLASS CLASS

Sally Hartenstein is now leading the class in our Sunday School Room each Thursday at **1 pm**. Please join her to work on the new group project for the Bazaar, or your own special project. Sally has much experience and has designed and created the windows in our Parish Hall, Wisdom Hall and Church Parlor.

DONATIONS FOR THE HAVEN

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

MAY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*SUNDAY SCHEDULE						
Holy Eucharist Services: Rite I @ 8 am Rite II @ 10:30 am (Healing on May 5th) Coffee Hour in Parish Hall – 9 am Meet & Greet for Pastor Kate in Parish Hall on May 5th after each service Adult Forum: None on May 5th – Resumes May 12th at 9:15 am in Parish Hall			1 9 am-Noon – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Crafts 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	2 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 1:00 pm – Stained Glass 6:30 pm – AA Group	3 9 am – 3 pm- Thrift Shop	4 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
5 HEALING *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 3 Easter MEET & GREET AFTER BOTH SERVICES IN PARISH HALL TO “Meet Pastor Kate”	6 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	7	8 9 am-Noon – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Crafts 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	9 9 am – 3 pm Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 1:00 pm – Stained Glass 6 pm – MOST Meeting 6:30 pm – AA Group	10 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	11 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
12 MOTHER’S DAY *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 4 Easter	13 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	14 7 pm – Vestry	15 9am-Noon – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Crafts 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	16 9 am – 3 pm Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 1:00 pm – Stained Glass 6:30 pm – AA Group	17 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop	18 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
19 *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 5 Easter	20 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	21	22 9am-Noon – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Crafts 11:30 am – Fellowship Luncheon 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	23 9 am – 3 pm Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 1:00 pm – Stained Glass 6:30 pm – AA Group	24 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	25 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
26 DISCRETIONARY *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 6 Easter	27 MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	28	29 9am-Noon – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Crafts 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	30 9 am – 3 pm Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 1:00 pm – Stained Glass 6:30 pm – AA Group	31 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop	