



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Edward & Arlene Riley 11/05/77
Michael & Andra Ladd 11/05/83
Leon & Lauren Stricklen 11/18/83
Wally & Charlotte Taylor 11/23/08

Clergy, Office & Staff

Interim Rector – The Rev'd Ron Peak

Deacons – Dick Labud & Janet Clarke

Administrator – Lisa Labud

Treasurer – Marjorie Carter

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Office Hours Mon.—Thurs. 9 am - 4 pm, Fri. 9 am – Noon

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Sr. Warden – Bette Dufour Jr. Warden – George Pawliczak
Joan Allen, Gail Carlson, Nancy Conley,

Janet Gizelt, Rick Kiefer, Thelma Martin, Diane Mullen

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Acolyte Director – Rev'd Dick Labud

Altar Guild – Sue Kiefer

Search Committee Chair – Leon Stricklen

Prayer Shawls – Rev'd Janet Clarke

Prayer Chain – Nancy Conley

Fellowship – Mike Christensen, Kathy Easter

Bev Cox, Nancy Conley, Maryann Winslow

Memorial Garden – Ruth Squire Book Store – Betty Carr

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Newcomer Baskets – Louise Dixon

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'd Janet Clarke

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:

Office Assistants – N.Conley, M. Winslow, K. Easter

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My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Grace to you, and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Let me begin by thanking so many who do so much to make our experience at St Thomas Episcopal Church so wonderful. Your Vestry ensures the smooth operation of our Church, while dealing with wonderful things in our corporate life, and also having to handle the most difficult challenges imaginable, all the while seeking God's will in all things. Our Altar Guild; serving God with their energy and effort, making sure our church is ready for worship and making the work of your Clergy so much easier. Our Ushers, who when greeting people entering our Church for worship, give the best welcomes I have ever experienced in my lifetime in the Episcopal Church. And let us not forget Mike and his crew for the marvelous meals on Sunday.

I want to ask you to offer prayers of thanksgiving for all of these, and for everyone who does so much to ensure that Church is such a wonderful place for Worship and Fellowship. Our Deacons, our Parish Administrator, our Acolytes, Organist and Choir, Lectors, Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Visitors, and our Thrift Shop, Craft Group, MOST and ECW. The truth is that each of you, simply by your presence, are an integral, important, and cherished part of the life of this Parish. I want to ask your special prayerful support for our Search Committee, as they seek God's will in finding and calling our next Rector.

Ahead of us is what is known as the "holiday season." Coming soon is the Celebration of All the Saints who have gone before us, Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas and the celebration of a new year.

Join us, be with us as we face the challenges ahead, and celebrate the presence of Jesus in our midst. Remember, we are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement. Jesus is what we are about!

Blessings,
Ron +

THRIFT SHOP IN NOVEMBER



Fall is in the air, with Tremendous Autumn Deals at St. Thomas' Thrift Shop. Hurry, the Thrift Shop will be closed November 23, 24, 25 for the

Thanksgiving Holiday.

The Thrift Shop has limited supplies of Strawberry Rhubarb Jam, Watermelon Pickles, Mango Chutney Relish, and Guava Jelly, for \$7.00 a jar. These tasty homemade treats will not last long - pick up a few jars. Also, your donations of CHRISTMAS ITEMS are needed.

Call the shop at 589-0641 to volunteer and leave a message with your name & availability. All tasks are light-duty. Please continue to leave donated items on the SIDE porch of the church.

Thrift Shop Phone: (352) 589-0641

Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 9 am – 3 pm

Saturday 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 leave a message with the Church Office at (352) 357-4358.

CLOCK ALERT!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Turn all clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



SUNDAY "LET'S TALK"

At 9:15 am on Sundays – Fr. Ron Peak leads the class, "Let's Talk", 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 the Thursday Healing/H.E. Service (at 10 am).

WEDNESDAY FITNESS CLASSES

Bess Short offers a half-hour **Beginners** fitness class on Wednesdays at Noon in our Parish Hall. An **Intermediate** class follows that at 12:30 pm each Wednesday.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist Service will be at 10 am on Thursday, November 23rd. Thanksgiving Day Offerings assist missions in Honduras. Last year, \$320 was collected for Honduran Missions.

2017 PLEDGE STATUS

Please phone the Church Office 352-357-4358 to find out your 2017 pledge contribution status. Final Statements will be sent after the 2017 books have been closed in January, 2018.

THANKSGIVING FOOD HARVEST

We're collecting food donations for **Thanksgiving** to assist those in need in our area. We need: *Boxes of Stuffing & Mashed Potatoes *Cans Sweet Potatoes (15 or 16 oz.) *Canned Green Beans *Packets/Jars of Turkey Gravy. Please donate as you are able. Collection will be in the Parish Hall. **The deadline date is Thursday, November 16th.**

CRAFT FAIRE

St. Thomas Church will not be having a Church Bazaar this year. Instead, St. Thomas' Craft Group is planning a **FALL CRAFT FAIRE in our Parish Hall in NOVEMBER** with all proceeds to be used to assist the victims of the past hurricanes through ERD. **The Craft Faire will be held Friday, November 10th and Saturday, November 11th** (with continued sales running into Sunday, November 12th) **from 9 am – 3 pm.** The event will feature handcrafted items that are made throughout the year by the Craft Group. There will also be a plant booth with a terrific assortment of plants for sale (can you donate some plants?) As a treat for young and old alike, on Friday and Saturday, from 11 am - ?, there will be a **BBQ Chicken Lunch** available for just \$5.00 each. Additionally, the ECW will be participating with a **BAKE SALE** at the event. **Please help us out and donate your own specially baked goodies to sell!** Please mark these special dates on your calendars! *Check out the flier in this newsletter and pass them out to your friends and neighbors.*

STEWARDSHIP 2018

You will be receiving Pledge Cards and Stewardship letters in the mail. Extra pledge cards are located in the church pews and Narthex. **COMMITMENT SUNDAY will be December 3rd.** We ask that you prayerfully consider what you might be able to pledge to St. Thomas Church for 2018, fill out your card, sign and return it to us on Commitment Sunday. We'd love to see everyone attend on this day to join us in worship and for fellowship.

ECW REPORT

At our October 2nd ECW meeting we approved sending \$200 to the Diocese of SE Florida for Hurricane Irma Relief (the Reverends Ron Peak and Janet Clarke have ties with this Diocese). The October Breast Cancer Awareness Month table décor in the Parish Hall was furnished by your ECW. There will **not** be a regular November ECW meeting, but there will be a special **"Getting to Know You"** Luncheon in the Parish Hall at **Noon on December 5th – please bring finger food to share.** The ECW invites all parishioners to make a baked goody to donate to the **BAKE SALE** at the November 10-12 Craft Faire in the Parish Hall to add to the money being raised for hurricane relief. Please contact Becky Battle (352-217-2233), Dotty Fetrow (352-551-5916), or Carol Ann Luche (304-920-2251) to help with baked goods. Carol Ann Luche, Acting President

MOST NOVEMBER NEWS



The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group meets this month on **Thursday, November 9th at 6 pm in our Parish Hall** with a representative from Episcopal Children's Services speaking. Please feel free to contact *Jerry Fields*, President @ 343-000 with any program ideas or input on future events.

NEWS OF RECORD

Transfers In:

Gordon & Carole Warner from First Presbyterian Church/Eustis

Stephen Luche from St. Anne's Episcopal Church/Reston, VA

Bess Short from Grace Episcopal Church Chicopee, MA

QUIET DAY- DECEMBER 2

Deacon Janet Clarke will be leading an Advent Quiet Day on Saturday, December 2nd, from 9:45 am - 2 pm, with lunch provided. This year's theme is, "God's Persistent Love". There will be 3 meditations on what God's love looks like in the Old & New Testaments and in our own time. With all of the disasters that occurred his year we truly need to take a time out to focus our hearts and minds once again on God's love for us. This is especially true as we prepare to celebrate the coming of His Son, Jesus, God's love incarnate. Sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall to let us know how many will be attending to help us prepare lunches.

HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

On Saturday, November 4th from 10 am - Noon, St. Thomas **Awesome** Fellowship Group – Mike Christensen, Nancy Conley, Maryann Winslow and Natalie Christensen, are continuing their Hurricane Relief Fundraiser in front of St. Thomas' Thrift Shop. You get a great meal of **HOT DOGS, CHIPS & WATER** with donations accepted in support of the victims of the past hurricanes. *Please be generous with your donations. No take-outs, please. 100% of proceeds will be used by ERD for hurricane assistance to victims of the past storms. This fundraiser will be added to the Craft Faire Fundraiser headed by Deacon Janet Clarke.*

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Phone Deacon Janet Clarke 352-728-0929 to join this ministry. Prayer shawls are created with love & prayers as they are made and then they are blessed at the altar. If you know of anyone who would benefit from a prayer shawl while they are ill or indisposed for whatever reason, please get in touch with Janet.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our Sunday Fellowship after the 10:30 service is coordinated by Mike Christensen, with special offerings in the Parish Hall each week. Contact Mike spikes0213@aol.com or phone 352-205-3314 to help.



JOIN THE CHOIR!

Choir Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in our historic Wisdom Hall. Come join us as we make a joyful noise unto the Lord. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

NOVEMBER 5th

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We will be remembering all parishioners and extended family members who have died during this past year: Nov. 1, 2016 – Nov. 1, 2017. The list of names will be read aloud during our All Saints' Sunday Services. Please call the Church Office with any names.

THRIFT SHOP FUMIGATION

Our St. Thomas Thrift Shop is in need of fumigation in order to eradicate the termites that have infested the building. We have a proposal for the cost to accomplish this, which will be \$ 3,920.00. We are seeking donations from our parishioners to help cover this extra expense. If you are able to help financially, please memo your checks "Thrift Shop Fumigation" and turn those in to the office as soon as possible.

BOOK STORE



Seeking holiday gifts?

Betty Carr can help you with your search. St. Thomas' Book Store has the perfect selection – key chains, jewelry, statues, books, pins, 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., **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 **November 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 Fr. Ron will come to you in your pew.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

There will be no November or December Fellowship Luncheon.



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will be closed November 23 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

OUTREACH MEETING

The next Thrift Shop Outreach meeting will be held on December 31st.

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Opal Mahoney	11/02
Joe Sitts	11/05
Parker Adeline Bailey	11/06
Don Damon	11/06
Andra Ladd	11/06
Florence Adams	11/10
Marie Pawliczak	11/10
Leon Stricklen	11/10
Betsy Kulpan	11/11
Sue Carlsson	11/13
Arlene Riley	11/13
Sherrie Paskiet	11/19
Joseph Paskiet	11/22
Dolly Bankston	11/23
Lia Dufour	11/23
John Constable	11/28
Kenneth Catalino, Jr.	11/30
Ted Deming	11/30



*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 behind our Parish Hall in the Sunday school building. Please ask an usher to direct you.

U.T.O. SUNDAY

Sunday, Nov. 26th is United Thank Offering Day. Donations support missions & ministry. Please express your thanks. Last year, \$580.89 was raised at St. Thomas. Look for the blue UTO boxes in our church narthex.

NOVEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p><u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></p> <p>Holy Eucharist Services: 8 & 10:30 am with Healing on November 5th Adult Class in Parish Hall – “Let’s Talk” led by Fr. Ron Peak: 9:15 am Coffee Hour in Parish Hall – 9 am Fellowship in Parish Hall - Noon</p>		<p>1 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>2 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group</p>	<p>3 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop</p>	<p>4 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop 10 am – Noon - Hurricane Fundraiser Lunch in front of Thrift Shop DST Ends – Set Clocks BACK one hour tonight</p>
<p>5 HEALING ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></p>	<p>6 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall</p>	<p>7 7 pm – Search Committee</p>	<p>8 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>9 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6 pm – MOST Meeting 6:30 pm – AA Group</p>	<p>10 9 am – 3 pm CRAFT FAIRE IN PARISH HALL 11 am - ?? BBQ Chicken Lunch 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona</p>	<p>11 9 am – 3 pm CRAFT FAIRE IN PARISH HALL 11 am - ?? BBQ Chicken Lunch 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop</p>
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<p>19 <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 24 PENTECOST</p>	<p>20 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 THANKSGIVING Thrift Shop CLOSED 10 am – Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist Service 6:30 pm – AA Group</p>	<p>24 Thrift Shop CLOSED</p>	<p>25 Thrift Shop CLOSED</p>
<p>26 DISCRETIONARY LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u></p>	<p>27 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 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>30 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group</p>		

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

*Located in the Parish Hall at 616 Lemon Ave. Eustis, FL

CRAFT FAIRE

**Proceeds to Benefit the Victims of
the Past Hurricanes**

FRIDAY

NOV. 10TH

9 am – 3 pm

SATURDAY

NOV. 11TH

9 am – 3 pm

**JOIN US FOR A \$5.00 BBQ CHICKEN LUNCH
ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11 AM - ?**

PLANT SALE SCARVES jewelry
BAKED GOODS – SWEETS & TREATS ART
HOLIDAY GIFTS HOME DÉCOR
AND much, much more.....