



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

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

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Rector – John W. Lipscomb III
Deacons – Dick Labud & Janet Clarke
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Vestry

Sr. Warden – Bette Dufour
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Joan Allen, Larry Block, Nancy Conley, Janet Gizelt,
Thelma Martin, Diane Mullen, Mary Shriner

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Acolyte Director – Rev. Dick Labud
Prayer Shawls – Rev. Janet Clarke
Prayer Chain – Nancy Conley
Fellowship – Mike Christensen,
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 - 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 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

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.

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WORDS FROM FR. JOHN

Recently, I've utilized a variety of prayers for this election cycle. Prayers from a wide array of Christians and Christian communities. I've prayed prayers from the Mennonite, Roman Catholic, Quaker and other Christian traditions. The following prayer/confession/litany comes from the United Church of Christ website. I found it meaningful and challenging, and now share it with you. Also, I encourage you to reflect on **Isaiah 58:3-10; Micah 6:8; and Luke 4: 18, 19**. Our hope is God in Jesus Christ! Thanks be to God! Peace, Fr. John.

Gracious God,

we are blessed to live in a democracy where each citizen has the opportunity and the responsibility to participate in our decision-making processes.

Our faith belongs in the voting booth as well as in the sanctuary!

Justice-Seeking God,

we know that our policymakers impact our lives: they have power to ensure that all your children are equally part of this society; they can require that taxes are just and that our nation's income goes to benefit the many; they can help to make all jobs good jobs that pay living wages; they can send us to war or foster peace.

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Community-Building God,

we know that questions of public policy are also matters of faith, for they help us to give substance to the Beloved Community which you have called us to shape. You desire each of us to live a life of wholeness; to have the opportunities to fulfill our potential and become the persons you have created us to be; to live secure in the knowledge that if we fall on hard times, a strong, public safety net will be there to support us.

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But Holy One,

This election season has gone on too long! We are turned off by a circus which obscures critical issues, reduces complicated choices to sound bites and encourages personal attacks. We want this election season to be over! Help us to find a way to cut through the confusion and the spin. Give us patience to consider and make wise choices that will lead ever closer to your vision of the Beloved Community.

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(Seeds for Election Season Prayers by Edith Rasell, Ph.D, Min. Economic Justice)

THRIFT SHOP IN NOVEMBER

The Thrift Shop will be closed November 24, 25, and 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Thank you for continuing 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. As usual, we are also accepting clothing, knick-knacks, household items, and special items. You may make donations for Thrift Shop Roof Repairs by cash or check at any time. Come any Wednesday between 9 – 11 am to volunteer on our **WORK DAY**; we'd love help with light-duty tasks. (Also needed: Subs on Thursdays and Saturday Mornings (9 am-Noon.) Phone the shop – 589-0641.

SUNDAY LOOSE PLATE

Our November 27th Loose Plate Collection is designated for the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. Memo checks: "Rector's Discretionary Fund" and place in the offering plate.

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.

☞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!

FAST AND PRAY WITH US

St. Thomas will have clergy-led prayer on Wednesdays at 10 am. Additionally, Tuesday of each week has been set aside as a day of fasting.

CRAFT GROUP IN NOVEMBER

The Craft Shop is open in Wisdom Hall on SUNDAYS after services; please, buy some holiday presents and spoil yourself. Proceeds go directly to the church. Thank you to the wonderful crafters who work so hard all year long. The Craft Group will not meet until after the first of the year. *There is no November or December Fellowship Luncheon.* Carol Ann Luche', Chair **589-6181**.

SUNDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS

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

FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Consider joining St. Thomas' Bereavement Funeral Reception Committee. If interested, email Kay Ikeler at kaysterama@aol.com.

WEDNESDAY FITNESS CLASS

Bess Short leads a fitness class on Wednesdays at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall. This is a beginner/intermediate level class to help you improve your daily lifestyle.



ALL ARE WELCOME!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join Fr. John's Adult Sunday Class; held each Sunday in our Parish Hall at 9:15 am.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Church Office will be closed November 24 - 26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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

WANT TO USHER? WE NEED YOU!
CALL THE OFFICE 352-357-4358.



NOVEMBER 6th

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

We'll be remembering all parishioners and extended family members who have died during this past year: Nov. 1, 2015 – Nov. 1, 2016. The list of names will be read aloud during our All Saints' Sunday Services. Please call the Church Office with any names.

SERVICE VOLUNTEERS

ATTENTION! WE WILL HAVE AN IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL LEMs, USHERS, ACOLYTES, and LECTORS. Your presence is requested for a meeting in the church at **NOON on Sunday November 6th**. First, I will express my appreciation, in person, for your service in these vital ministries. Second, I have tweaks to the services that I want to make. Third, we can prepare for the upcoming holiday season. Finally, questions, concerns, and issues can be addressed during the meeting. I look forward to meeting with you in the church at **12 noon on Sunday November 6th**. Respectfully, Fr. John

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Our Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist Service will be at 10 am on Thursday, **November 24th**. Thanksgiving Day Offerings assist missions in Honduras. Last year, \$261 was collected for Honduran Missions.

CHRISTMAS EVE/CHRISTMAS DAY

The following Christmas Eve/Christmas Day Service Schedule has been set:

Christmas Eve: Music Program 8:30 pm
(Saturday) Eucharist Service **9:00 pm**
Christmas Day: H.E. Service 10:30 am
(Sunday)

NOTE: ONLY ONE SERVICE EACH DAY!

STEWARDSHIP 2017

Pledge Cards and Stewardship letters have been mailed. Extra pledge cards are located in the church pews and Narthex. **COMMITMENT SUNDAY will be November 13th**. We ask that you prayerfully consider what you might be able to pledge to St. Thomas Church for 2017, 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. Thank you all for your support of St. Thomas Church.

2016 PLEDGE STATUS

Please phone the Church Office 352-357-4358 to find out your 2016 pledge contribution status. Statements will be sent after the 2016 books have been closed in January, 2017.

2016 BAZAAR

Thank you to those who helped with another successful bazaar – your help was well appreciated. Stay tuned for a full update in our next newsletter

DIABETES CONFERENCE

There will be a Diabetes Conference on Saturday, November 19, 2016 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando. Information booklets with registration forms are located in our Church Narthex. The registration deadline is Wednesday, November 16th, 12 noon and the registration fee is just \$20. Carpooling on the day of the event will be available – please meet in our St. Thomas Parking Lot at 7:45 am.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We're collecting food & monetary donations for **Thanksgiving Basket** gift cards. We need: *Boxes Stuffing & Mashed Potatoes *Cans Sweet Potatoes (15 or 16 oz.) *Canned Green Beans *Packets/Jars of Turkey Gravy. Please see the Sign-up Poster in the Parish Hall for a complete listing of needed items. Collection will be in the Parish Hall. Our goal is to complete 25 baskets. **The distribution date will be Thursday, November 17th.**

ST. THOMAS BOOK STORE

Looking for a thoughtful Christian gift? Betty Carr can make your "gifting" search fun with an awesome selection of books, jewelry, key chains, and so much more.



St. Thomas' Book Store is open *every Sunday*. All profits go for outreach. Betty Carr thanks those who've contributed to the **Miles of Pennies** jug in the Parish Hall - now over \$515. Drop pennies and spare change in the jug to complete the **4th Mile of Pennies** to buy books for children, and also bring Betty Carr **Box Tops for Education, pop tops, and canceled stamps**. Thank you!

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Mike Christensen is our Sunday Fellowship Coordinator, with lite refreshments in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. Contributions are needed to help with weekly costs – just a small donation from each person attending will be a huge help! Contact **Mike spikes0213@aol.com** or phone 352-205-3314 to help.

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY!!

It's a gala affair – and you're invited! All members of St. Thomas Church are welcome to join us **Friday, December 9th from 6 – 9 pm** in our Parish Hall. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, or snack food to share. Wear your favorite holiday party ensemble.

ECW NOVEMBER NEWS:

ALL women of the Episcopal Church are members of ECW. The ECW meets this month on **Monday, November 7th at 3 pm** in the Parish Hall for: "*Faith, Food, Fun & Fellowship*". Please come and join us.



MOST NOVEMBER NEWS

The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group meets this month on **Thursday, November 10th at 6 pm in our Parish Hall**. Contact *Jerry Fields*, President - 343-0007 with program ideas or input on future events.

OUTREACH MEETING

The Fall Outreach meeting will be held in the Sunday School Building **Sunday, December 18th @ 9 am** for Thrift Shop fund disbursement. All petitions for monies must be in writing and received in the office before the meeting.

U.T.O. SUNDAY

Sunday, Nov. 27th is United Thank Offering Day. Donations support missions & ministry. Please express your thanks. Last year, \$381.25 was raised at St. Thomas. Look for the blue UTO boxes in our church narthex. Please remember to give thanks on Sun., Nov. 27th and return your filled boxes and donations in the Offering Plate at that time.

CLOCK ALERT!

Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Turn all clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.



HEALING – 1st SUNDAYS

On **November 6th**, 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).

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 baskets located in the Parish Hall. Contact Arlene Karwacki 352-385-3838, for information.

PRAYER CHAIN

St. Thomas' Prayer Chain is ready to pray for any ongoing needs. Need prayers? Call Nancy Conley at 483-2947, cell (352) 350-4184, or leave a prayer request with the office.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawls are made with prayers, blessed at the altar, and are intended to bring God's healing, love, and peace to the recipients. If you know of anyone (man, woman, or child) for whom you would like to have a prayer shawl, please call Janet Clarke (728-0929). We are in need of those who can knit and would like to be part of this wonderful ministry.

***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.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Opal Mahoney	11/02
Art Turner	11/04
Joe Sitts	11/05
Don Damon	11/06
Florence Adams	11/10
Marie Pawliczak	11/10
Leon Stricklen	11/10
Betsy Noiles	11/11
Sue Carlsson	11/13
Arlene Riley	11/13
Sherrie Paskiet	11/19
John Lipscomb	11/22
Joseph Paskiet	11/22
Dolly Bankston	11/23
Lia Dufour	11/23
Kenneth Catalino, Jr.	11/30
Ted Deming	11/30

2016 ALTAR FLOWER DONORS

The flower chart is available on the usher stand by the sacristy. Select any Sunday you would like 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.**

NEWS OF RECORD

Deaths:

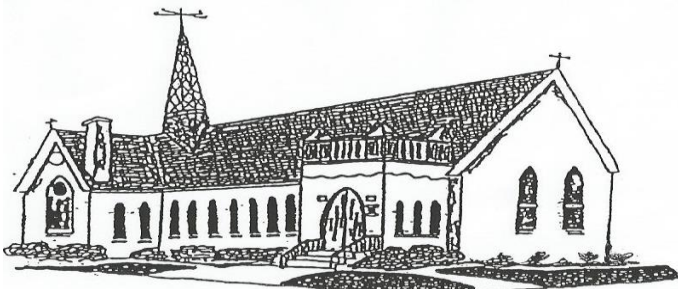
Evelyn Webster 8/24/2016

Transfers In:

Art & Ann Maltby, Jr. from Holy Trinity/Gainesville

Marriages:

Chelsie Lipscomb & Gage Camden on 9/24/2016



November 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Prayers in Church 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	3 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	4 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	5 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop Set Clocks Back One Hour Tonight – DST Ends 
6 HEALING <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY Noon – Service Volunteer Meeting in Church	7 3 pm – ECW Meeting 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	8	9 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Prayers in Church 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	10 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6 pm – MOST Meeting 6:30 pm – AA Group	11 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE @ Lakeview	12 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
13 COMMITMENT <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 26 Pentecost Stewardship/Commitment Sunday	14 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	15 7 pm - Vestry	16 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Prayers in Church 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	17 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service Thanksgiving Basket Distribution 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	18 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	19 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
20 <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> LAST Pentecost	21 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	22	23 10 am – Prayers in Church 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	24 THANKSGIVING Church Office CLOSED Thrift Shop CLOSED 10 am – Holy Eucharist Service	25 Church Office CLOSED Thrift Shop CLOSED 1:30 pm – Healing/HE @ Lakeview	26 Thrift Shop CLOSED
27 DISCRETIONARY <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 1 Advent UTO Sunday – Turn in UTO Boxes & Envelopes Today	28 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	29	30 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Prayers in Church 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> Eucharist Services: 8 & 10:30 am (Healing: Nov. 6) LEM, Lector, Usher, Acolyte Meeting in Church – Noon on Nov. 6 Adult Class in Parish Hall: 9:15 am – 10 am Children's Chapel at 10:30 am Service Nov. 6, 13, 20 (Family Service Nov. 27) Coffee Hour – 9 am Fellowship in Parish Hall - Noon		