



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

John & Margie Prentice	10/12/02
Cory & Courtney Sommer	10/15/16
Joanne & Charles Garland	10/29/66
George & Ruth Pawliczak	10/31/70

Clergy, Office & Staff

Interim Rector – The Rev'd Ron Peak

Deacons – Dick Labud & Janet Clarke

Administrator – Lisa Labud

Treasurer – Marjorie Carter

Organist/Choirmaster – Richard Mangiagli

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, Gail Carlson, Nancy Conley,

Janet Gizelt, Rick Kiefer, Thelma Martin, Diane Mullen

Ministries Chairs/Small Groups Volunteers

Acolyte Director – Rev'd Dick Labud

Altar Guild – Sue Kiefer

Prayer Shawls – Rev'd Janet Clarke

Prayer Chain – Nancy Conley

Fellowship – Mike Christensen,

Bev Cox, Nancy Conley

Memorial Garden – Ruth Squire Book Store – Betty Carr

Bereavement – Kay Ikeler Haven – Arlene Karwacki

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:

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,

The welcome I have received as your Interim Rector has been beyond anything I expected or hoped for. I thank you, and I look forward to the work we can do together as we begin the process of searching for our new Rector, while continuing to bring the Good News of God in Christ to the community around us and the world.

Our Church has a tremendous history in Lake County, and especially in Eustis. It is an exciting place, and I pray we will, even during the search process, continue to have a positive impact on the community around us. We are making some changes to our liturgy, and I'm excited because the changes have been so well received. I will continue to look for ways to enhance our worship services. Worship in the Episcopal Church is a wonderful part of our lives together, for many of us it is where we meet Jesus, and whatever we can do to improve that experience is one more positive thing this congregation can offer to the world around us.

I would love to hear from any of you who have something to share with me that you believe I should be aware of (fantastic, and not so fantastic), that might help me in my work with the Vestry and the congregation.

I ask you to pray daily that God's will be done in this place, and that we serve the world around us in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Blessings,
Fr Ron +

THRIFT SHOP IN OCTOBER



Fall is in the air, and Fantastic Autumn Deals are in St. Thomas' Thrift Shop. Come check them out this month!!

If you would like to volunteer for the Thrift Shop Ministry, we'd love your help. Call the shop at 589-0641 and leave a message with your name and availability. All tasks at the shop are light-duty and a fun way to meet other Thrift Shop "Angels" who give generously of their time and goodwill to contribute to this worthy outreach ministry. Please continue to leave donated items on the SIDE porch of the church. **Thrift Shop Needs:**

Like-new and "gently used" children's toys, Kitchen items, glassware, sets of dishes, pots & pans, jewelry, décor, and clothing.

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. This healing ministry requires little time from members. If you can pray for those in need and contact others on the Prayer Chain, **consider joining the team!** Contact **Nancy Conley**, (352) 483-2947, or cell (352) 350-4184, or please leave a message with the Church Office at (352) 357-4358.

SUNDAY ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 each **Thursday at 11 am**, following the Thursday Healing/Holy Eucharist Service (at 10am).

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!

FOOD DONATIONS

Every Sunday, a basket of food items donated by St. Thomas' parishioners is brought to the altar. Donated food is later delivered to the local food pantry. We encourage everyone to bring in extra canned or packaged food (peanut butter, jelly, flip-top non-perishable canned goods, etc.) each week. Place in the Food Basket at the church entryway. There are those in our community that need food daily.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously to the Hurricane Harvey Relief. A total of \$485.00 was contributed to assist those who have been devastated by the hurricane. This money has been sent to the Diocese of Central Florida to be used by Episcopal Relief & Development to assist the victims of the storm.

CRAFT FAIRE PLANS

St. Thomas Church will not be having a Church Bazaar this year. Instead, the members of St. Thomas' Craft Group are planning a **FALL CRAFT FAIRE IN NOVEMBER**. Plans are to have a mega Craft Faire Event on **Friday, November 10th and Saturday, November 11th** (with continued sales running into Sunday, November 12th). The event will feature the usual lovely handcrafted items that are made throughout the year by the members of the group. There will also be a plant booth with a terrific assortment of plants for sale. As a special treat for young and old alike, on Saturday, there will be a special lunch offered at a nominal cost for those attending. Please mark these special dates on your calendars – November is just around the corner. The Craft Members have worked hard to create this event as a fundraiser for the victims of our past hurricanes. It is a win/win for everyone: Purchase beautiful gifts for yourself and your friends and family, and support the relief efforts for those devastated by the hurricanes. Please be sure to support this effort!

PARISH SURVEY

The Parish Survey for parishioners' feedback during the Rector Search Process has been sent. Please contact the office immediately if you did not receive the email concerning the survey, or 2 people in the household share the same email. We need everyone to complete this survey. No surveys can be accepted after the survey site has closed on October 6th.

ECW OCTOBER NEWS

The ECW RESUMES meeting this month on **Monday, October 2nd, at 3 pm** in our Parish Hall for *"Faith, Food, Fun, and Fellowship"*. **All ladies** of the parish are invited to bring to the meeting their favorite hors d'oeuvres or dessert – with the recipe included. This will be an organizational meeting with the Election of Officers. Special business will be to put together a survey to discern member's wants and the future direction of the group.

MOST OCTOBER NEWS

The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group meets this month on **Thursday, October 12th at 6 pm in our Parish Hall** Please feel free to contact *Jerry Fields*, President @ 343-000 with any program ideas or input on future events.

NEWS OF RECORD

New Addresses:

Connie Wilhelm
2300 Park Forest
Mt. Dora, FL 32757

Deaths:

Barry Wood on September 12, 2017

To send a Card of Caring, mail to:
Barbara Wood
760 S. Brevard Ave. #414
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931-2583

CALLING ALL PETS



St. Thomas' **BLESSING of the ANIMALS** will take place on **Saturday, October 7th at 11 am** in our church **Parking Lot**. Anyone with a pet, large or small, loud or quiet, furry or scaled, hooves or paws, hopping or slithering can bring them to Saint Thomas' parking lot and Fr. Ron will lay his hands on them and bless them in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Bring your pets & join us to give thanks for all God's creatures, great & small.

ENDOWMENT FUND

With the sale of her house, we have been able to establish the Dana Meiggs Endowment Fund for the benefit of St. Thomas. Another parishioner has given \$10,000 for the establishment of a Music Endowment Fund and \$5,000 for an Altar Guild Endowment Fund. All of these funds are in the capable hands of 1st National Bank of Mt Dora, along with the Ann Dickinson Scholarship Fund. If at any time you are desirous of donating to any or all of these funds, you need only write a check and indicate which fund in the memo section. These funds may also be addressed in your final bequests by placing instructions in your will. As these endowments grow we are hopeful St. Thomas will continue to grow, bless the community, and serve God.

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, adult or child, 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 have resumed on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in our historic Wisdom Hall. Come meet us and better understand the meaning of this incredible ministry. Consider something new for yourself and bring a friend. See how it helps you better understand our Sunday worship and beautiful liturgy. We love to celebrate our weekly gathering with music, prayer, and our concerns for each other. In his service, Richard P. Mangiagli, Director of Music.

NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN!

CRAFT GROUP NEWS

The Craft Group meets Wednesdays in Wisdom Hall @ 10 am. Please continue to shop by visiting the Craft Table in the Parish Hall for beautifully handcrafted items. Join our crafters for fellowship, or to teach or learn a new craft. **Tell all your friends about the November Craft Faire – November 10-12.** For more information, contact Carol Ann Luché, Chair 589-6181

BOOK STORE



Are you looking for something unique for a thoughtful gift to celebrate a special occasion? Betty Carr can help you with your search.... St. Thomas' Book Store has the perfect selection – key

chains, jewelry, 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 Note: **Canceled Stamps are no longer being collected.** Thank you to all for your past donations. 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 **October 1st**, 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

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 October 25th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Bette Dufour	10/02
Sue Kiefer	10/03
Corwyn Reilly	10/04
Richard Dufour	10/05
Jack Carter	10/10
George Gizelt	10/10
Larry Block	10/13
Lewis Townsend	10/13
Louise Dixon	10/15
Ted Schafer	10/15
Brian Bailey	10/16
Kelly Ortiz	10/18
Jamie Lehman	10/25
Mary Frances Block	10/26
Dick Labud	10/27
Courtney Paskiet Sommer	10/29
Chasity Easter	10/30



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

LIBRARY

St. Thomas' Library is open any time the office is open. Please take the time to visit – conveniently located in the Conference Room.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 HEALING <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 17 PENTECOST	2 3 pm – ECW Meeting in Parish Hall 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	3	4 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	5 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	6 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	7 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop 11 am – PET BLESSING	
8 <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 18 PENTECOST	9 COLUMBUS DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	10 7 pm – Search Committee Meets	11 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	12 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6 pm – MOST Meeting 6:30 pm – AA Group	13 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	14 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop	
15 <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 19 PENTECOST	16 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	17 7 pm - Vestry	18 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	19 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	20 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	21 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop	
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29 DISCRETIONARY <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 21 PENTECOST	30 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	31					
			<u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> Holy Eucharist Services: 8 & 10:30 am with Healing on October 1 st Adult Christian Education 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				