



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Art & Betty Turner	10/11/58
John & Margie Prentice	10/12/02
Joanne & Charles Garland	10/29/66
George & Ruth Pawliczak	10/31/70

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Prayer Shawls – Rev. Janet Clarke

Prayer Chain – Nancy Conley

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E.C.W.

Secretary – Leigh Clark

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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

*“When this old world starts getting me down
And people are just too much for me to face
I climb way up to the top of the stairs
And all my cares just drift right into space
On the roof, it's peaceful as can be
And there the world below can't bother me...”*

So begins the song, “Up on the roof” performed by The Drifters. The song was written by the inimitable Carole King during the 1960s. It speaks to the need for humans to find a place for peace and decompression in the midst of the world’s craziness. I must admit that I don’t go up on my roof to find solace, but there are other sources that bring sanity and tranquility to my life. My pets are one my “roofs” wherein I gain peace and perspective in the midst of our world. One of my favorite days of the year is upon us, St. Francis Day, and the blessing of the animals. This year, St. Francis Day is on October 4th, however, we will have the pet blessings on Saturday October 1st. I can’t imagine a world without the beauty and wonder of animals. I especially love tree frogs, falcons, sea turtles, horses and dogs. Sometimes I get overwhelmed by the pressures of life. Add to that the cacophony of sounds we inhabit and the incessant imposition of news, media, and marketing and one can be dizzied as a result. Within the craziness of life, I find solace in a few constants, three of which are mine and Karen’s pets, Montana, Mercedes, and Max. Yep, our pets! Montana is our old chocolate lab, Mercedes is our old cat, and Max is our middle-aged min-pin (he’s a spoiled brat—but I love him). Our pets and the animals of our planet are gifts from God. I saw a bumper sticker on a car that supported the Humane Society and the text read: “Who rescued Who?” I thought, “How true!” We are truly rescued by our pets. And, while we take care of our pets, in many ways, they take care of us. So, thank God for the precious creatures that we are blessed to live alongside of in this crazy world. So, “When this old world starts getting me down...” I can always rely on God’s four-legged angels, my pets, to ground me and lighten the load.

Peace
Fr. John

THRIFT SHOP IN OCTOBER

Our Thrift Shop is OPEN: Thursday & Friday 9 am – 3 pm & Saturday 9 am – Noon. Donations for Thrift Shop Roof Repairs are needed. Make donations by cash or check at any time: leave in the offering plate or mail in to the church office. ENVELOPES are in the PEWS. Come any Wednesday between 9 – 11 am to volunteer on our **WORK DAY**; we'd love help with light-duty tasks. (Also needed: Substitute Shift Workers: Thursdays–ALL shifts- and Saturday Mornings 9 am - Noon.) Items Needed: Jewelry, kitchen items, towels, sheets, and household décor. Bring them to the shop or side porch of the Church Office. **On Bazaar Day- Saturday, October 22nd - the Thrift Shop will be open from 9 am – Noon. Come see what terrific bargains are in store for you!**
Thrift Shop Phone: (352) 589-0641

SUNDAY LOOSE PLATE

Our **October 23rd** 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.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

CRAFT GROUP IN OCTOBER

The Craft Shop will be OPEN at 9 am on Bazaar Day with brand new items. Shop early to catch the hot items! The Craft Group meets in Wisdom Hall each Wednesday at **10 am** to craft creative **hand-made items**. Newcomers are always welcome; no crafting skills required! Questions about the group? Contact Carol Ann Luché, 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.

FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

This month's Fellowship Luncheon will be on **Wednesday, October 26th** at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to share; it's a great way to get to know other people better and have a delicious lunch.

FUNERAL RECEPTION COMMITTEE

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

WEDNESDAY EXERCISE CLASS

Bess Short leads an exercise 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!

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: Eucharist Service **10:30 am**
(Sunday)

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

BAZAAR 2016

WE NEED YOUR HELP AT OUR BAZAAR: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22ND – ALL BOOTHS OPEN AT 9 AM. WE ALSO NEED HELP THE SUNDAY BEFORE ON SET-UP DAY – OCTOBER 16TH. WE CAN'T DO THIS WITHOUT HELP! SIGN UP IN THE PARISH HALL or PHONE the OFFICE 357-4358. VOLUNTEER! Booths include: Salad Luncheon, Parish Pantry, General Store, Toys, Plant Booth, Craft Shop, Bookstore, and Thrift Shop. **WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS NOW - Swarovski, jewelry, antiques & collectibles SORRY, NO Large Furniture or TVs PLEASE!** This is our big annual fundraiser (See Insert for other Information)

WE NEED YOUR SALADS!!

SALAD LUNCHEON TICKETS ARE ON SALE FOR \$6 in the Bookstore and Church Office. The Salad Luncheon will run from 11am - 1:30 pm Saturday, October 22. We need everyone's help (men & women) to pull this off; please make a salad, buy a ticket, and sell tickets to friends who are not members of St. Thomas'. We're aiming for 50 salads (6 pasta, 12 veggie, 10 meat, 8 international/other, 10 fruit and/or jello, and 4 potato salads.). For veggie salads, please bring dressing to go with your particular salad; thank you. There will be a sign-up table outside the church after each service in October.

POT YOUR PLANTS AND GET READY TO BRING THEM TO THE BREEZEWAY FOR BAZAAR. BRING THEM THE DAY OF, OR DAY BEFORE!!!



CALLING ALL PETS



St. Thomas' **BLESSING of the ANIMALS** will be **Saturday, October 1st 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. John 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.

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

WELLNESS DAY

We all try to find a balance in our lives to maintain a healthy body, mind, and spirit. To learn how to improve this balance, Deacon Janet Clarke and Bess Short will offer a program to include all three aspects, on **Saturday, October 29th** from 10 am - 2 pm in the Parish Hall. There will be short talks, meditations, and exercises on each aspect. A healthy lunch will be provided. If you would like to join us, please add your name and phone number on the sign-up sheet located in the Parish Hall.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We're collecting food & monetary donations for gift cards for **Thanksgiving Baskets**. 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.

JOIN THE CHOIR!



Choir Rehearsals are on **Wednesday evenings, at 7 pm, sharp**, in Wisdom Hall. Bring a friend to meet us and better understand the meaning of this incredible ministry, Sunday worship, and our beautiful liturgy. Richard P. Mangiagli, Director of Music.

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 and on Bazaar Day*. 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!

2016 PLEDGE STATUS

Please phone the Church Office 352-357-4358 to find out your 2016 pledge contribution status. Statements will be sent to pledging members.

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.

THRIFT SHOP REPAIRS

Donations toward **Thrift Shop Repairs** are needed. The Thrift Shop has been painted and roof repairs are **critical** right now. Donations may be made by cash or check at any time: Leave in the offering plate or mail in to the church office. Please help us keep the shop in operating condition; it gives so much to the community. Thank you for your support.

COLUMBUS DAY CLOSING

The Church Office will be *closed* on Monday, October 10th for Columbus Day.



HEALING – 1st SUNDAYS

On **October 2nd**, 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).

PRAYER CHAIN

St. Thomas’ Prayer Chain is always at the ready to pray for any ongoing needs of the parish. Need prayers? Call Nancy Conley at 483-2947, email Nancyjohn90@centurylink.net or leave a prayer request with the church 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.

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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.**

ECW OCTOBER NEWS:

ALL women of the Episcopal Church are members of ECW. The ECW meets this month on **Monday, October 3rd at 3 pm** in the Parish Hall for: “*Faith, Food, Fun & Fellowship*”. Please come and join us. Nine ladies have volunteered to participate in a rotating schedule of leadership.

MOST OCTOBER NEWS

The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group meets this month on **Thursday, October 13th**



at 6 pm with the former director of the Boys’ Ranch as guest speaker.

Dinner will be prepared by Millie

Gulston. Please feel free to contact *Jerry Fields*, President @ 343-000 with any program ideas or input on future events.

☞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!

BUDGET

Please remember to keep up with your pledges throughout this Fall. Stewardship 2017 letters will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please prayerfully consider what you can pledge to St. Thomas ministries & needs.

NEWS OF RECORD

Transfers Out:

Bob & Carole Meikle to St. Edwards/Mt. Dora



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
Jamie Lehman	10/25
Mary Frances Block	10/26
Dick Labud	10/27
Courtney Paskiet	10/29
Chasity Easter	10/30

FAST AND PRAY WITH US

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

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.



CONTACT US

Please contact the Church Office if you are **hospitalized** and would like a visit. We rely on your help, or someone on your behalf, to provide us with details.

October 2016



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop 11 am – PET BLESSING
2 HEALING *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 20 Pentecost	3 3 pm – ECW Meeting 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	4	5 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Prayers in Church 10 am – Craft Group 12:30 pm – Exercise Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	6 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	7 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	8 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
9 *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 21 Pentecost	10 COLUMBUS DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	11	12 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Prayers in Church 10 am – Craft Group 12:30 pm – Exercise Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	13 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6 pm – MOST Meeting 6:30 pm – AA Group	14 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE @ Lakeview	15 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
16 *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 22 Pentecost SET-UP SUNDAY FOR BAZAAR!	17 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	18 7 pm - Vestry	19 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Prayers in Church 10 am – Craft Group 12:30 pm – Exercise Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	20 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	21 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	22 IT'S HERE!!! 9 am – BAZAAR Opens 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop 11 am – SALAD LUNCH
23 DISCRETIONARY *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 23 Pentecost	24 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	25	26 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Prayers in Church 10 am – Craft Group 11:30 am – Fellowship Lunch 12:30 pm – Exercise Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	27 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – Healing Service 10:45 am – Lectionary Class 6:30 pm – AA Group	28 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE @ Lakeview	29 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop 10 am – WELLNESS PROGRAM IN PARISH HALL
30 *SUNDAY SCHEDULE 24 Pentecost	31 ALL HALLOWS' EVE 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	*SUNDAY SCHEDULE Eucharist Services: 8 & 10:30 am (Healing: October 2) Adult Class in Parish Hall: 9:15 am – 10 am Children's Chapel at 10:30 am Service October 2, 9, 16, 30 (Family Service October 23) Fellowship in Parish Hall - 9 am and Noon				

THIS IS IT!!!!!! BAZAAR 2016

Saturday, October 22 Opens at 9 am

SALAD LUNCHEON

Tickets are now on sale for \$6 in the Bookstore and Church Office. The Salad Luncheon will run from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Bazaar Day. We need everyone's help. PLEASE BRING YOUR FRIENDS! For veggie salads, please bring the dressing to go with your particular salad; thank you. Take-outs will be available for those who cannot stay to eat in the Parish Hall. You may bring your salads as you come at 9:00 on Saturday morning to work, shop and enjoy the Bazaar's festivities.

PARISH PANTRY:

We ask for your donations of all kinds of baked goods, candies and preserves. They often sell out quickly, so please make a few more items to bring in to last throughout Bazaar. These are the best goodies at the best prices - don't miss it! Located in the Parish Hall - pick out something for dessert to go with your meal!

PLANT NOOK:

This booth needs lots of your potted plants to sell. We take all types of plants - trees, shrubs, container grown, large and small. Deliver to church (in the breezeway) as close to set-up day as you can, or after, but before the Bazaar if possible.

GENERAL STORE:

Please donate as much as you can, any price level. We especially need collectibles and special treasures (check your closets, garages, and hidden spots for items that you don't use - lamps, jewelry, paintings, vases, kitchen items).

SET-UP SUNDAY is October 16th

This will be the 1st opportunity for most people to set up booths, price items, clean and organize. Please come, not only to help in your specific area, but also to pitch in and help organize other spaces where we may have to move or rearrange objects. So please lend us a hand in our Bazaar set-up.

****GENERAL STORE**** (This is the booth with something for everyone - items for sale at great prices and fantastic quality.....) **PLUS - Toys, Crafts, Plants, Baked Goods & Sweets, Christian Book/Gift Shop**

*** SALAD LUNCHEON (Buffet-style)**

11 AM - 1:30 PM Still just \$6 for Lunch

THRIFT SHOP & BOUTIQUE @ 211 S. Mary St. Open from 9 am - Noon

A Chic Shopping Atmosphere for Jewelry, Designer Apparel, Home Décor, Kitchen Ware, etc