

## 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

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**Bereavement – Kay Ikeler Haven – Arlene Karwacki**

**Newcomer Baskets – Louise Dixon**

## MOST

Pres. – Jerry Fields V.P./ Treas. – Bert Grace

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**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

## 2018 PLEDGE STATUS

Please phone the office at 357-4358 if you wish to find out your current 2018 pledge contribution status.

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## **St. Thomas Tidings October 2018**

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## WORDS FROM FR. TED

On September 16<sup>th</sup>, The Reverend Dick Labud gave a sermon based on the Gospel reading for that day, the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost.

One of the questions raised in that Gospel was the familiar one where Jesus asks those with him, “Who do you say that I am?”

We might ask that same question of one another as we journey together as followers of Christ, and members of St. Thomas Church in Eustis Florida.

St. Paul starts a number of his letters to the churches by thanking them for his memories of them. I have that same sense of thanksgiving when I think about what it means to me to be the interim Rector here.

My history with St. Thomas goes back many years; all the way back to 1974. My family and I were on a trip to Central Florida to visit my mom and step-dad at Shockley Hills, outside of Altoona. My older sister and brother-in-law were also going to be there, arriving from New Hampshire. My brother-in-law is an Episcopal priest who was ordained in the late 50's. I was at that time 30 years old, and not nearly ready to go to seminary. Nevertheless, Don said to me on a Saturday, that I was to get up with him and attend church in Eustis the following day.

We did that, and got to meet Fr. Chris Hardman and Libby, and many others on that Sunday morning. Now, after all these years, I am your interim Rector.

I am thankful, grateful, appreciative, happy, to be serving you at this time. It is a joy to be involved with the first Episcopal church that I had experienced in the South.

I have kept track of St. Thomas, and many of its members throughout the years, having married and “taken away” your administrator. Pat's history, of course, exceeds mine in the number of years that her family was involved with St. Thomas.

I thank God daily for all of the gifts of ministry that you bring to St. Thomas and the church corporate.

God has given much to all of us, in fact, of course, everything we have is a gift from God. God made us, all of creation, and has called us to be the stewards of His creation. Being good and faithful stewards is what we must do, in order to be faithful to God's call.

Through the incredible gift of His son, God has welcomed us into his own family as His children. Although at times we do not deserve it, we are part of the people of God, the Church throughout the world. He has given to us the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is with us to enable us to share God's love with those we meet.

St. Thomas is filled with folks who have gotten, received, and acted upon God's call to serve here in this area. Much love is shared within, and much love is spread through St. Thomas' membership.

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As you are aware, there are financial needs in any church and in order to keep things going it is up to you all to be responsible/responsive to those needs.

Making a pledge, after much prayer, is the best way to help your vestry make the budget for the next year.

There are other ways to give as well, and I would hope that you would consider "pledging" your valuable time and talents to the ministries that are part of St. Thomas Church.

God has given so much to us. We have much to be thankful for in our lives. We have much to give to one another and to the whole body of Christ and to the work of God in our world.

Please take seriously your contributions to St. Thomas in order to continue the ministries begun now over 130 years ago.

Who do you say that I am? If asked of you, you are a faithful follower of Christ and member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church, welcoming all and giving to support God's work in our world!

Peace & Joy,  
Fr. Ted  
Interim Rector

**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 phone the Office at (352) 357-4358.

**SAVE THE BAZAAR DATE**

St. Thomas Church is planning our Bazaar 2018. It will be held **Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 2 pm**. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! BBQ Chicken Luncheon** tickets (\$10 each) will be on sale in front of the church on 10/21, 10/28 and 11/04 **between** our church services. (See Insert for more Bazaar Details)

**QUIET DAY – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>**



Our Fall Quiet Day will be led by Deacon Janet Clarke on **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 2 pm in the Parish Hall**. The theme this

year is, **"Come, Look, and See"**. This will be an opportunity to see more clearly how God, as Trinity, works in creation, in world affairs, and in the lives of people in the past and in the present. Oftentimes, we don't take the time to reflect on the fact that we worship a Living God...one who acts! Please take the time on October 27<sup>th</sup>, and join us for this spiritual retreat. Lunch will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Phone Deacon Janet Clarke @ 352-728-0929 to join this ministry, or if you know of anyone who would benefit from a prayer shawl while they are ill or indisposed.

**FELLOWSHIP**

Fellowship after the 10:30 Sunday service is being scaled down, and we won't be offering weekly organized food. It will continue on a limited basis on special Sundays. **Please contact the Church Office at 352-357-4358 if YOU wish to handle refreshments for any one given Sunday to help us continue to provide this offering after the 10:30 service.** Thank you to all who assist in any way.

**BOOK STORE**

*St. Thomas' Book Store* has an amazing assortment of religious-themed giftables, and is **OPEN Sundays in our Parish Hall after each service**. Betty Carr thanks those who have contributed to the **Miles of Pennies** jug in the Parish Hall - now with **\$230 toward Mile 5** – (many thanks to our continued, faithful donors!) so, please continue to drop coins and dollar bills into the jug in the Parish Hall. **Miles of Pennies** is the branch of **CPC (Church Periodical Club)** that buys books for children, both here and abroad. I appreciate your continued support.

*Betty Carr, CPC Chair, Book Store*

**DRESSMAKING MINISTRY**

We are now making dresses for needy children in Third World countries at our usual 10 am Craft meeting. We have material and supplies to make these dresses – but we can still use sewers and helpers (pinning or cutting out patterns). If you have any questions or can help, please call Janet Clarke (352) 728-0929.

**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.



**CAMPUS WORK DAY**

A **Church Work Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 8am-Noon**. **PLEASE** show up and help as you are able. Also, if you can donate toward bags of **red mulch** to help with yard improvements, your donation of **\$4** will purchase one bag (label "Mulch" in your memo).



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

<b>Bette Dufour</b>	<b>10/02</b>
<b>Sue Kiefer</b>	<b>10/03</b>
<b>Corwyn Reilly</b>	<b>10/04</b>
<b>Richard Dufour</b>	<b>10/05</b>
<b>Jack Carter</b>	<b>10/10</b>
<b>George Gizelt</b>	<b>10/10</b>
<b>Larry Block</b>	<b>10/13</b>
<b>Lewis Townsend</b>	<b>10/13</b>
<b>Louise Dixon</b>	<b>10/15</b>
<b>Ted Schafer</b>	<b>10/15</b>
<b>Brian Bailey</b>	<b>10/16</b>
<b>Kelly Ortiz</b>	<b>10/18</b>
<b>Pam Eureka</b>	<b>10/22</b>
<b>Jamie Lehman</b>	<b>10/25</b>
<b>Mary Frances Block</b>	<b>10/26</b>
<b>Dick Labud</b>	<b>10/27</b>
<b>Courtney Paskiet Sommer</b>	<b>10/29</b>
<b>Chasity Easter</b>	<b>10/30</b>

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Loose Plate Collection:**

Our **October 28<sup>th</sup>** Loose Plate Collection is designated for the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Please memo checks: **"Rector's Discretionary Fund"** and place in the offering plate.

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!

**NEW ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER**

The Reverend Ron Peak & Susan Debretsky  
9810 Morningside Drive  
Leesburg, FL 34788  
(352) 805-4207

**CALL US**

If you haven't already done so, please give the church office your email address, birthday or anniversary date, and contact changes. **Email: [tthomasec@earthlink.net](mailto:tthomasec@earthlink.net)**  
**Phone: (352) 357-4358.**

## ST. THOMAS BAZAAR NOVEMBER 12, 2018

The **PLANT BOOTH** for the Bazaar is in need of your help! Please assist us by dividing and repotting some of your beautiful plants for the November 12<sup>th</sup> Bazaar. Label with the name of the plant and a price. Nurture them until the Sunday before the Bazaar (November 11<sup>th</sup>) and bring them to the breezeway **BEHIND our Parish Hall.** Bert Grace and Kalia Baillene will also need a volunteer on Bazaar day to help with the sales at the Plant Booth.

Bazaar **YARD SALE** Space is available for \$25. Save up all of those treasures you've wanted to sell and fill up the trunk of your car. Bring a card table, chairs, umbrella, and your treasures at 8:00 am on Bazaar Day. Back up your car, set up your table (you provide from home) and sell all of those treasures you no longer need! Bring a friend so you can enjoy seeing the other vendors and spend some of the money you will be making! Spaces are limited. For more information or to reserve a space, call Mary Shriner at (352) 516-7124 or email Sally Hartenstein at [nicelglass@aol.com](mailto:nicelglass@aol.com)

**SWEETS & TREATS** Parish Pantry needs plenty of home-baked sweets and goodies, cookies, cakes, brownies, fudge, preserves, jellies, etc. Please label and price and bring in to the Parish Hall on Sunday set-up day (November 11<sup>th</sup>) or on Bazaar Monday. Please phone the Church Office at (352) 357-4358 if you can provide something.

## BISHOP BREWER VISITATION OCTOBER 14, 2018

*Bishop Brewer* will be at St. Thomas Church on Sunday, October 14, 2018 @ **10 am** to perform confirmations, baptisms, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist. **PLEASE NOTE: There is only 1 COMBINED service that day. A reception in the Parish Hall will follow the service.**

### THRIFT SHOP IN OCTOBER



You'll "*Fall*" for the harvest of Autumn décor and styles at the Thrift Shop this month!

Can you **VOLUNTEER** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday shift once a month from 9 am – Noon?

We need your help.... Call call Sandy Pettitt 352-551-4225 or Gail Norris 352-357-2518. Please bring donations to the shop or SIDE porch of the Church Office.

**Thrift Shop Phone: (352) 589-0641**

**Hours: Thurs. & Fri. 9 am – 3 pm**

**Saturday 9 am – Noon**

### CALLING ALL PETS



St. Thomas' *BLESSING of the ANIMALS* will take place on **Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Breezeway between Wisdom Hall and the Church.** This will take place in lieu of the regular 10 am Healing Service. Anyone with a pet, large or small, furry or scaled, hooves or paws, hopping or slithering can bring them to Saint Thomas and Fr. Ted 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.**

### MOST NEWS



The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) will meet on Thursday, **October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm** in our Parish Hall, with a guest speaker and dinner provided. Please feel free to contact *Jerry Fields*, President @ 343-000 with any program ideas or input on future events.

### SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

The Forum **continues each Sunday at 9:15 am with a relevant Topic of Discussion.** We gather in our Parish Hall for this opportunity to learn, share & grow. No materials required; just show up and join in. There will be NO Adult Forum on October 14<sup>th</sup> when Bishop Greg Brewer visits St. Thomas for Confirmations and Baptisms.

### COLUMBUS DAY CLOSING

The Church Office will be *closed* on Monday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>** for Columbus Day.

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

This month's Fellowship Luncheon will be on **Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am** in our Parish Hall. Bring a dish to share.

### THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bess Short leads **Bible Study** in the Parish Hall on **Thursdays at 11 am.**

### BAZAAR PIE & COFFEE CAFÉ

We're having a Pie & Coffee Café at the bazaar. If you can **donate pies** - please let me know so I can make a list. Contact Joan Allen 352 483-1235 [jrallen2007@aol.com](mailto:jrallen2007@aol.com)

### GET WELL WISHES

St. Thomas' Treasurer, Marjorie Carter, is back home and recovering her strength and stamina. If you wish to send cards of caring for her during her recovery, please send to: Marjorie Carter 1333 Elizabeth Circle Eustis, FL 32726

### BAZAAR NEEDS

"*Help us fill a basket*" for the November 12<sup>th</sup> Bazaar's **Themed Baskets** (wine, gift cards, restaurant certificates, etc.) Items can be left at the office or given to Carole Warner. The **Silent Auction** features higher value items - Vacation get-aways, jewelry, collections, lessons, professional services, dinners, and small furniture. Contact Carole Warner (343-0671) with a description & estimated value/minimum bid for items.



### THANKSGIVING FOOD HARVEST

We're collecting food donations for **Thanksgiving Bags.** In addition to your generous monetary donations for the Thanksgiving Turkey/Meat, we need:  
\*Boxes of Stuffing & Mashed Potatoes  
\*Cans Sweet Potatoes (15 or 16 oz.)  
\*Canned Green Beans, Corn & Cranberry Sauce  
\*Packets of Turkey Gravy Mix. Or--can't shop? A **\$20 donation** provides one complete Thanksgiving Bag. See Nancy Conley, Diane Mullen, or Vicki Tubb for info. Collection will be in the Parish Hall. **The deadline date will be in mid-November.** Thank you for the **Generous** outpouring of funds already received to purchase food for the bags!

### HEALING – 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAYS

On **October 7<sup>th</sup>**, those wishing prayers or anointing may do so after all have received the Eucharist. Please come to the altar rail, or notify an usher and one of our clergy will come to you in your pew.

# OCTOBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group Dresses 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	4 <b>ST. FRANCIS DAY</b> 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop <b>10 am – PET BLESSING</b> 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 1:15 pm – Stained Glass 6:30 pm – AA Group	5 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop	6 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
7 <b>HEALING</b> <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 20 PENTECOST	8 <b>COLUMBUS DAY</b> Church Office CLOSED 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	9 7 pm – Vestry	10 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group Dresses 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	11 9 am – 3 pm Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 1:15 pm – Stained Glass <b>6 pm – MOST Meeting</b> 6:30 pm – AA Group	12 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	13 8 am – Noon – <b>CHURCH WORK DAY!</b> 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
14 <b>BISHOP BREWER VISITATION</b> <b>10 AM - ONE COMBINED SERVICE</b> 21 PENTECOST	15 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	16	17 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	18 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 1:15 pm – Stained Glass 6:30 pm – AA Group	19 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop	20 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
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28 <b>DISCRETIONARY</b> <u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 23 PENTECOST	29 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	30	31 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	<u>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> Holy Eucharist Services: Traditional - 8 am    Family - 10:30 am Healing on October 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>BISHOP BREWER VISITATION 10 am on October 14<sup>th</sup></b> Adult Forum in Parish Hall – 9:15 Coffee Hour in Parish Hall – 9 am		

# ST. THOMAS' BAZAAR

**St. Thomas' 2018 Bazaar will be  
Monday, November 12 from 9 AM to 2 PM**

Please call Diane Mullen at 343-9028 or 434-4069 or Lauren Stricklen at 408-8153 to help in any way. We need set-up help on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 service, and other general helpers on Bazaar day, to make this a profitable and entertaining event.

If you can assist with the **BBQ Chicken luncheon** with prep, serving or clean up, call Nancy Conley at 350-4184.

If you can bake something for the **Parish Pantry (Sweets & Treats)**, bring those in on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> or BAZAAR DAY.

Call Carole Warner at 343-0671, if you can donate items for either the **Silent Auction** or the **Baskets**.

Call Bert Grace at 314-0001, if you have potted **plants**.

The **Craft Shop** is looking for craft items of any kind you can donate. Call Janet Clarke at 728-0929.

Joan Allen is hosting the **Coffee & Pie Café**. Call her at 636-6502 if you can donate a pie or two.

If you can donate any **jewelry items or small gift items**, contact Suzanne Kiefer at 669-4622.

Lynn Bailey is looking for donations of **books, CDs, DVDs** for her booth. Call her to donate at 352-406-2524.

Mary Shriner at 516-7124 and Sally Hartenstein at [nicelglass@aol.com](mailto:nicelglass@aol.com) 874-2220 are renting **yard sale space for \$25**. If you (OR YOUR FRIENDS OR NEIGHBORS) are interested in having a table on Lemon Street for the Bazaar, contact either Mary or Sally.

The **Thrift Shop & Boutique** always looks for gently worn clothes and shoes and household treasures. If you can donate these items, or your time to work in the shop, please call Sandy Pettitt at 551-4225.

Beverly Cox will have several tables with **Thrift Shop Clearance** items. Call her at 406-1580 if you can assist in any way.

Fr. Ted will be working that day as the Priest in the Parlor. Guided tours of our historic church will also be provided.

**Save the date, save your dollars, invite your friends and neighbors,  
and come and join us in this important fund raising event at  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church.**

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