



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

Jeff & Margaret Emerson	9/06/86
Pete & Kelly Ortiz	9/19/97
Howie & Nance Kauffman	9/24/77
Marilyn & Tony Gordon	9/27/63
Harry & Kathy Nolf	9/29/79

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:

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

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FR. RON PEAK

NEW INTERIM RECTOR

The Vestry is happy to announce the appointment by the Bishop of the **Reverend Ron Peak** as our Interim Rector. Fr. Ron is established in our parish and will be available as priest until we are able to call a new Rector. Please welcome him to this position as we always welcome people into our church.

SEARCH COMMITTEE

We ask all parishioners to pray for the Vestry/Search Committee during our mutual discernment process for our next rector.

Our Search Committee for the new Rector to be called to St. Thomas will be the members of our Vestry: Joan Allen, Gail Carlson, Nancy Conley, Bette Dufour, Janet Gizelt, Rick Kiefer, Thelma Martin, Diane Mullen, and George Pawliczak. Additionally, the Vestry has chosen the following parishioners to serve on the committee: Leon Stricklen, Sonia Carter, Kay Ikeler, with Jerry Fields as Alternate.

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF OUR NEW RECTOR

Father, it is time to find a new spiritual leader to guide us.

We pray individually and together to further this search process.

We know that you have already chosen a path for St Thomas Church.

We pray earnestly for your guidance in seeking out Your plan for us.

We ask You to send the Holy Spirit to fill each of our hearts and minds, keep our arms wide open, and guide us to find the new Rector who will lead us on this path.

Be with us each Sunday as we gather as a Community of Faith and help us to remain Faithful in our church attendance and prayer.

Father, we ask that You bless the hearts of each member of our parish family to ease this transition for them.

All this we ask through our savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THRIFT SHOP IN SEPTEMBER



The Thrift Shop is now open and sparkling with new items and new paint! Come check it out!!

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. 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/HE 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.

LABOR DAY CLOSING

The Church Office will be *closed* on Monday, **September 4th** for Labor Day.

TO ST. THOMAS PARISH

"The family of Josephine "Josie" Rosemary Johnson would like to thank all of you for your kind words, cards, and generosity that has been extended to our family during this difficult time. Thank you for the comforting cards, delicious food, generous gifts, and all the prayers. Please continue to pray for Sarah, Josie's twin sister; she is doing well and is 4.5 lbs., but has a long way to go. Thank you so much! God Bless!" Julie & Trae Johnson

TERMITE TENTING: TEMPORARY BUILDING CLOSURE

We will be termite tenting Wisdom Hall and the entire Church Sanctuary and Office Structure the week of Monday, September 25 – Friday, September 29. No one will be allowed in any of those buildings during that time. The office will be closed and all usual activities in those buildings will be cancelled or moved to another building. Church Services on Sunday, October 1st will be held in the Church Sanctuary as usual.

PARISH SURVEY

Our Vestry has created a Parish Survey for parishioners' feedback during the Rector Search Process. It has now been sent out to all those with valid emails (from tnunez@cfdiocese). Please contact the office immediately if you do not receive the email concerning the survey, or 2 people in the household share the same email. We ask that you take the time to fill it out. On Sunday, **September 10th**, between services, those without internet can fill out a paper copy of the survey, and any questions will be answered.

ECW SEPTEMBER NEWS

The ECW RESUMES meeting this month on **Monday, September 11th, 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 SEPTEMBER NEWS

On Thursday, September 14, 2017, the men of St. Thomas (MOST) are hosting a complimentary dinner and a presentation by Waterman Village staff about their facility. **EVERYONE IS INVITED – LADIES & GENTLEMEN!** Dinner will start promptly at 6:00 P.M., followed by the presentation. There is a sign up sheet posted in the Parish Hall. Please sign up by Sunday, September Tenth, so we will know how many meals to prepare. There will be a door prize given after the presentation, followed by a brief meeting of MOST after our guests have left. Looking forward to seeing everyone that day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to phone Jerry Fields at 343-0007.

OFFICE CLOSURE

Due to the dangerous chemicals used during the tenting for termites in the church building, the Church Office will be closed September 25-September 29. For emergency pastoral needs, please contact Fr. Ron Peak at Fronpeak@earthlink.net

NEW ENDOWMENT

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!

Our music ministry has had a long rest, but now returns to a time of rehearsal and performance. Choir begins again Wednesday evening, **September 6th, at 7 pm sharp**, in comfortable 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. **Please remember the date, Wednesday, September 6th, @ 7PM.**

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. The Craft Group is pleased to welcome Mimi Smith into the Craft Group as a new member. Mimi has many gifts to offer and we look forward to working with her. 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. Carol Ann Luché, Chair 589-6181

RECYCLE YOUR JEWELRY & WATCHES

Do you have broken jewelry, watches, chains, pins, or beads? We can repurpose them into new items... Please drop them off at the Church Office labeled **"Recycled Jewelry"**.

NEWS OF RECORD

Transfers Out:

Barbara & Barry Wood to St. David's by the Sea/Cocoa Beach, FL

BOOK STORE



Are you looking for something unique for a thoughtful gift?

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 **September 3rd**, 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).

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 September 27th.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Jeannette Gregory	9/06
Lauren Stricklen	9/06
Rob Wilhelm	9/06
Ann Maltby	9/08
Tricia Labud	9/09
Keilana Nicole Reilly	9/13
Adrian Carter	9/14
Gail Norris	9/14
Blossom Mahoney	9/15
Douglas Johnson IV	9/17
Joan Pagliarulo	9/17
Sophia Carter	9/20
Joanne Garland	9/22
Michael Ladd	9/23
Lynette Grace	9/25
Ryland Cox	9/29
Charlotte Bowman	9/30



*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.

LIBRARY

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

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	2 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
3 HEALING <i>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</i> 13 PENTECOST	4 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	5	6 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	7 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	8 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	9 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
10 <i>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</i> 14 PENTECOST PARISH SURVEYS IN BETWEEN CHURCH SERVICES	11 3 pm – ECW Meeting in Parish Hall 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	12 7 pm - Vestry	13 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	14 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6 pm – MOST Dinner & Waterman Village Presentation 6:30 pm – AA Group	15 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop	16 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
17 <i>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</i> 15 PENTECOST	18 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	19	20 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	21 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 6:30 pm – AA Group	22 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	23 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
24 DISCRETIONARY <i>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</i> 16 PENTECOST	25 Church Office, Wisdom Hall & Church Closed for Tenting	26 Church Office, Wisdom Hall & Church Closed for Tenting	27 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day Church Office, Wisdom Hall & Church Closed for Tenting 11:30 am - FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class	28 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop Church Office, Wisdom Hall & Church Closed for Tenting 11 am – BIBLE STUDY	29 9 am–3 pm – Thrift Shop Church Office, Wisdom Hall & Church Closed for Tenting	30 9 am – Noon - Thrift Shop
			<i>*SUNDAY SCHEDULE</i>			

Holy Eucharist Services: 8 & 10:30 am with Healing on September 3rd
 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