

**WORDS FROM FR. TED**

After our national convention, once again the Church is looking at making some changes. Changes in the ways we worship together, changes in how we govern ourselves. I would like to share with you some remarks/thoughts about the Episcopal Church's use of the Sacrament of Confession, officially called the Reconciliation of a Penitent. Many members in our denomination are not at all familiar with confession outside of those we make corporately together when we share in the Holy Communion. There are two formal Rites in our BCP beginning on pgs. 447f. The title is "Reconciliation of a Penitent." These rites are for the purpose of the restoration of a relationship between God and God's people. There are some very important assumptions made. The primary one from our perspective is that we are indeed serious, that we truthfully seek the forgiveness of God, and that we will make every effort possible to live our lives according to God's directions: The Ten Commandments, the Great Commandment, etc.

Not only are our intentions important at the moment, at the time of the Reconciliation, our intentions to lead faithful lives in the future are important as well. What is shared in these formal confessions is kept in trust by the clergy and it has been understood throughout the history of the church that no clergy would reveal the content of confessions at any time.

We had many conversations regarding this topic in seminary, and beyond. One question that came up often was what if the person confessing admitted that they would most likely do something awful in the future, something that would endanger someone else, breaking the law in fact; something that they shared would be impossible for them to resist.

Some states now have laws that require clergy to reveal such information. Some laws state that if the one confessing says that they want the clergy to reveal the information at some later date, the clergy are bound by law to do that, regardless of the church's stated position on the sanctity of the confession.

The Rites of the Reconciliation of a Penitent are there for your use. The sanctity of the confession is one that I honor and it would be difficult, if not impossible, to overcome for me. I would have to take into account the circumstances and the intended desire of the penitent in any circumstances that would cause harm to another, especially physical harm. Having shared all of that, formal confession is still available to you. Again, I remind you that your intention to be faithful and to make amendments of life in order to restore your relationship with God are essential.

If you should desire to make a formal confession, please call the office and we will make arrangements with you for this Rite.  
Peace & Joy, Fr. Ted

St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
317 South Mary Street  
Eustis, Florida 32726

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

- Bill & June Christiansen 9/03/78
- 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 Ted Koelln  
352-446-1205**

**Deacons – Dick Labud & Janet Clarke**

**Administrator – Lisa Labud**

**Treasurer – Marjorie Carter**

**Organist/Choirmaster – Richard Mangiagli**

**Sexton – James Sellers**

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, Bev Cox,  
Rick Kiefer, Thelma Martin, Diane Mullen

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**Prayer Chain – Nancy Conley**

**Fellowship – Mike Christensen, Kathy Easter**

Nancy Conley, Maryann Winslow

**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

**Needle & Craft Group Hours:**

**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**

## ST. THOMAS' MINISTRIES

Please pray in consideration of joining those at St. Thomas' service ministries: lectors, servers, altar guild members, fellowship, choir members, ushers, etc. The more of you who will serve, the less often you will have to be scheduled. We need to have all of this work shared. At present we are in need. Please respond in the positive, asap.

In addition, if you can get involved in the BAZAAR coming up in November, please let Diane Mullen know of your likely contributions.

Please join us in the Stained Glass workshop, other projects go on there, you might want to get involved. Also, there is the opportunity to try coloring art – possibly to frame and sell at the Bazaar. Give it a try! Peace & Joy, Fr. Ted

## THANK YOU FROM EUSTIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*"We had a great morning (breakfast) with you all. The teachers had so many positive things to say about the church staff and the breakfast. I hope you know how much it was appreciated!! :)"*

Corrie Voytko, Principal EES



Left photo L-R: Betty Dufour, Tammie Henry/AP, Corrie Voytko/Principal, Fr. Ted, Right photo L-R: Diane Mullen, Bette Dufour, Nancy Conley, Joan Allen, Fr. Ted, Bev Cox



## JOIN THE CHOIR!

After a summer of rest, Choir rehearsal begins again Wednesday evening, **September 5<sup>th</sup>, 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. In his service, Richard P. Mangiagli, Director of Music.

## NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN!

## 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 any organized food. It will continue on a limited basis on special Sundays. Thank you to all who help in any way. Please contact **Mike at [spikes0213@aol.com](mailto:spikes0213@aol.com)** or phone 352-205-3314 to help.

## BOOK STORE

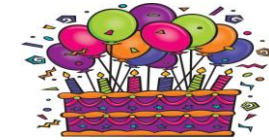
*St. Thomas' Book Store has:* jewelry, crosses, key chains, statues, books, pins, bookmarks, and an amazing assortment of religious-themed giftables. **The Book Store is OPEN Sundays in our Parish Hall after each service.** Betty Carr thanks those who have contributed to the **Miles of Pennies** jug in the Parish Hall -now with **\$180** toward **Mile 5** - 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*

## THANK YOU FOR OUTREACH SUPPORT!

*"Thank you so much for your recent donations to Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties, Inc. Your thoughtfulness and kindness has blessed our organization and our clients. Please know the difference your donation makes. We are most grateful for your warm and generous human spirit."*  
*Sincerely, Kelly Smallridge - Ex. Dir. Haven*

*"The individuals served at the Arc Sunrise of CF want to say Thank You! Through your charitable support, The Arc is able to provide programs and assistance to people with disabilities so they can achieve independence, greater self-sufficiency and participate in their community...Trust that we will be good stewards of your gift."*  
*Sincerely, John R. Riehm CEO the Arc.*

*"Once again you and your very generous church have come to the aid of our wonderful Turning Point Ranch's girls. We thank you ever so much and the girls thank you as well."*  
*Lynne Cox Board of Directors*



## 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
Sophia Carter	9/20
Joanne Garland	9/22
Michael Ladd	9/23
Lynette Grace	9/25
Ryland Cox	9/29

## BAZAAR 2018

## SAVE THE DATE\*SAVE THE 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 and tell your friends.**

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

Our **September 23<sup>rd</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!

### THRIFT SHOP IN SEPTEMBER



The Thrift Shop has sparkling new items and new DEALS this month! Check it out!!

Please visit this week to shop and bring your friends. If you can volunteer in any capacity, call Sandy Pettitt 352-551-4225 or Gail Norris 352-357-2518. Please continue to leave donations on the SIDE porch of the Church Office, especially children's books, toys & games.

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. 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.

### FEAST OF ST. MICHAELMAS

“The Feast of St Michael and All Angels, traditionally a celebration & Feast of Fall foods, will be celebrated on Sunday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at St. Thomas Church in the Parish Hall after the 10:30 service. Parishioners are asked to bring a dish of root vegetables (potatoes, carrots, onions, turnips, parsnips, sweet potatoes - any or all of these). You may also bring a dessert if you wish. The traditional chicken dish and beverages will be provided. Please come join us for this celebration.”

### BISHOP BREWER VISITATION

If you are interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception or being Reaffirmed on **October 14, 2018 at 10 am in ONE COMBINED SERVICE THAT DAY** when *Bishop Greg Brewer* next visits St. Thomas Church, please see Fr. Ted Koelln as soon as possible or phone the church office.

### SUNDAY ADULT FORUM

The Forum resumes on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am with a NEW 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.

### LABOR DAY CLOSING

The Church Office will be *closed* on Monday, **September 3<sup>RD</sup>** for Labor Day.

### CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group meets in Wisdom Hall Wednesday mornings at **10 am** to create wonderful hand-made items. All are welcome to join this creative group! Carol Ann Luche, Chair **589-6181**.

### 2018 ALTAR FLOWER DONORS

The flower chart is available on the usher stand by the sacristy. Select any Sunday to donate flowers: they are \$60 each week. *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.*

### FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

This month's Fellowship Luncheon will be on **Wednesday, September 26<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**.

### MOST NEWS

The MOST (Men Of St. Thomas) group will resume meetings on Thursday, **September 13<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.

### BAZAAR PIE & COFFEE CAFÉ

Marie Fentz & I, assisted by some other ladies, will be having a Pie & Coffee Cafe during the bazaar. Since we will only be serving pies, no cakes, brownies, etc., we will need help getting our table filled. If you are willing to donate a pie or two - or three or four - please let me know so I can make a list. Contact Joan Allen (352) 483-1235 [jralen2007@aol.com](mailto:jralen2007@aol.com)

### BAZAAR NEEDS

“*A tisket, a tasket—we need to fill a basket*” or two, three, or more baskets for the November 12 Bazaar! Themed baskets, such as beach, vacation, grandchildren, shopping, Christmas, dining, and wine (always a favorite) will be prepared as items are contributed. Contributions of gift cards, restaurant certificates, wine, and other related items, may be left in the church office or given to Carole Warner. In addition, there will also be a silent auction, which will include gifts of a larger nature (i.e., value and or size). Vacation get-aways, jewelry, collections, lessons, professional services, dinners, and small furniture items can be included in the silent auction. Please contact Carole Warner (343-0671) with a description and estimated value and minimum bid for these silent auction items.

### THANKSGIVING FOOD HARVEST

We're collecting food donations for **Thanksgiving** to assist those in need in our area. We need: \*Boxes of Stuffing & Mashed Potatoes \*Cans Sweet Potatoes (15 or 16 oz.) \*Canned Green Beans \*Packets/Jars of Turkey Gravy. Please donate as you are able. Collection will be in the Parish Hall. **The deadline date will be in mid-November.**

### HEALING – 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAYS

On **September 2<sup>nd</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.

### 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.

### ALL ARE WELCOME!

### NEW CRAFT MINISTRY

Beginning Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, we will begin making simple dresses for children in Third World countries at our usual 10 am Craft Shop meeting. We have an abundance of material and supplies that we can readily use. Even if you don't know how to sew, you can help by pinning or cutting the patterns out. If you can sew, that would be great, also. Thanks to Diane Damon's sister-in-law, we learned of an organization that ships the dresses to Africa, or wherever there is a need. This is a great outreach project, but we do need help. If you have any questions or can help, please call Janet Clarke (352) 728-0929.

# SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
2 <b>HEALING</b> * <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 15 PENTECOST No Sunday Forum	3 <b>LABOR DAY</b> Church Office CLOSED 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	4	5 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	6 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	7 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop	8 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
9 * <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 16 PENTECOST 9:15 am – Sunday Forum Resumes	10 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	11	12 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	13 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop 10 am – HE/Healing Service 11 am – BIBLE STUDY 1:15 pm – Stained Glass 6 pm – MOST Meeting 6:30 pm – AA Group	14 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	15 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
16  * <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 17 PENTECOST	17 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	18 7 pm – Vestry	19 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day  10 am – Craft Group 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	20 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	21 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop	22 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
23 <b>DISCRETIONARY</b>  * <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 18 PENTECOST	24 7-8 pm – AA Meditation Group in Wisdom Hall	25	26 9-11 am – Thrift Work Day 10 am – Craft Group 11:30 am – Fellowship Luncheon 12 pm – Beginner’s Fitness 12:30 pm – Fitness Class 7 pm – Choir Rehearsal	27 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	28 9 am – 3 pm – Thrift Shop 1:30 pm – Healing/HE at Lakeview in Altoona	29 9 am – Noon – Thrift Shop
30 * <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u> 19 PENTECOST Noon – Feast of Michaelmas in Parish Hall			* <u>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</u>			
		Holy Eucharist Services: Traditional - 8 am    Family - 10:30 am    Healing on September 2 <sup>nd</sup> Adult Forum in Parish Hall – 9:15 am (None on September 2 <sup>nd</sup> ... Resumes on September 9 <sup>th</sup> with a New Topic) 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)**, contact Wendy Geeslin at 408-4122.

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 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.**

# ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## BAZAAR



Monday, November 12th  
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM

Lemon and Mary Streets in Eustis

BBQ CHICKEN LUNCHEON SERVED FROM 11 TO 1 (\$10)

Includes chicken, green beans & potatoes, coleslaw, bread  
and drink  
(eat in or take out)



COFFEE AND PIE CAFE ~ THRIFT SHOP AND BOUTIQUE



SWEETS & TREATS ~ CRAFT SHOP AND SUPPLIES

YARD BARGAINS, OVER 25 DIFFERENT TABLES

GIFT BASKETS, PLANTS, BOOKS

SILENT AUCTION BIDDING ENDS AT 2PM. YOU NEED NOT BE  
PRESENT TO WIN

