



Saint Thomas News Letter

November 2019

Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Ed, Harlow, Mary Ann, Russ, Fr. John, Bill, Jean, Marion, Carol, Charline, Joe, Dawn, Sheri, Nick, Elanor, Nicholas, Tina, Chase, Amy, Nancy, Alison, Kaz, Michael, Janna, Lily, Robyn and Gad.** Deliver them from their distress.

Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Casey, Nicholas, Jim, Trevor, Aaron, Christine, Alan, Mitchell, Emily, Steven, Chris, the 200th Red Horse Squadron and the 13th U.S. Air Force Bomb Squadron.** Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.

A Message from Pastor Beverly

Did you know that we have four Creeds that define our Christian faith? The Apostle's and the Nicene are the ones we are most familiar with, but we also have the Athanasian Creed and the Chalcedonian Creed.

The Apostles Creed is our oldest, and most popular. Scholars believe that it was used by the early Christians as their Baptismal Confession. It is a very simple statement of our faith and what we believe. It's used most often during our Lenten Season.

The Nicene Creed was adopted in 325 CE at the Council of Nicaea and written to resolve a conflict that developed concerning how to define Jesus. One side felt that Jesus was truly God, others felt that he wasn't actually God, just God in another form. The "same" as God ruled the day, thus it was truly God who hung on the cross.

In 451 CE the Chalcedonian Creed was adopted to define the meaning of the incarnation of Jesus, what happened to Jesus when he entered this world. Did he have two distinct natures: divine and human, or did he have just one nature, a mixture of human and divine. Mixed nature was the theology that was adopted, thus Jesus had only one nature, a mix of both divine and human. The Eastern Orthodox Church voted against this way of thinking, and does not recognize this creed.

Athanasius of Alexandria around the 5th century CE wrote the Athanasian Creed to help explain the Trinity. Originally it was used in worship services of the Medieval Church and recited following the Sermon. It was sometimes put to music and sung where a Psalm would normally be sung. Later it was used only on Trinity Sunday, but as time has passed it is seldom used today.

These creeds were written to define some aspect of our Christian faith. Each of these creeds had different reasons for coming into existence, and they were meant to clarify some characteristic of our Christian faith. Statements of faith and belief remind us of who we are and what we believe.

If you are interested in more information on them, especially those you are unfamiliar with, Google has some interesting sites.

Announcements

Community Meal Sign-up Sheet

Please don't forget that we will need extra help putting on the November community meal on Thursday, November 21st. In addition to dessert bakers and servers, we will need volunteers to bake turkeys and pick the meat from the cooked turkeys. Please use the sign-up sheet in the kitchen to let Debby know what you are willing to do.

Service Time

On **Sunday, November 3rd, Saint Thomas will begin holding services at 10:00 AM.** This new service time will last until Sunday April 5, 2020, when the time will change back to 9:00 AM.

Bible Study

Advent Bible Study will begin on Tuesday December 3rd and last for three weeks. The topic for this series is entitled Why we do what we do: A study in Anglican Traditions.

Community Thanksgiving Service

On Monday November 26th, Saint Thomas will host a community Thanksgiving service. This service will include music by the community choir directed by Sandy Giangrande. Please contact her for information about singing in the choir: 419-573-6021.

Please use our saintthomaspcch@gmail.com.

The cros.net email account is permanently closed. If you need to email the church, please use the Gmail address listed above. Thank you.

November Ladies Night Out

The next *Ladies Night Out* event will take place on Tuesday, November 26th at 4:30 PM at Nagoya. Please sign up the sheet in the kitchen if you would like to attend, so we can call and make a reservation. Thank you.

Our Food Closet Needs More Food

Please contact the church office about making donations to the food closet. Thank you.

Vestry Meeting Information

A special vestry meeting was held on Sunday, October 13th. The vestry members determined that Pastor Beverly had done an outstanding job performing her duties over the past year and was granted a raise in salary along with additional vacation time.

Here is a summary of the Oct 2019 vestry meeting. Pledges and investments are up over the same time last year. There is about \$300 in the organ fund. The investment committee decided to sell some foreign investment funds because the funds weren't earning and the committee wanted to free up cash for projects. Pastor Beverly informed the vestry that Sandy Giangrande will lead the choir for the community Thanksgiving service. We will also be passing out candy during Trick-or-Treat in Downtown Port Clinton on Saturday, October 26th. Instructions for changing the temperature in the sanctuary, Bob Keller's request for a new shed and allowing the congregation to vote on a later service time were also discussed.

Joke of the Month

In the frozen food section at Kroger, a woman was having trouble picking out a frozen turkey to feed her family on Thanksgiving, but couldn't seem to find one big enough. A stock boy approached her and asked if he could be of any assistance. The woman asked the stock boy, "Do these turkeys get any bigger?" The stock boy replied. "No, ma'am. They won't grow anymore cause these turkeys are all dead."

Birthdays



Troy Thomas – November 14th
Donna Becker – November 26th

Look with favor we pray on your servants as they begin another year. Strengthen their trust in your goodness, all the days of their lives.

Anniversaries



Bill and Lee Ann Caswell – November 15th

Send therefore your blessings upon these, your servants, that they may so love, honor and cherish each other,... that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace.

Please let us know the date of your birthday or anniversary so that we may include it in future editions of the newsletter.

Recipe of the Month

(A version of this salad will be served at this month's community meal. This recipe was submitted to the 1938 edition of the Junior Guild Cookbook by Mrs. Bernelle Englebeck.)

Raw Cranberry Salad



Ingredients:

- 1 package lemon Jell-O
- ¾ cup warm water
- ½ pound cranberries
- 1 ground orange
- ½ cup nut meats
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 1 cup sugar

Stir water into Jell-O, and allow to partially set. Add sugar to berries. Mix all ingredients, chill until firm. Serve on lettuce with mayonnaise and cream. Am small package of marshmallows may be cup up and added if desired.

Meet our Sexton: Bob Keller

Bob has been with St. Thomas since 2008, and has taken great care of us in all these years. A Landscaper by trade, with his own business for over 30 years, he is the one that keeps St. Thomas looking so manicured and tidy.

He is our chief Outdoor Chef and is always ready with a helping hand at the Community Meals. He not only helps with the cooking but he helps serve and clean up as well.

The grandfather of two, Alexa and Haggan, he takes that role seriously and with his wife Kim, he spends time teaching them his same values of honesty and hard work.

He attended Danbury Schools, and has roots that go very deep in this area. His grandparents owned the “Keepers House” and he remembers his grandmother hiding under her bed when a huge thunder storm came roaring across the lake.

Don't forget to give Bob a “wave” as you see him around the grounds and inside the church tidying up.



Bob poses for a picture during his interview in Pastor Beverly's office.

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Service Time and Office Hours

Sunday Service: 10:00 AM
Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri 10:30 AM-2:30 PM