



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



September 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, Kaz, Michael, Janna, Alison, Cindy, 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

There were giants of literature – men and women whose words shaped our language and imaginations. But they were also spiritual seekers, people of prayer and devotion, writers who sought to express their yearnings and insights through prayer and meditation. But we seldom see this side of them. So below is a special prayer written by ANNE BRONTE:

A PRAYER

My God (oh, let me call Thee mine, weak, wretched sinner though I be).
My trembling soul would fain be thine; my feeble faith still clings to Thee.
Not only for the past I grieve, the future fills me with dismay;
Unless Thou hasten to relieve, Thy supplicant is a castaway.
I cannot say my faith is strong, I dare not hope my love is great;
But strength and love to Thee belong; Oh do not leave me desolate.
I know I owe my all to thee; Oh take the heart I cannot give;
Do Thou my strength, my Savior be, and make me to Thy glory live.

Words well written by the author of *The Tenant of Wildfell Hall*, a well-known English Classic.

Let us be grateful to those who are gifted with the art and skill of writing their prayers so that we may use and enjoy them.

Announcements

September Community Meal

The first community meal of the season will be Thursday, September 26th from 5:00-6:00 PM. The menu will include Beef Stroganoff with peas, drinks and assorted desserts. Please contact the church office for information about helping out. Thank you.

Convention Delegate Search

Saint Thomas Episcopal Church is looking for a few good men and women to represent the parish during the annual convention on Friday and Saturday, November 8-9 at the Lyman Harbor Entertainment Center, Sandusky. Please contact the church office if you would like to attend.

Ladies Night Out

The next Ladies Night Out will be on Tuesday, September 24th at 5:00 PM for the “Early Bird Specials” at 1812 Food and Spirits. We will need to make a reservation, so please call the office to RSVP.

Saint Thomas Saturday

The next Saint Thomas Saturday will be September 28th. Please wear your Saint Thomas Shirt when you go out that day to remind the community that we are here to serve.

Baked Goods Needed

We will be selling baked goods and craft items on Thursday, September 26th during the Port Clinton Art Walk to help raise money for a much needed organ cleaning project. Please contact Dana Riley if you would like to contribute.

Please check your Bookshelves

Saint Thomas Church Office is searching for the 1913 edition of the Saint Thomas Ladies Guild Cook Book. Please check your bookshelves and contact the office if you have a copy and are willing to donate or lend it to us. Thank you.

Future Announcements

Please send future church email announcement submissions to saintthomaspcoh@gmail.com, or you can call the church office and speak to Sue. Thank you.



Saint Thomas Ladies enjoy a meal together at Twin Oast Brewery in Port Clinton during their monthly outing on August 27th.

Vestry Meeting Information

Here is a summary of the topics covered at the August 2019 vestry meeting. Expenses are tracking close to budgeted amounts and pledges have increased almost 50% since the same period last year. The church office has set up a column in the books to account for funds donated for the maintenance of the church organ.

To reduce confusion, Rev. Beverly has written standard procedures for processions and recessions. She also talked about taking time off for vacation while Deacon George is still in Port Clinton and suggested that we thank him with a brunch before he leaves for the season. The vestry also discussed changing the service time to 10:00 AM during the winter.

Bill Moon talked about ongoing church maintenance and repair projects including replacing the windows in the Guild Hall, and covering some of our stained glass with “Lexan, a form of plexiglass.” He also reported that the City of Port Clinton wants to remove all existing trees from the easement along Jefferson Street so they can finish the street restoration project. Finally, the church has found another musician to play during Sunday services and the search for Annual convention delegates will commence immediately.

September Birthdays



Jack Houston - Sept 10th
Dana Riley - Sept 22nd

Look with favor we pray on your servants, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

Wedding Anniversaries



Larry and Marie Janes – Sept. 1st.

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 newsletters.

Jokes of the Month

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Mrs. Lydell asked her kindergarteners to bring in a symbol of faith to share with the class. A little boy started off by saying, “My name is Malachi. I am Jewish and this is a Star of David.” Next, a little girl got up and said, “My name is Mary. I am Catholic, and this is a rosary.” Finally, a little boy got up and said, “My name is Tommy. I am an Episcopalian and this is a coffee cake.”

Recipe of the Month: Coffee Cake

Submitted to the 1938 Edition of *The Junior Guild Cookbook* by Mrs. Frank Nissan.

1/3 cup of sugar

2T butter

1 egg

1 cup scalded milk

½ yeast cake

4 cups flour

¼t salt

Cool milk, then add yeast cake, which has been dissolved in a little water. Mix in flour and salt and add to creamed sugar and butter. Fold in beaten egg last. Bake about 30 minutes in moderate oven, 375 degrees.



Meet Debby Barnes: The Hostess with the Mostess

Debby loves to cook, loves her husband David, loves her Rottweiler, Ada Jane, and loves St. Thomas. But what she really loves to do is host our Community Meals every month, September through May. She plans the meals, does the shopping, commandeers the help and keeps the records.

She has also served on the vestry for a number of years, being the Senior Warden for part of that time and puts together and keeps track of the Usher and Hostess Schedules. Her ideas and opinions are respected and well received, because we all know her to be practical and level headed. We can all count on her to keep us on track during the meetings.

While doing all she does for St. Thomas, she continues to work full time at the Ottawa County Building Inspection Division, a position she took after serving for over 25 years in Law Enforcement. Her and David love to travel and search for old buildings with special features in their architectural design. She also has an extensive collection of antique dishes – Jadeite which were made in the early 1930's.



Debby prepares a plate to serve at one of Saint Thomas' Community Meals.

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Sunday Service with Eucharist is at 9:00 AM *All are welcome at our communion table.*

**Saint Thomas Episcopal Church
Mark Your Calendar:
September 2019**

Adult Bible Study: 1:00 PM, Tuesdays after September 13th at Ed Kuck's house. Please call the office if you need directions.

Youth Kayaking at Put-In-Bay: Sunday, September 15th, 1:00-5:00 PM.

Ladies Night Out: 5:00 PM Tuesday, September 24th at 1812 Restaurant, Port Clinton. Please RSVP.

Community Meal: 5:00-6:00 PM, Thursday, September 26th.

Port Clinton Art Walk Bake Sale: Thursday, September 26th, 6:00-8:00 PM (following the community meal).

Saint Thomas Saturday: All day, Saturday, September 28th.