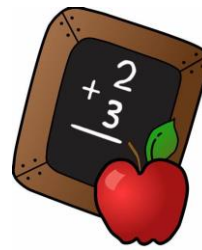


SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



September 2021



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Alex, Fr. John, Bill, Dawn, Sheri, Nick, Elanor, Tina, Nancy, Kaz, Michael, Janna, Krystal, Nana Jo, Lily, Robyn, Gad, Cindy, Chris, Tyler S., Gilbert and Bob: Deliver them from their distress.** Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Fr. Tony, Mitchell, Emily, Steven, Chelsey. the 200th Red Horse Squadron and the 393rd 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

Last month I wrote about God's forgiveness of David's adulterous behavior with Bathsheba, and how God forgives us. This month I want to write about Solomon, David's second son by Bathsheba.

As David lay dying, his sons were maneuvering for power and Solomon, with the help of his mother Bathsheba was able to succeed David as King of Israel. But in order to obtain the throne Solomon had to have several people killed including his half-brother Adonijah, who was 1st in line to succeed David. He was only 15 years old at the time.

We remember Solomon best for building the 1st Temple in Jerusalem. It was to house the Ark of The Covenant which contained the Ten Commandments. But his downfall came when he married the daughter of the Pharaoh of Egypt and allowed her to bring her favorite Gods and Goddess with her, even building a temple for them.

Even though Solomon made some poor decisions, God still loved him and blessed him with the ability to judge fairly and wisely. Perhaps that is what we need to remember; God loves us and will bless us in spite of our imperfections, our poor decisions and our missteps, just as he loved Solomon.

Announcements

Community Meal Information

The first community meal of the season will take place on Thursday, September 16th from 5:00 – 6:00 PM. The menu will be TBA. Due to continuing concerns about spreading the COVID virus, all meals will be served take-out only until further notice.

Food Pantry

We will be packing food bags on Wednesday, September 1st and Wednesday, September 15th. Please plan to come and help out. For more details, text Dana at 419-681-0960.

Knitting Group

St. Thomas' knitting group will begin meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 11 AM in the Guild Hall to work on community service projects. For more information, please call or text Lee Anne at 419-366-9997.

The passing of our sister-in-Christ, Marian Rose

Marian Rose passed away on August 3, 2021 at the Elmwood Assisted Living Facility in Fremont, Ohio at the age of 91. She was buried in a private ceremony at the Riverview Cemetery in Port Clinton. She is survived by her niece, Marcia Foss of Genoa, Ohio. Marian longtime member of the St. Thomas Alter Guild. Red paraments will be donated in her memory.



Marion, pictured with her niece, Marcia, celebrates her 89th birthday in St. Thomas' Guild Hall, 2019.

The passing of our brother-in Christ, Bill Wahlers

Bill Wahlers passed away on August 31st. His wife, Lee informed that his passing was peaceful. However, because he was positive for the COVID-19 virus she was unable to be with him. Information about funeral services will be forthcoming.

Ministry Opportunities: Ways to serve. Attention All AV enthusiasts!!

We are also looking for individuals who would like to learn how to run the livestream cameras for the Sunday services. Please contact John Bolte if you would like more information:
john.jerri.bolte@gmail.com.

Ladies Night Out & Men's Outing

This month, the ladies will be meeting at Ciao Bella in Port Clinton on Thursday, September 23rd at 4:00 PM. Please call the office if your plan to attend so that Sue can make a reservation. Thank you.

For more information on the monthly men's outing, please call Ron Uebbing at 419-552-0135.

Vestry Meeting Summary

Here is a summary of the church vestry meeting, which took place on Wednesday, August 18th. June Year-to-date operating expenses are running very close to budget. Investments continue to grow due to favorable market conditions.

125th Anniversary Projects: Windows in the Guild Hall have been replaced. The quote to paint the front and the top of the church was approved and painting will commence soon. The bell project has been paid for by a parishioner. John also took us through the results of our tri-annual diocesan audit. For more information, please contact the church office.

New Business: The vestry is negotiating with the Quayle family to purchase Julie Quayle's piano. Two parishioners have agreed to pay for the piano, its relocation, tuning and voicing after it arrives at the church. Finally, the vestry decided that community meals will continue to be take-out only until conditions improve with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic.

September Birthdays

Pastor Beverly – 1st

Jack Huston – 9th

Dan Riley

Look with favor we pray upon 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.

September Anniversaries

Larry & Marie Janes – 1st

Make their home a haven of blessing and peace.

Recipe of the Month: Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Skillet Cookie

Try this after school or after dinner for a simple satisfying better-for-you treat.

Ingredients:

-3 TBSP unsalted butter, plus more for greasing

-2 TBSP neutral oil

-1/3 cup packed brown sugar

-1 large egg

-1/2 tsp vanilla extract

-2/3 cup whole wheat pastry flour or white whole wheat flour or 1/3 cup each, whole wheat and AP flour

-1/4 tsp baking soda

-1/2 tsp ground cinnamon

-1/8 tsp salt

-1 cup rolled oats

-1/3 cup chocolate chips

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. 2. Grease a 9-10 inch cast iron skillet with butter. 3. Whisk together flour, baking soda, cinnamon, salt and oats. 4. In a separate bowl mix together butter, oil, and sugar and mix till well combined. 5. Add eggs and vanilla and continue mixing until well combined. 6. Mix together wet and dry ingredients. 7. Mix in chocolate chips. 8. Pour batter into skillet and bake for 15-20 minutes or until cookie is golden brown. 9. Remove from oven and allow to cool for 5 minutes before cutting into wedges. Serves 8. *Source: The Washington Post: Nourish, August 12, 2021.*

History of the bell to ring in St. Thomas' garden

The bell being placed in the new Bell Tower comes from the Fredericktown Ohio Bell Foundry founded in 1851 by L.D. Rankin Bell. The business was closed in 2014, but they had stopped producing bells when the factory was bought in 1987 by Thomas Updike. A parking lot now exists where the factory once stood.

In the early 1900's bells were a way of life, and many were sold to churches, schools, fire departments, colleges, railroad and steamship lines. When a bell was rung everyone knew what it meant. If you lived on a farm, it meant you were needed at the house.

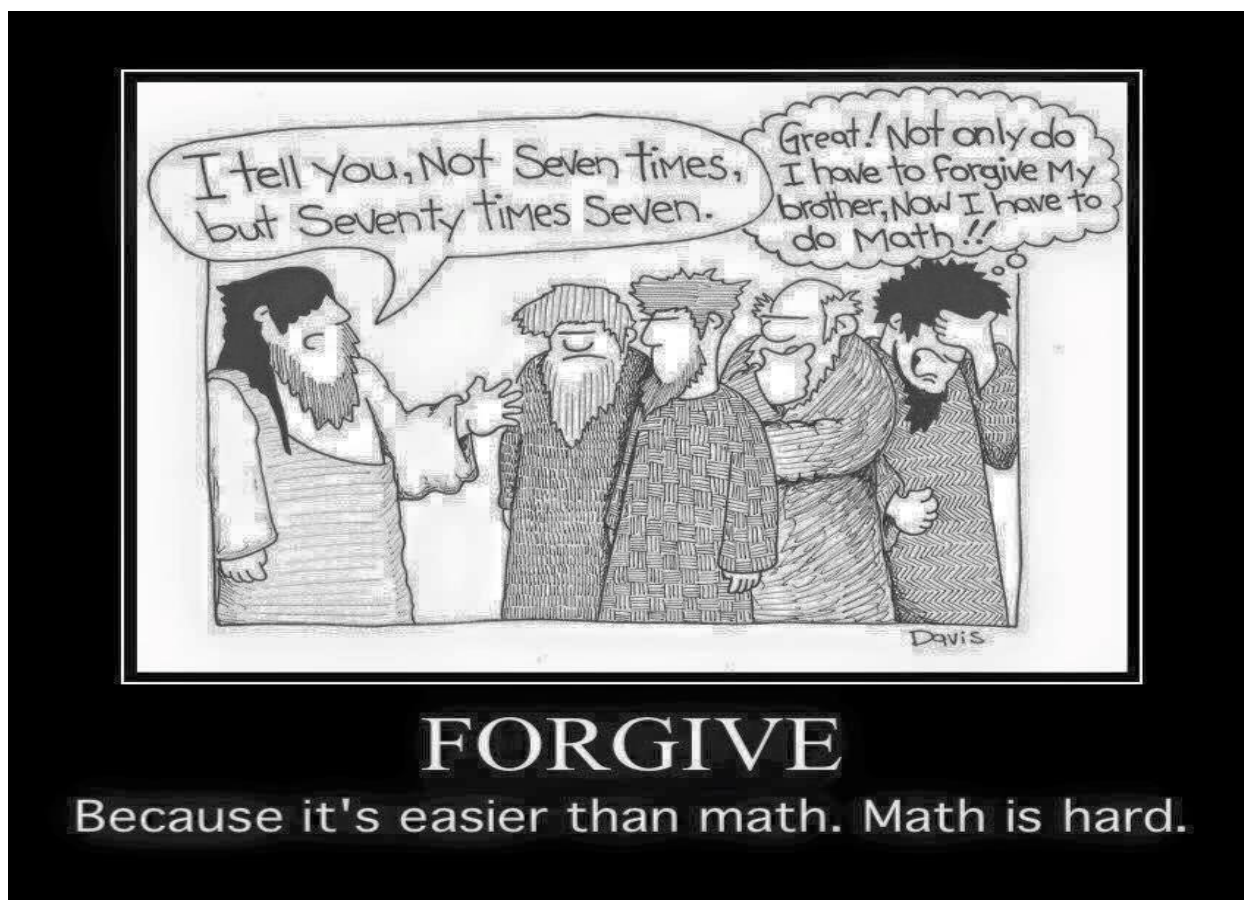
Bells were cast in different sizes depending on what they were to be used for. The size of the bell appears as a number on the bell. Ours has either the number 6 or 9, depending on how you look at it.

Within the next few weeks, as the housing for the bell is completed, we will be placing it in the Bell Tower. If you get a chance, come and see the work that has already been completed. Many hands and hearts have worked to complete our new Bell Tower and it will be blessed and dedicated by Bishop Hollingworth on Oct. 10th, our 125th anniversary.



The bell, which will soon ring in St. Thomas' memorial garden.

September: All at once summer collapse into fall. — Oscar Wilde



Sunday Service with Eucharist

9 AM in the church or on Facebook (SaintThomasPC) or YouTube (Saint Thomas PCOH Livestream)

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