



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



October 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, Bob, Diane, KQ and Sharron: 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: The Jewish Festival of Purim

This last week's lesson was from the book of Esther, a book that is seldom in the lectionary. Its about the Jewish festival of Purim and how a young Hebrew woman by the name of Esther saved her people from complete genocide.

It happened in the 4th century when the Persian Empire was the most powerful kingdom at that time. King Ahasuerus, King of Persia, had his wife, Queen Vashti, executed for failing to follow his order. He decided to have a beauty pageant to find a new queen and wife. A Jewish girl named Esther, caught his eye and she became his new queen, but she did not tell the king she was Jewish.

Meanwhile, Haman was appointed prime minister, and it wasn't long before Mordechai, the leader of the Jews (and Esther's cousin), refused to bow to Haman. Haman was furious and convinced the king to issue a decree ordering the extermination of all the Jews on the 13th day of Adar.

When Esther heard what Haman had done, she put together a plan. She invited the King and Haman to join her for a feast. At the feast Esther revealed to the king that she was Jewish and that if his decree to kill all the Jews was carried out, she would also die

The king became incensed at Haman for his plot to kill all the Jews, including his wife. Haman was subsequently hanged, and Mordechai was appointed prime minister. Thus, a new decree went out saving all the Jews. So, on the 13th day of Adar or March, the Jewish people celebrate their salvation.

Announcements

Don't Miss the 125th Anniversary Celebration!

Come join us on Sunday, October 10th at 4:00 PM as St. Thomas celebrates 125 years of worship ministry and service. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Hope to see you there.

Service Time Changes to 10:00 AM

This change will be in effect until we go back to the 9:00 AM service time the first Sunday in May 2022.

Community Meal Information

The next community meal will take place on Thursday, October 21st at 5:00 PM. The menu will be goulash with garlic bread. This meal is still take-out only!

Knitting Ministry

St. Thomas' knitting ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 5th at 11 AM in the Guild Hall to work on lap robes for seniors. For more information, please call or text Lee Anne at 419-366-9997.

125th Anniversary Cookbooks Have Arrived!!

Cookbooks will be on sale at the 125th anniversary celebration and through the church office. The cost of a cookbook is \$10. Contact Sue for more information: 419-734-3404.

Looking for someone to coordinate a monthly Men's prayer breakfast.

Please contact Pastor Beverly for more information.

Funeral Services for Bill Wahler's delayed until Spring 2022.

Due to concerns about the spread of the COVID-19 virus, Bill's family have decided to delay funeral services until Spring of 2022 when things get back to normal. Please contact the church office if you have any questions. Thank you for your understanding.

Ladies Night Out!

We will be meeting at Rosey's in Port Clinton at 4 Pm on Thursday, October 26th. Please call the office if you plan to attend, so that Sue can make a reservation. Hope to see you there.

Vestry Meeting Summary

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Here is a summary of the minutes for the September 15th vestry meeting.

Treasury Report:

The investment account has shown significant realized gains over the past year, and contributions close to those made last year and on par budgeted amounts. Designated gifts helped pay for the bell project and the new piano.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Beverly talked about her ministry activities for the month like Noah Kodak's baptism and services for Marian Rose. Marian's family will be donating red paraments for the sanctuary. She and Sandy Giangrande are busy putting together a music program for the 125th anniversary celebration.

Food Pantry Report:

Food pantry income remains higher than expenses and Dana reported that the church continues to distribute nine bags per week.

Old Business and 125th Anniversary Project:

Painting has commenced on the new bell tower. The bell should be installed next week. New trees have been planted in front of the church. Cookbooks are ready to be picked up from the printers. Old paraments have been framed to be hung in the hallway leading up to the sanctuary.

New Business:

The new piano has been installed in the and the sanctuary and is ready to be used in the service. Ron Uebbing had resigned from the vestry effective immediately. Bill Moon will be addressing the old windows by the ramp leading up to the sanctuary. John Bolte is aware of the light out in the sanctuary.

October Birthdays

Nancy Douglass – 1st
John Rodrigue – 5th
Bill Moon – 17th
Fr. John Reinheimer – 21st
David Barnes and Gerri Bolte – 23rd
Lee Wahlers – 29th



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.

Recipe of the Month: Pumpkin Pie Energy Balls

We had these for coffee hour in September and they were well received. You can buy this treat at Bassett's Market for about \$16, or you can make them at home for less.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup pitted dates
- 1/2 cup walnuts
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 2 tsp pumpkin pie spice
- 1 1/2 cups quick oats

1. Place dates, walnuts, canned pumpkin, and maple syrup in a food processor and blend until almost smooth (i.e. some chunks remain). 2. Remove from food processor to a bowl. 3. Add pie spice and quick oats and stir until combined. 4. Roll into balls the size of a tablespoon, and place on a sheet of wax paper. Refrigerate at least three hours before serving. Enjoy.



Introducing Henrietta Stockdale: founder of professional nursing in South Africa, October 6th

Henrietta Stockdale was born on July 9th in 1847 in Nottinghamshire England. The daughter of a minister, Henrietta met many influential church leaders while she was growing up.

She became interested in mission work in 1863, when she met Edward Twells, Bishop of the Orange River Mission, South Africa. Soon after this meeting, she became a member of the Anglican Mission, in Stockdale. Later, she joined the Covenant Community of St. John the Baptist, where she trained as a nurse in preparation for her work as a missionary.

Her work began in 1874, when she joined the order of St. Michael of the Angels, a newly established Anglican community in South Africa. Later, she was assigned to the position of hospital administrator during the Boer War.

After further training at the University College, London, she returned to South Africa to help establish a school for nurses at Carnarvon Hospital in Kimberly. While working at the training institute, she was instrumental in establishing the first professional standards for nurses in South Africa. Her accomplishments are commemorated on October 6th in the Episcopal Calendar of Saints, the day of her death in 1911.



Portrait of Henrietta Stockdale
soon after she joined the
covenant community, St.
Michael of the Angels, South
Africa

*October is the treasurer of
the year, and all the months
pay bounty to her store. —
Paul Laurence Dunbar,
October*

Sunday Service with Eucharist

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

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