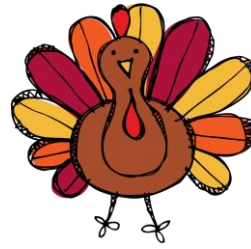




## SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



*November 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, Sharron and Dick: Deliver them from their distress.** Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Fr. Tony, Mitchell, Emily, Steven, Chelsey. the 200<sup>th</sup> Red Horse Squadron and the 393<sup>rd</sup> 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 from the book of Job*

Our Old Testament Lesson for the first 4 Sundays in October was about a man named Job. He was devoted to God and had everything he could wish for but then through a bet between God and Satan he lost everything. But regardless of all the tragic things that happened to him, he never lost his faith in God.

Divine justice is one of the things that the book of Job deals with, “why do the righteous suffer”? The ancient Israelites believed that God rewarded the righteous and punished the sinner. Some people still believe that today, but the story of Job demonstrates that suffering is frequently unmerited.

As one of the oldest books in the Bible and patterned after an ancient Folktale, its real significance lies in how God reveals himself personally to Job, and how Job feels free to question and respond to God. A personal God for Job is also a personal God for us.

### *Announcements*

#### *Food items needed for Operation Food-on-the-Table*

In addition to packing our regular food bags, we will be sponsoring a family for Thanksgiving. A list of items needed for this project is included with your newsletter. Next month we will again be giving away cookies through the free community food table. So, dust off your cookbooks and thanks for your help.

#### *Community Thanksgiving Service*

St. Thomas will be hosting a community Thanksgiving service on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM. The Trinity United Methodist Choir will be singing and we will be offering light refreshments after the service. Please invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we give thanks for God’s many blessings.

#### *Knitting Ministry*

This group will meet on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM. Contact the office for more information.

#### ***OUR COMMUNITY MEAL NEEDS TURKEY BAKERS, PICKERS AND “THANKSGIVINGEE” DESSERTS!!***

Our next community meal will take place on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will need extra help prepping this meal. We will need help baking at least 12 turkeys. Bakers can pick up their turkeys on Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup> after church. This will give you time to thaw them out before you bake them.

When you pick up your turkey, be sure pick up a bag to bake it in. This will allow you to save any juices that result from the baking process.

Please return your turkey to the church by 1 PM on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, so the bones and skin can be separated from the meat by the turkey pickers.

Debby is also looking for Thanksgiving themed desserts that can go into baggies, items like pumpkin cookies or pecan bars (Recipe included). Contact the office if you have questions.

#### *125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cookbooks*

We still have about 40 cookbooks left. Contact the office if you would like to purchase one.

#### *Ladies Luncheon on Saturday, November 20th!*

The time is 12:30 PM and the location is Bistro 163. Let Sue know if you plan to attend.

### ***Virtual Advent Bible Study Coming in December***

Throughout the season of Advent, I will livestream a Bible study at 12 Noon each of the four Wednesdays in Advent (December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>). We will examine the Gospel of Luke and how the author uses his storytelling ability to help us picture Jesus' life in our minds. Please tune in or watch later on YouTube. It will also be available through the church's Facebook page and website.

### ***Vestry Meeting Summary***

Here is a summary of the minutes for the October 6<sup>th</sup> vestry meeting.

#### **Treasury Report:**

John, our treasurer was absent this month and did not deliver a report.

#### **Pastor's Report (Bishop's Visit):**

Pastor Beverly reported that she made several edits to the service before Bishop Hollinsworth's visit. The vestry agreed to donate \$200 or all the loose plate offering to the bishops discretionary fund, whichever was greater.

#### **Old Business and 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Project:**

Larry Janes repaired the water damage to the drywall going up the ramp to the sanctuary. Bill Moon and Bob Keller believe they have repaired the source of the damage. New windows for the hallway will be purchased at a late date.

The bell is now functional. Bill and Larry will now add decorative features such as a copper roof. Dana Riley is finishing a set of stained glass bells, one for each church family. She has also framed a set of old paraments. They now hang on the wall going up the ramp to the sanctuary.

#### **New Business:**

The vestry discuss selling the old piano. However, Carson would like to keep it to play at future in-house community meals. The vestry also decided to discuss replacing Bob tool shed at a future meeting.

### **November Birthdays**



Troy Thomas – 14<sup>th</sup>

Donna Becker – 26<sup>th</sup>

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: Easy Pecan Bars***

Ingredients:

Crust:

-3/4 cup butter at room temperature

-1/3 cup granulated sugar

1 3/4 cup flour

Filling:

-2/3 cup light brown sugar

-1 1/2 cups corn syrup

-1 Tbsp Vanilla extract

-1/3 cup flour

-1 tsp kosher salt

-1 1/2 cups coarsely chopped pecans

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9X13 inch baking dish with foil and set aside. Cream butter and sugar. Add flour and mix till combined. Press mixture in the bottom of pan. Bake for 18-20 minutes. While crust is baking, whisk together brown sugar, eggs, corn syrup and vanilla. Add flour and salt and whisk till combine. Fold in pecans. Remove crust from oven and immediately and pour filling over crust. Bake 30-35 minutes until center is set. Cool completely before cutting. Store in refrigerator (Source: Cookiesandcups.com).

***Thanksgiving is, after all, a  
word of action.***

***-W.J. Cameron***





***Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed: November 2<sup>nd</sup>***

All Souls Day or the Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed is a day of prayer and remembrance for departed loved ones celebrated on November 2<sup>nd</sup> in many Christian traditions including the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Episcopal Churches. The date was standardized by Saint Odilo of Cluny back in the 10<sup>th</sup> century. Prior to that, it was observed on various dates around Eastertide, such as the Friday before Lent.

Several Catholic and Eastern traditions are associated with All Souls Day including the tolling of bells meant to offer comfort souls locked in purgatory, the lighting of candles, thought to bring light to those languishing in darkness and the giving of “soul” cakes, a tradition that likely evolved into the tradition of trick-or-treating.

However, in the Anglican communion, All Souls day serves as an extension of All Saints Day celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup> as a commemoration of the faithfully departed. The prayers associated with this day are intended to remind us that we are “joined with communion of saints, that great group of Christians, who have finished their earthly life and with whom we have hope of the resurrection.” (Bays and Hancock).



**Sunday Service with Eucharist**

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

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