



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



May 2022



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Alex, Fr. John, Bill, Dawn, Nick, Elanor, Tina, Nancy, Kaz, Michael, Janna, Nana Jo, Chris, Tyler S., Bob, Diane, Sharron, Marty, Gus, Patricia K., Tim, Alec, Debby and David: 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.**

A Message From Pastor Beverly: The Bible as Comedy

There is the little book which I was required to read when I was working on my doctorate entitled: "Telling the Truth" By Frederick Buechner. He described the Bible as full of stories. Some are tragedies, others are comedies and there are even some fairy tales in it.

The place to start for me was with the woman laughing. She is an old woman, and she is laughing because she is pushing ninety-one and has just been told that she is going to have a baby. Even though it was an angel who told her, she cannot control herself and neither can her husband. He keeps a straight face for a few seconds longer, but he ends up laughing too.

The old woman is of course Sarah and the old man Abraham, and they are laughing at the idea of a baby being born in the geriatric ward with Medicare picking up the tab. They are laughing because the angel not only believes it but expects them to believe it too. They are laughing because with another part of themselves they also believe it.

And they are going to have a baby and it is just what was going to happen. This old man is going to be the father of a great nation in spite of everything and the stranger who appeared at their tent door was not some stranger their to read the meter, but an angel with real wings. This is the God who worked wonders in a world that desperately needed God and a world that needed to augh and believe in miracles.

The God who laid the foundation of the earth was now shouting with joy. A baby would be born, and the world would change forever. What a joyful time for humanity.

Announcements

Dan and Dana Riley to renew their vows.

Please join us on Sunday, May 22nd at 9:00 AM as Dan and Dana celebrate 37 years of marriage by renewing their vows. Cake will be served after the service in honor of the occasion.

Baptism Service in May

We will hold a baptism service for Remington Barker on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 9:00 AM. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

Last Community Meal of the Season

Please join us Thursday, May 19th for the final community meal of the season. The next meal will not take place until, Thursday, September 15th. The menu will be grilled chicken and potato salad. Please come at 4:00 PM if you can help serve.

Knitting Ministry

If you would like to come and help, they will be meeting on Tuesdays, May 3rd and 17th at 1:00 PM. All skill levels are welcome and supplies will be provided. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Ladies Night Out

Location: The Brick House at 111 Madison Street in Port Clinton. Date: Thursday, May 26th. Time: 4:30 PM. Please RSVP with Sue so she can make a reservation.

Operation Food On The Table Needs Your Help!

We have applied for two \$500 grants. We will report on the status of these grant proposals in future editions of the newsletter. If you would like to come and help pack food bags, we will be meeting on Wednesday, June 1st at 1:00 PM.

9:00 AM Services begin Sunday, April 3rd!!

Vestry Meeting Summary

Here is a summary of the minutes taken at the April 20, 2022 vestry meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

John, our treasurer, was not present at the April 20th meeting, so Dan Riley, clerk stepped in to share John's report. Year-to-date contributions have been higher than budgeted amounts. The vestry plans to use some of the surplus contributions to fund, Operation Food-on-the-Table, one of our outreach ministries. (This ministry has become more important as food prices rise making it more difficult for families to feed themselves.) No changes were made to the investment account following the meeting with Edward Jones.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Beverly visited Bill and Donna Becker, who have moved back into their home from Otterbein. The knitting ministry continues to make lap blankets for Magruder's oncology department. Pastor Beverly has requested a new \$500 grant from NCMAC for Operation Food-on-the-Table. Carson would like to give a pop's concert in the Guild Hall to benefit a local charity. A memorial service is planned for Bill Wahlers in July. We will host a baptism service on May 15th and a renewal of vows ceremony for Dan and Dana Riley on May 22nd.

Old Business:

Bill continues to make finishing touches to the church bell. St. John's Lutheran church is now hosting the AA Nooners group. John Bolte suggested that the reason the AA Nooners numbers group had been reduced in size was because local judges no longer recognize their group attendance stamp. If St. Thomas accepts another group, we plan to place safeguards in place to prevent future problems.

Wedding Anniversaries

Dan & Dana Riley - May 22nd



May your home be a haven of blessing and peace.

Send us your special day, so we can include you.

Easy Mother's Day Brunch Recipe: Baked Banana Oatmeal

Use your old bananas to bake something for your mom or someone special.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups rolled oats
- 1/2 cup pecan pieces
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon (optional)
- 3/4 cups very ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 3/4 cups milk of your choice
- 1/4 maple syrup or brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp vanilla

-sliced banana, nut butter or your favorite nuts for serving

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. 2. Grease and 8 X 8 or 9 X 9 inch pan. 3. Mix dry ingredients together in a bowl. 4. In a separate bowl, add wet ingredients and sugar if you are using it and stir until combined.

5. Pour into prepared pan and bake 40-45 minutes until the top is nicely browned and the oat mixture is set. 6. Allow the oats to cool for at least 10 minutes before cutting. 7. Cut into wedges and serve with the topping of your choice. *Source: Katheats.com (2020).*

How Mothering Sunday Became Mother's Day

Although it is no longer an official feast day on the church calendar, Mother's Day has long been associated with the church. In England, Mothering or Simnel Sunday was celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. It was originally a day when servants were released from work to travel to their "mother" church for a day of celebration and feasting. On their way home, these children would gather bouquets of wild flowers to give to their mothers of whom they had not seen for an entire year.

This holiday began to die out at the turn of the 20th century as innovations in technology reduced the need for household servants. Instead, young people took jobs in offices and factories, with shorter workdays and time off on Sundays. Visiting U.S. soldiers brought Mother's Day to England during WWII.

In the United States, Mother's Day originated from a celebration of the life and work of Mrs. Ann Reeves Jarvis, a Sunday school teacher and social activist from Grafton, West Virginia. During the Civil War, "Mother" Jarvis organized women's "brigades" to care for the wounded regardless of which side they fought on. After the war, she organized Mother's Friendship Days promoting unity and reconciliation.

It was Jarvis' daughter, Anna who proposed a day celebrating life and work. In 1907, Anna organized a special church service to memorialize her then departed mother's achievements. On Sunday, May 10th the following year another service was held to honor all mothers. Anna Jarvis then seized upon the idea of a National holiday in honor of mothers everywhere. She lobbied tirelessly until President Wilson declared the second Sunday in May to be Mother's Day. Mother's Day became a wildly popular holiday. Seeing an opportunity, many businesses sought to capitalize on the holiday's popularity by offering gifts and flowers for sale in honor of the day.

Fast forward to World War II. Hoping to cash in on the Mother's Day craze, British greeting card companies printed thousands of cards and sold them to U.S. troops to be sent home to mom's in the United States. Then, Constance Penwick Smith began to organize campaigns to make Mother's Day an official holiday in England. It has been celebrated on Mothering Sunday every year since the early 1950s.

In-Person and Virtual Worship with Eucharist

9 AM in Saint Thomas' Sanctuary or Live on Facebook and Saint Thomas PCOH YouTube

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