



SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



January 2023



Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Alex, Fr. John & Alec, Bill, Dawn, Nick, Elanor, Tina, Nancy, Nana Jo, Chris, Tyler S., Bob, Diane, Sharron, Terrie & Judy, Tim, Alec, Debby and David, Jay and the Family of Nicholas: 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 and the 983rd Combat Engineering Battalion. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**

A Message From Pastor Beverly: History of the Episcopal Church

Last month I answered the question: "What does it mean to be an Episcopalian?" It's an important question, and part of the answer centers around its history. A history that is steeped in the history of England.

Since the beginning of the third century, Catholicism was the religion of England and most of the world. The English Church was under the authority of the Pope. Then rumblings began, all over Europe, challenging the authority of the Catholic Church and the Pope. But it was Henry VIII, King of England, who was so obsessed over the lack of a male heir, that he began a long and tedious battle with the Catholic Church and the Pope. He wanted the marriage between himself and his wife, Katherine of Aragon, a Spanish Princess, daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella annulled, because she had not given him son.

The Pope refused. Spain was solidly catholic and a powerful nation, so annulling Henry's marriage to the only daughter of the king and queen of Spain, was not an option for him. Eventually Henry put Katherine aside and married his new love, Anne Boleyn. She didn't give him son either, but she did give the world and England a daughter, later known as Elizabeth the 1st.

Because he did it without the blessing of the Pope, Henry and all his subjects, were excommunicated from the Catholic Church. Henry declared himself head of the church, and the Anglican Church was born. Even today, the ruling head of the Anglican Community of Churches, which includes the Episcopal Church here in the United States, is the new King Charles III.

Next month I will write about Henry's 8 wives, their religious influence on him and what happened to each of them. Happy New Year!! May 2023 be all you hoped, and may God's blessing be with you.

Pastor

Announcements

Annual Meeting

Please join us January, 8th 2023 immediately following the service for a brunch and the annual meeting.

Pastor Beverly's New Schedule

Instead of Mondays, Pastor Beverly's new day off will be on Friday.

Winter Concert by Carson Weingart

Please join us on Saturday, January 21st at 1PM for a special winter concert by Carson.

Winter Convocation at the Kalahari

The diocesan winter convocation will be held on Friday, February 3rd through Saturday, February 4th at the Kalahari in Sandusky. The deadline for early bird registration is Sunday, January 15th at Midnight. Registration is \$35 per person and \$69 per family. This is an opportunity to worship and fellowship with members of the entire diocese and attend Christian Education and ministry workshops. Please contact the office if you need help registering.

Ministry Opportunities

Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.

Knitting Ministry: Tuesdays, January 10th and 24th

All skill levels welcome! Contact Pastor Beverly if you have questions: 219-242-4828.

Operation Food on the Table

Please text your questions to Dana Riley: 419-681-0960. She would like assistance packing bags and picking up food from Kroger to deliver to Esther's Table.

January Community Meal: Thursday, January 19th at 4 PM.

The menu will be roast pork, sauerkraut and mashed potatoes. Please contact the office if you have questions.

Ushers, LEMs and Readers: *Please contact Pastor Beverly if you are interested in serving: 219-242-4828.*

Livestream Technician:

Contact the office for details.

December Vestry Meeting

Here is a summary of the issues covered at the December 2022 vestry meeting.

Treasurer's Report: John introduced the 2023 budget and discussed how changes to the stock market will effect funding for the coming year.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Beverly talked about her attendance at the annual convention and the election of Bishop Jolly and the response to the Community Thanksgiving Service.

Food Pantry Report: Dana talked about the response to the reverse Advent calendar, which has been very positive. She also talked about delivering food to a senior citizen in need, who lives over by the Vineyard. She is still waiting to receive results of grant applications, that were submitted this fall.

Other: The Junior Warden was absent at this meeting. Therefore, building and maintenance issues were tabled until the meeting in January of 2023, when he would be around to discuss them.

Birthdays

Debby Barnes – 4th

Mike Mabee – 19th

Karen Clemons – 30th

Strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

Two Hot Drink Recipes Sure to Warm You on a Cold Winter's Evening

Salted Caramel Cocoa

Ingredients:

-2 cups of milk chocolate chips

-3 cups of whole milk

-2 cups heavy cream

-1/4 cup caramel sauce

-1/2 tsp sea salt

1. Place ingredients in a pot or microwave safe bowl and heat for 1-2 minute intervals or over low/medium until the mixture just begins to simmer. 2. Whisk to blend until the mixture is creamy and smooth and the chocolate is completely incorporated. 3. Pour into mugs and top with whipped cream, a drizzle of caramel sauce and a sprinkle of salt. Serves 6

(simplymaderecipes.com).

Cinnamon Pear Cider

Ingredients:

-4 Pears (1 ½-2 pounds) sliced and stems removed, cut into thick slices

-1 gala, honey crisp or other firm sweet apple

-1 naval orange peeled and cut into wedges

-1 TBSP ground cinnamon

-1 TBSP whole cloves

-1/2 tsp ground nutmeg

6 cups of water

1. Add ingredients to a large pot or Dutch oven. 2. Cover and bring to a simmer. Cook until fruit is soft (about 1 hour). 3. Remove from heat. With a fork or potato masher, mash ingredients and stir till incorporated. 4. Use a strainer, cheese cloth or nut-milk bag to strain the liquid from the mixture. Discard the fruit solids. 5. Serve hot or cold. Garnish with cinnamon sticks *(savorytooth.com)*.

From The Archives

Here is an excerpt St. Thomas Historic Records, January 1896.

January 23rd and 26th inclusive Mr. Barkdull held a series of services for strengthening the work, the services on the 23rd being held in the parlors of the Lake House, and the others in the high school rooms of the public school building, and at these services the rooms were crowded with people.

At this time a Ladies Guild was organized with Mrs. Clara H. Gillard M.D. as president, and the organization soon reached a membership of 50, and had been remarkably vigorous and useful in its work. The guild rented (at \$50 for six months) and fitted up for guild purposes and religious services a suite of store rooms under the Opera House. [The] first services [would be] held there on Feb. 23, 1896. [E]very seat [would be] filled...

[Later] in the spring of 1896 steps were taken toward the erection of a house of worship and at the suggestion of the ministers in charge the effort resulted in abandoning the old lot on Fourth Street and securing the lot on the south east corner of Second and Jefferson streets, which was purchased of Mrs. Elizabeth Magruder for \$800 and the house on it-the bank building-was donated for a parish house.

Plans were procured from Messrs. Coburn Barnum and Co., architects of Cleveland, for the building of a church on the Magruder lot. *(St. Thomas Episcopal Church Records, P4.&6).*

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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