

SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



July 2023

Prayers of the People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Alex, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K, Terri and Judy, Scott, Fr. John and Alec, Roseann, David, Michael, Steve and Donna: Deliver them from their distress.**

Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Fr. Tony, Pastor Chris, Mitchell, Emily, Steven, Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, 983rd Combat Engineer Battalion 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

Greetings and Blessings Friends:

As I wrote last week, I have been thinking a lot about faith these last couple of months. I told you about my understanding of the candles before and after the service. Years later I would remember the candle experience as what helped me understand the significance of the worship service and how it directed me towards God.

Even as I look at the Altar, wither from the pew or behind it when I am serving you, I am reminded of the first altar mentioned in the Bible. It was built by Noah when he stepped out of the ark onto dry land after the flood. And because Noah's first act was to build an altar to God, God said: "I have set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh." Genesis 9:13-15.

In the ancient world, the various utensils used on the altar were made of brass. The altar could not be carved using utensils made of iron or of bronze, because iron and bronze were used for implements of war.

The Altar and its utensils were sacred, and the priests had to vest and wash their hands before touching them. Something priest still wash their hands before they touch the elements. Every church, synagogue, or religious building has an altar, wither it be made of polished marble, or of carved wood. It is the Lord's Table and it is where we find God.

May you find peace in your life.

Pastor Beverly

Announcements

Please welcome the Right Rev. Anne Jolly as she officially begins her ministry as the Bishop of the Diocese of Ohio!

Port Clinton Arts Council Event at St. Thomas

Please join us Monday, July 10th at 6 PM. Alice Holly will be speaking about the creation of St. Thomas Stations of the Cross panels and Keith Fleming will be speaking about their history.

Upcoming Women's Retreat

We are in the process of planning a women's retreat Fall 2023. Details will be forthcoming.

Hymn Service

There will be a hymn service on Sunday, July 30th. A form will be included in the weekly announcements. Please submit your favorite.

Fruit Preserves Party

Please join us on Saturday, July 22nd from 2-4 when we make Traffic Jam in the Guild Hall kitchen. We will supply the materials. You supply the woman/manpower!

New: Men's Breakfast

Steve Krisfalsy is organizing a monthly men's breakfast (gathering). The kick-off event will take place on Thursday July 13th at 8:30 AM at Ala Carte After Hours in Port Clinton. This event will include a discussion about the purpose of the group and locations for future get-togethers. Please bring your ideas.

Ladies Night Out

Here are the details for the next ladies night: Where: Twin Oast Brewery When: Thursday, July 20th at 5PM.

Ministry Opportunities

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

Knitting Ministry

Our knitters will be meeting on Tuesdays, July 18th at 1:00 PM. No knitting on July 4th. All skill levels are welcome and supplies will be provided. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Operation Food On The Table Needs Your Help!

The next packing day will be on Thursday, July 6th at 11AM. Text Dana if you have questions: 419-681-0960.

June 2023 Vestry Meeting

Here is a summary of the issues discussed at the vestry meeting on June 21st.

Treasurer's Report:

John Bolte reviewed May financials with nothing unusual to report. He also reviewed our investment portfolio with Edward Jones.

Pastor's Report

A Port Clinton Women's Retreat is planned for the fall. A "picture taker" is needed for the remaining pictures needed for the directory. Let Pastor know if you are willing to take on that responsibility. A "Hymn Form" will be included in the Sunday Bulletin to submit your favorite hymns for the Hymn Service on July 30th.

Food Pantry Report:

Our Food Pantry Storage area has been upgraded with new shelving. This will allow us to increase the amount of food we can store.

Other:

Building and grounds: Bill Moon will be applying another coat of paint on the Bell Tower once the Mayflies have disappeared.

Other: John Bolte has become an official member of the vestry. We will donate a niche in our Columbarium to Lucky Davis whose family does not have the funds to bury him.

July Birthdays

Bob Keller -5th

Gary Good - 6th

Judy Lamberjack – 13th

Lee Anne Caswell – 14th

Father John Reinheimer – 21st

Deacon George Douglass – 27th

Anne Butcher – 28th

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

July Anniversaries

Kim and Bob Keller – 4th

Helen and Ron Uebbing – 6th

May your home be a haven of blessing and peace.

Recipe

Banana Bread – Fannie Farmer Cookbook, 11th Ed.

Mix in a bowl

3 ripe bananas, well mashed

2 eggs, beaten until light

2 tbsp of melted butter

Sift together in separate bowl

2 cups flour

¾ cup sugar

1 tsp salt

1 tsp baking soda

Add ½ cup chopped nuts if desired

Stir well.

Put in a buttered loaf pan 9 x 5 inches

Bake 55-60 minutes at 350 degrees (ovens vary so keep an eye on it so it does not burn)

My mother brought us the Fannie Farmer Cookbook for our first wedding anniversary (paper). Banana bread was the first recipe I made, and anyone can tell that it is the most worn page in this book!

The Hymnal 1982

Information from episcopalchurch.org

Music in The Episcopal Church can be as diverse as its worship services. Although final authority over the music used in an Episcopal service is "the duty of every Minister" (Canon 24, Section 1), our hymnal draws all Episcopalians together musically in the same way that the Book of Common Prayer draws us together in prayer and liturgy.

The hymnal contains 720 hymns, as well as liturgical music. The Service Music is located at the front of the hymnal and contains an **S**. The Hymns follow and are numbered 1 through 720. Several of the hymns date back to monastic chants; however, the hymnal offers modern music, as well. Copyright acknowledgements, along with authors, translators and sources follow; but most of us will likely find our favorite music within the Index of First Lines. If you can hum a few bars with the words at the beginning, you will find exactly what you are looking for! This is to encourage you to complete the handout and submit your favorites before July 30th.

Join us at 9 AM worship on Sundays!
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