

SAINT THOMAS TIDINGS



June 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

Dear Friends:

In the last few months, after the passing of my older sister and my cousin, I have thought a lot about my faith. I looked back upon my life and I realized that my faith journey was similar to a roller coaster ride. Many sharp turns, sudden twists with deep valleys followed by high slow mountain climbs. It was as if my faith was strong, solid as a rock, when all of a sudden, the bottom of my boat springs a leak and I begin to sink. It usually happens when something changes in my life and my world gets turned upside down.

We each have our own faith journey, and they are all different. But they usually have some sort of beginning. My faith journey began as child, supposedly with my baptism, at least that is what the church told me, but I don't remember my baptism, so I can't say that is where my journey began. But regardless of where it began, I don't ever remember not believing in God.

My first recollection of church was when I was small, perhaps only three or four. I remember the service was over, so I thought. The music had stopped and the Pastor said: "Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord." We responded with: "Thanks be to God."

I started to stand up, ready to leave when my mother grabbed the hem of my dress and pulled me back into my seat. She whispered in my ear: "The service isn't over until the candles are out." That incident left an impression on me and I am still very conscious of waiting for the candles to be extinguished before I stand up to leave. Even when I visit another church with my sisters or my daughter, I always remember to stay seated until all the candles are out. The candles represent a time of worship for me. A set time when I need to be in a state of worship and it is when the candles are extinguished that worship is over. It is only then that I can stand up and leave.

Although I spend just about every Sunday in church before and after the "candle" incident, it still remains one of my first memories of "church". Thank you for reading my "Words" and perhaps my story will bring to mind some of your first memories of church. Stay safe and well, Blessings to you all.

Pastor Beverly

Announcements

Outdoor Service, Brunch and Diaper Shower!!

Please join us on Sunday, June 11th at 9 AM for an outdoor church service followed by a picnic and diaper shower for Carson and Nicole Weingart. Bring a bag/box of diapers and receive a raffle ticket to win a gift basket. Please sign up to bring a dish to share on the sheet in the kitchen. Hope to see you there.

Ladies Night

Where: Ciao Bella's in Port Clinton

When: Thursday, June 15th at 5 PM

Please let Sue know if you plan to attend so that she can make a reservation! Thanks.

Ministry Opportunities

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

Knitting Ministry: Tuesdays, June 6th and June 20th at 1 PM. All skill levels welcome!

Operation Food on the Table: We will be packing food bags on Wednesday, June 7th at 11 AM. Text Dana with questions: 419-681-0960.

Go-Fund-Me for Lucky Davis

Sandra Davis is trying to raise money to have her son, Lucky cremated. Lucky passed away in March after a battling a bout of kidney disease. Donations to Lucky's cremation fund can be made

through the link on our Facebook page. Contact Kami Sayer at the Salvation Army, Port Clinton Service Unit for further details (419-732-2769).

May 2023 Vestry Meeting

Here is a summary of the issues discussed at the vestry meeting on May 17, 2023.

Treasurer's Report:

John was absent from the meeting this month. His report reflect nothing of note.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Beverly will be attending "Safe Church" training June. She said we still need pictures of church members so that we can finish the directory. She also discussed the events coming up in June including Ed Lynch's memorial service and an outdoor service, church picnic and diaper shower for Carson and Nicole Weingart. Future plans include jam making in July, A hymn service in August and a ladies retreat at Bellwether farm with Trinity UMC.

Food Pantry Report:

Operation Food-on-the-Table has a final inspection with the Toledo Area Food Bank.

Other:

Building and grounds:

Bill is looking for non-skid pads for the steps that lead up to the office and training Larry to become the new Junior Warden.

Other:

The vestry will be appointing Larry Janes as Junior Warden. This appointment will be put to a vote at the next annual meeting in January 2024.

Birthdays

Larry Janes – 9th

Bill Caswell, Marilyn Thomas, & Helen Uebbing – 15th

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

No-fail Roast Chicken with Lemon and Garlic

(Source: Bon Appetite)

Here is a recipe to share with Dad.

Ingredients:

- 1 lemon
- 1 head of garlic
- 1/2 stick of butter
- 3/1-4 pound chicken, whole
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Special Equipment:

Large Iron Skillet or medium roasting pan

1. Move rack to center of oven and preheat to 425 degrees. 2. Cut lemon and head of garlic in half crosswise. 3. Melt butter in a small bowl. 4. Set chicken on a board or mat with breast pointing up and legs pointing toward you. Cut through loose skin and joints, but not the meat of the legs, separating them from the breast. 5. Slather the chicken with melted butter and season it inside and out with salt and pepper and place in the skillet breast side up along with the lemon and garlic cut side down. 7. Transfer to oven and bake until nicely browned and clear juices run out about 45 minutes. Check for doneness. 8. Let chicken rest in skillet or pan for at least 15 minutes. 9. Pour pan juices over chicken and serve along garlic and lemon.

A Brief Guide to Ordinary Times

The church calendar is divided into two seasons: Christmas and Easter. Traditionally, there were five seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Triduum (Holy Week) and Easter. But, Advent and Christmas were combined to make Christmas and Lent, Triduum and Easter were combined into Easter. Now, we are moving into what is known as ordinary time, the time between the two great seasons of Christmas and Easter. Ordinary time is not a season in of itself, just a time between seasons. In this case, ordinary means regular or plain, but it also means counted. In essence, the start of ordinary times begins the countdown to the Christmas Season.

There are actually two ordinary times on the church calendar. The first begins after the feast of the Epiphany and runs between four and nine weeks until Ash Wednesday. We are now moving into the second ordinary time, which begins after the Feast of Pentecost. This year, the second ordinary time will last a total of 27 weeks from May 28th through December 3rd.



Source: The Church Pension Fund, 2016 Calendar.

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Join us at 9 AM worship on Sundays!

Livestream: episcopalportclinton.org