



Saint Thomas Tidings



April 2025

Prayers of The People

Pray for anyone who suffers from any kind of grief, trouble or illness especially **Mike G., Marilyn, Gary, Larry, Annette, William, Nancy, Bill, Mike M., Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K, Fr. John, Alec, David, Michael, Steve, Sue, Linda, Donna and Catherine: Deliver them from their distress.** Pray for those serving in our armed forces especially, **Mitchell, Michael, Ethan, Emily, Alan, Chris and Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, and the 983rd Combat Engineer Battalion. Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**



Thoughts from Pastor Beverly



WHY WE HAVE CANDLES IN THE CHURCH?

The use of candles in the church dates back to ancient times. Originally, candles provided light in darkened places of worship. God told Moses to set a “lamp stand in the Tent of Meeting,” which was a model for the Tabernacle, or later the Temple, Over time, their symbolism grew, representing the light of Christ shining in the darkness of the world. The ritual of lighting and extinguishing candles has been refined through centuries, now carrying deep theological significance in our worship practices. The light carried by the acolyte into the worship service symbolizes Jesus entering into our midst. This act serves as a vivid reminder that Christ is with us, illuminating our lives and guiding our worship. The presence of two candles on the altar points to Jesus’ dual nature: both fully human and divine. The Gospel candle, which is the one on the left, is never to burn alone, emphasizing that Jesus’ humanity and divinity are inseparable. Therefore, the Epistle candle, the one on the right is lit first and extinguished last. When the Paschal Candle is present, it takes precedence and is lit first and extinguished last. At the end of the service, the extinguishing of the candles symbolizes Jesus going out into the world. This reminds us that we are called to carry the light of Christ into our everyday lives. Facing the altar, the candle on the right is extinguished last. If the Paschal Candle is present, it is extinguished last.

Prayer For Peace In The World

Lord, Healer of the Nations, from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence, and destruction let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion, and hatred, let us build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity, and distance, let us walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions, make us whole, and bring us peace. Amen. -Pastor Beverly

Upcoming Events



- **Ministry Opportunities**
- *Here are some ways to serve St. Thomas and our community.*
- **Ladies Luncheon:** April 17th, at Diana’s at 12pm
- **Men’s Breakfast:** Next meeting will be Thursday, April 10th at Ala Carte After Hours on Madison Street, at 8:30 am in downtown Port Clinton
- **Vestry Meeting:** April 16th at 4pm
- **Knitting Ministry:** April 1st & 15th at 12pm
- **Stations of the Cross:** March 12- April 9th at 12pm

March 2025 Vestry Meeting

There were not enough members present to make up a quorum; all items tabled until March meeting by consensus of the Vestry members present. Discussion topics were as follows:

1. Pastor Beverly provided details about her typical daily activities.
2. John reported stocks were down, and our gas bill for February was high.
3. Larry reported that the broken window was replaced. Boiler setting was on left on high, resulting in overheating. The setting was returned to normal.
4. Dana reported that the food pantry is doing well but running low on funds. She would like to limit 4 bags for the seniors at

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Join us every Sunday at 10am for service
or livestream is available at
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Awesome April

April 1, 1865– During the American Civil War, Confederate troops of General George Pickett were defeated and cut off at Five Forks, Virginia. This sealed the fate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's armies at Petersburg and Richmond and hastened the end of the war



April 2, 1513 - Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental U.S.



April 4, 1968 - Civil Rights leader Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was shot and killed by a sniper in Memphis, Tennessee

April 6, 1896 - After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.



April 10, 1942 - During World War II in the Pacific, the Bataan Death March began as American and Filipino prisoners were forced on a six-day march from an airfield on Bataan to a camp near Cabanatuan.



April 14, 1865 - President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded while watching a performance of *Our American Cousin* at Ford's Theater in Washington

April 15, 1912 - In the icy waters off Newfoundland, the luxury liner *Titanic* with 2,224 persons on board sank at 2:27 a.m. after striking an iceberg just before midnight.



April 21, 1918 - During World War I, the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme.

April 22, 1864 - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

April 30, 1789 - George Washington became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City.



This Month's Birthdays

Cindy Bolte – 2nd



-2c Whole Milk - 1/2 c Canola Oil -1/2c Sugar -2tsp Salt
-1pk Active Dry Yeast -4 1/2 c Flour - 1/2tsp baking soda
- 1/4c Sugar - 1/2tsp Baking Powder (heaping) - 1 egg white
-1 tsp Cinnamon -1/2c Raisins - Splash Of Milk
-Cooking spray -Cardamom, Nutmeg, Allspice are optional.
ICING: -1Egg White – Powdered Sugar -Splash Of Milk

For the buns: Combine 2 cups milk, canola oil, and 1/2 cup sugar in a saucepan. Stir and heat until very warm but not boiling. Turn off the heat and allow to cool until mixture is still warm, but not hot, about 30 minutes. Sprinkle the yeast over the milk mixture. Add 4 cups of flour and stir to combine. The mixture will be very sticky. Cover with a towel and set aside for 1 hour. Add the remaining 1/2 cup flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Fold together to combine. At this point, you can cover tightly and store the dough in the fridge overnight or continue with making the buns. Combine 1/4 cup sugar with the cinnamon and whatever other spices you want to use. On a lightly floured surface, stretch and press the dough to slightly flatten. Sprinkle with a couple of tablespoons of the sugar/cinnamon mixture. Sprinkle on about a third of the raisins. Then fold the dough over on itself and flatten so the dough is "plain" again. Repeat the sugar/raisin process, then fold and flatten the dough again. Repeat a third time until all the raisins are used. (You won't use all the sugar/cinnamon mixture.) Fold the dough one last time. Pinch off golf ball-sized bunches of dough. With floured hands, quickly roll the dough into a ball, then turn the edges under themselves slightly. Place on a lightly greased cookie sheet. Cover and allow to rise in a warm place for at least 30 minutes (an hour or more is better). Preheat the oven to 400°F. Mix 1 egg white with a splash of milk. Brush onto each roll. Bake for 20 minutes or until tops of buns have turned golden brown. Remove from the pan and allow them to cool completely. For the icing: Mix 1 egg white with enough powdered sugar for the icing to be very thick. Add a splash of milk, as needed, for consistency. When the rolls are completely cooled, add the icing to a small plastic bag and snip the corner. Make a cross on each roll with the icing. Happy Easter!

This Month's Anniversaries

David & Debby Barnes – 1st

John & Gerri Bolte – 4th



Special Days In March

April 1st – April Fools' Day

April 5th – International Pillow Fight Day

April 7th – National No Housework Day

April 12th – Start of Passover



April 18th – Good Friday

April 20th – Easter Sunday

April 22nd – Earth Day

April 28th – National Arbor Day



Zodiac: Aries – March 21st – April 19th
Taurus – April 20th – May 20th

Birthstone: Diamond

Birth Flower: Daisy & Sweet Pea

Weather Folklore: "March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers" is a longer version of the saying, first recorded in 1886

St. Vincent Ferrer, a Dominican friar, is renowned for his extensive preaching and missionary work throughout Europe, Spain, France, Italy, and other regions, as well as his efforts to heal the schism within the Catholic Church. He is considered the patron saint of builders and construction workers, as well as orphanages, and is also a patron of reconciliation and peace

