



The Vision of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church is to be a community:

- Centered in Christ,
- Glorifying God,
- Serving our neighbors.

October 2014

The Bridge

ST. THOMAS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH—DOVER, NH—CORNER OF HALE AND LOCUST



The Bridge

The Canticle of the Sun

O Most High, Almighty, good Lord God,
to thee belong praise, glory, honor and all blessing!

Praised be my Lord God through all his creatures,
and especially through our brother the sun,
who brings us the day and who brings us the light;
fair is he and shines with a very great splendor.

O Lord, he signifies to us thee!

Praised be my Lord through our sister the moon
and through the stars, the which
thou hast set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord through our brother the wind,
and through air and cloud, calms and all weather
by the which thou upholdest life in all creatures.

Praised be my Lord through our sister water,
who is very serviceable unto us and
humble and precious and clean.

Praised be my Lord through our brother fire,
through whom thou givest us light in the darkness;
and he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and
strong.

Praised be my Lord through our mother the earth,
the which doth sustain us and keep us and bringeth
forth divers fruits and flowers of many colors and
grass.

Praised be my Lord through all those who
pardon one another for his love's sake and who
endure weakness and tribulation. Blessed are they
who peaceably shall endure, for thou O Most
Highest,
shalt give them a crown.



Praised be my Lord through our sister the
death of the body, from which no one escapeth.

Woe to them who die in mortal sin!

Blessed are they who are found walking by
thy most holy will, for the second death shall
have no power to do them harm.

Praise ye and bless the Lord, and give thanks unto
him, and serve him with great humility.

(St. Francis of Assisi)

From the Interim Rector's Desk

The Rev. Gail Avery



St. Francis Day is Here - Think All Creation!

New England is beautiful this time of year. The brilliance of our turning leaves varies with each season and this autumn is proving to be a magnificent one. Tomato and corn harvests have been plentiful and that long stretch of Indian summer days has tricked many of us into thinking that winter is *not* around the corner.

October 5th marks the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and offers the Church a time to reflect upon the glory of God's creation. St. Francis believed that nature itself was the mirror of God. He called all creatures his "Brothers" and "Sisters," and even preached to the birds.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II declared St. Francis to be the Patron Saint of Ecology and noted that St. Francis' love and care for all of God's creation remains a challenge for contemporary Christians and serves as reminder that we are responsible for the health and nurturance of our ecological environment.

"As a friend of the poor who was loved by God's creatures, St. Francis invited all of creation—animals, plants, natural forces, even Brother Sun and Sister Moon—to give honor and praise to the Lord. The poor man of Assisi gives us striking witness that when we are at peace with God we are better able to devote ourselves to building up that peace with all creation which is inseparable from peace among all peoples." Pope John Paul II

Perhaps the most famous incident that illustrates St. Francis' care towards all of God's creation is recounted in the "Fioretti" ("Little Flowers") a collection of legends and folklore that sprang up after the St. Francis' death.

In the city of Gubbio, where Francis lived for sometime, was a wolf, "terrifying and ferocious, who devoured men as well as animals." Francis had compassion upon the townsfolk, and so he went up into the hills to find the wolf. Soon, fear

of the animal had caused all his companions to flee, through the Saint pressed on. When he found the wolf, he made the sign of the cross and commanded the wolf to come to him and hurt no one.

Miraculously the wolf closed his jaws and lay down at the feet of St. Francis. "Brother Wolf, you do much in these parts and you have done great evil," said Francis. "All these people accuse you and curse you...But Brother Wolf, I would like to make peace between you and the people."

Then Francis led the wolf into the town, and surrounded by startled citizens made a pact between them and the wolf. Because the wolf had "done evil" out of hunger, the townsfolk were to feed the wolf regularly. In return, the wolf would no longer prey upon them or their flock. In this manner Gubbio was freed from the menace of the predator. Francis even made a pact on behalf of the town dogs, that they would not bother the wolf again. Finally, to show the townspeople that they would not be harmed, Francis blessed the wolf." (Source: Wikipedia)

And thus began our tradition of blessing of the animals. So let us join St. Francis in blessing all of God's creation.

May we become an instrument of Thy peace.

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us an instrument of Your peace;
Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is discord, harmony;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, Grant that we may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life

The Attitude of Gratitude

The Rev. Dr. David D. Holroyd
Interim Associate, St. Thomas', Dover



In a recent newsletter article I shared some thoughts about stewardship with special emphasis on how we use time as a gift from God. My overall theme was that stewardship is our response to the ancient teaching that our time, talent, and treasure are all gifts from God. We owe our very

existence to God. All that we are and all that we have come from God. That very fact can shape the way in which we approach our attitude toward money, especially in terms of our giving to support the mission and ministry of our local church.

The church has a budget that must be met. That reality can't be ignored. But how do we approach this? Is our pledge to our church done grudgingly, dutifully, or joyfully? Do we view our blessings with an attitude of scarcity or abundance? Only you can honestly answer these questions. When I was called to Christ Church, Gardiner, Maine, as Curate in 1968 (my first ordained job!), I asked my mentor "how much I should give to the parish as my pledge." He wouldn't give me an amount even though he knew exactly how much I was being paid. Instead he simply said this: "How much you give is important, but maybe even more important is the spirit in which you give it." That has been my foundation for Christian stewardship for the last forty-six years.

As I examine my life in this, my seventy-fourth year, I am amazed and even awestruck in terms of how much God has blessed me. I get to enjoy the beauty and wonder of creation, the gracious examples of countless men and women, a wonderful spouse, children, and grandchildren, the health and strength to work and leisure to rest and play. God gave me a mind to think, a heart to love, and hands to serve. I am blessed to use these gifts at Christ Church, St. Thomas', St. Andrew's, UNH, at home and everywhere else I go. My life is full and abundant with joys and challenges to be sure.

Because life is not without challenges and struggles, however, it is easy for you and me to view what we have in terms of scarcity. But I have come to understand that most of us are actually prosperous and have far more abundance than we sometimes realize. And it is so easy for us to fall into that ego-centered trap of believing that all we have is ours alone and comes about solely by our own efforts. But you and I know better than that!

It won't be long before you and I will be invited to financially support our parish once again. The need for our support will be genuine. Although "God loves a cheerful giver but will also accept money from a grouch", do allow yourself some time to examine not only what you give but the spirit in which you do it. An attitude of gratitude is not only pleasing to God but can do wonders for the human soul.

The Prosperity Prayer

Dear God,

I surrender my financial affairs and concerns about money to your divine care and love. I ask that you remove my worries, anxieties, and fears about money and replace them with faith. I know and trust that my debts will be paid and money will flow into my life. I have only to look at nature to see proof of the abundance you provide. I release all negative thoughts about money and know that genuine prosperity is my true state. I commit to being grateful for all that I now have in my life. I learn to manage my finances wisely, seeking help where needed. And finally, I ask you to help me understand my purpose in life and to act on that purpose with courage and strength. I know that prosperity will come, in part, by doing what I love. Please help me to use my skills and knowledge to be of service in the world.

Thank you, God



Property Committee News, Updates & Opportunities

The Property Committee had an inspiring day on September 13th when we toured our facilities noting assets, issues, opportunities and work in progress. We identified many projects and tasks to improve the functionality and esthetics of our facilities and documented lots of good info for a future facilities operations manual. Our notes from the walkthrough are posted on the Property Committee bulletin board if you'd like to take a look.

Efforts, Projects and Issues

The property committee is monitoring many facilities, related efforts, projects and issues. Among them:

- ✓ **Hale House Roof** – Work on the roof replacement will begin in mid-October. We are hoping to defray some of the costs of this work with an LCHIP grant. Representatives from LCHIP will be at church on the 21st to look at some of our opportunities.
- ✓ **Gatehouse Window** – A contractor has been selected and engaged to repair the window. Unfortunately the repair work can't begin until spring. To secure the window for the winter it will be boarded in from both sides. Please pardon the look. If anyone has ideas for dressing it up please let us know.
- ✓ **Facilities Rekeying** – A key management and issuing policy is being written and will be put into action this winter. All locks to the church facilities, including the Hale House and Ervin Hall will be rekeyed. Watch the Bridge for instructions on how to request a new key if you require one.
- ✓ **Insurance inspections** – We had two insurance inspections in September, one for liability and safety and one for valuation. Policies will be reviewed and updated as needed.
- ✓ **Kitchen Sink** – No more leaks! Pipes, handles and valves have been replaced.
- ✓ **Dishwasher** – We had a service call last week and the dishwasher is working better.
- ✓ **Kitchen fridge/freezer locks** – installed on 28th; if your ministry need access please contact Patty
- ✓ **Church phone/internet/security system issues** – A phone system upgrade (by our provider) caused an issue with our security system. When the phone was used the security system read it as a fault! It took many calls to and visits from security and phone vendors to sort this out and no small amount of detective work from parish staff and volunteers. The quick fix is adding another phone line, at \$25 a month...

For a full list of projects and efforts, both ongoing and proposed, please see the Property Committee bulletin board in Ervin Hall

Dumpster Day?!

One of the things noted during the walkthrough was that we have a lot of 'stuff'. Bookcases, corners, closets, flat surfaces, they all seem to collect things that are of unknown value and use.

Perhaps people 'donate' items thinking the church can use them without identifying a specific ministry to 'own' it. Maybe the original use for some items doesn't exist any more. It's highly likely we thought we'd have the time and inclination to fix a broken item so it could be used again. Perhaps the historical significance of some item is forgotten and/or undocumented.

Could it be that our parish ministries and individuals don't feel they have the authority to dispose of or move unwanted items? Are we afraid of removing or throwing out something another group is using or sees value in? All this is done with good intentions, but it leaves us with cluttered, difficult to use, and sometimes unappealing spaces.

Over the next 6 months or so the property committee is going to make an effort, and encourage other ministries to do the same, to organize our worship and fellowship spaces for efficiency and effectiveness. We'll be identifying and storing items we know the use for, documenting what we have, where it goes and how it's used and maintained. If we don't know what an item is for we're planning to set it aside for disposal.

This is where we really need your help.

We're thinking of using the old vestry room to set aside items for review before they're removed. As items accumulate announcements will appear in the Bridge and will be made at the services. Please visit the vestry room (second floor of the Hale House, north east corner) regularly and see what's there.

Items can be designated into 4 categories

1. Keep - the item should stay. Please let us know:
 - its value to the church, practically or historically
 - how, when and how often it is used
 - what ministry should take responsibility for it
 - where it should be kept/stored
2. Parishioner – it doesn't need to be retained by the church, but it has real value and a parishioner could make a donation and take it home
3. Donate to charity – still has practical value, but not worth a donation.
4. Candidate for Dumpster Day

We will review feedback on items regularly and work with parish staff and ministry leaders to properly retain or dispose of items.

Committee Roles

As you can see the Property Committee is very busy! Please consider joining us as a committee member or as a resource, offering your expertise or skills for specific tasks or projects.

Do you have project ideas for the Property Committee? Do you see something that needs attention in the facilities or on the grounds? You can contact any committee member or call or e-mail the committee chair or the Jr. Warden.

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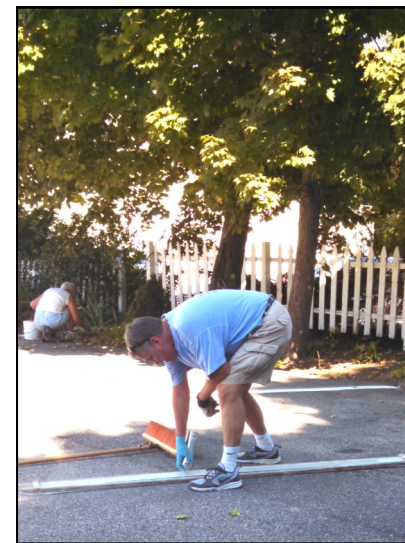
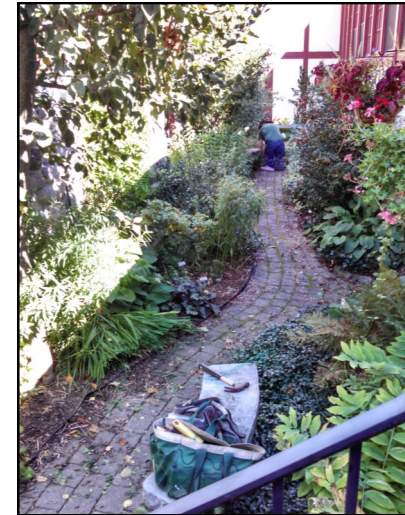
Parish Workday Success!

The property Committee would like to thank the volunteers who turned out for our fall Parish Workday. We accomplished a lot while enjoying fellowship and serving together in and around God's church.

Highlights of the day included:

- 20 volunteers
- A great lunch together
- Cleaned out & weeded gardens and alley behind parish hall
- Cleaned out the fridge and freezer
- Cleaned woodwork in the church
- Inventoried fire extinguishers (noting location and typ)
- Organized kitchen cabinets & drawers, cleaning and purging as necessary
- Rehung gatehouse door
- Repaired railings to tower entrance
- Planted bulbs
- Removed kitchen equipment from craft room kitchen
- Removed pew to create family space
- Reprogrammed thermostats
- Striped the parking lot
- And many more tasks

Our next parish workday is planned for May 16, 2015 9am-3pm. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us.



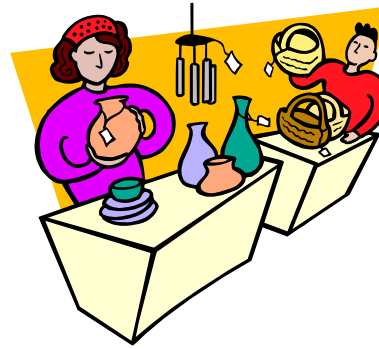
Our Harvest Fair is October 25!

It's hard to believe but the Harvest Fair is almost here. This year has been so full of changes for our Parish; our Fair Committee hopes to see this event as a time for us all to come together and have a great time. You can still offer to participate in the Fair itself or you can just come enjoy the fruits of the labors of many of your friends.

If you are interested in helping the Fair be a success there are many ways to do that. You can help by just getting the word out there about the Fair, maybe put up a flyer at your work place or hair salon. Selling raffle tickets is a great help. Baking cookies for the cookie walk table, a fancy dessert, or something for the bake table are also other ways to help. Join us for set-up or clean-up or offer a little time to work at the Fair. Help can be as much of a commitment as you would like or as little since we understand that everyone has a different degree of availability. See this month's calendar to find Fair volunteer opportunities!

If you can not help we just hope you will be able to join us on Fair Day!!! You may find some wonderful gifts or decorations at our craft table. You can enjoy a great meal with family and friends at the traditional fish chowder luncheon. This year you may just want an awesome coffee and treat from the fancy desserts table. Don't forget about those homemade goodies on the bake table including a multitude of jams, jellies, vanilla, breads, and PIES! You may even want to take a chance on the great raffles that we have this year. Last, but very importantly, we have a wonderful activity space for all the children including a shopping mart especially for them--crafts, games and face painting. We're hoping all kids can have an awesome time at our Fair!! We are all hoping our Harvest Fair is a time of togetherness, fun and joy!

-Yours in Peace, The Fair Committee



CONNECTIONS - Hospitality beyond introductions...involving ourselves in the life of each other and our community



The Breakfast Café

We are pleased to announce two new volunteers and to welcome back two long time friends!

Bonnie Hartford and Nancy Coleman will join us every other week. Both ladies are well experienced in the food service.

Coming back will be chefs Tim Constantine and Thomas Stafford. Pivot people are Patty Laughlin and Nancy Stafford-Parsons. Peg Warner and Sammy Su will be rejoining us as their schedule permits. We do need two closers (9:30 - 10:30) and hope that someone steps forward. Deb Rice has volunteered to assist with the weekly shopping chore and we thank her.

REMEMBER the Breakfast Cafe is open to the public 8:30 - 10:00, invite your family, neighbors, friends and co-workers to join you for breakfast, and help us in our fund raising effort. Where else can you get a full breakfast, including hot beverage for \$7 - \$8. No ax No tip Nice People GOOD FOOD.

Stop by and meet the new volunteers and say hi to us older ones.

See you then, Nancy Stafford-Parsons

From The Musical Director

Greetings! This holiday season we will be doing a special parish event called "The Hanging of the Green". It is similar to Lessons and Carols but involves our youth as well in the decorating of the church. I am looking for some extra singers for this occasion!

The date is Saturday, December 13th at 5:00 pm followed by a pot luck supper. If you are interested in singing, please contact me or speak to me at church.

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THE BRIDGE

Ghosts, Goblins and Ghouls and the odd Unclean Spirit...

By Judi Turner



October is a month for ghost, goblins, ghouls and trick-or-treaters. It is also a time when we remember the saints who

have gone before us and shown us the way. This year the children will be following Jesus by hearing stories of Jesus shepherding his followers. There are 34 stories, more than the Sundays we will be meeting. Some of the stories are short and simple but they connect to a much larger story. Our hope is that we are sharing the stories of Jesus, The Good Shepherd, in a way that sparks interest and provides a foundation for the children to return to when the path gets spooky or scary.

I will have the pleasure of telling a few stories and being Doorperson to other stories throughout the fall season (see me if you want to get involved). The story I will share this month is called "A New Teaching." It is about Jesus teaching in the Synagogue when a man with an unclean spirit enters. The interaction is between God and another spirit. Science and medicine are suspended as we enter this story and see the struggle between good and evil—even in the spiritual world that is as real as the human body. I think the end of the story is powerful and the reason why sharing our faith-based stories can provide comfort and companionship in a challenging world.

"This is a story of struggle for authority between the power of the Spirit of God and the power of another spirit. It is challenging, because we must enter this story and the amazing world it creates to come to an understanding of what it is like when God reigns."

How do we navigate a world of disparity, evil and scary stuff? Hopefully we can also use the stories of the Good Shepherd to help get us through to greener pasture.

The children will meet Jesus as he encounters unclean spirits, people who have physical limits, people who are on the fringe of society, and they will see as he invites others to do his work alongside him—showing us the way.



A Prayerful Vestry Moment

Kevin Gorham

I get asked to lead folks in prayer at dinner at friends' houses, church gatherings, family events, etc. I've learned to prepare myself for the inevitable "Kevin, would you say grace?" I prepare because I'm not good at public spontaneous prayer. I'm too worried about my words. I'm not yet able to listen in the moment for God's words and let myself be His voice.

For the September vestry meeting I volunteered to be Chaplin. The Chaplin prepares and leads an opening and closing prayer for each meeting. As I prepared for my Vestry Chaplin duties, I did what I have done in the past: I opened Goggle searched for "opening prayer church meeting". There are PLENTY of results to choose from. I'm looking for words that align with how I'm feeling and to support and inspire the vestry on current issues and the agenda we are facing.

I use pieces and parts of what I find, adding my own words as needed. The power of the Holy Spirit ALWAYS draws me to the right place. These Holy Spirit moments happen all the time. Hundreds of search results are returned yet I was drawn to the 3rd or 4th link on the list. It brought me to a PDF file of 14 opening and closing prayers from a Presbyterian Church in Irving Texas. I scanned the document until I reached prayer number 7. It worked for me and how I felt going into Vestry that Monday night. I created my own opening and added the text they provided for the body of the prayer.

To all of our surprise our Bishop attended that Vestry meeting. He wanted to visit us and pray with us and support us as we worked through the challenging transitory times in this community we call St Thomas, which are common in any interim period. This prayer and his visit worked out well... another Holy Spirit moment, (they are everywhere... just look for them).

*Let us pray,
Good and gracious God, we thank you for this day.
We ask that you give us strength for a couple more hours to do your will for this St. Thomas community.
You call us into community, but community is not always easy. We try to love each other. We seek to do your will. When fear or disagreement leaves us on shaky ground, please give us the courage to speak our minds with love. Open our ears and minds, that we may be transformed. Give us vision to see the thread that binds you to us, us to you, and all of us to one another through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen*

ACTS - *Action in Community through Service*

Collecting for ChIPs through October



What is ChIPs?

ChIPs, "Children of Incarcerated Parents", is a nearly-40-year-old ministry of the Episcopal Church of NH that provides gifts and books for children whose parents are incarcerated in state prisons. Gifts are collected, sorted and brought to the prisons where inmates may choose one gift for each child on their list. These gifts are presented to the children at a Christmas family visitation. At the men's prison in Concord, a party is thrown. ChIPs also includes an age-appropriate book with each gift, helping to promote literacy.

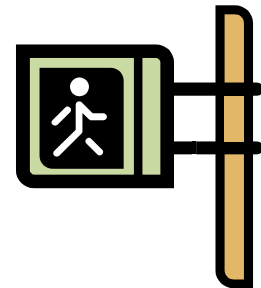
Ways to participate:

Our collection will last through the month of October. You can purchase a gift or contribute \$20.00 in the form of a check, payable to The Diocese of NH with "ChIPs" in the memo line.

Choosing gifts:

If you choose a gift that requires batteries please include them attached to the gift. Consider buying a gift that would be appropriate for either a girl or boy. The following gifts can not be accepted: Used items, homemade items, gift cards, jewelry, balloons, crayons, Play-doh, clothing, sharp tools or toy weapons of any kind.

For more details or other opportunities to help in this important ministry, see the article in the September NH Episcopal News or contact Margaret Mackie-Ciancio at mmciancio@comcast.net



Crop Walk Sunday October 12th 1pm.

2014 Dover Area Crop Hunger Walk: Ending hunger one step at a time.

Crop Walk starts on Locust Street.

For more information contact Sheila Marquette at 603-664-5596



REVELATIONS - *Building Bridges through Small*

Wednesday Service Discontinued

In May we resumed the Wednesday service of Holy Eucharist and Healing in the Chapel in an effort to determine if there was still a desire and need for a weekday service here. Now that the Chapel will be literally cooling off and we have given this service a five month trial, it is clear that our small numbers indicate there is no longer the need for this weekday service. The numbers have actually been very small for the last several years. As we continue to move forward, we may well experiment with some alternative suggestions and times for worship or programs that could occur in addition to Sundays mornings. But for now, let's continue to make Sunday mornings the best that they can be!



Notes from Stewardship by Rob Sylvester

It's a beautiful warm Sunday afternoon. God has certainly given us a glorious day. God gives us gifts, in various forms on a daily basis asking we use them well, hopefully to His glory, and to spread them to His kingdom as well.

Yesterday, St. Thomas' got to come together to put one form of stewardship into action with many parishioners using their gifts to help spruce up the exterior and interior of our church buildings and grounds. It shines!! And at this morning's 10 am service, we had several newcomers who hopefully felt welcomed in part, from that work.

This morning, several of us got together between the services to discuss another important part of our overall stewardship needs... the upcoming Annual Appeal. It is hoped that this year, we may move to a different model in that is important we share our progress and needs on a yearlong basis, not just for 4 weeks in which you hear people asking for monies to help support the parish. We will also try to explore other ways we can use our time and talents to support ministries in our communities to help address real needs.

So, the Vestry along with the Stewardship committee are working together to understand the needs of our parish and will be coming before you to ask for your support as we work together to do God's work in what is truly a "downtown" church in our community.

On a shorter-term basis, the parish has some truly urgent needs. Although the financial statements are not easy for all of us to read, the bottom line is that St. Thomas is running about \$17,000 of where we need to be, with 3 full months left to go in this year. Just as each of us needs to try and make sure we can meet our financial needs at home (we cannot continually spend more than we take in), the parish needs to do the same. The financial needs of the parish are real. We have salaries to pay, buildings to heat, electricity to run them, and badly needed repairs that have not been kept up with. And that's before we can really help to provide outreach to many people who are in need.

The exciting part is, that's where we come in as a parish family who can do together what no one of us can do alone. If we each can do a small part in helping to reduce the deficit, together we can eliminate it and meet those needs.

As an example, if 100 of us could give an extra gift of \$170 between now and December, we eliminate that shortfall. Obviously, not everyone can do that, but if we do what we can, giving back to God's work a bit of what we have been given, we can solve this together.

So, it's out there. Please consider yourself asked. But most importantly, please prayerfully consider the blessings you have been given over the years, the guidance, fellowship and spiritual support St. Thomas' has provided to it's members and the larger community and if possible, help us as we try and do God's work together.

Calling All Spiritual Journeyers!

At 9:00 a.m. Sunday, October 26th the Rev. Dick Seiner will be leading the first of monthly Call to a Spiritual Journey gatherings. Come to discover and develop a spiritual journey practice that works for you personally and for our parish. The focus of our journey will be to discover our hopes and expectations to include God in our daily lives and work and to learn what resources are available to help us along our way. Our meetings will be informal and discussion based.

Our initial "gathering" included a suggestion to check out and/or sign up for Fr. Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations at The Center for Action and Contemplation (<https://cac.org/richard-rohr>) as a starting point for thought and discussion.




There is also a supplemental YouTube video entitled "Falling Upward" by Richard Rohr (and the book of the same name) that I found that you might also want to view. Rev. Seiner found this to be a great read as he entered "the second part of his life", as he calls it. View the video and see if it appeals to you as well....

www.youtube.com/watch?v=J1kXeklcmMI

So stay late or come early and grab some coffee and a muffin, find us somewhere in the cafe' beginning at 9:00, and become part of the change you want to see in the world !



Jo-Ann Fuller-Sattler

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 5 8a & 10a Services 9:30a Sunday School 8:30a-10 Breakfast Café	 6 7a AA Morning Reflection 7p Crafts Group 7p Property Committee	 7 5p DFK	1 7a AA Morning Reflection 7p Choir	2 5p DFK 7p Dover original AA Fair: 7p Final Cmt Mtg (Dallas)	3 7a AA Morning Reflection	4 Dover Apple Harvest Day
12 8a & 10a Services 9:30a Sunday School 8:30a-10 Breakfast Café 1:00p CROP WALK	13 7a AA Morning Reflection 7p Crafts Group	14 5p DFK	8 7a AA Morning Reflection 7p Choir Fair: 8:30p Specialty & Turkey Pie Night (EHK)	9 5p DFK 7p Dover original AA	10 7a AA Morning Reflection	11 Fair: 9a Cookie Baking (EHK)
19 8a & 10a Services 9:30a Sunday School 8:30a-10 Breakfast Café	20 7a AA Morning Reflection 7p Crafts Group 7p Vestry	21 5p DFK	15 7a AA Morning Reflection 7p Choir	16 5p DFK 7p Dover original AA	17 7a AA Morning Reflection	18 Fair: 9a set-up, bake pies & decorate
26 8a & 10a Services 9a Rev Dick Seiner, Spiritual Journey Forum 9:30a Sunday School 8:30a-10 Breakfast Café	27 7a AA Morning Reflection 7p Crafts Group	28 5p DFK	22 7a AA Morning Reflection 7p Choir	23 5p DFK Fair: 6:30p set-up	24 7a AA Morning Reflection	25 HARVEST FAIR 9:00-2:30 
	29 7a AA Morning Reflection 7p Choir	30 5p DFK 7p Dover original AA	31 7a AA Morning Reflection			

Celebrating in



Many Happy Returns to:

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| Hannah Sattler | Parsons |
| Theo Wright | Jennifer Howell |
| Dominic Ciccotelli | Willem Federico |
| Janet Campbell | Jay Dean |
| Nathalie Peters | Hunter Kretschmar |
| Robyn Britton | Jessica Clark |
| Douglas Steele | Hope Wolterbeek |
| Rebecca Hawthorne | Scott Lucius |
| Nancy Stafford- | Liz Turner |



Anniversary Blessings and Congratulations to:

- Harold & Janice Clark
 Karvel & Gloria Feenstra
 Allan & May Krans
 Jim & Lorraine Mathieu
 Kevin & Diane Plante
 Jim & Kim Staples
 Douglas & Gwen Steele
 Richard & Shirley Turcotte
 Matthew & Katie Wiggin

We are delighted to celebrate your birthdays and anniversaries in The Bridge each month. If you have a birthday or anniversary this month, and are not listed, please contact us so we may update our records. Thank you!



Serving God in His Church

- The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, Bishop
 The Rev. Gail Avery, Interim Rector
 The Rev. David Holroyd, Interim Associate
 The Rev. Dick Siener, Interim Consultant

- Convocation and Convention Diocesan Delegates**
 Kitty Cornwell, John Symington, Nancy Hunt, Judi Turner
- Alternates:
 Joe Marquette III, Rob Sylvester

The Vestry		
Officers		
<i>Chris Wyskiel, Senior Warden;</i>		
<i>Allen Laughlin, Junior Warden</i>		
<i>Allan Krans, Clerk; Kevin Gorham, Treasurer</i>		
Term ending 2015	Term ending 2016	Term ending 2017
William Hunt	Valerie Smith	Margaret Miller
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Parish Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Jerry Costanza, Financial Bookkeeper

Kathy Fink, Director of Music

Roland Girard, Sexton

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Mission Statement

The mission of St. Thomas Episcopal Church is to know and worship God, to build community, and to serve others.



*Come
Worship*

Sunday Services

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:30 am Sunday School
10:00 am Holy Eucharist with music

Breakfast Café 8:30-10:00 am

Please call the church office for additional pastoral needs at 603-742-3155. In cases of emergency call Rev. Gail at 603-674-5455

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