

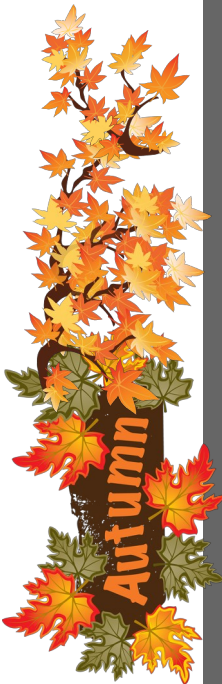
The Vision of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church is to be a community:

Sept—Nov 2016

The Bridge

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

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



The Bridge

As our Church Year begins, we have much to thankful for.

September 11th poignantly marks the day—a national day of service and remembrance, honoring the lives lost of that infamous day. We will also be celebrating new life at St. Thomas. *Kids Rock*—our church school program begins. Our wonderful Choir is back under the direction of Katherine Mayfield our new music director. April Billetdeaux has been hired as our nursery care provider, storytellers and door persons have joined our seasoned church school team. Breakfast Café starts Sunday September 25th—all pointing to a bountiful fall harvest.

I remember my first fall at St. Thomas so vividly. Two years ago, we had much to do. Our church school program needed attention as well as our financial reporting...our church buildings were crying out for some love. Initially the laborers were few...but within a matter of weeks, parishioners came forward to till *our* feral soil.

Today, the *fruit* of your labors is visible—all witnessing to your faithful work and service. On Sundays be sure to look around. Our church school classrooms have a new look as well as our entry. And more beautification will become visual in the weeks ahead—thanks to our property committee and the hands of the many laborers who have joined in.

For this bountiful harvest, we give you thanks O' Lord.

Yet Jesus reminds us that we need to be mindful how we spend our days. Even in the midst of a busy life, Jesus spent time alone with God and prayed.

Are we pausing long enough to see the beautiful creation that our Lord has laid at our feet? Have our lives quieted down enough to hear God's soothing call? Have we given our selves permission to rest, reflect and appreciate?

Wayne Muller, author of *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives*, shares various Sabbath practices that lift up the importance of remembering *The Sabbath*. No matter what our faith tradition, he believes that *Sabbath time* is what's missing in our lives and can be a provocative antidote to stress and violence. He writes, "Sabbath time can be a revolutionary challenge to the violence of overwork, mindless accumulation, and the endless multiplication of desires, responsibilities, and accomplishments."

I agree. I know in my own life I always gain insights and another perspective when I take time to recharge and renew. So this fall, I would like to share a spiritual practice that Muller calls *The Sabbath Walk*.
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The Sabbath Walk¹

A story is told of a South American tribe that went on a long march, day after day, when all of a sudden they would stop walking, sit down to rest for a while, and then make camp for a couple of days before going any farther. They explained that they needed the time of rest so that their souls could catch up with them.

The Sabbath walk is easily the most popular and beloved Sabbath exercise...It is a walk without any purpose, no need for insight or revelation. Simply let your soul catch up with you.

For thirty minutes walk slowly and silently—preferably outside in nature, but it can also be done indoors—without trying to get anywhere. It is more of an amble, a stroll. Let your sense guide your walk. If you are drawn to a leaf, a stone, a color, a chink in the concrete, a shape in the floor, the fragrance of the grass, simple stop, and linger, and allow the moment to be, to smell or touch or thoroughly observe whatever is available for you, to hear what it says, to see what it looks like, to feel what it has to say or teach. Do not hurry. There is no place to go. Take all the time you need to hear its secrets. Then when it is time, when the rhythm of being there gives way to the rhythm of moving along, when it is time to begin again, simply move on. Follow your own timing and curiosity. When you are called to stop, stop and investigate. When you are called to begin again, move on. That is all.

At the end of thirty minutes, notice what has happened to your body, your mind, your sense of time.

I hope you'll get a chance to enjoy many Sabbath Walks.

Happy walking, Gail+

¹ From *Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* by Wayne Muller, pg. 70



STRANGERS

I didn't know the man in black pants
who plunged headfirst
from the top of the north tower

or the young mother trapped
behind a locked door
on the eighty-seventh floor.

I never met the couple
crushed in their final embrace
and stuffed into one body bag,

or the fire chief quickly buried
under tons of concrete,
steel, glass, and ash.

Nor did I ever say hello
to the blond woman
who called her husband to ask

what she should tell the pilot
standing beside her
at the back of the plane.

I never shared coffee
with the six-foot-four executive
who said, "If we're going

to crash into something,
let's not let it happen.
Our best chance is to fight."

Yet I have felt sun on their skin
and tasted wine on their lips.
I have run using the long muscles

of their legs and felt air
rush into their lungs, their hearts
pumping in my chest,

and they have combed my hair
each morning, tasted
cereal from my bowl,

and held my children in their arms.
At night they have watched
stars shimmer through my eyes.

Now they have returned
to earth and air, but I still feel them
stirring inside me, walking

the long corridors of my brain,
searching for something
irretrievable, precious, still there.

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The Names

a Poem by Billy Collins

Yesterday, I lay awake in the palm of the night.
 A soft rain stole in, unhelped by any breeze,
 And when I saw the silver glaze on the windows,
 I started with A, with Ackerman, as it happened,
 Then Baxter and Calabro,
 Davis and Eberling, names falling into place
 As droplets fell through the dark.
 Names printed on the ceiling of the night.
 Names slipping around a watery bend.
 Twenty-six willows on the banks of a stream.
 In the morning, I walked out barefoot
 Among thousands of flowers
 Heavy with dew like the eyes of tears,
 And each had a name --
 Fiori inscribed on a yellow petal
 Then Gonzalez and Han, Ishikawa and Jenkins.
 Names written in the air
 And stitched into the cloth of the day.
 A name under a photograph taped to a mailbox.
 Monogram on a torn shirt,
 I see you spelled out on storefront windows
 And on the bright unfurled awnings of this city.
 I say the syllables as I turn a corner --
 Kelly and Lee,
 Medina, Nardella, and O'Connor.
 When I peer into the woods,
 I see a thick tangle where letters are hidden

As in a puzzle concocted for children.
 Parker and Quigley in the twigs of an ash,
 Rizzo, Schubert, Torres, and Upton,
 Secrets in the boughs of an ancient maple.
 Names written in the pale sky.
 Names rising in the updraft amid buildings.
 Names silent in stone
 Or cried out behind a door.
 Names blown over the earth and out to sea.
 In the evening -- weakening light, the last swallows.
 A boy on a lake lifts his oars.
 A woman by a window puts a match to a candle,
 And the names are outlined on the rose clouds --
 Vanacore and Wallace,
 (let X stand, if it can, for the ones unfound)
 Then Young and Ziminsky, the final jolt of Z.
 Names etched on the head of a pin.
 One name spanning a bridge, another undergoing a tunnel.
 A blue name needled into the skin.
 Names of citizens, workers, mothers and fathers,
 The bright-eyed daughter, the quick son.
 Alphabet of names in a green field.
 Names in the small tracks of birds.
 Names lifted from a hat
 Or balanced on the tip of the tongue.
 Names wheeled into the dim warehouse of memory.
 So many names, there is barely room on the walls of the
 heart.

*This poem is dedicated to the victims of September 11
 and to their survivors.*



Consecration Sunday November 13th!



Our congregation's finance committee has once again selected the *New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program* as a way to teach the biblical and spiritual principles of generous giving as our stewardship education emphasis this year.

New Consecration Sunday is based on the biblical philosophy of the need of the giver to give for his or her own spiritual development, rather than on the need of the church to receive.

Last year, many parishioners commented that this approach helped them to grow spiritually. It caused them to think about their giving as an expression of discipleship and invited a deeper look into God's plans for us. It also encouraged people toward proportionate and systematic giving in response to the question, "What percentage of my income is God calling me to give?"

Once again, during a single 9 am service on Consecration Sunday November 13th, we are asking our attendees and members to make their financial commitments to our church's missionary, benevolent, and educational ministries in this community and around the world.

No one will call you at home for a pledge. But we will be contacting you personally to secure your commitment to attend morning worship on Consecration Sunday and the celebration luncheon immediately after worship (a catered meal, not a pot luck dinner).

Thanks in advance for your enthusiastic participation in our Consecration Sunday events.

Consecration Sunday Chairperson, Rob Sylvester

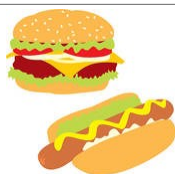
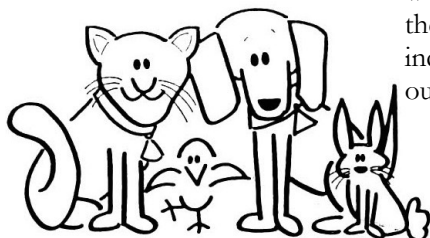
He Asked For Charity

a poem by St. Francis of Assisi

God came to my house and asked for charity.
And I feel on my knees and
cried, "Beloved,

what may I
give?"

"Just love," He said.
"Just love."



"Cookout for Kids" BBQ Oct. 1st

St. Thomas' Episcopal in Dover, NH will be the location of a "Cookout for Kids" BBQ fundraiser. The cookout is meant to raise awareness and funds to support the local chapters of End 68 Hours of Hunger. We are asking for a \$20 donation that goes directly to the organization in full. We have selected to hold the BBQ on Oct 1st, which coincides with Dover's Apple Harvest Festival. We will be welcoming guests to the BBQ from 11-3pm with BBQ fare and a local Bluegrass band for entertainment, on the front lawn and parish hall (corner of Hale & Locust across from Dover Public Library). We are hoping to raise funds to distribute to the local End 68 Hours of Hunger to keep them going for a few months or more so they can continue to do the work they have already identified. It takes ~\$10 per weekend to feed 1 child.

In order to make this a community supported effort we are looking for individuals and organizations who can take ticket packets of 20-50 tickets each to sell and return to us the information needed to prepare for the BBQ. We will have the tickets packets available mid August to distribute along with posters promoting the event. If you or someone you know can help us on the ground with taking a packet of tickets, please contact one of the organizers so we can send you the details. Ticket sales will be approximately mid August through September. It is important for us to connect with individuals that can help spread the word through ticket sales and also report back to us for the BBQ planning in a timely manner.

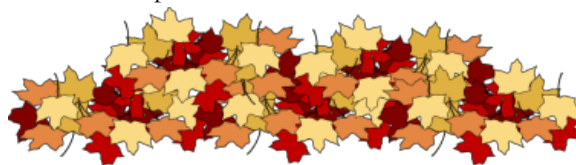
Hungry? Imagine facing a weekend without food. That's a reality for thousands of children in New Hampshire and Maine.

"This is a nearly invisible problem," said Claire Bloom, founder and volunteer executive director of End 68 Hours of Hunger, (cont. page 6)



Blessing of the Animals Oct. 2th

October 2th is the day many people around the world celebrate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Since St. Francis was such a lover of animals and used them in his teaching—it was he who assembled the 1st Christmas crèche, many Episcopal churches set aside this day for parishioners and friends to bring their animals: dogs, cats, fish, birds, hamsters, snails to church and have them blessed acknowledging what a blessing they are to us, as it were, a gift from God. Many of us feel they are a daily reminder of God's Presence among us. They are really something for which we can be thankful. We will gather on our front lawn after the 10am services and invite you to bring your animals for a blessing. Bring them to church if you dare, leave them in the car with the window open if it is a safe to do so on that day, or go retrieve them when the service ends and we will hang around to offer an individual blessing, thanksgiving, for each and every one of these our friends and companions.



Harvest Fair 2016



Another autumn is fast approaching and as you return to that invigorating season your fair committee is ready for your help and participation in this year's Church fair. Our Church Fair is truly a community event that offers everyone a chance to participate in small and big ways. The fair meets many needs in our community. It provides important funding for the life of our church, a portion of the fair proceeds goes back to the community, and it gives us all an opportunity to share our talents, big and small.

Coming up first will be frozen pie sign-ups. It is your opportunity to sign up for a homemade pie that you can pop into your freezer and pull out as the busy holiday season approaches. Pork pies, turkey pies, apple pies, bumbleberry, strawberry rhubarb, apple cranberry, and blueberry are all available but we ask that you sign up to reserve your favorites. The sign-up sheets will be available in Ervin Hall Sunday, Sept 11&18. You may also contact Carol Heighes, or Georgia Campbell with your request. It is important that we have an accurate number before we begin baking to insure we keep your pies frozen and still make enough to sell on Fair day so additional orders cannot be made after the 18th since we begin baking on the 20th.

Pie baking is one of the first ways that offer an opportunity to help. As we get together to make the pies we need donations of pre-made pie dough. It is an easy recipe and it allows the group to jump right in to rolling and forming the pies. If you like to make pies or want to learn join us for pie making nights, no experience needed! We have a lot of apples to peel on our apple pie night, we have pies that need to be bagged, and people to carry them down to the freezer. It's a good time and we'd love to see you at any one, or all three of our pie making sessions on Sept.21,28, & Oct.4 in the Kitchen at 6:30. Come for a little while or stay to the end, whatever is good for you.

Another important way that you can participate is with the sale of raffle tickets. If everyone would commit to selling a few we would insure the success of this part of the fair. Our raffle items this year include a watercolor by Nancy Hunt, a child's quilt done by Georgia Campbell, a Halloween breakfast basket donated by the Cafe team, a framed photo donated by the Macloed children in memory of their father, a church print from well-known local artist Scott Schneff, our great food basket filled with food items organized by Fran Whiting and a \$100. Visa gift card. Selling tickets or buying them is a wonderful way to support the generosity of our donors.

Our fair includes a super luncheon with a team already in place but they will need our help with donations of food items, servers, and some help in the kitchen. The fancy desserts table is being chaired by Deb Rice but she will need your help with baking that special dessert you love but don't make very often. Our bake table is well known for its jams and jellies, pies and homemade vanilla but we also love donated homemade breads or candy or whatever you like to bake. Our crafters are hard at work for items for the craft table, but we always welcome craft items that you have done at home and would like to contribute.

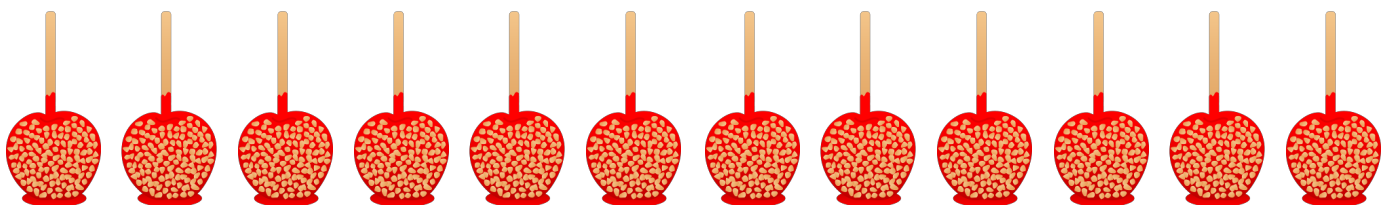
Cookies!!! Last year was the first year in several that we had enough cookies to keep our cookie walk table open for the entire fair day! It was wonderful although the choices got a little slim towards the end of the day. Please plan on baking cookies for fair. If you are baking some for home just put a dozen in the freezer for the fair. For many, the cookie walk is a highlight of our fair.

You can also help out even if you do none of the above. Many of us on the fair committee are a little older (although we'd like to think not) so we really need help with the setting up of the fair on Thursday, Oct.20 at 6:30. It Carrying fair items down from the second and third floor of the Hale House, moving furniture out of the Dallas room, setting up tables in Ervin Hall all require a little more help each year. It would be great if those of us over 65 or 70 didn't have to do a lot of that lifting. After a full day on fair day it would also be great to have the same help in putting things back to normal. Helping with this job is really just a commitment of a few hours and its very important to our overall effort.

We will also offer space on our front lawn the day of the fair to parishioners in good standing who would like to promote their business or a good cause that doesn't compete with our fair items for a minimal cost. You would need to let the committee know in advance and provide your own table etc.

Finally, and very important, please come to the fair and bring friends and relatives! So many people work so hard all year long to bring this historic fair to fruition, seeing the people come and enjoy themselves is one of the most rewarding parts of our fair participation. See you on Saturday, October 22, anytime between 9 and 2:30!!

Your Fair committee





Breakfast Café Reopens September 25



We start our 13th year on a positive, welcoming note! The Breakfast Café will reopen on the first Sunday in Autumn; September 25, 8:30-10:00. We offer a full breakfast menu – free coffee or tea, no tax, no tip. Reward cards are available.

We have some great plans this year including treating the Sunday School students (their calendar allowing), to a free breakfast. Later in the season we'll also host an early breakfast for the Sunday School teachers as our way of saying "Thank You".

Monthly Raffles will raise funds for St. Thomas' and its food ministries! In October try your luck for a Canister of Halloween candy, in November - a Thanksgiving basket complete with a 12-14 lb. frozen turkey, and in December our traditional Christmas breakfast basket and "Midwinter Farm Tour". Anyone purchasing **Café Gift certificates** (a great gift idea), gets a free raffle ticket.

Help Wanted! We need the following:

- Help with setting up 8am-9am
- Workers during hours of operation 8:30-10:15
- Assistant cooks: 7am-10:30. We'll train! We've got 70 years' experience from our chefs Thomas and Tim!
- Closers from 9:30am-10:30

Know anyone looking for community service credit? Please send them our way. Contact Nancy at 603-767-2349

The rewards are great! You work with cordial people, help raise money for St. Thomas' and have a free breakfast of your choice from the menu. This does not have to be a weekly commitment, nor is it expected to be. See you in September!

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in an interview with NBC News in 2014. "Kids don't come to school and say 'my dad lost his job and we didn't have anything to eat this weekend.'"

According to the End 68 Hours of Hunger website, end68hoursofhunger.org, the organization "is a private, not-for-profit, effort to confront the approximately 68 hours of hunger that some school children experience between the free lunch they receive in school on Friday afternoon and the free breakfast they receive in school on Monday morning." The organization started feeding 19 local children in Oct. 2011. As it closed out 2013, End 68 Hours of Hunger was serving more than 1,300 children a week in New Hampshire and Maine. We know the need is greater in this area and it continues to be a growing concern.

The impact on children of not having food for the weekend "is enormous," according to information on the End 68 Hours website. "Teachers tell us that on Friday afternoons the children who are unlikely to have enough food at home become very edgy and are unable to concentrate. After a week in a structured environment where they have at least two full meals, they will leave school and for 68 hours have little to eat. That insecurity can lead to some behavioral disruptions. On Monday mornings they return to school ill, often spending the day in the nurse's office. They are unable to focus and concentrate until they once again are nourished." Food insecurity is now known to contribute to many long-term health and social issues that can happen years later in a child's life. Here's an example of what might be given to a child for a weekend:

- A box/bag of nutritional cereal
- Two cans of soup
- One jar of peanut butter or jelly
- One can of tuna or chicken
- Three fruit cups
- One box of crackers
- One box of mac & cheese or two packages of Ramen noodles

According to the website, 100 percent of every dollar contributed to End 68 Hours of Hunger goes directly to purchase food for children who have been identified by the guidance counselors and nurses at selected elementary schools as the most "at risk."

To help eliminate such hunger, the Seacoast community is encouraged to join in an effort to help support the End 68 hours of Hunger programs in our region. This problem has been identified as one that reaches out in our neighborhoods and it affects school-aged children in a meaningful way, with direct resource to food.

Please help us eliminate 68 hours of hunger that many children in our community face each weekend. Please contact one of the organizers as soon as possible so that we can plan our circulation of the tickets packets for this fundraising event. A simple effort, multiplied by many people can provide infinite blessings in the future. Thank you for your consideration and future participation.

Co-organizers of "Cook-out for Kids" at St. Thomas', Paul Smith at flyfish@comcast.net
Judi Turner (Email) domicil@comcast.net (p) 603-767-0707

ACTS - Action in Community through Service



Hannaford Program Update, by Rob Sylvester

Earlier this summer, Hannaford Supermarkets made a change that had a significant impact to the gift card program and the bonus cards that we have received as a part of this during the past two years. As a result, we are going to temporarily suspend our participation in the program until it seems to be running smoother.

The crux of the change is that the old cards are not re-loadable once the balance goes to zero. New cards may be purchased, but there have been some hiccups with this process. A couple of other issues are that we'd still need to submit orders once reach a threshold of \$1,000 and we'd need to pay shipping on the cards. Bonus cards are no longer being provided at a discounted price, like the re-loaded cards were.

Hannaford has provided a great service to community organizations with the gift card program. At St. Thomas', it has helped to provide cards that can be used to help people in need through being given out by the rector.

When we are ready to resume the program, another series of announcements will be made in church and in [The Bridge](#). Thanks to all who have participated and we look forward to resuming the program in the future.

REVELATIONS - Building Bridges through Small Groups

The 214th Convention



EPISCOPAL
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of the Episcopal Church of New Hampshire will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2016 at the Grappone Conference

Center in Concord. For information about Convention, please go to www.nhepiscopal.org/convention.



Dover Cooperative Ministries

Faith in Action ~ For Our Community

Our next meeting will be at
Tuesday, September 6 at 7 pm
First Parish Church UCC, 218 Central Ave.
Dover, NH 03820. All are welcome!
Call Jane Kennedy at 603-749-1042 for more info. Or
email at JaneWKennedy55@comcast.net

Serving God in His Church

The Rt. Rev. A. Robert Hirschfeld, Bishop
The Rev. Gail Avery, Interim Rector

The Vestry

Officers

Allen Laughlin, *Senior Warden*;
Chris Turner, *Junior Warden*

Bill Hunt, *Clerk*; Kevin Gorham, *Treasurer*

Convocation and Convention Diocesan Delegates

Nancy Hunt, Judi Turner, Rob Sylvester Jo-Anne Fuller-Sattler

Alternate:

Nancy Kershaw

Safe Church Minister: Judi Turner

Term ending 2017

Margaret Miller

Tim Constantine

Tinka Finley

Term ending 2018

Gwen Klevitch

Nancy Stafford-Parsons

Rob Sylvester

Term ending 2019

Paul Smith

Fran Whiting

Elle Yarborough

Bridge article submissions are due the **15th of each month**. Please email your article to parish.office@stdover.org



Celebrating in...

Many Happy Returns to:

September Birthdays

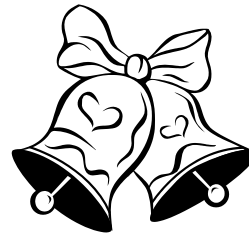
Julie Cooper, Donald Meserve, Finley Yarborough, Jim Mathieu, Sharon Gearreald, William Hunt, Nancy Levesque, Jim Staples, Shawn McKinney, Martha Burton, Thomas Stafford-Parsons, Roberta Steele, Rob Sylvester, Elizabeth Nanda, Lori Goelzer, Katherine Parker-Wright, Margaret Miller, Marci Novak, Steven Cooper, Ernest Clark, Kaia Watson, Ava Ambrose

October Birthdays

Theo Wright, Dominic Ciccotelli, Janet Campbell, Nat Peters, Robyn Britton, Rebecca Hawthorne, Nancy Stafford-Parsons, Hunter Kretschmar, Hope Wolterbeek, Scott Lucius, Avery Kretschmar, Kevin Martindale

November Birthdays

Bella Britton, Bill Dudley, Janice Clark, Gregory Hunt, Georgia Campbell, Carol Heighes, Mackenzie Rhodus, Kate Montanus, Robert Campbell, Imogene McKinney, Carol Bernard, Gregory Leach, Jacob Wolterbeek, Amy Ponchak, Patricia Clark, Susan Powell, Julia Long, Dasia Billetdeaux



Anniversary
Blessings and
Congratulations to:

September Anniversaries

Bobbie & Floyd Beavers
Georgia & Robert Campbell
Deborah & John Rice
Robert & Roberta Steele
Chris & Judi Turner
Joseph & Ellen Yarborough

October Anniversaries

Harold & Patricia Clark
Karvel & Gloria Feenstra
Allan & Mary Krans
Jim & Lorraine Mathieu
Kevin & Diane Plante
Jim & Kim Staples
Richard & Shirley Turcotte

November Anniversaries

Michael & Debbie Debeck
Micky & Elaine Hashem
Donald Young & Jo-Ann St. Pierre



Collect for Education




Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom: Enlighten by your Holy Spirit those who teach and those who learn, that rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship you and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen [BCP p 261]

Collect for Vocation in Daily Work

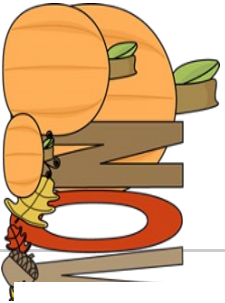


Almighty God our heavenly Father, you declare your glory and show forth your handiwork in the heaven and in the earth: Deliver us in our various occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work you give us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one who serves, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen [BCP 261]

Collect for Steward of Creation

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen [BCP 259]

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<i>This is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i> ~Psalm 118						
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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 & choir

8:30-10:00 am Breakfast Café

Months with 5 Sundays, there is one Service at 9:00 am on the 5th Sunday

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