

The Words of St. Thomas

April 2007

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
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Rector's Words

Dear St. Thomas Family,

Spring has arrived, just as we begin our journey through Holy Week and into Easter. You will not want to miss these deeply spiritual services that commemorate different aspects of the life and teachings of Jesus in his last week of ministry.

Palm Sunday is celebrated April 1st at 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Holy Wednesday, April 4th at 6:30 pm w/ Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 5th at 6:30 pm w/ Foot washing & Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m. w/ the Passion Gospel

Easter Vigil, April 7th, at 9:00 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral

Easter Sunday, April 8th at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

As much as I anticipate the opportunity to worship during this Holy season, I am even more excited about the work and vision of our Vestry. The Episcopal Church has asked each congregation to designate one offering each month to an outreach project of their choosing. The Vestry has embraced this challenge and approved that the undesignated donations (i.e., 'loose plate offering') be given to a variety of groups that are doing good work in our world. In March the offering was designated to the MS Society. On Easter Sunday, the undesignated offering will be given to the Episcopal Relief and Development fund.

As your priest and pastor, I can attest that it is the power of community worship that instills a desire to serve the needs of our world. By worshipping Jesus Christ, we become Christ to this world!

A blessed Holy Week and Eastertide,

Fr. Mike

Easter's Outreach Offering

April's undesignated offering (i.e., non-pledge money) will be given to the Episcopal Relief and Development fund. In particular our funds will be designated to the Kakuma camp in northern Kenya, where ERD is providing education and training for Sudanese students enrolled in vocational colleges in Kenya.

Centennial Pulpit Swap

The Rev. Amy Coultas ministered at St. Thomas from 2002-2003 as an Intern. She is returning to lead our worship on April 22nd at both the 8:00 am and 10:00 am services. She is currently the vicar at St. James in Shelbyville where Fr. Mike will be substituting for her.

Volunteer of the Month

Peggy Roth



Peggy Roth was born in Louisville, but at an early age moved to Texas where her father did his residency. He later moved to Germantown, Ohio to begin his general practice. When Peggy was

age 7, he decided to become an anesthesiologist and returned here to attend the University of Louisville. They lived in the same house for 44 years, before moving to Meadowvale.

Peggy received her degree in Elementary Education at U.of L. and then went on to get her Masters degree in Arts of Teaching. She has taught for 10 years in pre-schools not in Jefferson County, as well as 6 years in Catholic schools. She has been in a tutoring program at Sylvan Learning Center for 11 years.

Her family attended both the Baptist and Methodist Churches and then for several years did not attend church. A few years ago she was invited to attend St. Thomas by George Boyd's sister, Diane. This led to her confirmation in 2004. At first she started coming on Saturday nights and then on Sundays later. Her husband, Jim, is Roman Catholic.

Peggy and Jim have two daughters – Sarah, who is an accountant with Kleinert and Kutz, and Laura, who is an artist. Also in their family are “grand dogs” – Alex and Richard, and “grand cat” – Kiddie.

Peggy wanted to get involved in the life of the parish and wanted to know more parishioners but wasn't sure how much time she could spare. She has recently been elected to the Vestry, is a member of the Order of St. Luke's Prayer Team, the Health Committee, and is in charge of the rental of Fellowship Hall. She enjoys meeting people of different cultures and backgrounds and learning how they celebrate special occasions.

Peggy oversees rental of the Fellowship Hall; she answers many phone inquiries, shows the hall to interested parties, and tries to ensure the satisfaction of renters. Several showings occur on the day of the rental, both in opening and closing. Her husband, Jim, has been extremely helpful with this job and covers for her when she is not available.

Her hobbies include dog walking, sewing, exercise, her children, and her 81 year old father. Peggy cherishes time with her family.

Peggy's one wish for St. Thomas is not only to get a steeple this year, but to have one with chimes. This would denote an even greater presence of St. Thomas in this area. She had many compliments for Father Mike. She feels the congregation is very accepting of who you are, and hopes that St. Thomas remains warm and friendly.

Peggy is a very dedicated person and once again, finds time in her busy life to take on “one more thing”.

~ Evelyn Mudd

Financial Update

YTD Income: \$39,320
 YTD Expenses: \$42,844
 YTD Collected for Debt Reduction: \$6,245
 Remaining Debt: \$70,899
 YTD Collected for Centennial Fundraiser: \$4,124

Submissions to *The Words of St. Thomas*

Articles for *The Words* must be submitted by the 20th of the month. Please send submissions to wordarticles@bellsouth.net. Contact Laurel Armar at laurel@armar.org or 426-5535 with any questions.

Calling All Cooks

Looking for recipes for up coming St. Thomas Cook Book. Please email recipes to Lucy Boyd at boyd2469@att.net. Or place recipes in the box located in the Kitchen in the Fellowship Hall.

Reflections and Memories

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE for the Reflections and Memories' Dinner, April 14th, beginning with appetizers at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a sit-down elegant dinner. The Barbershop Quartet concert will begin at 8 p.m. with dance music from 9-10:30 p.m. This fundraising dinner is sponsored by the UNDER THE HILL GANG and the ST. THOMAS BRIDGE CLUB. You may get your ticket from any member of the committee - Dottie Black, Susie Kirkland, Heni Owens, Ann Pearson, June Roper, DeeDee Roseberry, Margit Thompson or Evelyn Mudd. Tickets are Single - \$25; Couple - \$45 (ages 21 or older). It promises to be an evening to be remembered.

Health Ministry Committee

The Health Ministry Committee wishes to thank the members of St. Thomas for their support of, and help with, the Healing Blankets program. Over the past three years, over four hundred blankets have offered comfort, support, and warmth to friends, family, and our very own parishioners. Thank you.

Under The Hill Gang

On Friday, March 9th, there were 16 in the Under the Hill Gang who toured the Whitehall House on Lexington Road. It is such a beautiful home with lovely antique furnishings. We were told that Bittner's helped to restore the home when it was given to the Historic Foundation. All enjoyed the tour. The tour director was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. She was invited to visit St. Thomas. She said "I have already visited there. I must say that it is the friendliest Episcopal Church I have ever been in". That's a nice reputation to have! From Whitehall everyone traveled in cars to Corner Cafe on New La-Grange Road for lunch.

United Thank Offering

The Spring UTO Ingathering will be Sunday May 20, 2007. See the attached UTO notice, with offering envelope.

The UTO mission is to expand the circle of thankful people. To achieve the mission we encourage daily prayers, offering and awareness of the abundance of God's blessing.

If your offering is in the form of a check, please make the check out to St. Thomas Episcopal Church and mark UTO on memo line.

New UTO Blue Boxes will be given out on May 20th for those who wish to build their offering over the coming months for the next UTO Ingathering. The needs around the world are great, and UTO provides a personal and meaningful way for you to help.

Men of St. Thomas

THANK YOU!! to the Men of the MOST for the wonderful addition to the kitchen. The locked cabinets are beautiful and being put to good use.

St. Thomas' 2007 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Silent Auction was a huge success! We raised \$1,100 for Habitat for Humanity and had a great time. Thank you, to all the people who helped out with everything!

There are too many to name but you are all appreciated. We wish to thank and acknowledge all who donated to our silent auction: Julie Patterson; Carole Gardner; Lucy Boyd; Jim and Colleen Wilson; Denny and Susan Crum; the 8 o' Clockers; Carrie Maxedon; Lou. Athletic Club, Actors Theater, Ky . Kingdom; Knight of Swords; Blairs Ballroom; Lou. Racquetball Club; Hiene Bros.; Meijer; Havana Rumba; Lyndon Dog Groomer; Lotsa Pasta; Fresh Market; Wild Oats; and Panera Bread.

We look forward to working with Habitat and a partner family this fall. Tentatively, we will have an early Sept. start date and work with other Episcopal churches. Full details will be presented in the near future. Many parishioners have expressed interest in volunteering for work on the house, and we are hoping to have plenty of opportunities this time around .God bless.

Bake Off First Place Cake Recipe

Steve Gardner's Red Velvet Cake

Cake

1 package (18.25 ounces) German chocolate cake mix with pudding
 1 cup sour cream
 1/2 cup water
 1 cup vegetable oil
 1 bottle (1 ounce) red food coloring
 3 large eggs
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
 Cream Cheese Frosting (see recipe below)

1. Place a rack in the center of the oven and preheat the oven to 350°F. Generously grease two 9-inch round cake pans with solid vegetable shortening, then dust with flour. Shake out the excess flour. Set the pans aside.
2. Place the cake mix, sour cream, water, oil, food coloring, eggs, and vanilla in a large mixing bowl. Blend with an electric mixer on low speed for 1 minute. Stop the machine and scrape down the sides of the bowl with the rubber spatula. Increase the mixer speed to medium and beat 2 to 3 minutes more, scraping the sides down again if needed. The batter should look well blended. Divide the batter between the prepared pans, smoothing it out with the rubber spatula. Place the pans in the oven side by side.
3. Bake the cakes until they spring back when lightly pressed with your finger and just start to pull away from the sides of the pans, 28 to 30 minutes. Remove the pans from the oven and place them on wire racks to cool for 10 minutes. Run a dinner knife around the edge of each layer and invert each layer onto a rack, then invert them again onto another rack so that the cakes are right side up. Allow them to cool completely, 30 minutes more.

Meanwhile, prepare the Cream Cheese Frosting.

5. Place one cake layer, right side up, on a serving platter. Spread the top with frosting. Place the second layer, right side up, on top of the first layer and frost the top and sides of the cake with clean, smooth strokes.

Place this cake, uncovered, in the refrigerator until the frosting sets, 20 min. Cake will keep up to one week covered, in the refrigerator, or frozen for up to six weeks. To thaw, allow to sit in the refrigerator overnight.

Cream Cheese Frosting

1 8oz. Package of cream cheese, softened
 8 tablespoons (1 stick) butter, softened
 3 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar
 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

1. Place the cream cheese & butter in a large mixing bowl. Blend with electric mixer on low speed 30 seconds. Add confectioner sugar, a little bit at a time, blending with the mixer on low until the sugar is well mixed. Add vanilla, then increase to medium and blend the frosting until fluffy, 1 minute more.
2. Use at once to frost the top and sides of the cake.

The Fellowship Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the Chili & Bake Off!

St. Thomas Bridge Club

The St. Thomas Bridge Club met on Thursday, March 15th in the Fellowship Hall. Winners were: 1st - Bill Williams, and 2nd - Susie Kirkland. Cathy Wickel and Bill Williams were host/hostess for the day. It was a good day of playing Bridge.

On Sunday, March 18th, Evelyn Mudd presented a check for \$200 from the Bridge Club to the Centennial Steeple Fund.

Fellowship Committee

Requests...

* Volunteers for Coffee Hour. Sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

* Everyday cooking and serving dishes in excellent condition.

Reminds Us...

Please label dishes brought to coffee hour or Soup Sunday and pick up your dish after the event.

April Birthdays

John Bailey	04/05
Verna Bailey	04/22
Bob Biggs	04/30
Jonathan DeKay	04/14
Joe Jones	04/25
Susie Kirkland	04/08
Evelyn Mudd	04/01
Maria Rauh	04/09
Steve Rauh	04/02
Linn Robison	04/20
Lanier Siewertsen	04/07
Jean Ward	04/01
Nancy Webb	04/01
Renate White	04/08

April Anniversaries

Hayden, Heather & Michael	04/23
Lusardo, Susy & Rick	04/28
Strange, Brenda & John	04/11
Webb, Nancy & Bob	04/23