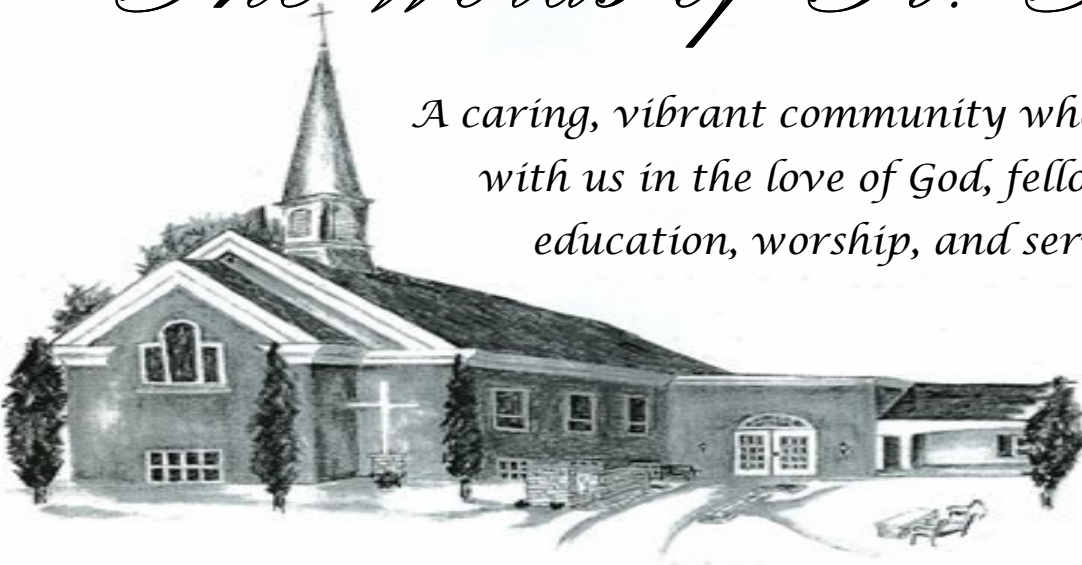


# The Words of St. Thomas

*A caring, vibrant community who invites all to grow with us in the love of God, fellowship, Christian education, worship, and service to others.*



## Words from the Rector

Dear St. Thomas Family,

In Lent we prayed a wonderful Collect that includes the line, *“among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord...”* BCP 219

The more things change the more they stay the same is the proverbial reflection of this prayer. Amongst the unchanging foundational things, where *“our hearts may surely there be fixed...”* is the remembering of our Lord’s Passion Week. On April 4/5 we begin the sacred Holy Week and Easter celebration. The Saturday and Sunday services are at their regularly scheduled times, and the weekday services are held at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday	April 4/5	Palm Sunday Liturgy with the Blessings of the Palms
Wednesday	April 8	The Stations of the Cross Liturgy
Thursday	April 9	Maundy Thursday Liturgy with Footwashing
Friday	April 10	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday	April 11	Holy Saturday Liturgy
Sunday	April 12	Easter Day Services

Amongst the *“swift and varied changes of the world...”* we’ve seen our bulletin tweaked to make the liturgy a bit more “user friendly.” Likewise, the choirloft has been organized to enhance room for more choristers and we’re trying some new musical settings in our Choirmaster Interim period.

We are Blessed to be a welcoming and worship-filled congregation that can be a sanctuary to the world that is being twisted and turned during this economic tsunami. We, God’s people, understand *“swift and varied changes of the world”* and we can be sensitive to the hurt others feel as they come to us seeking the solidity of Christ!

Many Blessings as we enter the week of the Passion of our Lord,  
Fr. Mike

## April 2009

### Highlights

V.O.M.: Margit and Richard Thompson

Outreach Offerings

Health Screenings

Marguerite Davis’  
Birthday Celebration

United Thank Offering

## Worship Schedule

### Saturday Evening

5:30 p.m. Holy  
Eucharist

### Sunday Morning

8:00 a.m. Holy  
Eucharist  
Rite I

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Rite II

(Godly Play for children  
during 10:00 a.m.  
Eucharist)

### Wednesday

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
11:15 a.m. The Rector's Bible

# Volunteers of the Month

## Margit and Richard Thompson

By Evelyn Mudd



Margit and Richard have been members here for 8-10 years. They were introduced to St. Thomas through Richard's sister, Jane Smith, who was a member here until her death a few years ago. Jane was anxious to have Margit meet Peter Eichorn, (also from her

hometown, Trier, Germany) who was a member of St. Thomas at that time. Both Margit and Richard said "We like St. Thomas very much...it's a small, warm and friendly church".

Richard was baptized in the Catholic faith as an infant. He later attended the Baptist Church for 25 years before returning to the Catholic faith for 26 more years. Richard serves as an usher regularly, has been a member of M.O.S.T., and also worked on the Telephone Committee when Ann Pearson led this Committee.

Richard graduated from Manual High School and attended the University of Louisville. He served in the U.S. Army (General Patton's 3<sup>rd</sup> Army) in Europe from 1943 to 1945. He is the proud owner of 4 Battle Stars. In 2008 he and Frank Parks visited the World War II Veterans' Memorial in Washington, D.C.

His hobbies include any kind of sports, travel, music, and reading the newspaper and magazines. He was a salesman for 35 years at the Solo Cup Company out of Chicago and retired in 1990.

Margit was born in Trier, Germany and was baptized in the Catholic faith as an infant. She remained Catholic until they joined St. Thomas in 2002. She attended Grade School and High School in her hometown. After High School she moved to Heidelberg to live in a Children's Orphanage where she worked and trained in a Nursing Program and attended the University of Heidelberg (Germany). During the summer she worked part-time as a waitress. That is where she met her first husband and was an Air Force wife for 23 years.

Because both of Margit's husbands were Service personnel, she lived in many locations – two different towns in Germany, France, Luxembourg, England, and here in the United States in Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, New Jersey and then Kentucky. While living in Oklahoma she did some modeling for the N.C.O. Wives' Club and volunteer work in Nursing Homes. For 28 years she worked in Nursing at the University of Kentucky and retired in 2002 and moved to Louisville, KY.

It is the "second time around" for both Margit and Richard. They both feel fortunate to have met each other on a blind date in Lexington. They were married in 1980 and just celebrated their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Her children include Michael, Heidi, Sylvia and Candas. Richard's children include Cathe, Rodney, Timothy, Joan and Kenny. Richard has 7 grandchildren – Nicole, Lauren, Ashley, Molly, Jessie, Tyler and Stewart. Margit has 5 grandchildren – Christopher, Christy, Cortney, Michael and Tiffany. Margit is also a great-grandmother for Zoie, Titus, Roman and Jordan. Richard is anxiously waiting to be a great-grandfather in about one month.

Margit works "behind the scene" for St. Thomas on the Gardening Committee, helps the Altar Guild in baking bread for Communion, and serves on one of the Circle teams for Fellowship Hall duty.

Margit's hobbies include gardening, crocheting, reading, music, old movies (John Wayne, especially), shopping, travel and dancing.

Both Richard and Margit said they enjoyed the many church events that take place in the Fellowship Hall – concerts, dinners, etc. Their main goal for St. Thomas would be to increase membership.

### Editor's Note

Articles for *The Words of St. Thomas* can be sent to [wordarticles@bellsouth.net](mailto:wordarticles@bellsouth.net). Submissions must be received by the 20th of each month. No formatting, please. For all other communication, please contact Laurel Armar at 426-5535.

## Vascular Disease Screening

On Monday, April 6, 2009 Life Line Screening will be at St. Thomas Episcopal Church to offer vascular disease screening. There will be 4 tests offered that day. Cost for testing is based on the test and number done. Please call 502-894-9228 to schedule your test or tests. Appointments are required. Sponsored by St. Thomas Health Ministry. Your Health and Well Being are important to us all.

## 70th Birthday Celebration for Marguerite Davis

The family of Marguerite and Fred Davis invites all of St. Thomas' parishioners to join the Davises for a reception to celebrate Marguerite's birthday.

Sunday, May 3rd after the Coffee Hour  
12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Hors d'œuvres, cake, wine, beer and other beverages will be served.

Please R.S.V.P by April 26<sup>th</sup>. 426-0811

*No Gifts Please.*

## Under the Hill Gang

On Wed. June 17th, the Under the Hill Gang will be going to Churchill Downs for the special Seniors' Day. Admission is \$19, which covers the Spring Menu Buffet and program. Wheelchair accessible. Our seats are in Millionaires' Row Four. Will meet in church parking lot at 10:45 a.m. and travel in cars. Pls. send check IMMEDIATELY for \$19 each payable to Evelyn Mudd, 4733 Brownsboro Gardens Dr., Louisville, KY. 40241.

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The Under the Hill Gang went to the Pre Season Derby Dinner Party matinee on Mon. March 16th. We enjoyed a delicious buffet, followed by a small act of each of the upcoming Shows during this year. It was good entertainment and enjoyed by all.

## United Thank Offering

The Spring UTO Ingathering will be Saturday May 16, and Sunday May 17, 2009.

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 available beginning May 16th and 17th for those that 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.

## Outreach for St. Thomas

At the March Vestry meeting, it was decided that the following organizations would receive the undesignated plate offerings from one week each month as part of Outreach for St Thomas.

**January 2009** – *Family Place*

**February 2009** – *American Heart Association*

**March 2009** – *Bishop Discretionary*

**April 2009** – *Alleluia Fund (Rwanda Med. Clinic)*

**May 2009** – *Episcopal Church Home (Mother's Day Tradition)*

**June 2009** – *Crusade for Children*

**July 2009** – *Scholar House*

**August 2009** – *Colon Cancer Prevention Project*

**September 2009** – *Wellspring*

**October 2009** – *Humane Society*

**November 2009** – *Westport T.A.P.P (Teenage Parent Program)*

**December 2009** – *Salvation Army*

**January 2010** – *House of Ruth*

**February 2010** – *Dare to Care*

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**April Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to:

John Bailey	04/05
Verna Bailey	04/22
Bob Biggs	04/30
Jonathan DeKay	04/14
Joe Jones	04/25
Joyce Horrell	4/23
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

**Anniversaries**

Happy Anniversary to:

Hayden, Heather & Michael	4/23
Link, Kevin & Tina	4/26
Lusardo, Susy & Rick	4/28
Strange, Brenda & John	4/11
Webb, Nancy & Bob	4/23

**A Note from Ann Yates...**

After twelve and a half years and with much thought and prayer, I felt it was time for me to leave St. Thomas. I do appreciate the calls, cards and well wishes from everyone and hope to see you around. Thank you so much for your inclusion, your adoption of me and for the wonderful times at St. Thomas. I wish and pray for St. Thomas' future!