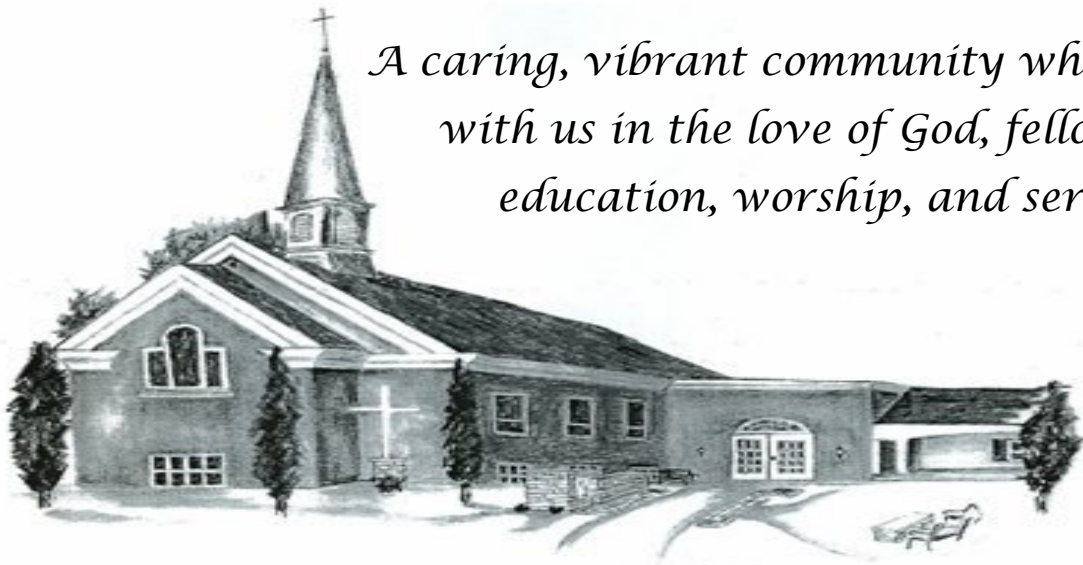


The Words of St. Thomas

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



Holy Cow!

Dear St. Thomas,

As our Every Member Canvass is drawing to a close, our Vestry will begin to work on the 2009 Budget. Part of that work is reflecting on their year of service to the parish. To help with their evaluation and begin the process for the 2009 Vestry planning, we are inviting you to take part in a parish survey.

This survey is one that is recommended by our Diocese, and is especially designed for Episcopal Churches. Of all things it is called the "Holy Cow! Survey." It is a valuable aid in 1) Assessing how we are doing as a church, 2) Gathering visioning information for future plans, and 3) Establishing a benchmark for future reflections on the parish.

This survey will be done on line by our active members and participants at St. Thomas.

Beginning November 10th, you will be sent an email from the church office with a link for you to connect to the survey. If you are not computer literate, there will be paper copies of the survey for you to fill out. The survey will close on November 26. Your participation is highly encouraged so we can get as wide a perspective as possible. A report will be given at the Annual Meeting (January 18, 2009). The 2009 Vestry will also use the results to help direct their visioning process for the year.

You will hear more in the coming weeks. Remember, your input will make all the difference!

Blessings,
Fr. Mike

November 2008

Highlights

Volunteers of the Month:
Katie and Doug Winkelhake

Zachary Taylor
Elementary Outreach

Holiday Bazaar

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 Study

Volunteers of the Month

Katie and Doug Winkelhake



Katie was born and raised in Louisville, Ky. She graduated from Ballard High School, then on to Vanderbilt University. She returned to Kentucky to get her Masters Degree in Health Administration at the University of Kentucky,

where she met Doug.

Doug was born and spent his early life in Chicago. He received his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Iowa. He then came to the University of Kentucky for his Masters Degree in Public Administration. He is now President of Norton Brownsboro Hospital.

Doug and Katie were married in 1994 and moved to Louisville in 1996. They are the proud parents of Henry (age 12), Jacob (age 11) and Cayleigh (age 8). She is a stay-at-home mom, who volunteers one day each week at Zachary Taylor Elementary School. Doug does not get very much leisure time, but he enjoys spending time trying to keep up with Katie and the kids.

Doug was raised in the Lutheran Church and School. Katie's family did not attend church regularly. When they had children, they wanted to find a church that would suit both of them.

They came to St. Thomas about 5 years ago. Katie was baptized and confirmed here. They speak highly of Father Mike and said they felt so comfortable with both him and Kim.

Katie immediately became heavily involved with many parish committees and activities, including the Vestry where she has served for 3 years and is currently the Clerk. She also served on the Stewardship campaign, Fund Raising Committee, Fellowship Committee, Lector, Godly Play Story Teller and co-director of the Christmas Pageant last year.

Doug's time is limited, but he has been serving on the Gardening Committee, which includes the maintenance of the program initiated by Dave Pearson. He is to start serving as an Usher in November. He is a willing volunteer for the Spring and Fall clean-up, and is happy to be able to use the baseball field for boys' practices.

Katie and Doug both agreed that they like a small church – there is a lot to do and help is always needed. St. Thomas is a good church to be heavily involved in – it's easy to pitch in.

Katie's hobbies include reading, horseback riding, fishing, chauffeuring kids, and time for family. Doug's hobbies include golf, reading and family time, especially watching the boys play ball.

Their goals for St. Thomas are that it continues to be a warm, welcoming church. Also, they would like to see it grow and attract more people.

We are extremely fortunate to have this young, energetic, enthusiastic family at St. Thomas and hope we never lose them.

~Evelyn Mudd

Editor's Note

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United Thank Offering

The Fall UTO Ingathering will be Saturday November 15, and Sunday November 16, 2008.

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 Box's will be available in November 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.

Fifth Annual Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 15 from 10-2 in the Fellowship Hall

Kick off your holiday shopping at the Holiday Bazaar! Purchase holiday items and decorations, gifts, baked goods, jewelry, handmade and unique crafts, and raffle items! Proceeds support the Health Ministry's outreach programs, such as the Healing Blanket Project and the Adult and Family Retreats.

Lunch will also be available for purchase between 11-1.

Stewardship and Gratitude

Please prayerfully consider how to give of your time, talent, and treasure and return the Stewardship forms to the church office by Nov. 4, 2008. Please join your parish family on November 4th at 9a.m. as your Vestry hosts a Gratitude Breakfast to celebrate our commitments to one another.

Zachary Taylor Thanksgiving Baskets

It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. Every year during the Thanksgiving season St. Thomas adopts five families from our neighborhood elementary school, Zachary Taylor. We would like to provide each family a basket of food that has everything needed for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. You may help in this ministry of St. Thomas by donating the requested items. Please be on the look out for the "Large Turkey" in the narthex of the church. All the details and food needed will be listed there.

The food needs to be returned to the church by Sun. Nov. 23rd, all the food will be delivered to Zachary Taylor the next morning to be given to the families.

If you have any questions or would like to help in organizing the food on Sun. Nov. 23rd, please see Kim Lager or call at 243-9296.

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November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to:

Kate Black	11/23
Andrew Boling	11/26
Addison Childs	11/03
Dennis Cronan	11/28
Janelle Foster	11/08
Julia Foster	11/11
Katherine Goebel	11/05
Colleen Goldberg	11/15
Tim Gottfried	11/14
Dot Greenfield	11/19
Blake Johnson	11/12
Susan Johnson	11/29
Kathryn Link	11/07
Rich McCoun	11/05
Patrick Melton	11/29

November Anniversaries

Happy Anniversary to:

James & Mary Gilkison	11/02
Bill & Susie Kirkland	11/18
Habib & Ellen Kronfli	11/03
Rich & Robin McCoun	11/12
David & Jean Ward	11/11

Birthdays Cont...

Darlene Peterson	11/07
Amy Pitsenberger	11/08
John Strange	11/02
Colleen Wilson	11/03
Ann Yates	11/18