St. Thomas Episcopal Church PO Box 97 Morgantown, PA 19543

# ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 2017



# Annual Parish Meeting January 22

We will hold our annual Parish Meeting after the late service on January 22.

We will be approving the 2017 Budget, thanking our out-going Vestry Members, and installing our new Vestry Members!

Please be there!!

Without counsel, plans go wrong, but with many advisers they succeed. - Proverbs 15:22

Though a new church year started in Advent, our surrounding culture will be celebrating New Year's Day this upcoming Sunday. Many people will usher in the new year with resolutions to improve their lives-to exercise more, to travel more, to spend more time with friends and family. Yet we can also choose to make resolutions as a church. As most of you know, every Sunday of Advent members of the church met together to discuss St. Thomas' history in order to discover events that shaped the core values of our church. We then discussed these events, how they have affected the church of today, and how what we learned may help us in the future. We hope to more fully discern what God is calling St. Thomas to do and to be in the present and in the future. These conversations were very fruitful, but our work is not done. There is still much for us to discover and discuss as we work to understand God's will for us. Whether you participated in the Advent discussions or not, I ask that every member of St. Thomas resolve to get involved in this process as we continue these conversations in the new year. The more people that participate, the more fully we can know the gifts and passions of our church and how we might use those gifts and passions for the betterment of our church and community, and to the glory of God. Please offer your voice as we continue to discover what God might have in store for us.

Peace,

Megan



#### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

2 Barbara Goodling

11 Hank Zawada

12 Kate Stalnaker

21 Ted Laverty

24 Liz Beebe

28 Harper Jo Walsh

29 Helen Harclerode

31 Amy Smith





## Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, Jan. 8—Sunday School—9:30am Sunday, Jan. 15—Sunday School—9:30am Sunday, Jan. 22—Annual Parish Meeting



### TWIN VALLEY FOOD PANTRY

Please have your donations to the church by Sunday, January 22. The distribution date is Jan. 24.

2 weeks ago, the Food Pantry ordered a food warmer, which was paid for by donations from the Frank Mast Memorial.

It was used at the December distribution.

It makes the meal preparation go so much more smoothly.

And it's a wonderful way to remember Frank.

Jan. 1 Jan. 22

9:30am Reader	8:30am 10:30am Reader
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<b>Jan. 15</b>	

8:30am

9:30am—Sunday School 10:30am Reader.....Jim Hathaway Intercessor......Arlene Hathaway Chalice.....Evans & Barbara Goodling Ushers......Ken & Helen Harclerode Nursery.....Liz Beebe Refreshments.....Stillman/Gring Healing.....Barbara Goodling Counters.....Goodlings



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