

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
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**ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NEWSLETTER—JULY 2017**



We are called to cultivate spiritual growth in our community and share the love of Christ with all.

After much hard work, discussion, and prayer, the people of St. Thomas have created the mission statement above. I and those members who were a part of its crafting feel it accurately reflects the spirit and passions of St. Thomas and what God is calling us to do. I am confident that this new mission statement will help guide our decisions and ministry for the next three to five years. For those who are still unclear as to what a mission statement is or why it is important, I wanted to reiterate a few things.

What's the point of a mission statement?

- There is no point if it's a bad one
- Gives a formula for who we are, what we care about, what we do
- Helps act as a guiding principle
 - We are more effective when we have goals
 - The mission statement should be something that we can constantly aspire to—that we can ask ourselves, “does what we’re doing/is what we’re considering in line with our mission statement?”

What is a good mission statement supposed to look like?

- Clearly answer the question “what are we here for?”
- Be short, clear, and memorable—can serve as a starting point to help us talk about the church to others
- Give focus and definition to our efforts
- Be specific enough to help us measure success or failure

Though we now have a new mission statement, our work is just beginning. It is now our task to explore what we can start doing to further our mission statement. What new ministries might we create at St. Thomas? In what new ways might we reach out to the surrounding community? What new goals do we want to set for ourselves for the future? These are all questions we will be asking as we seek to live into the new mission statement to which we believe we have been called. Please begin to consider these questions and share whatever insights you might have with me and members of the vestry. Together we can work to cultivate spiritual growth in our community and share the love of Christ with all.

Peace,

Megan

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7 Peg Bergandino

17 Leonard Fina



Mark Your Calendar

Thurs., July 6—Dinner Out—Pike Cafe—6:00pm
Tuesday, July 25—Food Pantry Distribution

Terry will be on vacation from July 22 until July 29.

New Prayer Shawl Ministry

Are you interested in being a part of a new prayer shawl ministry at St. Thomas? Members of this ministry would create knitted or crocheted prayer shawls to be blessed and given to someone in need of prayers and comfort. If you don't know how to knit or crochet, but would still be interested in joining--not a problem! There are people available to teach you. If you'd like to learn more about joining this new ministry, please contact Amy Smith at ajs520nwlf@gmail.com or 610-507-0802.



MOWING SCHEDULE

July 3—Stan
July 10—Bob
July 17—Gary
July 24—Stan
July 31—Bob

July 2

9:30am
Reader.....Pat Mast
Intercessor.....Terry McEwen
Chalice.....Ken & Helen Harclerode
Ushers.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker
Refreshments.....Price/Cunningham
Nursery.....Jen Cunningham
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Janet McColgan/Jen Cunningham

July 23

9:30am
Reader.....Amy Smith
Intercessor.....D.D. Krawelzik
Chalice.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
Ushers.....Ken & Helen Harclerode
Nursery.....Jen Cunningham
Refreshments.....McCord/Goodling
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Bob & Peg Cook

July 9

9:30am
Reader.....Jim Hathaway
Intercessor.....Arlene Hathaway
Chalice.....Pat Mast/Liz Beebe
Ushers.....Barbara & Evans Goodling
Nursery.....Liz Beebe
Refreshments.....Stalnakers
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....D.D. Krawlzik/Terry McEwen

July 30

9:30am
Reader.....Barbara Goodling
Intercessor.....Pat Mast
Chalice.....Ken & Helen Harclerode
Ushers.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker
Nursery.....Liz Beebe
Refreshments.....Cook/McEwen
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Goodling

July 16

9:30am
Reader.....Evans Goodling
Intercessor.....Barbara Goodling
Chalice.....Stan Stalnaker/D.D. Krawlzik
Ushers.....Jim & Arlene Hathaway
Nursery.....Doris Gring
Refreshments.....Stillman/Moore
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Stalnakers

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