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**ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NEWSLETTER—JUNE 2017**



*****Work Day**
Saturday, June 3***

*Our Junior Warden, Stan, has asked for
volunteers to help at the church that Saturday.*

Anytime after 9:00am.

Lunch will be provided!

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good”
-1 Corinthians 12:4-7

We will soon be celebrating the day of Pentecost, when we commemorate the arrival of the gift of the Holy Spirit which Christ had promised would assist his apostles after his death. On that day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles like tongues of flame, allowing them to speak in languages that all people, no matter their ethnic, cultural, or national background could understand. But our celebration on Pentecost does not stop at our remembrance and recognition of this one specific instance of the Spirit acting in the lives of believers. On the day of Pentecost we are reminded that *all* Christians are given this very same gift that Christ promised the apostles. And just as the Holy Spirit bestowed certain gifts and abilities onto the apostles, so the Holy Spirit causes spiritual gifts to spring up in each and every one of us. It is then up to us to discern what our gifts may be and how God is calling us to use those gifts to further God’s work in the world.

Yet the gifts of the Spirit are not meant to work independently from each other, but together for the common good. Though we each have individual callings, we also have larger callings that we must work together in order to accomplish. Because the sum of our gifts can achieve much more than what we could as individuals. Thus, one of the reasons we Christians congregate together in churches is to share the gifts of the Spirit that we each possess so that we might discover how our combined gifts can be used to do God’s work in our communities and in our world.

It is very appropriate then, that we will continue our efforts to develop a new mission statement after the service on June 4th, the day of Pentecost. Our new mission statement will be an expression of what we believe God is calling us together as a church to accomplish, how our combined gifts can be used to a higher calling in our community. And just as each Christian manifests a gift of the Holy Spirit, each member of St. Thomas has gifts and wisdom to share. Please join us after the service on the day of Pentecost as we seek to define our common mission.

Peace,

Megan



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

6 Alison Foster
18 Mary Lou Brenckman
19 Terry McEwen



Mark Your Calendar

Thurs., June 1—Dinner Out——Douglassville Hotel—6:00pm
Tuesday, June 27—Food Pantry Distribution



Coming Up:

We will be trying Pike Café on Thursday, July 6.
Located at 930 Pike St. in Reading.

Twin Valley Food Pantry

On Tuesday, we served 137 families.
I was able to see the "other" side this week.

I usually do the drinks for the meal, so when Gary and Natali had to leave, I went out to help "on the line", since we had very few volunteers.

As the last of the families came, we were already out of fresh eggs, apples and drinks.

So if you are looking to donate, please keep in mind that, especially in summer, the fruits and veggies are SO welcome.

And drinks, even powdered packs that mix with water.

How wonderful it is that our food pantry provides a great meal to go with the food they can take home.

And thanks to all of you for your continued support!

(Conestoga Church had a box of ice cream sandwiches left from a meeting—Natali took them around to the little kids—wow!!!)



June 4

9:30am
Reader.....Jim Hathaway
Intercessor.....Arlene Hathaway
Chalice.....Stan Stalnaker/Liz Beebe
Ushers.....Barbara & Evans Goodling
Nursery.....Liz Beebe
Refreshments.....Stalnakers
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Janet McColgan/Jen Cunningham

June 11

9:30am
Reader.....Evans Goodling
Intercessor.....Barbara Goodling
Chalice.....Pat Mast/D.D. Krawlzik
Ushers.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker
Nursery.....Doris Gring
Refreshments.....Price/Cunningham
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Stalnakers



Mowing Schedule

June 5—Bob
June 12—Gary
June 19—Stan
June 26—Bob

June 18 Father's Day!

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

June 25

9:30am
Reader.....Barbara Goodling
Intercessor.....Pat Mast
Chalice.....Ken & Helen Harclerode
Ushers.....Jim & Arlene Hathaway
Nursery.....Liz Beebe
Refreshments.....Goodling/McCord
Healing.....Barbara Goodling
Counters.....Goodling

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