

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
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ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH NEWSLETTER—AUGUST 2016



VACATION TIME!

Megan will be back from vacation on July 31.
Terry will be away on July 31, but back August 7!
We really enjoyed Rev. Terry from St. Luke's in
Lebanon last Sunday.

This Sunday, Senior Warden Sally Stalnaker will lead
us in Morning Prayer.

*While Megan is out of town, The Rev. David Green is available to respond to
pastoral emergencies while she is gone.*

He can be contacted at 610-385-3144 (church) or 410-490-9314 (cell).

The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

-Haggai 2:9

I have said many times that if we want things to be different, we must do things differently. St. Thomas is already a wonderful, friendly, worshipful place, and we now have the opportunity to be more welcoming and include more people into our faith family. As most everyone has heard by now, on September 11th, the first Sunday after Labor Day, we will begin having two services at St. Thomas. The 8:30am service will generally be a Rite II Holy Eucharist with no music, and the 10:30am service will generally be a Rite II Holy Eucharist with music. As we have in the past, we will have Rite I services when it seems more appropriate for the liturgical season. I am very excited about this new path we are following, and hope that we will all be able to put aside the anxiety that always accompanies change and look towards all of the wonderful possibilities of what God may have in store for us.

Several people have asked about what coffee hour and worship ministries will look like once we have two services. There will be a coffee hour after each service, unless we're doing a combined parish social hour between services. There will be two different rotations for coffee hour—one for the 8:30 and one for the 10:30. There will also be two different rotations for altar, ushers, readers, etc. If you are on the rotation for refreshments, altar, readers, etc. on a Sunday, fear not. You will NOT be serving at both services. I will be meeting with various groups starting in August to figure out the new rotations based on which service each person plans on frequenting, so please think on which service you prefer to attend if you are involved in any of these ministries.

We are reaching a turning point in St. Thomas' history. As comfortable as the status quo may be, we have the opportunity to create more options for our current members and for people searching for a community that they can worship God in—a place where they can come meet God and then go out into the world and do God's work. Let us embrace this new opportunity, knowing that God will continue to be with us in the midst of the changes and chances of this life.

Peace,

Megan



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2 Jen Cunningham	16 Morgan Walsh
5 Evans Goodling Maverik Foster	19 Renee Bergandino
7 Paula Olenginski	21 Herb Dunmore
10 Justin Bergandino	24 Dori Stillman
	29 Alen Olenginski, Kay Gallagher



Mark Your Calendar

Thurs., August 11—Dinner Out at Schmeck's Villa—6:00pm
Wed., August 17— Vestry Meeting—7:00pm
Tues. August 23—Food Pantry Distribution

MOWING SCHEDULE

AUGUST

7 Evans & Dennis Goodling
14 Janet McColgan
21 Gary & Terry McEwen
28 Bob & Peg Cook



Anyone who is available to weed is always welcome!!



And Thus, a Service is Planned

Have you ever wondered what goes into planning a service? Why do some things change while others always stay the same? Stay after the service on August 7th to find the answers to all of these questions and more!

August 7

9:30am
 Reader.....Jim Morgan
 Intercessor.....Amy Smith
 Chalice.....Ken & Helen Harclerode
 Ushers.....Stan & Sally Stalnaker
 Nursery.....Doris Gring
 Refreshments.....Stalnakers
 Healing.....Barbara Goodling
 Altar.....Jill Weise
 Counters.....Terry McEwen/D.D. Krawzik

August 21

Reader.....Amy Smith
 Intercessor.....D.D. Krawzik
 Chalice.....Ken & Helen Harclerode
 Ushers.....Evans & Barbara Goodling
 Nursery.....Liz Beebe
 Refreshments.....Price/Cunningham
 Healing.....Barbara Goodling
 Altar.....Dori Stillman
 Counters.....Janet McColgan/Jen Cunningham

August 14

9:30am
 Reader.....Jim Hathaway
 Intercessor.....Arlene Hathaway
 Chalice.....Jim Morgan/Stan Stalnaker
 Ushers.....Ken & Helen Harclerode
 Nursery.....Jen Cunningham
 Refreshments.....Barbara McCord
 Healing.....Barbara Goodling
 Altar.....Dori Stillman
 Counters.....Bob & Peg Cook

August 28

Reader.....Evans Goodling
 Intercessor.....Barbara Goodling
 Chalice.....D.D. Krawzik/Liz Beebe
 Ushers.....Jim & Arlene Hathaway
 Nursery.....Jen Cunningham
 Refreshments.....Goodlings
 Healing.....Barbara Goodling
 Altar.....Lavery
 Counters.....Goodlings

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(Yes, I went there!)

**Twin Valley Schools start
Monday, August 29!**