Discipleship Cannot Be Done Alone

You may have heard about our new discipleship class coming up this fall. This class is just one part of our next step in ministry together: to reinvest in our own discipleship, not just as individuals but together. St. Thomas is a great church, and many of you have deep and involved spiritual lives and journeys. But we don’t talk about them with each other. We are a collection of spiritual individuals moving on our own tracks down the road, without deep spiritual relationships with each other.

Consider it this way: when a visitor is with us on Sunday morning, would he or she hear the word “Jesus” except in the liturgy? Probably not.

And that is what puts us in danger of being just an organization and not a church. We need to move from acquaintance and friendship to the deeper level of spiritual relationship. We need to know what is happening in each other’s spiritual lives, so we can challenge and encourage each other. We need to be talking to each other about Jesus and what he is doing in our lives!

This may feel uncomfortable at first—that’s okay. The Episcopal Church is not good at this. We are a polite people and a formal people. But we need to push ourselves through our discomfort to really encounter each other spiritually.

Why? For several reasons. First, because spiritual relationship is what church is! Second, because spiritual relationship is a key part of where we get energy and drive and sustenance to do all the good ministries to which we are called. Our personal, private spiritual life is one half of the equation, but I think deep, sustaining spiritual relationships with each other is the missing half at St. Thomas. Many of you do have profound and deep relationships with each other, born of seeing each other through births and deaths and all the ups and downs of life at St. Thomas over the years. We’re going to take those already deep relationships and nourish them with more spiritual conversation, and build and enrich new relationships with those we don’t know as well.

You have no doubt noticed our first step in this process: our Community Spiritual Conversations that we have added to our Sunday morning worship. Each week, we take a few minutes to talk together in small groups about the following questions:

1. What happened in your life this week that you were reminded of during the sermon?
2. How did you hear God’s love and encouragement during the sermon? and
3. How did you hear God challenging you in the sermon?

And we’ve had great discussion in these conversations! See? Spiritual relationship isn’t as hard as you thought it was!

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Parish Life

Words from Whitney (continued)

So our upcoming Discipleship Class is a great opportunity to keep building and deepening our discipleship together in relationship and fellowship. We will cover six areas of discipleship in our time together: Pray, Worship, Serve, Give, Learn, and Discern. We are asking for a high level of commitment in this course—if you sign up, you are committing to come to all six sessions. You can sign up to come on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at St. Luke’s, or Saturday mornings from 9-10 a.m. at St. Thomas, whichever works better for your schedule. If these classes this fall don’t work for your schedule, that’s okay—we’ll be offering it again in the spring.

I have more ideas for our continuing spiritual relationship exploration, but we need to save room for other things in this newsletter! What are your ideas? What ways can you think of to share with one another deeply and challenge and encourage each other on our spiritual journeys? Share those ideas with me and we will make them happen!

Because the final reason why deepening our spiritual relationships with one another is so important is we want to have something to invite people to when we’re inviting them to church. St. Thomas wants to grow, and so we have been working on our evangelism. We want to have a rich and deep community with active spiritual conversations for newcomers to join and engage in. Prayerful, intentional work in these two areas, spirituality at St. Thomas and evangelism, is how we will prioritize our efforts, and I know God will bless us with new gifts and opportunities we cannot even imagine now.

Ladies’ Luncheon
Mallow Run Winery
Saturday, November 15
12:30 p.m.

Join us for lunch and fellowship at the Mallow Run Winery on Saturday, November 15 at 12:30 p.m.

The winery is located at 6964 W. Whiteland Road (1.5 miles West of St. Rd. 144) in Bargersville. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Questions? See Fran Thompson.

ALL SAINTS’ DAY
Sunday, November 2, 11 a.m.

We will celebrate the Feast of All Saints’ worship Sunday, November 2 at 11 a.m. “Saint” was the name for all believers in Jesus Christ, from the Greek meaning “holy ones.”

We will read aloud the names of our dearly departed Saints. Everyone is invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

CALLING ALL SERVERS!

There is a training for all servers and anyone interested in becoming a server on Sunday, November 2 after worship.

We will also have a special meeting in December for Christmas.

See Danny Bachman for more information.
DISCIPLES WANTED!

What if Jesus put a Disciples Wanted ad in the Daily Journal? Would you respond? He does want each and every one of us to be a disciple. How do we do that?

Whitney+ is offering Discipleship Classes in November and December for spiritual formation. Classes will be offered on two days: Saturdays at St. Thomas or Wednesdays at St. Luke’s. Classes are one hour in length except for the last Saturday session which is a two-hour class.

Class times at St. Thomas will be
10 a.m. on these Saturdays:
November 15, 22 and December 6, 13, 20

Class times at St. Luke’s will be
6:30 p.m. on these Wednesdays:
November 5, 12, 19 and December 3, 10, 17

Sign up on the bulletin board. You may attend classes at either St. Thomas or St. Luke’s—whichever suits your schedule best.

See Whitney+ for any questions.

WEATHER CLOSING INFORMATION

“Do you wanna build a snowman?”

We are hoping the wooly worms and the Farmers’ Almanac are wrong about their winter predictions this year, but just in case we do need to close the church and/or clinic here’s what you need to know:

Watch FOX59 (Channel 11) or WHTTR (Channel 13) for closing information for either St. Thomas Church or the St. Thomas Free Clinic. Both will have their own listings noted this year in case of closure.

Fall Pledge Campaign
In–Gathering: Sunday, November 16

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are called to remember our many blessings and gifts from God. At the same time, we are called to remember the two greatest commandments, those on which all other laws depend:

Love God.
Love one another.

In the next week or so, you will receive in the mail a stewardship packet. Please prayerfully consider your response to the request in that packet, and complete the form accordingly.

We will ask you to ponder not just your financial contribution for 2015, but other contributions you will make to the St. Thomas Community in your quest to follow the two greatest commandments.

We hope you will be present to present your gifts and place them on the altar on November 16.

Gifts will continue to be accepted and encouraged in the weeks that follow.

If you do not receive a stewardship packet and you would like one, please contact Robin Kares at (317) 362-6874 or roblkares@yahoo.com.

Happy Thanksgiving Day
**BOB EVANS FUNDRAISER**

Benefit for the Interchurch Food Pantry

Please use the coupon below and eat at any one of these Bob Evans’ locations any Monday during the month of November. The Interchurch Food Pantry will receive 15% of your purchase.

900 N. Morton Street, Franklin
91 Byrd Way, Greenwood
159 Marlin Drive, Greenwood

Flyers must be presented at the time of purchase.

November is one of the busiest months at the food pantry and any donation is greatly appreciated!

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**UNITED THANK OFFERING**

United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through United Thank Offering, men, women, and children nurture the habit of giving daily thanks to God. These prayers of thanksgiving start when we recognize and name our many daily blessings. Those who participate in UTO discover that thankfulness leads to generosity. United Thank Offering is entrusted to promote thank offerings, to receive the offerings, and to distribute the UTO monies to support mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and in invited Provinces of the Anglican Communion in the developing world.

UTO boxes were distributed on October 26. If you need one, just contact the office (535-8985) or Dave Buchholz, UTO Coordinator. We will collect your UTO offerings on Sunday, December 7. Please turn coins into paper monies or a check. Thank you.

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**“Turkey & All the Fixins” Meal**

Scott Hall on Thanksgiving Day

Johnson County Banquets warmly invites you to join us on Thursday, November 27, 11am – 2pm at Scott Hall, Johnson County Fairgrounds for our 8th Annual Thanksgiving Banquet.

Meals can be delivered for the homebound only. Call 317-979-2659 for homebound delivery.

We need your help! To volunteer, send an email to turkey2014@comcast.net and give us your name, email, phone number and how many volunteer spaces you want to fill. You will be contacted in 48 hours.

Desserts are needed: If you can provide a pie, cookies, cake or brownies please bring them to Scott Hall on Wednesday, November 26 between 6-8 p.m. If you cannot bring it until Thursday we need it no later than 9 a.m.
Other Opportunities

Waycross Wine & Canvas Event—November 1
Register today for the first ever Waycross Wine & Canvas event featuring Chateau Thomas Winery. It begins at 6:30 p.m. with a wine tasting and the painting begins at 7 p.m. Spend the night! A special room rate of $75 for two people will include breakfast.
Questions? Call 812-597-4241.

Growing the Church Workshop—November 4
Did you miss the workshop when it was here at St. Thomas last month? Canon Bruce Gray is offering the training again at St. Christopher’s in Carmel on Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop is free. Dinner will cost $5 and can be paid at St. Christopher’s the night of the training. Register online at: indydio.org.

LEV Training—November 15: Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training will be Saturday, November 15, 1-4 p.m. at St. Mark’s in Plainfield. All attendees must have (and read!) "Manual for Eucharistic Visitors" by Beth Wickenberg Ely. It is available online from Church Publishing. Questions? Please contact Fatima Yakubu-Madus at 317-459-0105 or email deacon@stjohnsspeedway.org.

WWW.SAFEGUARDING.ORG
Are you up-to-date?
The number one way to prevent abuse or harassment is through awareness and keeping your eyes open. All Vestry, ministry leaders, key holders and/or anyone working with children or adults in ministry are required to take Safeguarding Online training.

If the last time you took training was in 2011, you are due for a refresher course. If it has been longer than that you will need to take the entire series. If you are not sure, check with Carol. She has records of your training dates. Already have your username and password? Just go to www.safeguardingonline.org. If you don’t remember it or need a new log in, contact Carol Macmillan in the office at 535-8985.
## November 2014 Calendar

We thank you for the turkey, the gravy and the dressing. 

Dear Lord, this table overflows with Thy abundant blessing. 

Let us always be aware that all gifts come from You, 

And may we serve Your heavenly will in everything we do. Amen.

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**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**CLERGY**


**MUSIC MINISTRY**

|        | Mary Barrett | Mary Barrett | Mary Barrett | Mary Barrett | Mary Barrett |

**MOWERS**

|        | Don Thompson | Danny Bachman | Many thanks to our mowers for all their work! |

**ALTAR GUILD**

|        | Marti Ramsey | Marti Ramsey | Judith Mullinix | Karen Smith | Marti Ramsey |

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

|        | Glory of God | Glory of God | Wilma McDermott | Eric & Karen Smith Mel & Maura Archer | Glory of God |

**BREAD MINISTRY**

|        | Marti Ramsey | Laura Skimina | Laura Skimina | Marti Ramsey | Marti Ramsey |

**HOSPITALITY TEAM**

|        | Steve Faust | Wilma McDermott | Ann Kieffer | Marikay Kapke | Dave Buchholz | Steve Faust | Cheryl Faust | Judy Mullinix |

**SERVERS**

|        | Dave Buchholz | Tel'Lee Clark | Danny Bachman | Gavin A. Reid S. | Laura Skimina | Paul S. | Dave Buchholz | Tel'Lee Clark |

**READERS**

|        | Dave Buchholz | Cheryl Faust | Mike Ramsey | Paul Jump | Ann Kieffer | Judith Mullinix | Dave Buchholz | Paula Sites |

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

|        | Judith Mullinix | Cheryl Faust | Deirdré Warrenburg | Marta Pincheira | Cheryl Faust |

**COUNTERS**

|        | Robin Kares | Elyssa Everling | Pam Saenz | Dave Buchholz | Mike Ramsey | Marikay Kapke | Jen Tullis | Danny Bachman | Laura Skimina |

**COFFEE HOSTS**

|        | Steve & Fran Poropatic | Elyssa Everling | Many thanks to our mowers for all their work! | Milly Kopecky |

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Everyone is here!

Welcome

No exceptions!

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

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The Clergy, Staff and Officers of St. Thomas

Bishop .......................... The Rt. Rev. Catherine M. Waynick
Priest-in-Charge.................. The Rev. Whitney Rice
Deacon .......................... The. Ven. Ron Goldfarb
Organist/Choir Director ........... Mary Barrett
Parish Administrator............... Carol Macmillan
Senior Warden ..................... Mike Ramsey
Junior Warden ........................ Danny Bachman
Clerk ................................ Laura Skimina
Treasurer .......................... Marti Ramsey
Assistant Treasurers.............. Robin Kares, Eric Smith

The 18th Vestry of St. Thomas (2014-2015)

2015 .......... Danny Bachman, Pam Saenz, Laura Skimina
2016 ........ David Buchholz, Marikay Kapke, Mike Ramsey
2017 .......... Elyssa Everling, Robin Kares, Jen Tullis

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