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St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Franklin, IN
August 2022

*All are Welcome
No Exceptions!*

St. Thomas Episcopal Church accepts all people and we commit to:

Celebrate the Eucharist regularly

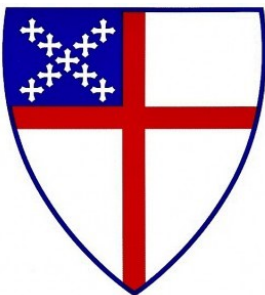
Keep a personal and community discipline of prayer and study

Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by promoting justice, peace, and love

Nurture God's people as we grow in Christ

Live with thanksgiving, wonder, and openness to God's love

Restore all people to unity with God and each other



The Spiritual Power of Healing

Summer is often a time to get away for a while or take time off work. Depending on the weather, getting outdoors can offer opportunities for gardening, recreation or serious exercise. In my experience, all these things can help renew us or recharge the batteries.

In that spirit of renewal, St. Thomas will offer a Service of Healing and Holy Eucharist at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 24th. It's the second of our three Wednesday Evening Summer Eucharists. These Wednesday services are being offered as an opportunity for those seeking worship other than Sunday – including folks who haven't been to church for a while.

St. Thomas has a long history of healing services. In fact, we have booklets for "A Public Service of Healing" in our Sacristry. Through the years, I've observed spiritual healing taking place, in myself or others, individually through our personal devotions or in community through the Prayers of the People.

Another potentially powerful healing practice has to do with the sacraments. When we speak of sacraments of the Episcopal Church, most of us probably think of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist. But the Book of Common Prayer teaches that there are seven sacraments, including unction. Unction is the rite of anointing the sick with oil, or the laying on of hands, by which God's grace is given for the healing of body, mind and spirit

However you might experience healing, I hope that this summer is a time of renewal for you and your family. And I hope to see you August 24th at St. Thomas.

--Fr. Whitney



Despite late-July heat, a dozen members and leaders of Boy Scout Troop 245 of Greenwood made great progress on the pergola that's part of Reid Smith's Eagle Scout project renovating, expanding and improving the St. Thomas Memorial Garden. Reid said the pergola frame was stained prior to installation.

Join Us for the Indians Game August 25th

Members and friends of St. Thomas, Franklin, will get together soon for another Indianapolis Indians game, this time versus the Rochester Red Wings. We have a block of 25 seats for Thursday, August 25th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$16.00 per person and can be paid by cash or check made out to Julie Stogsdill. You can bring payments to church, or mail checks to her at 347 Palmer Ln Apt C, Greenwood, IN 46143. Please don't send cash in the mail. It's a "Thirsty Thursday," so drinks are available at discounted prices. If you would like to sign up or have questions, email j_stogsdill@sbcglobal.net or leave a voicemail at (219) 616-5520.



Veteran Clinic Volunteer Judy Lovejoy Retires

Many thanks and best wishes to Judy Lovejoy! Judy retired at the end of July after 21 years of faithful volunteer service to St. Thomas Clinic. She has agreed to consult via phone in the future.

Judy has grown and managed the Clinic's Prescription Assistance Program, which assists patients in receiving free medications directly from manufacturers. She also serves on the Clinic Steering Committee, has filled in as Interim Director after Jane Beers left, and has served as Assistant Director.

The amount of knowledge Judy has regarding prescription assistance, like the gratitude we have for her service, is immeasurable. Bon voyage, Judy

—Terresa Branham



David Orvek to Teach at Butler

This month, David Orvek, husband of St. Thomas musician Heather Orvek, will begin teaching two music theory classes as adjunct faculty at Butler University in Indianapolis. A PhD student at the IU Jacobs School of Music in Bloomington, David finished degree coursework in the spring, and passed his major field qualifying exam a few weeks ago. He will work on his dissertation while teaching at Butler.

"The coursework stage of the degree is supposed to introduce you to all the different things music theorists are doing so that you can decide what to do for your dissertation," David said. "I haven't quite figured out what I'm doing yet, but I think I'll be focusing in some way on British modernist classical music from the second half of the 20th century (composers like Harrison Birtwistle, Jonathan Harvey, and Brian Ferneyhough, to name a few)." David has also been working on doctoral minors in classical guitar performance and music history. He has played classical guitar and sung in choral ensembles at St. Thomas, besides being Heather's "resident page-turner." He says, "Heather and I are very blessed to be a part of your community at St. Thomas."

SERVICE SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.

	Aug. 7th	Aug. 14th	Aug. 21st	Aug. 28th
CLERGY	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith
MUSIC MINISTRY	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Smith	Marti Ramsey	Marti Ramsey	Marti Ramsey
HOSPITALITY TEAM/SERVERS	Julie Stogsdill	Steve Faust	Dave Buchholz	Steve Faust
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	Ann Glass	Cheryl Faust	Mike Ramsey	Cheryl Faust
ACOLYTE	Dave Buchholz	Alan Faust	Ann Kieffer	Alan Faust
LECTORS	Elsbeth Mirchandani/ Julie Stogsdill	Ann Kieffer/ Cheryl Faust	Dave Buchholz/ Ann Glass	Elsbeth Mirchandani/ Julie Stogsdill
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Joy Tucker	Dennis & Judy Thompson	Robin Kares Paula Sites	
COUNTERS	Julie Stogsdill	Cheryl Faust/ Rachel Allen	Dave Buchholz/ Rachel Allen	Eric Smith
MOWERS	Jamison Allen Aug 1-6	Danny Bachman Aug 8-13	Mike Ramsey Aug 15-20	Euci Pittman Aug 22-27

AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

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8/4—Austin Faust
8/8 —Shelli Anderson
8/14 —Wilma McDermott, Candy Phillips
8/17 —Mark Anderson
8/18 —Jerry Downs
8/19 —Peg Boehnlein
8/26 —Alan Faust
8/29—Ashley Bachman

ANNIVERSARIES

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8/4 —Steve & Cheryl Faust
8/14 —David & Shirley Beck
8/27—Jamison & Rachel Allen
8/29—John & Peg Boehnlein

ST. THOMAS VESTRY



Meeting:
August 14, 2022
The 26th Vestry of St. Thomas (2022--2024)

2022.....Dave Buchholz, Marikay Kapke
2023.....Steven Wahlberg, Rachel Allen,
Cheryl Faust
2024.....Julie Stogsdill, Eric Smith

The Staff and Officers of St. Thomas

Rector.....Fr. Whitney Smith
Senior WardenDave Buchholz
Junior Warden.....Steve Wahlberg
Clerk.....Julie Stogsdill
TreasurerJim Lewis
Assistant TreasurersRobin Kares, Eric Smith,
Mike Ramsey, Marti Ramsey
Parish Administrator..... Joy Tucker
Organist.....Heather Orvek

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