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St. Thomas Episcopal Church
Franklin, IN
September 2022

*All are Welcome
No Exceptions!*

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

Celebrate the Eucharist regularly

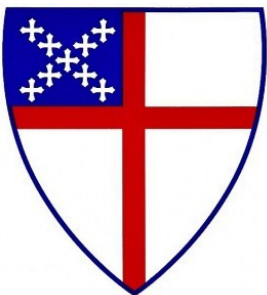
Keep a personal and community discipline of prayer and study

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



Fall Forums to Feature John's Gospel

I'm pleased to report that our Fall Adult Forum series at St. Thomas will focus on the Gospel of John. The series evolved from ongoing conversations between Vestry Education Liaison Marikay Kapke and myself. The more I thought about it, the more I realized the magnitude of the Fourth Gospel's influence on various aspects of the Episcopal Church.

The Adult Forum series will take a slightly different shape this year. We'll still have three Sunday morning classes in September, October, and November, starting at 9:00 a.m. Each will take a different approach on John's impact. However, the December forum will be a Wednesday evening worship service with Holy Eucharist on December 21st, the Feast of St. Thomas. That's because most of what we're told about Thomas the Apostle, our parish's patron saint, is found in John.

Here's what's coming up in our Adult Forums:

September 25th – Introduction to John, and its influence on scriptures we hear each Sunday. John's gospel appears prominently in our lectionary throughout the church year, as well as on high holiday days.

October 23rd – John's impact on the Sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist and Burial Rites in the Book of Common Prayer.

November 20th – John's impact on our hymnals. We will look – and I hope, sing – selections from Hymnal 1982, Wonder, Love, and Praise, and Lift Every Voice and Sing. Then we'll connect certain verses to corresponding passages from John. There are so many possible examples, we will only scratch the surface.

December 21st at 7:00 p.m. – Feast of St. Thomas. We will have a short service with communion, and a message focusing on how John depicts Thomas.

I hope to see you at some or all our forums!

--Fr. Whitney

From Our Senior Warden

Greetings Fellow Parishioners,

I'm writing to thank all our 2022 pledgers for the contributions you have made thus far this year. If you're behind or unsure of your current pledge status, now is the time to review your pledge and get back on track. The Vestry and finance team have recently had to dip into our small endowments (which are designed to provide long-term income) to meet immediate needs. This is something we don't want to make a habit of, and staying up-to-date on pledges will help avoid this situation. The end of the fiscal year approaches and your contribution helps keep us financially solvent. Please stay current on your pledges. Meanwhile, the 2023 Stewardship campaign is approaching, and annual pledge and service opportunity information will arrive soon. Please consider a healthy pledge for 2023 to help St. Thomas stay on stable financial ground.

Thank you for your consideration,

--Dave Buchholz, Sr. Warden

Food Pantry Seeks Donations

Thanks to everyone who donated to the Inter-church Food Pantry of Johnson County in August. For September, the Food Pantry anticipates needing anything and everything. Monetary donations are also welcome. Make checks payable to St. Thomas, designate "Pantry" in memo line. St. Thomas will next collect donations at church on September 18th, the 3rd Sunday of the month.

—Cheryl Faust



From Our Junior Warden

Hello to all! As we prepare for autumn here at St. Thomas, we would like to have a fall clean-up day around the church on Saturday, October 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to about noon.

Everyone is welcome to pitch in with things needing to be done inside and out. Lunch will be provided.

My thanks to the mowers who are keeping the grass mowed. We have had some especially hot weather early on, so thanks for carrying on.

--Steve Wahlberg, Jr Warden



COFFEE HOUR NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all those who hosted Coffee Hour during August. We still need volunteers for September 11th, 18th and 25th. Please sign up on the bulletin board.



SERVICE SCHEDULE

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SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.

	Sept. 4th	Sept. 11th	Sept 18th	Sept 25th
CLERGY	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith
MUSIC MINISTRY	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek
ALTAR GUILD	Marti Ramsey	Marti Ramsey	Karen Smith	Karen Smith
HOSPITALITY TEAM/SERVERS	Julie Stogsdill	Chuck Patrick/ Cheryl Faust	Steve Faust	Cheryl Faust
EUCHARIST MINISTERS	Cheryl Faust	Mike Ramsey	Ann Kieffer	Ann Glass
ACOLYTE	Alan Faust	Dave Buchholz	Alan Faust	Dave Buchholz
LECTORS	Mike Ramsey/ Elspeth Mirchandani	Cheryl Faust/ Ann Glass	Julie Stogsdill/ Ann Kieffer	Cheryl Faust/ Elspeth Mirchandani
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	Marti Ramsey			
COUNTERS	Julie Stogsdill/ Cheryl Faust	Dave Buchholz/ Eric Smith	Cheryl Faust/ Marikay Kapke	Rachel Allen
MOWERS	Jamison Allen 9/5-10	Steve Faust 9/12-17	Mike Ramsey 9/19-9/24	Darrell Faust 9/26-10/1

SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

9/4—Gilayne Lange
9/5—Jim Lewis, Elspeth Mirchandani
9/7—Rachel Buchholz
9/8—Charlie Lewis
9/10—Molly Blade
9/11—Brandi Ashlock
9/12—Danny Bachman
9/14—Neil Blade
9/16—Joshua Craft-Rutan & Ann Glass
9/23—Bonnie Johnson, Marilyn Thompson
9/25—Tiffany Linville
9/28—Deidre Warrenburg

ANNIVERSARIES

9/13—Danny & Ashley Bachman
9/15—Gavin & Maggie Merriman

ST. THOMAS VESTRY



Meeting:
September 11, 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 Admin.....Joy Tucker
Organist.....Heather Orvek

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