



# 'the story'

St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
Franklin, IN  
October 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

## Singer-songwriter to play St. Thomas fundraiser

This month, we will welcome Indiana-based singer-songwriter Joel David Weir to St. Thomas for a public concert planned both as a fun outreach event and as a fundraiser for our organ endowment. The concert will start at 7:00 p.m. Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Please invite family and friends. Weather permitting, the event will be in the Shelter House.

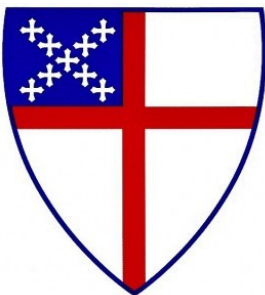
Weir has agreed to play for about ninety minutes. St. Thomas will ask a suggested donation of \$10 per person for the concert (though we won't discourage larger amounts). We'll also be selling food and refreshments at intermission. The church is grateful for support from our neighbor, Astral at Franklin, and from two anonymous donors to underwrite the cost of the food and artist.

Based in Crawfordsville, Weir regularly performs across the Midwest and beyond, and is a prolific recording artist. His music, whether acoustic or digital, features a broad spectrum of messages, from social consciousness to spirituality. His album "American Streets" Anthology (2005-2019) contains a song called "Charlottesville." His song list also includes the digital track "Saint Patrick."

Aside from his musical endeavors, Joel David Weir is a priest with the Orthodox Church in America. Currently he serves as rector of St. Stephen's American Orthodox Church, Crawfordsville.

St. Thomas's organ endowment was created years ago thanks to a generous donation, with the goal of helping to pay for the musician's salary and organ repairs.

--Fr. Whitney Smith



Joel David Weir

## In loving memory:

**James Frank "Jim" Hess (2/18/36-8/24/22)**  
Born in DuQuoin, IL, married Barbara in 1962. US Army veteran serving in Korean War. Left to cherish his memory are: his wife, Barbara, son Jason (Misha), grandsons Kyle & Jacob.

**Delores Elaine "Dee" Jump (6/8/34-9/2/22)**  
Born in Indianapolis, IN. Married Paul in 1955. Left to cherish her memory are: her husband, Paul, son, Stephen, daughter, Rebekah, granddaughter, Shelby and brother Robert Pyritz.



## Food Pantry Fundraiser

The Johnson County Interchurch Food Pantry is holding its annual fundraiser. The number of clients visiting the pantry has increased by 66 percent in 2022, hitting some of the highest use in the pantry's history. Our donation Sunday this month is October 16th. We will be collecting a special monetary donation. Please make checks out to St Thomas with a note on the memo line designating for food pantry.



—Cheryl Faust

## From the Junior Warden:

**REMINDER:** Fall Church work day on October 8th from 9-noon. Lunch will be provided. Please come dressed for inside and outside



cleaning. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

—Steve Wahlberg

Thank you (on behalf of myself and my family) to all my friends and fellow-worshippers at St. Thomas for your support with prayers, words of encouragement, and visits during the time of Dee's long illness and our recent "Going Home" celebration at Otterbein. We love and appreciate all of you!

Special thanks to Father Whit for guiding us through the difficult times, and planning a beautifully appropriate service!

—Paul Jump

The Hess family would like to send our sincerest thanks to our St. Thomas family for the cards, visits and prayers during Jim's illness and passing. It meant so much to us to have you there with us physically and spiritually. Having the service in the church was one of Jim's wishes, and it was beautiful. Thanks to all who helped with the amazing luncheon. It was delicious and so appreciated. Our thanks to Fr. Whitney for his phone calls, visits, prayers and communication to the remainder of our St. Thomas family. He was readily available in our time of need, and we cannot thank him enough. With love and blessings,

—Barbara, Jason, Misha, Kyle & Jacob Hess

# SERVICE SCHEDULE

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP 10 A.M.

	Oct 2nd	Oct 9th	October 17th	Oct. 23rd/ Oct. 30th
CLERGY	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith	Whitney Smith
MUSIC MINISTRY	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek	Heather Orvek	Sue Downs/ Heather Orvek
ALTAR GUILD	Karen Smith	Karen Smith	Marti Ramsey/  Karen Smith	Karen Smith/  Marti Ramsey
USHERS	Steve Faust /	Chuck Patrick/ Julie Stogsdill	Jim & Candace Phillips	Steve Faust/ Jim & Candace Phillips
EUCCHARIST MINISTERS	Cheryl Faust	Ann Glass	Ann Glass	Cheryl Faust/ Mike Ramsey
ACOLYTE	Alan Faust	Ann Kieffer	Dave Buchholz	Alan Faust/ Danny Bachman
LECTORS	Elsbeth Mirchandani/ Julie Stogsdill	Juanita Wahlberg/ Jayne Yount	Jim Phillips/ Ann Kieffer	Jayne Yount/ Cheryl Faust  Elsbeth Mirchandani/ Cheryl Faust
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS		Robin Kares/ Paula Sites		
COUNTERS	Rachel Allen/ Julie Stogsdill	Eric Smith	Dave Buchholz	Cheryl Faust/
MOWERS	Euci Pittman Week of 10/3	Steve Wahlberg week of 10/10	Jamison Allen week of 10/17	Euci Pittman / Steve Wahlberg

# OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

10/02—Steve Bridgewater,  
Maggie Lewis  
10/05—Abigail Bachman, Barbara Cook,  
Milly Kopecky  
10/06—Rick Stutz  
10/07—Pam Buchholz  
10/12—Abigail Allen  
10/13—Isaac Buchholz  
10/15—John Boehnlein  
10/17—Esaias Ring, Valerie Scaggs  
10/20—Karen Smith, Beth Stephens  
10/30—Roma Reeves  
10/31—Shelly Knust, Joy Tucker

## ANNIVERSARIES

10/02—Teresa Voorhees &  
Shelly Knust  
10/09—Fran & Don Thompson  
10/21—Jim & Maggie Lewis  
10/23—Juanita & Steve  
Wahlberg

## ST. THOMAS VESTRY



Meeting:  
October 9, 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 Warden .....Dave Buchholz  
Junior Warden.....Steve Wahlberg  
Clerk.....Julie Stogsdill  
Treasurer .....Jim Lewis  
Assistant Treasurers .....Robin Kares, Eric Smith,  
Mike Ramsey, Marti Ramsey  
Parish Administrator.....Joy Tucker  
Organist.....Heather Orvek

If you have an article for the next newsletter, please submit it to Fr. Whitney at whitinindy@hotmail.com or church email stthomasepis@aol.com by the 15th of the previous month.