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A WORD FROM THE WEISS

The Only Constant is Change. —Heraclitus, Greek philosopher

Forgive me, please, for daring to quote myself. I offered a sermon on May 24th, when, oddly enough, most of the parish was on vacation. (It was Memorial Day Weekend.) I wanted to pass along these thoughts to the whole St. Thomas community. As I read the story from Acts for that Sunday, it occurred to me that these first Christians were dealing with something we are facing today: *Change*. They were wondering about how to replace Judas, whom they had lost; we are asking ourselves how St. Thomas will survive and thrive in the future... which will likely involve some changes. These first Christians took three steps which I believe can be helpful to us.

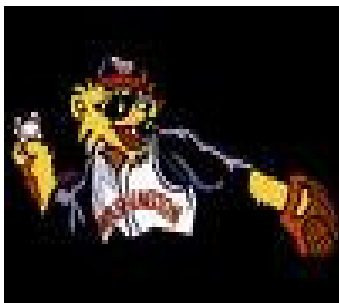
1. *They had regular Common Prayer with each other.* Dealing with change is easier as we are reminded of our unity in faith.
2. *They reflected on their experience.* They shared their ideas and listened to one another. Your Vestry is beginning this conversation, and will include the whole congregation in it this fall.
3. *They took action.*

After making time to pray, and reflect, as a community, they moved forward to where they believed God was leading them.

While each of us will have our own hopes and concerns about the future of St. Thomas, I believe that we will serve each other—and our Lord—best by following this Early Church pattern.

Fr. Chuck Weiss

St. Thomas Gets Wild!



This summer, St. Thomas will continue its wild tradition of going to see the Washington Wild Things! So, throw on your St. Thomas t-shirt and join us as we cheer on the home team.

The dates for these wild events are:

- June 21
- July 26
- August 23

You may sign up at church or by contacting

Michelle Lucarelli (724/942-0719).

The Rector has been assured that he will NOT be tricked into dancing with the Wild Thing mascot this year....

Women of St. Thomas Lunch / Church Tour!

Did you hear? On Saturday, June 6, our ladies will be making a special trip to All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Canonsburg. They'll enjoy a tour of the church at 11:00 a.m., followed a marvelous lunch at the Greek Food Festival in All Saints' Parish Hall.

The plan is to meet at All Saints. You do not need to RSVP, but if you have any questions, feel free to contact Ann Celento (412/977-0897).

Note: All Saints Church is equipped with an elevator.

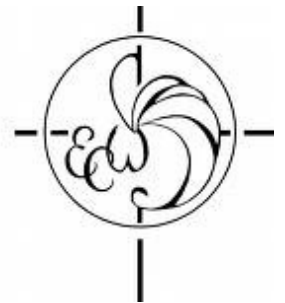


Meeting of St. Thomas ECW

On Monday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m., St. Thomas' Episcopal Church Women will be meeting at the home of Lori Turney, 437 Hunting Creek Road. All St. Thomas women are invited!

At this meeting, members can review the group's new bylaws, as well as discuss future events.

Other parishes are reconvening their ECW groups as The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh continues to reorganize. This is one important way in which St. Thomas can connect with the larger church!



Can Church be Funny?



Diocesan News



Hearing Conducted in Diocesan Assets Case

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh presented its case in court on May 27 for regaining control of diocesan assets still held by former leaders who have left the Episcopal Church.

The hearing centered on a Stipulation and Order of the court, dated October 14, 2005, which was agreed to by the Diocese, Calvary Church in Shadyside, and then-Bishop Robert Duncan.

The Diocesan Chancellor presented evidence to show the Stipulation requires that all diocesan property must remain dedicated for the use of a diocese that is part of The Episcopal Church, and that by leaving the Episcopal Church, Bishop Duncan and others gave up their right to control those assets, regardless of the circumstances of their leaving. *Full story at episcopalpgh.org.*

Notes from the Senior Warden

Part of our mission is “laughing together”...which we’ll probably be doing a fair amount of, as we head into summer! We’re planning several fun events—and if anyone has more ideas, please let me know. We’ll start June with the Women’s Lunch at All Saints Greek Orthodox Church in Canonsburg on the 6th, followed by the Red, White and Blue Potluck (for Flag Day) after the church service on June 14th. Our first Wild Things game will be held June 21st. In July, we’ll probably reschedule the Women’s Lunch, as it falls on the 4th. The Potluck for July is on the 12th, followed by a Wild Things game on the 26th. August’s Women’s Lunch will be on the 1st, and the Church Picnic is set for the 2nd at Canonsburg Park. The final Wild Things game will be on the 23rd. I’m looking forward to this summer and laughing together with all of you! —Michelle Lucarelli

In Memoriam: James Edward Robert Boyan

On May 16, we bid farewell to Jim Boyan, beloved husband of Mary Ann, father and father-in-law of Cindy and Jerry, and grandfather of Shanna and Zack. Many thanks to the members of St. Thomas who expressed their condolences at the Viewing and Funeral, and to those who assisted with a number of details. Please continue to hold the whole family in your thoughts and prayers.

Father of all, we pray to you for Jim, and for all those whom we love but see no longer. Grant them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



BIRTHDAYS

Lori Maier—3rd

Brittany Maier—6th

Ben Hill—7th

Diane Bushko—11th

Joe Lucarelli—12th

Chuck Meacci—13th

*Elizabeth Freeman,
Wayne Greaves—24th*

Betsy Carey—29th

Emma Hull—30th

ANNIVERSARIES

*Anne and Ed Celento
—June 10*

*Diane and Pete Bushko
—June 25*

NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MOUSE

Well, a lot was going on during May! The "Green Potluck" was really fun. Lots of creative ideas. I didn't see any green cheese, though, which was all right with me.....The Women's Lunch at Nonni's was a nice time. (I hopped a ride in someone's purse.) That Nonni is a sweetheart! She reminds me of my very own grandmouse.....Plenty of fancy hats on Mother's Day! I just bounced from hat to hat to see what was going on. I wanted to peek into the box where folks were gathering things for the Washington Women's Shelter, but it was too full!..... Hey, I noticed that Fr. Chuck was missing the next Sunday. A very nice man named Fr. John was there. He said he had lots of stories about Fr. Chuck when he was just "Little Charlie", but that he wasn't allowed to tell them..... We had a splendid time with our friends at Canon House. After worship, we all stayed around a while (I hid in Pam's guitar). Martha brought cookies and lemonade, which really hit the spot!.....Had a visit from a friendly fellow named Peter on Youth Sunday. He encouraged us all to pay attention to how children experience God, which sounds good to me. Kids are like mice; they don't even care about "the five second rule"!

See you around (but you won't see me!),

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