



The Parish Post

St. Thomas Episcopal Church

March

2011

A Word from the Senior Warden

At this writing of this Parish Post, Fr. Chuck is on the mend and St. Thomas is continuing to do the work of the church. We have had The Rev. Terry Hunt and Fr. John Thomas here for communion services. Marie DeRiso led morning prayer. – Worship is happening. We have continued to meet the needs of the community. We held services at Canon House and supplied lunch to the volunteers at Habitat for Humanity. - Outreach is happening. Bible study has moved to a book study at Country Meadows with Janet Shaw hosting and Mike Colligan leading. We met once in February and will meet again in March. – Education is happening. We have had robust conversations over coffee after church. – Fellowship is happening. We have been calling on those who cannot attend church. – Pastoral care is happening. We as a parish family are all filling in while Fr. Chuck is gone to continue the work of St. Thomas.

I would like to thank all of those who have been making sure that in Father Chuck's absence we are continuing on in a way that would make him proud.

Vestry Highlights

- Bob Senay, Senior will be nominated Junior Warden.
- Cash for Green from the Diocese. A committee will be assigned to review the needs of the parish and write a letter to apply for grant money.
- Vestry retreat is scheduled for April 9th.

Details about Fr. Chuck's leave

Pastoral Care: The Rev Terry Hunt (810-217-5834) is available for pastoral emergencies.

Updates: Pam Gardner (724-873-0794) will be providing periodic updates on Fr. Chuck's situation, through e-mails, phone calls, and announcements on Sunday morning. You are welcome to call me with any questions. Martha will be the Weiss receptionist at home (cell phone – 412-508-8441; email – mweissathome@aol.com – put “Checking In” in the subject line). Please understand if she does not respond to every contact.

Other Parish Issue: For any church related matters, please contact Senior Warden, Pam Gardner 724-873-0794.



Women's Lunch

Mark your calendars now! The March women's lunch will be Saturday, March 5th at Fusion, a Japanese steakhouse at Trinity Point in Washington. Lunch begins at Noon, chop sticks optional.

RSVP to Marie DeRiso – 724-942-5798.

Memorial Service for Alice Sneden

Alice Sneden was a long time member of St. Thomas. She passed away this fall. Her family was unable to gather at that time. They have set March 12th as the date to celebrate Alice's life. The service will be at St. Thomas at 10:30 a.m.

Important Dates in March



March 6: Bishop Price's annual visit. Communion with lunch following. Bishop Price will be available for conversation during lunch. He will also be meeting with the Vestry.

March 9: Ash Wednesday. Our Ash Wednesday service will be with St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Services are at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. There will be no service at St. Thomas.

March 13: Daylight savings time starts.

March 20: Father Chuck's first Sunday back – subject to Dr. approval.

See Calendar for additional March activities

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Invitation - Lenten Study

St. Paul's Lutheran Church has extended an invitation to members of St. Thomas to participate in their Wednesday night Lenten programs. The evening will begin with soup, then bible study followed by a short worship service. The Lenten program will begin the first Wednesday of Lent.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please let me know. Pam Gardner – 724-873-0794.



Looking Ahead to April

Easter Week

April 19: The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Katharine Jefferts Shori, will be in Pittsburgh. There will be a gathering of the Diocese that evening. Details to come...

April 21: Maundy Thursday

April 22: Good Friday

April 24: Easter

All services will be announced once Fr. Chuck is back.

March Birthdays

March 9 – Bill Edler
March 11 – Tiffany Kolarcik
March 15 – Dan O’Lear
March 21 – Jennifer Yerkey

March Anniversaries

March 5 - Chuck and Martha
Weiss
March 10 - Michelle and Mike
Lucarelli
March 20 - Bill and Lori Turney

Coffee Hour

Mar. 6 – Bishop Lunch

Mar. 13 - Lowden

Mar. 20 - Fellowship

*Mar. 27 – Rodriquez-
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Notes from the Church Mouse

Sure miss Fr. Chuck at church. I snuck into his car and went along for the ride to the hospital since none of you could, to keep my eye on things. Those doctors and nurses sure were something. They did a great job. The food wasn't very good though!

I came back because the ladies lunches are always delicious. I picked up a few crumbs left from the Habitat lunch preparation too. I am counting the days until Fr. Chuck comes back!

Well, see you around (but you won't see me).



Tom