

September 30, 2018 - Announcements

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Next Sunday, October 7: Creation Sunday

Sunday October 14: Day School Sunday – the 2018 Annual Episcopal Schools Celebration

Come and help celebrate our own St. Thomas's Day School! This year's theme is "Be Transformed by the Renewing of Your Minds." Day School students, families, faculty and staff will be attending worship, and afterwards all will share a festive picnic on the front playground. It is wonderful opportunity to recognize the symbiotic relationship that the Church and Day School share. Please come if you can!

Sunday, October 21: Stewardship Kick-Off: Look out for more information coming soon.

Parents: Safety Alert! While we LOVE having children running around the church, it can be hazardous to those of us who are not as nimble as we used to be. The second-floor hallway is a bit like a runway, tempting children and youth to fly! But falls are a serious hazard for some of us. PLEASE keep an eye on your children, especially during Coffee Hour, so that our space is safe and welcoming for folks of all ages.

Parents: Please don't forget to submit a registration form for each child and youth participating in our Sunday School and Youth Groups.

LOAVES AND FISHES. St. Thomas's is continuing its relationship with Loaves & Fishes in New Haven under the leadership of the PreK-5 Sunday School children and families. We are grateful to the Gopal-Fernandez family for years of dedication to this outreach. Please continue to donate food. Also consider volunteering at the food bank on a Saturday morning. If you have a strong back and a large car and time on a Saturday morning, please also consider doing a drop-off of our donations to the food bank. THANK YOU!

Our Little Free Library Needs Books! Our excellent location has made our Little Free Library quite popular! Please donate books! Put them in the library yourself!

SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT, AUGUST 31

	August 2018		Year-to-Date	
	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual
Income				
Pledge/Plate & Building Use	\$12,186.43	\$11,310.00	\$97,491.33	\$80,478.47
School Reimbursement	\$3,175.15	\$5,856.04	\$25,401.24	\$26,902.53
Regular Endowment Income*	\$9,783.83	\$10,220.62	\$78,270.67	\$80,400.34
Additional Endowment Income**	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
Total Income	\$25,145.41	\$27,386.66	\$201,163.24	\$212,781.34
Total Expenses	\$30,618.99	\$28,759.92	\$246,618.65	\$221,817.61
Net	-\$5,473.58	-\$1,373.26	-\$45,455.41	-\$9,036.27

* This figure represents 5.25% of a three-year rolling average of the Fair Market Value of the endowment, consistent with accepted prudent practices for endowment management and with the endowment spending policy adopted by the Vestry at the January 2018 meeting.

** Also at its January 2018 meeting, the Vestry approved a deficit budget, planning to meet the shortfall with additional, specially-approved endowment funds. As part of this plan, the Vestry approved the additional withdrawal from the endowment of \$25,000 in June to meet cash flow demands. Meanwhile, the Vestry, with support from the Finance and Stewardship Committees, are working to develop a long-term solution to the underlying challenges.

For more information and announcements, see our website and last week's Weekly Parish Enews.