

## Announcements

**To keep up with events at St. Thomas's Church, please subscribe to our weekly Enews!**

**Stewardship Update.** The total amount pledged so far is \$126,709. **If you've already pledged, THANK YOU. If you haven't, please consider doing so ASAP.** We will soon be finalizing the 2017 budget, and we are trying hard to reduce our endowment overdraw. For questions, contact the Office.

**Holiday Office Closing.** The Church Office will be closed tomorrow (Monday, January 16) in observation of Martin Luther King Day.

**Lunchtime Concert: This Wednesday, January 18, 12:30 p.m., featuring our own Marsha Ackerman, Mezzo-Soprano, with Simon Jacobs, Piano.** Professional opera singer - and St. Thomas's parishioner - Marsha Ackerman will be performing *Sea Pictures, Op. 37 by Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*. The Day School children will be attending. All are invited! A freewill offering will be taken.

**This Friday, January 13, 7:30 p.m.: Annual Interfaith Martin Luther King Jr. Service at Congregation Mishkan Israel, 785 Ridge Road, Hamden.** The Annual Interfaith MLK Service at Congregation Mishkan Israel is this Friday. Keri plans to attend; email her if you would like to meet up there or for food/drinks beforehand.

**Due to snow cancelation last week, our new Sunday schedule kicks off next Sunday morning with education for all ages at 9 a.m.** Thank you for your support as we try out this new thing over the next few months. If you haven't, please consider attending our adult programs or volunteering to teach Sunday School. And, as always, please read the Enews for more information.

**Weekly Prayer Intentions.** Note that the Weekly Enews and Sunday bulletin lists the Parish prayer intentions for the week. If you haven't already, please consider adding those intentions to your prayer practice, and in that way helping to build our community of faith.

**Coffee Hour Hosting: Latest Schedule Now Available.** A link to the new Coffee Hour schedule was included in last Wednesday's Enews. A few printed copies are available at the church doors.

**Region Based Discernment Groups.** ECCT is now offering Region Based Discernment Groups that are open to anyone who is asking what God might be calling them to next. If you are wondering about making a life change or a career change or just feeling called by God, this is a process for you! The groups will focus on discernment in the broadest sense drawing on resources from around The Episcopal Church, and those who might be discerning a call to Holy Orders are welcome to participate. The facilitators of the **South Central Region Discernment Group** are the Rev. Keri Aubert, from St. Thomas's in New Haven, and Bob Lyons, from St. John's in North Guilford. Contact Keri to join or ask questions about their group. Once the group is assembled, we will confer to set the meeting location, day, and time.

**Book Club.** We are meeting every Thursday at 9 a.m. in the Lounge. We are still reading poet Mary Oliver's *Upstream: Selected Essays*. You can join at any time. Email Denise Terry (terry.df@gmail.com) for more information.

**Save the Date: Annual Meeting is January 29.** Please plan to attend!

**Camp Washington Winter Youth Programs.** Camp Washington ([www.campwashington.org](http://www.campwashington.org)) has some great youth programs coming up: Teen Youth Weekend (grades 9-12): January 20-22; Winter Wonderland Weekend for Children ages 7-12: Feb. 17-19; Happening Weekend (high school sophomores, juniors, seniors): March 24-26.

**Storm Closings.** If St. Thomas's closes due to inclement weather, on any day of the week, word will be spread in three ways: parish-wide email, Facebook, and WTNH Channel 8 (<http://wtnh.com/closings/>). To receive a text alert if the church closes, sign up with WTNH at <http://wtnh.com/mobile/text-alerts/>.

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## If you are new or visiting ...

**Welcome!** Thank you for attending worship at St. Thomas's. Please consider returning the information slip below, signing the guest register near the main entry, and introducing yourself to a clergyperson or usher. After the service, you are invited to join the congregation for Coffee Hour (in the Lounge on the second floor).

**Education for all ages:** On most Sundays during the school year, education programs for all ages take place just before worship, from 9 to 9:45 A.M. All children are invited to attend Sunday School, which is offered for children from pre-K through grade 8. During that time, adult formation takes place in The Lounge. The Sunday bulletins and Weekly Parish Enews provide more information.

**Families with small children:** Two seating areas at the front of the church are reserved for families with small children: the area under the array of paper cranes (for children age 3 and under); and the area in front of the left side of the pews (for children age 10 and under). For safety, every child should be accompanied by a caregiver.

**At St. Thomas's, the people gather around the altar for the celebration of the Eucharist.** While this may be unfamiliar to you, most find it to be a powerful experience of true communion.

**All are invited to receive Holy Communion at God's Table in this Church.** Baptism into The Episcopal Church or another tradition is not required. There are usually two stations, located at the front corners of the altar, where you may receive Holy Communion. **Gluten-free bread** is available at each station. **Non-alcoholic wine** is available only from the server at the center of the altar. Any shift in orientation will be explained during the announcements.

**To receive Holy Communion:** The server will place the bread in your hands. Wine is sipped from the common cup; please use both hands to guide the chalice to your lips. This is the most sanitary option. Some people 'intinct' (dip the bread into the wine), or receive bread only, or request only a blessing. Additional instructions for communion and for worship more generally are included at appropriate points in the bulletin.

*Tear along dotted line, and then place in the offering plate or give to a member of the parish*

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How did you hear about St. Thomas's? \_\_\_\_\_

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Receive parish emails     | <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about joining the Adult Choir                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have a permanent name tag | <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll my child(ren) in the St. Thomas's<br>Choristers (Junior Choir) |
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