

Announcements

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Today, March 19, 5 p.m. Choral Evensong in celebration of Thomas Cranmer. Keri will preside and preach.

Special Giving Opportunity for Lent. As a church, we are doing a special Lenten collection of funds for school and hospital supplies for St. Peter's, Likoma Island, Northern Malawi. Parishioners Katherine Vaillancourt and Derek Stefanovsky will be making their second trip to Likoma Island this summer, and we hope to send them off with a good-sized donation. The school and hospital find it difficult to fund even the most basic needs, so our dollars will go a long way (see the lists below). You may contribute by check or online. If online, just look for the "Social Justice" box on our donation page, put the amount under "Other," and put St. Peter's Hospital or St. Peter's School in the memo line. Use the same for the memo line on your check. The Sunday School children will be learning about St. Peter's, and Marsha Ackerman has put together a **Menu of Gifts and Order Form** for parents and their children. **And we'll do a special collection for the children's donations on Palm Sunday. Many thanks to all!**

Integrity New Haven News. The group met last Friday, March 10. We talked mostly about plans for LGBT+ Pride events. We decided to begin organizing an interfaith prayer service that would take place the weekend of the New Haven Pride celebration (the date is not yet set, but it is always in September). We also want to recognize Pride month in June, with a special liturgy on Sunday, June 11 (Trinity Sunday and the last Choir Sunday), perhaps also including a panel conversation of some sort. **Remember to Like us on Facebook!**

Sanctuary Immigrant Accompaniment Training

- **Wednesday, March 22, 6-9 p.m., at St. Thomas's, in the Lounge:** Accompaniment "train-the-trainer"
- **Sunday, March 26, 3-5 p.m., Spring Glen Church in Hamden, CT (1825 Whitney Avenue):** Accompaniment training (hopefully conducted with the help of people trained on March 22)

For either or both, contact Keri to sign up. It's exciting that our building will be used for the training next week, and an indication of how our community of faith is becoming more engaged in the broader community.

The National Weekend of Prayer for Transgender Justice: March 24-16. Did you know that seven transgender women of color have already been murdered in 2017? Our nation still has a long way to go when it comes to acceptance and support of transgender people. St. Thomas's is not planning a special observance of the Weekend of Prayer, but please add your prayers to those of people around the country.

Looking Ahead to Holy Week and Easter:

- **PLEASE** consider getting your **Easter flower and music donations** in ASAP. Your donations (which can be made in honor or memory of another) are important to our beautiful Palm Sunday and Easter worship. (Note that music donations fund the bagpipes on Palm Sunday and the brass on Easter Sunday.)
- On **Maundy Thursday** (April 13) we will have a soup & bread potluck and then a service of Holy Communion with foot washing. We need a volunteer to coordinate the potluck. Contact the Office. More information to come.
- We will have an enhanced Coffee Hour "brunch" on **Easter Sunday** (April 16). We will need more food than usual, so please consider bringing a dish to share.

ECCT Annual Spring Training and Gathering: April 1, Lincoln Middle School, Meriden, 9 am - 4 p.m.

Save the Date: Walk Against Hunger: Sunday, April 23 at 1 p.m. at Lighthouse Point. St. Thomas's is organizing a team to walk in this annual major fundraiser for the Connecticut Food Bank. More to come!

Upcoming Major Events Associated with our Day School

- *Choral Evensong, April 26, 6 p.m., in the Church*
- *Day School Spring Gala: April 29, at Lighthouse Point*

Baptism. In our tradition, certain occasions are considered to be particularly appropriate for baptism. The next ones are the Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 15) and the Feast of Pentecost (Sunday, June 4). To discuss baptism on these or other dates, contact Keri.

Donations for Sanctuary Candles and Church Adornments. Please consider making a monetary gift "in memory of" or "in honor of" another person, to be noted in the Sunday bulletin the week of your choice.