Caribbean Festival

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
Psalm 133:1

The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
The Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Our Tenth Annual  
Caribbean Sunday  
June 14, 2020  
10:00 AM

Today we celebrate the Tenth Anniversary of our St. Thomas Caribbean Festival!  
Many thanks to Gillian Wilson and her committee for 10 years of dedicated ministry.

IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICE RE-ENTRY

It is presently uncertain when we will return to worship in the church however planning is underway to assure that we are all able to safely worship upon our return. The Rector has appointed the following Committee to discern / guide the process and make recommendations to him and the Vestry.

Members of the Rector’s Advisory Committee on Re-Entry are:
Richard Jones, Rector’s Warden, Co-Chair  
Deborah Camp-Frye, Accounting Warden, Co-Chair  
Fr. Jay Collins, Clergy  
Deborah Harrison, Vestry, Building / Property Chair  
Albert Dandridge, Esq., Vestry, Legal  
Brenda Best Johnson, Vestry, Ushers  
Deadra Cannon, Aux. Vestry, Support  
Alfreda Brockman, Altar Guild  
Dr. Calvin Johnson, M.D., Medical Adviser / Public Health  
Phyllis Cater, Health Ministry  
Dr. Gregory Allen, Ph.D, Communication  
Gladyce DuBrey, Rector’s Executive Assistant

Please keep this Committee in your daily prayers as it is guided by the Holy Spirit.
The JFA Scholarship Committee Awards were presented to the following recipients: The St. Thomas Book Award to Devon Greaves. The Outreach Scholarships to graduates of Overbrook High School: Aziriyah Sessoms & Stevan S. Colclough. Graduates of West Philadelphia High School: Britney Auld & Khasiem Walker. Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

New Parish Administrative Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM. Please be advised that with social distancing still in effect:
1. No more than three (3) persons can visit the office at a time.
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DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS
This Sunday’s Readings
The Second Sunday after Pentecost -June 14th
First Reading- Genesis 18:1-15
Psalm 116:1, 10-17
Second Reading- 2 Corinthians 5:1-8
Gospel - Matthew 9:35-10:8

Week of 6/15/2020
Tuesday - Luke 20:19-26
Friday - Luke 21:5-19

Readings for The Third Sunday after Pentecost -June 21st
First Reading- Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
Second Reading- Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel - Matthew 10:24-39
STEWARDSHIP
For all those who didn’t give me your name last year and want to stop getting your offering envelopes so you can give through the Givi App or the Donate Button on the AECST webpage, please send your name and envelope number to me at: tillman_72@msn.com
Please send them to me from now through August 2nd.
Thank you, Judy Tillman

St. Thomas is proud to partner with the following two organizations to address community needs during the Pandemic:
Overbrook West Neighbors (OWN) and Project Isaiah is distributing lunch for Philadelphia’s Seniors, those with pre-existing illnesses and vulnerable families.

If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, please visit: http://eepurl.com/djyGiD to subscribe. Your information will NEVER be shared or sold and you can Unsubscribe at anytime by following the instructions provided at the bottom of every email message.

Keep in prayer: Francina Norris, she is hospitalized at Jefferson Methodist Hospital. †

Our thoughts, prayers, and condolences to the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Snowden, on the death of her brother, Samuel Thompkins. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory. †

St. Thomas will soon be a testing site for COVID-19. The date will be announced very soon.

UPCOMING SUNDAY VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN JUNE
June 21st
~Father’s Day~
June 28th
~Acolyte / Youth Sunday~
July 5th
Independance Day Observance
Don’t have Facebook but want to see our Virtual Worship Services? Please join us for service on the St. Thomas Website at: www.aecst.org every Sunday morning at 10 am and other times as listed on the Virtual Worship Opportunities schedule below.

UPCOMING WEEK
DAILY VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AT THE AECST

Sunday, June 14
10 AM - Morning Worship

Monday, June 15
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, June 16
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, June 17
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Thursday, June 18
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Friday, June 19
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Saturday, June 20
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
12PM - Noonday Prayer
~Save the Date~

Wedding Announcement

Verger Lisa J. Stewart and Mr. Harold D. New announce that they will be united in Holy Matrimony on Friday, June 26, 2020 at 11 am. You are all cordially invited to join them virtually via Zoom. Please send your name and email address to Lisa at LJS210@msn.com to receive your personal evite and to let them know that you will be celebrating with them. The Zoom link will be posted here in the Spearhead next week.

Please keep Lisa and Harold in your prayers as they prepare to be united in Christ.
Thank you!

AECST GIVING

How Can I still give to the church when I am asked to stay indoors / maintain social distancing?

1) Mail in your check or money order to the church. Please use the following address:
The Historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
c/o Fiscal Administrator
6361 Lancaster Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19151

2) Use the Givi app. If you don’t already use the app and don’t have an account, it’s easy to obtain. Please download the Givi app (givi iOS App) for your Apple (iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch) or (Givi Android App) for your Android device. If you have any questions, please speak with Deadra Cannon, 215-844-6115.

3) Drop off a payment at the church anytime in the mail slot of the AJ House door on the patio.

4) Church website - http://www.aecst.org/donations.htm (Simply select the button/s on the page that represents where you’d like your payment to be applied, i.e., your pledge, the AJ house, Easter, etc. NOTE: Please remember to enter your envelope number in the Customer ID field, if you are a member of St. Thomas, when filling out your online giving information.)

CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who have contributed to the fund. Everyone is asked to please make a minimum sacrificial gift of $40 per month. Mail in your check or money order to the church. Please use the address listed above under AECST GIVING.
The Order of The Daughters of the King
St. Thomas Chapter

Presents

Pentecost Peace
An Hour of Prayer, Reflection and Open House

Sunday, June 28, 2020
11:30am - 12:30pm

CALLING ALL WOMEN of ST. THOMAS!
We are living in unprecedented times.
Now is the time to answer the call for Prayer.
Now is the time for Pentecost Peace.

Join us for a Virtual Hour of Powerful Prayer, Soul Stirring Song Selections, Inspiring Reflections, and Information on how YOU can join the DOK Mission of Prayer, Service and Evangelism for the Spread of Christ’s Kingdom

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.
The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.
Psalm 121:5-7 (KJV)

Please RSVP to:
Monica Lewis Jones
at mblj03@gmail.com

Zoom information forthcoming. You can connect via Zoom Video or telephone

Prayer. Power. Possibilities
The St. Thomas Chapter of The Daughters of the King
Tuesday Evening Bible Study, led by Fr. Jay Collins, Tuesdays from 7:00 P.M. - 8 P.M. Please send your email to: Father Jay at: jcoll1906@gmail.com to be added to the list. Thanks to our Bishop Daniel G P Gutiérrez and the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania, this will occur online using Zoom. Please watch your Spearhead email and Facebook posting for connection information.

In these trying times, our children may be scared and confused. Here is resource from The St. Thomas Health Ministry that may be able to help with the conversation: https://childmind.org/article/racism-and-violence-how-to-help-kids-handle-the-news/

THE VESTRY
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The African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas is a Christ-centered community that welcomes all people. This community embraces and executes the core values of our founder, the Reverend Absalom Jones: leadership, morality, spirituality, equal rights, education, liberty, charity, justice, humanitarianism, self-determination, self-respect, and freedom.

St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is taught, lived and spread.