Wishing everyone a holy and blessed Day of Pentecost. This holy day is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday, and commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ.

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.
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**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*

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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 a few days a week.

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If you are not receiving the Spearhead emails, **please visit:** [http://eepurl.com/djyGiD](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.

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Our condolences to R. Seth Williams on the loss of his mother, **Imelda Williams.** Please keep Seth and The Williams family in your prayers. May Imelda’s soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Our condolences to Lisa Renee Dumas and family on the death of Lisa’s grandfather, **Samuel Whitfield, Sr.** Please keep the family in prayer. May the soul of Samuel rest in peace and rise in glory.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to the members of our parish
celebrating in June

6/1  Marceline Fitzwilliam
6/2  Laverne Hudson, Diedre Milanes, Jonathan Muse
6/4  Sylvia Simkins, Julian Smith
6/5  Edita Gauthney, Yvonne Smith, Jennifer Caviness
6/6  Barbara Glenn, Autumn Simmons
6/10 Jean Brogden, Roy Ellison
6/11 Harold Yates, Micaiya Camera
6/12 William Shepherd, Patricia Akins
6/13 Mercedes Sadler, J. Maurice Pearsall, Teena Watson Mathews
6/14 Yaseen Farooq
6/15 Renee Perna
6/17 Herb Wetzel, Adjioa Love-Dorsey
6/20 Ivan Juzang, Monica Jones, Nora Corbin
6/22 Elaine Alvarez
6/23 Leotta Griffin, Louise Lewis, Devon Tucker, Cheyenne Williamson, Claude Waterford
6/25 Kim Hyde, Justin Trotman, Erin Napoleon
6/27 Merle Hopson
6/28 Alexis Benton
6/30 Michael McIntosh
Next Sunday’s Readings
- Trinity Sunday - 1st Sunday after Pentecost
First Reading - Genesis 1:1-2, 4a
Psalm 8
Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20

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.

NEXT SUNDAY JUNE 7TH IS GRADUATE SUNDAY!
Graduates and proud parents or guardians of graduates!
I know these are trying times but let us celebrate you! Please send your graduate/s information: Name, School attended, New school attending; for college graduates please add major and degree received. Send all information to Gladyce at 1792@aecst.org by Tuesday, June 2nd. Please text your picture to Katrina Harris at 267-399-0193. Congratulations Class of 2020!

WELCOME & CONGRATULATIONS!
The newest member of the St. Thomas family, May 22, 2020 - CROSBY HARRISON LYON.
Born to parents India Nixon Lyon (Mother), and Justin Crosby Lyon (Father).
Your St. Thomas family celebrates with you and sends loads of love your way! †

St. Thomas has been identified as one of the Testing Sites for COVID-19. The date will be announced.
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, May 31
10 AM - Morning Worship

Monday, June 1
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, June 2
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, June 3
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Thursday, June 4
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Friday, June 5
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Saturday, June 6
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
12PM - Noonday Prayer
VOTING IN THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS

It is extremely important that we vote in the upcoming elections on June 2nd and November 3rd. Pennsylvania has voting by mail for Both the June primary and the November 3rd general elections this year. We pray that you have turned in your ballots by mail and look forward to a positive outcome.

There are no excuses for not voting!

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](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.
UPCOMING SUNDAY VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN JUNE

June 7th
~Graduate Sunday~

June 14th
~Caribbean Sunday~

June 21st
~Father’s Day~

June 28th
~Acolyte / Youth Sunday~

THE VESTRY
Rector’s Warden- Richard C Jones
Accounting Warden- Deborah Camp-Frye
Clerk of the Vestry- Johanna W. Daye
Treasurer- Kelvin Johnson

Alister Allman    Deborah Harrison    Steven Lewis
Patricia Bantom   D. Lynn Joell       Jonathan Muse
Ronnie Collins    Brenda Johnson-Best  Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Albert S. Dandridge

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