“The things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart...”
Matthew 15:18

The African Episcopal Church of S.T. Thomas
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.

The vestry has submitted to the Bishop our re-entry plan, which includes:

Not re-entering for corporate worship until sometime in the fall.

This plan has been approved by the Bishop.

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 Advisor / Public Health
Phyllis Cater, Health Ministry
Dr. Gregory Allen, Ph.D, Communication
Gladyce DuBrey, Rector's Executive Assistant

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AECST HEALTH MINISTRY NOTE!
Remember to wear your mask when you are out! Governor Tom Wolf’s Secretary of Health Signed Expanded Mask Wearing Order which was released on July 1st.

NEW SUMMER PARISH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Thursday, 9AM-2PM. (The Church office will be closed on Fridays in August).
Please be advised that with social distancing still in effect:
1. No more than three (3) persons can visit the office at a time.
2. You must be masked to enter the building and must practice social distancing while present.
3. You must sanitize your hands upon entering the door.
4. Only entry to the entire property will be ONE DOOR, the Absalom Jones House ramp door.

THE ST. THOMAS FAMILY CONTINUES TO GROW!
This Sunday we welcome as a new member to St. Thomas Marion Wise. Her assigned Shepherd is Ronnie Collins

OUR CONDOLENCES TO:
Patricia Akins and the Akins Family on the death of Patricia’s brother-in-law Calvin Akins. Please keep the Akins family in prayer. May Calvin’s soul Rest in Peace and rise on glory.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:
Francina Norris - Fitzgerald Mercy;
Waltier Blocker - Oakwood Healthcare & Rehab Center

RECOVERING AT HOME:
Alice Bowman - Cropper; Ken Bundy; Lisa Stevenson Woodley;
Gail Harris; Susan Waterford; Sheryl Johnson; LeMont Johnson;
Diane Hutchins; Linda Holmes; Deborah Seay

We would like to thank everyone who joined us via Zoom on June 26th to celebrate with us as we were united in Holy Matrimony. God showed His magnificence through each one of you and we truly appreciate your love, your support, and your prayers. Your presence with us was a gift and a blessing and your kindness will always be remembered. “God has poured out his love into our hearts.” Romans 5:5
Peace, Love and Happiness, Lisa & Harold New

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS
This Sunday’s Readings -
The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - August 16th
First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133
Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP, led by Fr. Jay Collins, continues to meet Tuesdays in August for community conversation. Join us!
READINGS FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23rd

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

Week of 8/17/2020

Monday - Mark 11:12-26  Tuesday - Mark 11:27-12:12
Wednesday - Mark 12:13-27  Thursday - Mark 12:28-34
Friday - Mark 12:35-44  Saturday - Mark 13:1-13

SUNDAY SUMMER MEDITATION SERIES
St. Thomas’ own clergy will offer weekly meditations during our Summer Sunday Series

August 16th - The Rev. Deacon Darrell Tiller
August 23rd - The Rev. JoAnn Jones
August 30th - The Rev. Canon Betsy Ivey
September 6th - The Rev. Dr. Thomas Snowden
UPCOMING SUNDAYS AND WEEKLY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Sunday, August 16th
10AM, Morning Worship

Monday, August 17th
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, August 18th
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, August 19th
9PM - Compline

Thursday, August 20th
9PM - Compline

Friday, August 21st
9PM - Compline

Saturday, August 22nd
12PM - Noonday Prayer

Sunday, August 23rd - Summer Series
“A Voice From Our Own” The Rev. JoAnn Jones
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 click the
links below for the type of device you own to 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 or the Parish Office
during office hours.

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. Please use the envelope from your packet or place Building Fund in the Memo section of your check.

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.

Don’t have Facebook but want to see the service?

Please join us for our Virtual Worship Service on the St. Thomas Website www.aecst.org every Sunday morning at 10am.

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

Alister Allman
Patricia Bantom
Ronnie Collins

Albert S. Dandridge
Deborah Harrison
D. Lynn Joell
Brenda Johnson-Best

Jonathan Muse
Darry l(Bobby) Tillman
Judith Tillman
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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.