Feed My Sheep

The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas

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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.

Please keep in prayer:
Francina Norris
St. Francis Nursing Home in Yeadon, PA;
Waltier Blocker - Jefferson Hospital
Deborah Seay - Lankenau
Recovering at home:
Alice Bowman-Cropper; Ken Bundy;
Lisa Stevenson Woodley; Gail Harris; Susan Waterford;
Sheryl Johnson; LeMont Johnson; Diane Hutchins,
Linda Holmes
DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

This Sunday’s Readings
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost - August 2nd

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 16
Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

Readings for The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 9th
First Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-18
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Week of 8/3/2020
Monday - Mark 8:11-21  Tuesday - Mark 8:22-33
Wednesday - Mark 8:34-9:1  Thursday - Mark 9:2-13
Friday - Mark 9:14-29  Saturday - Mark 9:30-41

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP, led by Fr. Jay Collins, continues to meet July and August for community conversation. Join us!

Guest Facilitators Schedule
Aug 4: Fr. Jordan Casson, Rector, St. Michael’s, Yeadon
Aug 11: Canon Betsy Ivey, DioPA (member of AECST)
SUNDAY SUMMER MEDITATION SERIES
St. Thomas’ own clergy will offer weekly meditations during our Summer Sunday Series

August 2nd - The Rev. Dr. Paul Bach
August 9th - The Rev. Samuel Kirabi
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

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Upcoming Sundays and Weekly Virtual Worship

Sunday, August 2nd - 10AM, Morning Worship “A Voice From Our Own” The Rev. Dr. Paul Bach

Monday, August 3rd
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, August 4th
7PM Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, August 5th
9PM - Compline

Thursday, August 6th
9PM - Compline

Friday, August 7th
9PM - Compline

Saturday, August 8th
12PM - Noonday Prayer

Sunday, August 9th
10AM, Morning Worship Summer Series The Rev. Samuel Kirabi
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO PARISHIONERS
Celebrating Birthdays in August!

8/1  Roosevelt Harris, Juanita Miller, Warren Burke, Diane Jacox
8/2  Ernestine Johnson
8/3  Diane McNeal
8/4  Helen Bryant Mitchell
8/6  Gloria Thomas, Calvin Johnson
8/7  Arlene Singletary, Lena Hines, Bernice Taylor,
     Quincina Edmonds
8/9  Patricia Hunt
8/10 Kimberly Morrell, Kim Phillips
8/11 Marilyn Poole
8/12 Maryann Phillips, Ernest Perry, Amirah Haim,
     Rae Scott Jones
8/13 Lynada Martinez
8/14 Debbie Otey, Michele Wilkinson, Langston Smith
8/15 Lauren Cummings
8/16 Francina Norris, Alice Young, Anita Smith, Benny Williams,
     Karen Leys
8/17 Mary Sewell Smith
8/19 Roger Joell
8/20 Jean Armstrong, Pamela Johnson, Caryn Rivers,
     Danielle Rooks, Khayla Smith
8/21 Patricia Kendall
8/22 Vivian Ray
8/24 Darrell Tiller
8/25 Lois Schmidt
8/27 Bettie Jones
8/28 Deborah Camp-Frye, Mabel Bakali
8/30 Michael Archey, Sr., Quentin Heyward
8/31 Ashley Johnson, Linda Holmes, Rev. Paul Bach
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.)

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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
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
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Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye
Treasurer - Kevin Johnson

Alister Allman  Albert S. Dandridge  Jonathan Muse
Patricia Bantom  Deborah Harrison  Darryl(Bobby) 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.