



Luke 10: 25-37

**“LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND
WITH ALL YOUR SOUL
AND WITH ALL YOUR
STRENGTH AND WITH
ALL YOUR MIND; AND,
LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.”**



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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 13, 2025

**The Historic African Episcopal Church
of St. Thomas**

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The 17th Rector

The Reverend Fr. Daren E. Evans
Associate to the Rector

The Reverend Fr. Gerald Collins
Associate Priest



**Scan the QR code to support our church
and our ministries.**

Please click on the link provided for the
[Order of Service.](#)

“WELCOME TO THE MOTHER CHURCH”

“Enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise.
Give thanks unto Him and bless His name”

Psalm 100:4

Grace and Peace to you from God on this

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost.

On behalf of the Clergy, Wardens, Vestry, and People of God, welcome to the historic African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas. Founded in 1792 as the first Black Episcopal Church in the U.S.A., it is proudly a part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. The first rector of this historic parish, The Reverend Fr. Absalom Jones, was also the first Black Episcopal priest in the nation.

Our parish boldly proclaims the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are an active, mission-minded, and growing church family. Whoever you are and wherever you may find yourself on your spiritual journey of faith, you are always welcomed at St. Thomas Church, where we are joyfully and enthusiastically committed to Jesus’ message of love, hope, prayer, acceptance, and faith. Today, as you worship in this place, may you experience and feel the presence of the Lord, and may you leave feeling renewed, refreshed, and revived. Whoever you may be and however you may find yourself experiencing life’s journey, do know that St. Thomas Church welcomes you.

Again, welcome!

Faithfully,

Martini Shaw +

(The Very Reverend Canon) Martini Shaw,
17th Rector and Dean of the Schuylkill Deanery



Fr. Daren is away on holiday!



July and August Parish Administrative Office Hours
Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Friday 9:00 AM - Noon

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM THE RECTOR:

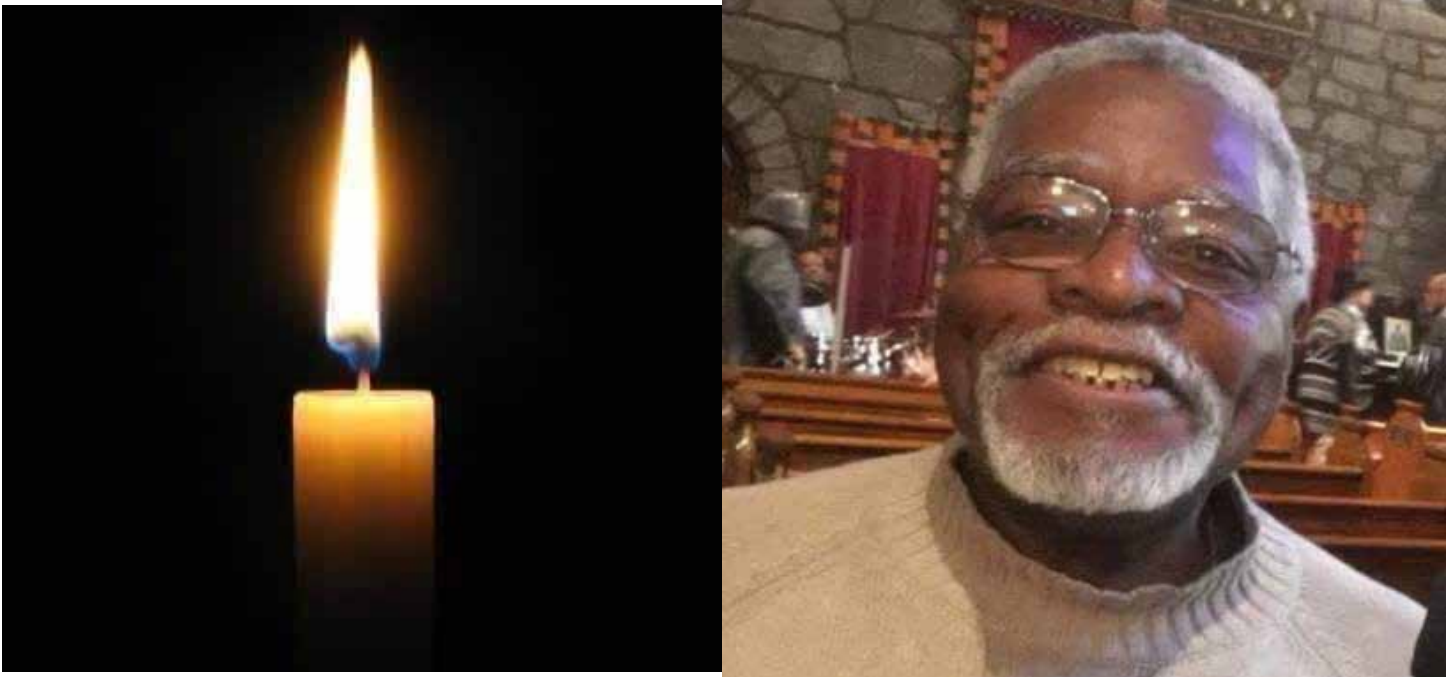
The summer months are usually financially challenging for most churches. I am asking that you PLEASE submit HALF of your 2025 pledge. I am also asking that you prayerfully consider contributing some extra dollars during July and August. St. Thomas has been tremendously blessed by your generous gifts. "To whom much is given, much is required."

FROM THE DESK OF THE RECTOR:

This is a reminder that the Mass (Service) ends following the Closing Hymn and Dismissal. Please make an extra effort to refrain from unnecessary chatter and departure from the Service before the conclusion. This request is being made in order to respect all gathered wishing to embrace the fullness of worship.

**The New Members Manual has arrived.
Please use the [link](#) to access it.**

OUR CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS



to Alice Bowman Cropper and family on the death
of her husband, **Solomon Cropper**.

His service will be held at St. Thomas on
Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

Viewing at 9:00 AM and Requiem Mass at 10:00 AM.
May the soul of Solomon rest in peace and rise in glory.
Please pray for the family.

We offer our condolences to Mary Ann Phillips,
Kim Phillips and family on the death of their
granddaughter and niece, **Dominique Phillips**. May the
soul of Dominique rest in peace and rise in glory.
Please pray for the family.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OBSERVANCE OF INDEPENDENCE DAY JULY 6, 2025







More pictures may be found on [Facebook](#).

Photos: Stephen Pugh and Justin Trotman
(St. Thomas Ed Muse Memorial Photography Ministry)

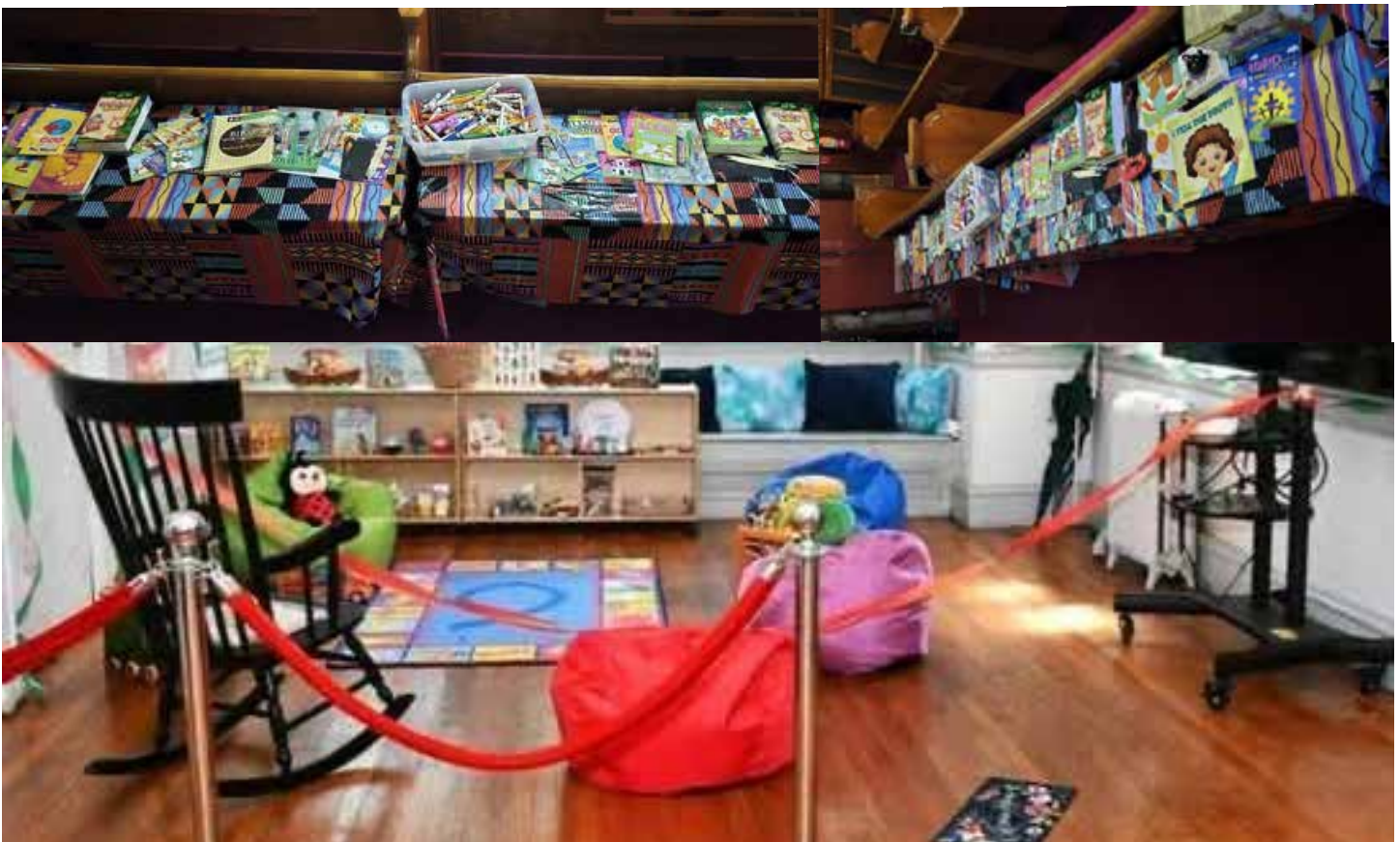
SUMMER CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT ATTENTION ALL FAMILIES!!

During the summer months, while Church School is on break, we are pleased to announce two areas to enrich the lives of our children:

The "Children's Corner" a space designated for children ages 4 and up in the sanctuary. Children are invited to enjoy reading materials, games, and activities during the Service.

The "Tiny Tykes Temple" located in Anderson Hall for infants, children 3 years old and under, and parents.

We encourage families to take advantage of these wonderful ministries!



HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

July is National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month.
Below are some FREE webinars you can join live this week.
You can also register to view the recorded sessions at any time after the live session is completed.

July 14 – 12 Noon

The Impact of Childhood Trauma | Part 1

The first webinar in our trauma series explores what childhood trauma is, how traumatic responses may look different in children, and how childhood trauma can influence our well-being into adulthood.

Part 1 in a 3-part series.

Here is the QR Code to register:



July 15 – 12 Noon | Anxiety at Work

Constant and overwhelming anxiety can negatively impact productivity, confidence, and overall health. Discuss common anxiety triggers and learn practical strategies for managing stress, setting boundaries, and building resilience in this one-hour seminar.

Here is the QR Code to Register:



July 16 – 1PM | The Science Behind Confidence & Self-Esteem

Explore protective & vulnerability factors in self-esteem and learn practical tips to overcome self-limiting beliefs and strengthen self-confidence with a licensed therapist.

Here is the QR Code to Register:



July 17 – 11 AM | Understanding Cutting and Self-Harm

Explore what self-harm is and is not, why people purposefully hurt themselves, and the symptoms to look for. Dispel myths and stereotypes and learn what treatments are most effective with a licensed therapist.

Here is the QR Code to Register:



THIS WEEK AT AECST - JULY 13, 2025

Tuesday, July 15th

Advocacy Outreach Group Meeting
6:00 - 9:00 PM in the Undercroft

Wednesday, July 16th

Funeral of **Solomon Cropper**
Viewing at 9:00 AM, Requiem Mass at 10:00 AM

SPECIAL SUMMER HOMILY/MEDITATION SERIES:
"Feeding the Spirit"

During the summer months of July and August,
our homilists will include our clergy, seminarians,
and music ministers.

July 6th

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Waltier Blocker, Homilist

July 13th

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
David King, Homilist

July 20th

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
Seminarian Kathryn Brossa, Homilist

July 27th

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
Fr. Shaw, Homilist

August 3rd

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Waltier Blocker, Homilist

August 10th

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Fr. Evans, Homilist

August 17th

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Dr. Rollo Dilworth, Homilist

August 24th

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Fr. Evans, Homilist

August 31st

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Dr. Jay Fluellen, Homilist

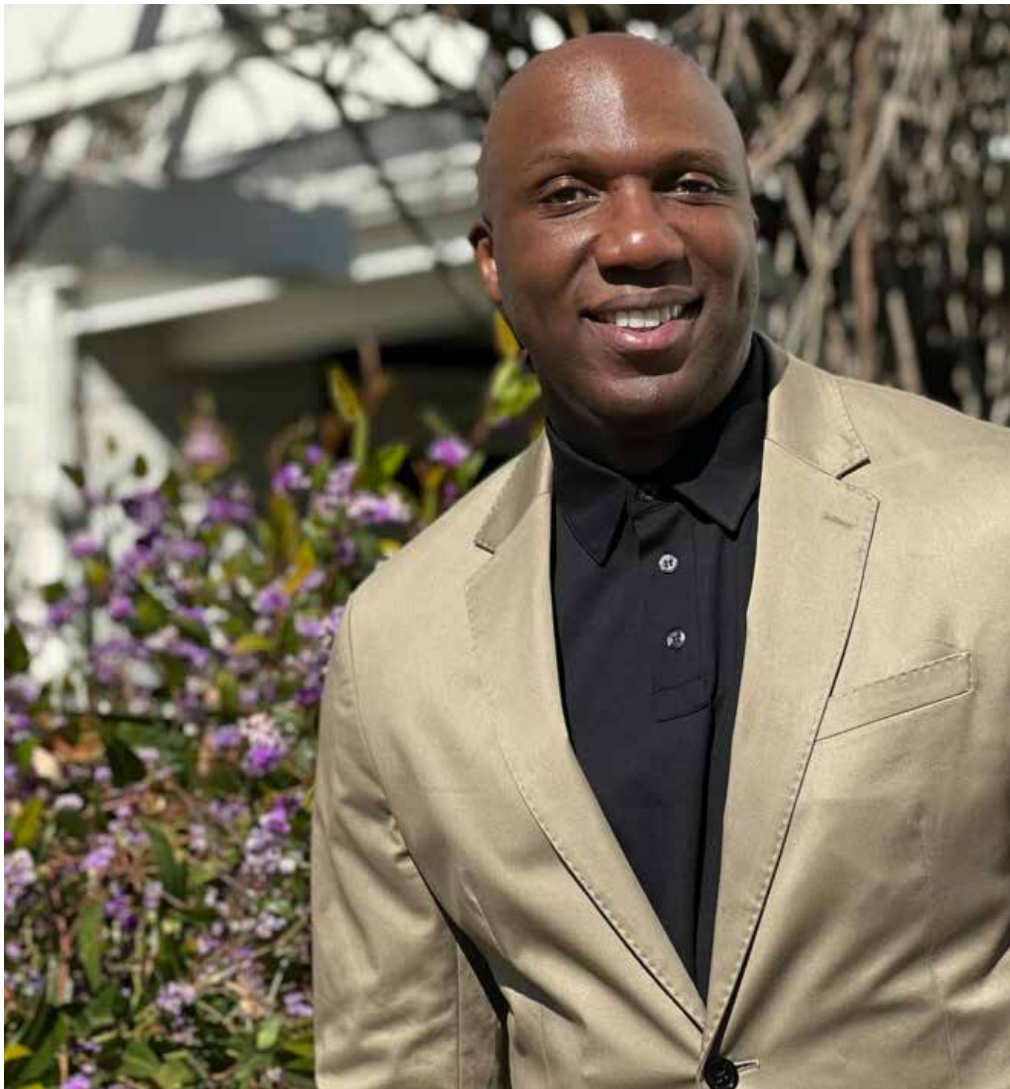
OUR DEDICATED OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS/FAMILIES

We give thanks to God for these active and dedicated members/families of St. Thomas who presently live in other cities, states, and countries, but remain connected weekly by various media platforms:

Constance Anderson
The Rev. Dr. Paul Bach & Dr. Julie Hergerather
Christopher Burks
Deadra Cannon
Nora Corbin
Dr. Ted Corbin
Paula Cropper
Lee Daniels
Stacey Davis
Rashid, Christie, and Gabrielle Faisal
The Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney
Bradley Hammond
Richard & Gwenda Hart
Yvonne Hyde-Carter
Dr. Calvin Johnson
Bettie Jones
Rae Scott Jones
Richard Jones, Jr.
Dr. Sheila Jones
Steven and Jameela Lewis
Gregory Lyles
Dr. John Rich
Richard & Rebecca Scales
Shelly and Ann Stewart
Howard Tucker
Allison Young

WE ARE FAMILY

Each week, we feature one of our out-of-town members/families. This week, we give thanks for **Gregory Lyles**. He currently lives in Zurich, Switzerland and has been a member of St. Thomas for over ten years. He says “Dear Church Family, Greetings from Zurich, Switzerland. Though I’m away from you, please know that I deeply miss my church family and carry each of you in my heart. Being part of St. Thomas has been a true blessing and an honor. I look forward to the day when I can once again be an active member in person. Until then, may we continue to walk in unity, grow in spirit, and uplift one another in Christ’s love. With peace and blessings”, Gregory Lyles





Mark Your
Calendar

Women Faith

FOR EDUCATION
AFTERNOON TEA

NATIONAL
Faith &
Education
INITIATIVE

Thursday, July 31, 2025

11 AM - 12 PM RECEPTION & VENDORS

12 PM - 2 PM PROGRAM

2 PM - 3:30 PM VENDORS

NEW COVENANT CHURCH OF PHILADELPHIA

7500 GERMANTOWN AVENUE | PHILADELPHIA, PA 19119

Individual Tickets - \$70

❖ Devoted Donor Tickets - \$100

Acknowledged on the Devoted Donor List

Special Women of Faith Pin

Featuring

Pre-Tea Reception

Red Carpet Photo-Ops

High Tea - A Traditional Afternoon Tea Menu

UNCF Scholar Testimony

Parade of Crowns - WEAR YOUR HAT/Prizes

Vendors - Door Prizes

Guest Speakers

Musical Entertainment

Special Guests

REVEREND DR. HYACINTH BOBB GRANNUM

Keeper of the Flame Awardees

For more information contact,
Carolyn Love at cstarlinglove@uncf.org.



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ANNOUNCING OUR NEW MEMBERS AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Classes will begin **September 21, 2025**,
every 1st and 3rd Sunday from 9:00 - 9:45 AM
in person and via Zoom on designated days.

Check the bulletin and Spearhead
for additional information.

Please speak with Fr. Daren or
Seminarian Kathryn Brossa if you have questions.

THE JESSE F. ANDERSON (JFA) SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

will sponsor a bus trip to:

The National Museum of African American History and
Culture and National Portrait Gallery, Washington, DC on

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Departs from St. Thomas at 8:30 AM Returns 7:30 PM.

Cost: \$75.00, (cash or check)

Lunch on your own.

Contact Thomasina Hack at **215-901-2773**, Paula Lamb at
215-620-7250 or any member of the committee
for more information.

AECST LIVE STREAM

Please join us for worship on the St. Thomas [website](#),
the [Live Stream Service](#), or on our [Facebook](#) page or
[Youtube](#) every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

You can also watch [Past Services](#).

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE MINISTRY

There are several ways in which we memorialize and cherish our loved ones at the African Episcopal Church of Saint Thomas:

- 1) dedicate pew memorial plaques;
- 2) present floral tributes;
- 3) purchase a niche in the Geraldine B. Wood Columbarium;
- 4) dedicate new or restored areas of the Church in memory of loved ones.

These examples of dedications are designed to celebrate those whom we loved and remember.

If you are looking for a ministry within the AECST that will allow you to share in the joy of families, friends, and neighbors, please prayerfully consider becoming a member of the Memorial Tribute Ministry.

Please reach out to Victoria A. Mosley Rivers at victoria.rivers@verizon.net or call 267-253-2899 and express your desire to obtain information about this Ministry.

THE AECST YOUTH COUNCIL will sponsor a bus trip to see:
Sight and Sound Theatres - Live on Stage production of
“Noah” on Friday, August 22, 2025

Departs from St Thomas promptly at 5:00 PM

Cost: Children \$20.00, Adults (18+) \$100.00
(box dinner included)

Contact: Pam Johnson 267-235-8334 or
Pamelajohnson5620@gmail.com or

Wendella Fox 215-880-4936 or wpfox3008@verizon.net

Deadline is June 30, 2025

NEW PARISH DIRECTORY COMMITTEE

Schedules photo appointments of parishioners

Schedule your professional photography session **TODAY**
and **every Sunday through July 27th**
immediately after service in Anderson Hall.

The staff at Universal Studios is uniquely qualified,
and we are excited to be able to use their services.
If we don't see your name on our list, you may receive a call.
Photographs of you and your family will be taken on
August 6 - 9 and September 25 - 27.

Universal will provide a complete professional portrait studio
at the church. You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds,
portrait sizes, finishes, and framing options. Everyone who is
photographed by Universal will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait,
a directory and can purchase additional portraits.

Unfortunately, there will be a \$15.00 charge for photos
submitted but not taken by Universal Studios. For questions,
please see Ashley Hines or Suzanne Clossen.



ALTAR FLOWERS

To order flowers, please return the form with payment to **Clare Mae Daniels** or **Alfreda Brockman**.

(Please do not place in the collection plate or give to the church office). Thank you

Unfortunately, due to rising costs of goods, the Altar Guild has increased the cost of the flowers.

High Altar - \$70

Absalom Jones Altar - \$60

the Columbarium - \$50

Please use the QR Code below to order flowers or contribute to our church ministries.



DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS
Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2025

The First Lesson – [Amos 7:7-17](#)
[Psalm 82](#)

The Second Lesson – [Colossians 1:1-14](#)
The Holy Gospel - [Luke 10:25-37](#)

The Holy Gospel Readings for the
week of July 14, 2025

Monday - [Matthew 25:1-13](#)
Tuesday - [Matthew 25:14-30](#)
Wednesday - [Matthew 25:31-46](#)
Thursday - [Matthew 26:1-16](#)
Friday - [Matthew 26:17-25](#)
Saturday - [Matthew 26:26-35](#)



PILGRIMS ON A JOURNEY
ADULT BIBLE STUDY is on vacation
for the summer. We will resume
meeting on Tuesday, **September 9th**
at our usual time and venue.
As always, it is an honor to serve
as the facilitator for this ministry,
Fr. Jay

WEDNESDAYS IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY
with Fr. Daren is on vacation for the summer.
They will resume on Wednesday, **September 17th.**



CALLING ALL DANCERS!!!!

Opportunity awaits if you want to praise the Lord in dance and worship. The “Angels in Motion” dance ministry, a multi-generational ministry welcomes all ages, and skill levels in ballet, modern, jazz, and African dance to join! Interested? Please contact, Director, [Pamela Johnson.](#)



VERGERS NEEDED!

Are you being called to this exciting ministry?
Want to know more about what a Verger does?

The Verger Guide may be found [here](#)

Please speak with Karen Ragland or
the Rector for more details.



THE AECST PODCAST

A series dedicated to tackling tough questions our children may ask, all from a faith-based perspective, will return soon. Each episode offers thoughtful discussions to help families navigate complex topics with wisdom and compassion.

If you or someone you know in our congregation has an expertise in or a passion for any of the following subjects, we'd love to have you as a conversation partner!

This season's topics include:

Understanding Your School-Age Child
Building Friendships
Talking About Suicide, Grief, and Loss
Understanding Cultural Appropriation
Bullying
Gun Violence
Honoring Difference
Wealth, Poverty, and Income Inequity
Use of Technology

Join us in creating meaningful conversations that support families in faith and life. Contact [Fr. Daren](#), to get involved.
Stay tuned for more details!

RE-IMAGINING OUR MINISTRIES

Persons are needed:

- to lift their voices on the **Comfort Choir** during funeral services at St. Thomas. Please contact [D. Lynn Joell](#) if interested.
- to serve with the **Sound Ministry** for Sunday morning service and weekday funeral services. If interested, please contact [Gladyce](#) in the Parish Office.
- to serve on the **Altar Guild**. This amazing group of individuals prepares our altar each week for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Interested people should contact [Alfreda Brockman](#).
- to serve as **Readers and Intercessors** to read the Holy Scripture during our weekly services. Interested persons should contact [Gladyce](#) in the Parish Office to sign up.
- to join the **Transportation Ministry**. The main mission of the ministry is to provide transportation to parishioners who attend Sunday Service. Please contact [Gladyce](#) in the office if you are interested.
- as **Acolytes** to serve on the altar. Please contact [Fr. Daren](#) if you are interested.
- **Photography Ministry** is in need of additional photographers. You do not need to be a professional photographer but do enjoy taking pictures. Anyone interested can contact [Bill Edmonds](#) or [Dale Williams](#).
- **The Shepherds Ministry** is still in need of many more volunteers to be able to shepherd all households of our congregation. Shepherds set their own schedules to be in regular touch with their households of sheep by phone, email, text or various social media platforms. Each is assigned no more than 4 households. All Ministry meetings are held via Zoom. Please note that the Vestry will continue to shepherd, for one year, all new members joining the congregation. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact [Charlene M. Wiltshire](#).

CHAT AND CHEW

Have you ever considered hosting a Chat and Chew following Service in thanksgiving for a blessing received or in memory of a departed loved one? Please contact [Gladyce](#) in the church office for further details.



A REMINDER TO ALL GUILDS, ORGANIZATIONS, MINISTRIES, AND INDIVIDUALS:

ANY and **ALL** Activities using the church facilities (ie; Anderson Hall, the Undercroft, the church) or the Absalom Jones House **MUST** be scheduled and approved by the Parish Administrator: [Gladyce DuBrey](#) (215-473-3065) and **NOT the SEXTON** beforehand. It is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all activities are listed on the calendar of the Parish Office.



IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

St. Thomas celebrates children and youth not only as the church of TOMORROW but also as the church of TODAY!!! We welcome and encourage their full presence and participation in our Sunday worship.

CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY

There is still an opportunity for students to apply for this year's Freshman Class (2029). Any HS senior with a 3.5 GPA (or higher) can apply for a Full Academic Scholarship (all expenses paid). HS Seniors with a 3.0 to 3.25 GPA can apply for a Partial Scholarship.

These scholarships are for PA Residents only. For more information, contact Cheyney University at admissions@cheyney.edu or call (610) 399-2275.

Our new "**TINY TYKES TEMPLE**" needs YOU! Thank you to Sarah Shaw Thomas, Julio Rodriguez, Chelsea Selby, and Ashley Quetant for joining the oversight committee! We are going to make a great team that will ensure that the Tiny Tykes Temple is available most Sundays.

You know, there's always room for one, two, or three more! Email Father Daren, associaterector@aecst.org, and let him know you can assist.

DO YOU PLAY A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT?

Have you ever thought about using that talent to glorify God in worship? Please prayerfully consider joining our St. Thomas Jazz Ensemble, St. Thomas Chancel Choir or St. Thomas Gospel Choir. If interested, please contact [Gladyce](#) in the Parish Office ASAP to get details on upcoming scheduled rehearsals.

ATTENTION: ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS OF ST. THOMAS

Please know that your church family is here to support you during your years of academic studies.

Please provide Fr. Daren with your contact information as soon as possible, including your cell phone.

Our prayers remain with you.

Are you receiving robocalls from the Rector with special announcements? Do you know someone who does not receive the electronic Spearhead every week? If not, please send your email and cell number to [Gladyce DuBrey](#)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE:

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Francina Norris - Presbyterian Hospital;
Patricia Holmes - University of Pennsylvania;
Inez Turner - Lankenau

IN LONG-TERM CARE RESIDENCES:

Helena Allen - Simpson House;
Linda Holmes - Saunders House; Gwendolyn Langford - Arden
Courts of Cherry Hill; Ola Bass - The Pinnacle at Plymouth
Meeting; Ridart "Butch" Farmer - Centennial Healthcare and
Rehabilitation Center

AT HOME:

Robert Brown, Thelma Silvers, Patricia Ellison,
Mary Ann Jones, Shirley Caldwell, Wendell Whitlock,
Solomon Cropper, Verger Stephen Hannum, Virginia DuBrey,
Alice Bowman Cropper, Quincina Edmonds, Joyce Stewart,
Edita Gauthney, Francina Norris, Dr. Jay Fluellen

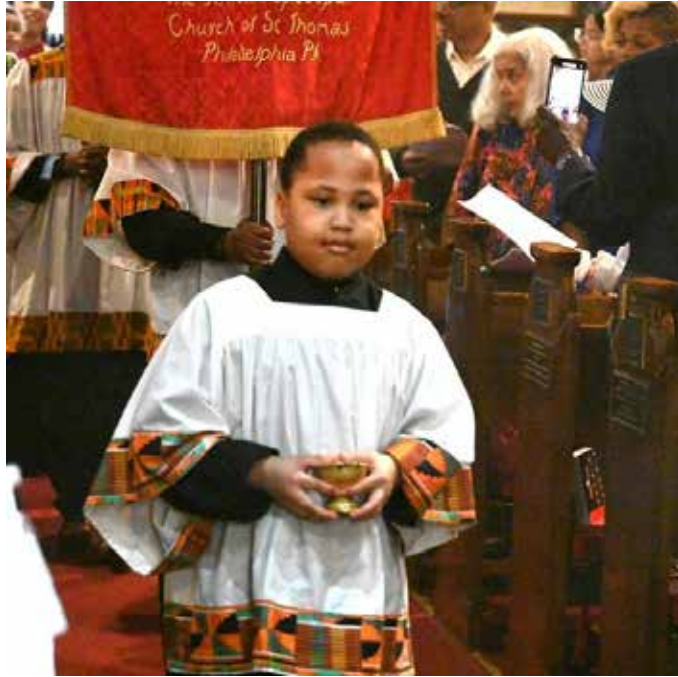
KEEP IN PRAYER:

Justin Trotman, Cathy Stafford, Lisa Woodley,
Adinah Edwards, Waltier Blocker, Arlene Gray, Daryn Stewart,
Santee Ruffin, Angela Holloway, Yvonne Sydnor,
Sharon Harper, Mary Ann Phillips, Ann Stewart,
Alexandra McFadden Rodriguez

WE PRAY FOR

those who are Incarcerated and their families, as well as
those affected by their actions.

CALLING ALL YOUTH



What's an Acolyte? Am I old enough? Why do I want to be one? These and other questions can be answered by Father Daren! No prior experience is necessary to serve in the Acolyte Ministry. Rehearsals are on Sundays, immediately after service. This is an excellent opportunity for children and youth to become involved in the life of the church. Contact [Fr.Daren](#) for details.

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STEWARDSHIP NEWS

HOW CAN I BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP?

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”
2 Corinthians 9:7

The Stewardship Committee of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas recognizes that stewardship may take form in several ways: your time, talent, or treasures. The one commonality is that each of us must prayerfully ask God to guide us in making the right choices and have faith that He will guide us to the right decision.

Our church has a tremendous congregation that is thriving and growing. The ministries that we have serve all of God’s children near and far. These endeavors require all three forms of stewardship: but especially your sharing of treasure. Prayerfully consider donating by using the QR Code below.



CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENT FUND

If you are actively contributing, thank you! Your gifts are truly appreciated. Everyone is asked to make a minimum sacrificial gift of \$40 per month. The Building Fund Envelopes are located in Anderson Hall beside the Offering envelopes. When using electronic payments select “Building Fund.” If using checks write “Building Fund” on the memo line of your check.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

The church has received many “undeliverable” mailings. If you have moved, please update your mailing address with the church office by [email](#) or phone 215-473-3065.

Can you help deliver offertory envelopes to our sick and shut-in parishioners? If you live near a parishioner who is unable to come to church, it would be much appreciated if you would bring their envelopes to them. A list of our sick and shut-in parishioners is located next to the offertory envelopes in Anderson Hall.

There are several ways to submit your offering and tithes: church service offertory, using the QR code below, [website donations](#), downloading the Givi app, U.S. mail, or hand deliver it to the Fiscal office.

IMPORTANT: Make sure your name, envelope #, and amount are included on the front of your offering envelope. This is critical for bookkeeping accuracy. Help is just an email away. Contact [Patricia Lynch](#).

RECTOR'S PRAYERFUL WISH LIST

\$100,000.00. Our air conditioning units have provided over 30 years of comfort. They are now in need of being replaced. Please prayerfully consider donating toward the replacement and use the [link](#) provided. Thank you to those who have already given toward the new air-conditioning units.

There are several ways to submit your offering and tithes: church service offertory, use the QR code, website donations, download the Givi app, U.S. Mail or hand deliver it to the fiscal office.



FAITHFUL GIVING CARD (PLEDGE)

Please pray for your Faithful Giving for 2025.

You'll be able to complete your [Faithful Giving Card](#) on the [church website](#), or by using the paper Faithful Giving Card. Strong support is needed to meet the budget, our many endeavors and outreach projects at St. Thomas. Your Faithful Giving Card can also be placed in the Alms Basin or mailed to the church office.

WAYS TO CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO GOD AND THE CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP

- 1) **Sunday Offering Plate**
- 2) **Mail in** your check or money order to the church.
Please use the following address:
The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas
c/o Fiscal Administrator, 6361 Lancaster Avenue,
(Absalom Jones Way) Philadelphia, PA 19151
- 3) **Use the Givi app.** If you don't already use the app and nor 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.
- 4) **Bring your check** directly to the Fiscal Office during regular business hours (Monday - Thursday 10:00 AM-2:00 PM) **After business hours**, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.
- 5) **Church Website - [Online Giving](#)**
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.
- 6) **Faithful Giving Cards (Pledge)** - Please send them via the US mail to the church or fill out the form **[electronically](#)** through the **www.aecst.org** website or send an email to our **[Fiscal Administrator](#)**. Thank you so much to all who have return them.

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