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THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**Sunday, July 4, 2021
10:00 AM**

**Today is Independence Day.
Please have a safe, healthy and enjoyable day!**

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS ST. THOMAS TO RESUME IN-PERSON WORSHIP!!!

The Big countdown begins
for St. Thomas to resume **in-person** worship
for all parishioners, families and friends.

**Homecoming Sunday
September 12, 2021, at 10:00 AM
(10 weeks or 69 days)**

**If you live out of town, make your travel plans NOW.
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Co-Chairs:

Albert Dandridge, Monica Lewis Jones, Cathy Stafford.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE/CHURCH SUMMER HOURS

**Monday - Thursday: 9AM-2PM
Closed Fridays in July and August.
Have a safe, healthy and enjoyable summer!**

**The Church and Administrative office
will be closed on Monday, July 5th in
observance of Independence Day.**

LIVE STREAM UPDATE

Our new Live-Stream system has been fully installed. In the Fall, when we return to in-person worship, our parishioners, friends and visitors who cannot be in physical attendance will be able to continue to worship with us each week.
To God be the Glory!

Our Live-Stream Ministry Team consists of:

Yaseen Farooq - Co-Char

Quentin Heyward- Co-Chair

Terri Tillman - Co-Chair

Dale Williams - Co-Chair

Theodore Bythewood

Dylan Coleburn

Kim Hyde

Stephen Pugh

Joseph Stevenson

Brandon Stiff

Harold Townsend

Advisors to the ministry:

Deadra Cannon, Dr. Jay Fluellen and Gail Harris

PLEASE JOIN THE NEW ST. THOMAS KITCHEN COMMITTEE

This ministry is a part of our Property Committee. It will NOT involve any food preparation. The purpose will be to assure that our kitchen is well organized, tidy and pristine looking at all times.

Please speak with one of the Co-Chairs, Deadra Cannon or Clare Mae Daniels immediately to join. The proverb says: "cleanliness is next to godliness".

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

is now being scheduled. If you wish to be baptized, please go to our website www.aecst.org, go to “About The AECST”.

Use the drop down to click on Holy Baptism. All the information about the Sacrament of Holy Baptism and the online application form can be found there.

PROPERTY UPDATE - GOOD NEWS!

Major work has started on our entire roof, pointing of all exterior and interior stones, and ultimately the cleaning of the interior stones. If you have questions, please speak with our Vestry Property Chair, Ms. Deborah Harrison.

THE CIRCLE OF PRAYER MINISTRY

Thank you Fr. Martini Shaw, Elizabeth Derr, Cynthia Muse, Jann Minor, Susan Ben, Wanda Tarawaly, and the Members of St. Thomas and Friends, who have participated and supported the weekly Monday Morning Calls over the past six months.

The Circle of Prayer Calls will not be held during **July and August**.

The Circle will resume in September.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
to the members of our parish celebrating
birthdays in July.

- 7/1 Sharon Bullock, Bobby Johnson, Patricia Holmes
7/2 Marilyn Miller, Carla Shelton
7/3 Robert Williams, Conchetta Brewer, Leslie Harris,
Rev. Darryl James
7/5 Joan Hall, Kelly Jones, Dale Williams
7/6 Tiana Pankey
7/7 Mueni Mwanza
7/9 Michael Pyles, Kim Carter
7/10 Dorothy Archey, Theresa Carter
7/11 Scott Nichols, Julie Hergenrather
7/12 Dorothy Smith
7/13 Gwen Cottman
7/15 Sarahn Santana
7/16 Deborah Nixon, Allister Allman
7/17 Elizabeth Trulear, Monica Taylor, Shari Bullock
7/19 Tom Lynch, Paula Wright, Laurie Dow,
Ava Mathurin
7/20 Victoria Rivers, Sheree Winkfield, David Brown
7/21 Andrea Fields
7/23 Louise Trotman
7/24 Richard Jones, Larry Wilshire
7/25 Doris Matthews
7/26 Julian Johnson, Nicole Price, Georgia Sawyer,
Taylor Garfield, Samuel Aboah
7/27 LaDon Elliot
7/28 Kaleb Miles
7/29 Deborah Matthews
7/30 Marian Wise, Gwendolyn Perryman
7/31 Tyler Lynch, Candice Hamlin

DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

Readings For The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost Independence Day July 4th

First Reading: Ezekiel 2: 1-5

Psalm 123

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6: 1-13

Week of 7/5/2021

Monday - Matthew 23: 1-12

Tuesday - Matthew 23: 13-26

Wednesday - Matthew 23: 27-39

Thursday - Matthew 24: 1-14

Friday - Matthew 24: 15-31

Saturday - Matthew 24: 32-51

Readings For The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 11th

First Reading: Amos 7: 7-15

Psalm 85: 8-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6: 14-29

2021 SUNDAY SUMMER SERIES

All services during the months of **July** and **August** can be viewed on our Facebook, Website or Youtube channels at 10:00 AM

These Sundays we will offer morning prayers, scripture and music officiated by our clergy and vergers.

TUESDAY ZOOM BIBLESTUDY

will not meet at 7 pm
from **July 6, 2021** to **August 31, 2021**.
Bible Study will resume meeting on
Tuesday following Homecoming Sunday
via Zoom.

Have a most blessed respite.
Thank you for participating in our
ministry of love for Holy Scripture.

THANK YOU

AECST for your prayers, cards and words of encouragement in the death of my husband, **Langston**.
May God Bless each and every one of you.
With Love, Dorothy Smith

RECOVERING AT HOME

Linda Holmes, Joseph Stevenson,
Lisa Woodley, Regina Meecham Devero,
Deborah Joell, Carol Williams Green.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Suzanne Closson, Rosalind Roberts Smalls, Georgia Sawyer,
Adinah Edwards, Shirley Caldwell, Carl Dean,
Francina Norris, Isedora "Gwen" Francis, Kenneth Dow,
Shirley Winkfield, Robert Brown, Joan Hall,
Judith Simpkins-Booth, Joyce Jackson,
Stephanie Williamson, Ridart "Butch" Farmer,
Dr. Thomas Snowden, Leatrice Snowden.

WE PRAY FOR

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

OUR CONDOLENCES

to Deborah Purnell Otey on the passing of her brother
James Eric Otey.

May James rest in peace and rise in glory.
Please pray for Debbie and her family.

ST. THOMAS COLUMBARIUM INURNMENT

If you have a loved one who has passed away in the last
year and would like to schedule a St. Thomas Columbarium
Inurnment, please contact the church office at 215-473-3065.

FROM THE RECTOR

There is still time for you to prayerfully submit your 2021 Faithful Giving Card. You may do so by several methods: mail, drop off in the office, on our website or facebook/aecst1792.

If you have questions, please contact the Fiscal Administrator, Jeanette Jeffrey in the Fiscal Office from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM, Monday - Thursday.

Thanking you in advance for the many ways that you share your Time, Talents and Treasures toward the ministries of St. Thomas Church.

PARISH GIVING

Quarterly Statements will be mailed in July to cover mid-year giving (January-June).

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Our theme for this year's Stewardship - "Our Doors Are Open"
2021 St. Thomas Offering Envelopes are now ready for pick up in Anderson Hall. You may pick them up during Parish Office Hours (M-F 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM) by entering through the A.J. House entrance with the ramp.

Please don't forget your mask. If by chance you live in the same neighborhood of a church member who is unable to pick up their envelope, perhaps you can pick it up for them and put it in their mail slot or between their doors.

If you have decided to use the Givi App or Online Giving donation button and no longer want to receive offering envelopes please let me know by **Sunday, August 8th**. Please email me at stewardship@aecst.org with your name and envelope number.

If you have changed your address, home/cell phone number or email address, please send your changed contact information to Judy Tillman at: tillman_72@msn.com or the church email: 1792@aecst.org so that we can update the church records. Thank you very much.

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

- 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) Bring your check directly to the Parish Office during regular business hours (In August, Monday - Thursday 9AM-2PM). After business hours, drop your envelope in the door mail slot located on the front patio of the Absalom Jones House.

- 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, Church School, Chosen 300, 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.

"To whom much is given, much is required." Luke 12:48

A CHART TO ASSIST US WITH OUR FAITHFUL GIVING

**Holy Scripture commends a minimum tithe of
(10% of our earnings)**

**Where are you on your spiritual journey?
Annual Faithful Giving**

Yearly Income	2%	5%	10%
\$10,000.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
\$15,000.00	\$300.00	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
\$20,000.00	\$400.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
\$25,000.00	\$500.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,500.00
\$30,000.00	\$600.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
\$40,000.00	\$800.00	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
\$50,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
\$60,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,000.00	\$6,000.00
\$70,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$3,500.00	\$7,000.00
\$80,000.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,000.00	\$8,000.00
\$90,000.00	\$1,800.00	\$4,500.00	\$9,000.00
\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
\$110,000.00	\$2,200.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
\$120,000.00	\$2,400.00	\$6,000.00	\$12,000.00
\$150,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$15,000.00
\$175,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$8,750.00	\$17,500.00
\$200,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00

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, or have someone else you wish to receive, 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.

Please join us for worship on the St. Thomas Website www.aecst.org or our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/aecst1792> or youtube.com every Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

MINISTRY STAFF

Bishop	The Rt Rev Daniel G P Gutierrez	
Rector	The Very Rev Canon Martini Shaw	rector@aecst.org
Assistant to the Rector		
Associate Priest	The Rev Fr Gerald Collins	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Thomas G Snowden	
Associate Minister	The Rev Dr Paul Bach	
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	Lisa Steward-New	
	Karen Ragland	
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Church School Superintendent	Dottie Archey	215.474.2815
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Social Media Manager	Gregory J Allen, PhD	215.477.2672
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Property Chair	Deborah Harrison	215.473-3065

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	Albert S. Dandridge	Jonathan Muse
Patricia Bantom	Deborah Harrison	Darryl (Bobby) Tillman
Ronnie Collins	D. Lynn Joell	Judith Tillman
	Brenda Johnson Best	

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.
