Faith and Medicine During Covid-19
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
“Faith and Medicine During Covid-19”  
with our own Dr. Calvin Johnson, member of St. Thomas  
and former Secretary of Health for Pennsylvania  
July 19, 2020  
10:00 A.M.

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
Fr. Jay Collins, Clergy
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
Gladys DuBrey, Rector's Executive Assistant

New Parish Administrative Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9AM-2PM.
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.
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. Please go to https://www.govenor.pa.gov/newsroom/gov-wolf-sec-of-health-signs-expanded-mask-wearing-order/ for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS to the AECST’s FENCE student, Joi Shelton!! Joi graduated this past spring from the Art Institute of Houston’s Culinary School. While in Houston, she attended the St.James Episcopal church. The couple assigned by the parish priest to be Joi’s FENCE family served as her surrogate parents for all 4 years that Joi was in Houston. In 2017, during Hurricane Harvey, the family was a Godsend -- available if Joi needed them. Thankfully, the hurricane did not seriously affect Joi or her FENCE family. Throughout the four years, they invited Joi to their house for meals, and were in regular contact with her. Joi’s proud mother is Ms. Carla Shelton. For more information about FENCE, please contact Ms. Charlene Mitchell Wiltshire at 215-637-2447 (landline).

This Sunday we welcome as a new member to St. Thomas Rene Jones. Her assigned Shepherd is Conchetta Brewer. Last Sunday we welcomed Anita Nicholson as a new member to St. Thomas. Her assigned Shepherd is Johanna W. Daye.

To God be the Glory!!!!

Please keep in prayer: Francina Norris -St. Francis Nursing Home in Yeadon, PA; Waltier Blocker - hospitalized in Jefferson Hospital; Deborah Seay- Hospitalized; LeMont Johnson-Hospitalized; Recovering at home : Alice Bowman-Cropper; Ken Bundy; Lisa Stevenson Woodley; Gail Harris; Susan Waterford; Sheryl Johnson
Daily Recommended Bible Readings

This Sunday’s Readings - The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost - July 19th
First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a
Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23
Second Reading: Romans 8:12-25
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Readings for The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - July 26th
First Reading: Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b
Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Week of 7/20/2020
Monday - Mark 4:1-20 Tuesday - Mark 4:21-34
Wednesday - Mark 4:35-41 Thursday - Mark 5:1-20
Friday - Mark 5:21-43 Saturday - Mark 6:1-13
Upcoming Sundays and Weekly Virtual Worship
Summer Series

Sunday, July 19th - 10AM, Morning Worship

Monday, July 20th
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, July 21th
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, July 22th
9PM - Compline

Thursday, July 23th
9PM - Compline

Friday, July 24th
9PM - Compline

Saturday, July 25th
12PM - Noonday Prayer

Sunday, July 26th - “Faith and Social Justice During Covid-19”
Speakers: St. Thomas Young Adults - Christopher and Jessica Golson
SUNDAY SUMMER WEEKLY MEDITATION SERIES
FROM ST. THOMAS’ OWN

Please join us as present and/ or former clergy of St. Thomas offer weekly Meditations during our upcoming Sunday Summer Services:

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

The Bible Study Group, led by Fr. Jay Collins, continues to meet July and August for community conversation. Join us!

Guest Facilitators Schedule

July 28: Fr. Robert Magoola, Ph.D., Rector, St. George St. Barnabas, Philadelphia

Aug 4: Fr. Jordan Casson, Rector, St. Michael’s, Yeadon

Aug 11: Canon Betsy Ivey, DioPA (member of AECST)
Don’t have Facebook but want to see the service? Please join us for service on the St. Thomas Website www.aecst.org every Sunday morning at 10am.

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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
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](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.

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

THE VESTRY
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Accounting Warden - Deborah Camp-Frye
Clerk of the Vestry - Johanna W. Daye
Treasurer - Kevin Johnson
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**St. Thomas is an open, Christ-centered community of faith in which the Gospel is taught, lived and spread.**