FAITH

Faith and Social Justice During Covid-19
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

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 Parish Administrative Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday, 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to St. Thomas’ own Devon Greaves winner of the JFA Scholarship Book Award. Devon graduated from Malvern Preparatory School and will be attending Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA. He is considering majoring in Computer Science. Devon also runs track and is interested in photography.

This Sunday during our Morning Virtual Worship, we are please to hear from two of our Young Adults:

Christopher Golson and Jessica Golson.

Christopher and Jessica are siblings and will speak on:
“Faith and Social Justice during Covid-19”

The St. Thomas Family Continues to Grow! We give thanks to God for sending the following new members into our church family during the past month: Joyce Adams, Anita Nicholson, and Rene Jones.
To God be the Glory!!!!!

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
UPCOMING SUNDAYS AND WEEKLY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Sunday, July 26th - 10AM, Morning Worship

Monday, July 27th
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, July 28th
7PM - Zoom Bible Class

Wednesday, July 29th
9PM - Compline

Thursday, July 30th
9PM - Compline

Friday, July 31st
9PM - Compline

Saturday, August 1st
12PM - Noonday Prayer

Sunday, August 2nd
Summer Series “A Voice From Our Own”
The Rev. Dr. Paul Bach

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
DAILY RECOMMENDED BIBLE READINGS

This Sunday’s Readings
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

Readings for 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

Week of 7/27/2020
Monday - Mark 6:14-29   Tuesday - Mark 6:30-46
Wednesday - Mark 6:47-56   Thursday - Mark 7:1-23
Friday - Mark 7:24-37   Saturday - Mark 8:1-10

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)
The Order of the Daughters of the King

ST. THOMAS Chapter

INVITES ALL WOMEN of ST. THOMAS for...

Pentecost Peace ~ Part II
An Hour of Prayer and Reflection

Saturday, July 25, 2020 ~ 10:00am

WOMEN of ST. THOMAS...COME AGAIN
AND PRAY WITH US!

We are living in unprecedented times
Now is the time to answer the call for Prayer
Now is the time for Pentecost Peace ~ Part II

Join us for a Virtual Hour of Fellowship through
Powerful Prayer, Soul Stirring Song Selections and
Inspiring Reflections

Questions? Contact: Monica Lewis Jones @ 215.806.3271
Or email: mblj03@gmail.com
(MBLJ [zero] 3@gmail.com)

You may Connect to Prayer & Reflection via Zoom video or phone
[For Zoom Information, see Spearhead or Contact Monica]

PRAYER > POWER > POSSIBILITIES

AECST Chapter - The Order of The Daughters of the King
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.

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