We would like to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend as we celebrate our Nation’s birth!

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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

Please keep this Committee in your daily prayers as it is guided by the Holy Spirit.
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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

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Our condolences to Deidre, Sam Patterson and family on the death of her mother, Claire M. Lyons. Please keep the Lyons and Patterson families in prayer. May Claire’s soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

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We welcome Joyce Adams to our church family. Her shepherd is Brenda Best Johnson.

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Please keep in prayer: Alice Bowman - Cropper- recovering at home; Ken Bundy - recovering at home; Francina Norris - St. Francis Nursing Home in Yeadon, PA; Waltier Blocker - hospitalized in Jefferson Hospital; Gail Harris - Hospitalized; Susan Waterford - Hospitalized

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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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The Bible Study Group, led by Fr. Jay Collins, continues to meet on Tuesdays in July and August from 7-8PM. Please send your email to Father Jay at jcoll1906@gmail.com to be added to the list. Thanks to our Bishop Daniel G P Gutierrez and the Episcopal Diocese of PA, this will occur online using Zoom. The focus: Black Lives Matter. Join us!
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Happy Birthday to Parishioners celebrating Birthdays in July!

7/1-Sharon Bullock, Bobby Johnson
7/2-Carla Shelton
7/3-Robert Williams, Conchetta Brewer, Leslie Harris
7/5-Joan Hall, Kelly Jones, Dale Williams
7/7-Mueni Mwanza
7/9-Michael Pyles, Kim Carter
7/10-Dorothy Archey
7/11-Scott Nichols, Julie Hergenrather
7/12-Dorothy Smith
7/13-Gwen Cottman, Nicole Harris
7/15-Sharahn Santana
7/16-Deborah Nixon, Allister Allman
7/17-Elizabeth Trulear, Monica Taylor, Shari Bullock
7/19-Tom Lynch, Paula Wright
7/20-Victoria Rivers, Sheree Winkfield, David Brown
7/23-Louise Trotman
7/24 Richard Jones, Larry Wiltshire
7/25-Doris Matthews
7/26-Julian Johnson, Nicole Price, Georgia Sawyer, Taylor Garfield-Samuel Aboah
7/27-LaDon Elliott
7/29-Deborah Matthews
7/31-Tyler Lynch, Candice Hamlin
Daily Recommended Bible Readings

This Sunday’s Readings - The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5th
First Reading: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
Psalm 45:11-18
Second Reading: Romans 7:15-25a
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Week of 7/6/2020
Monday - Luke 23:44-56a
Thursday - Luke 24:36-53
Friday - Mark 1:1-13
Saturday - Mark 1:14-28

Readings for The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost - July 12th
First Reading: Genesis 25:19-34
Psalm 119:105-112
Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11
The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

UPCOMING VIRTUAL SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY

July 12th
- Remaining the Beloved Community-

July 19th
- An Important Message from a Health Professional-

July 26th
- Voices of our Young Adults
UPCOMING WEEK
DAILY VIRTUAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
AT AECST

Sunday, July 5
10AM - Morning Worship

Monday, July 6
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Tuesday, July 7
9PM - Compline

Wednesday, July 8
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Thursday, July 9
9PM Compline

Friday, July 10
7AM - Morning Music Meditation
9PM - Compline

Saturday, July 11
9PM - Compline

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
Patricia Bantom
Ronnie Collins
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As part of our hiring efforts, we will host a series of webinars to provide information on the Department’s mission, DHS career opportunities, special hiring authorities, effective resume writing, and how to create a profile on USAJOBS. These webinars are open to the public:

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