

The Wayfarer

A monthly journal for those who are interested in St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Berea, Ohio
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From the Rector

September/October 2018 Issue

*Except the LORD build the house,
they labour in vain that build it:
except the LORD keep the city, the
watchman waketh but in vain.*
(Psalm 127)

God has given us a household with a heritage of 154 years of service to the community of Berea, OH for which we are to care. Our first instinct might be to look to the past for inspiration and to conserve and maintain the best of what we remember from past times. And while there is a lot of value in looking to the past for inspiration, we believe in a God who is "making all things new" (Rev. 21:5). As a church, we are called to have a forward moving trajectory rather than a static glance to the past. The Church as a movement is a response to Jesus' call to follow him and help extend his reign on earth. We are not a museum or a social club that happens to support worthy charitable efforts. We are, rather a community of people committed to proclaiming God's love in worship, community, and in our service. At St. Thomas, we are a people on the move. In my time at St Thomas, I have been impressed and heartened by our commitment to

finding new and innovative ways to preach the Gospel in the 21st century. I look forward to continuing my journey alongside you as we seek to be faithful to the mission God has given us. Indeed, I look forward to renewing my commitment with you this Fall during our stewardship campaign.

Stewardship is a core value of the Christian faith. As disciples of Jesus Christ we are called to commit ourselves to the mission of his Church. We are called to commit our hearts to this effort, sharing the love God has given us with others; mean words of encouragement rooted in the hope we have Christians to our friends, family, and neighbors. It can also mean, inviting those closest to us to experience the love of God's beloved community here at St. Thomas. We are also called to offer our talents, education, and skills in service of Jesus' mission of transforming the world. All of us, whether we realize it or not, is uniquely gifted in some way

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and called to offer that something to the mission of Christ's Church.

We are also called to offer our material support, including monetary contributions, to the mission of the Church. As someone who grew up in a family where money was seldom discussed, I can understand how this aspect of stewardship can make some very uncomfortable. The inconvenient fact, however, is that it costs money to further our mission and care for the legacy that we have been entrusted. As *Psalms 127* reminds us, we are a household and, as in any family household, we must work together for our mutual support. We have a lovely church building and physical plant that needs to be maintained and occasionally repaired in order to serve the needs of our mission. We have several paid staff, aside from myself, that help in sustaining and the building-up of our parish church. We have countless supplies and other expenses that are part of the day-to-day running of the church. The leadership of the St. Thomas has been fiscally disciplined in our use of resources and are attempting to build a vision that is sustainable into the future. However, we all need to work together in this effort. As members of St Thomas, God has given us responsibility to care for this church community, including its material support.

God doesn't ask us to give us more than we are able to give but God does ask us to examine ourselves and the ways we have supported the mission of church. He asks to be as generous as we can be in our given life situation. As we journey together this Fall, I ask you to examine the ways in which you have committed yourself to Jesus' mission this past year and the ways in which you might be feeling called to contribute over the next year. I will be journeying alongside you in all of this and as your pastor, I welcome any opportunity to talk or pray with you during this stewardship season.

Our Stewardship campaign begins on October 7th and will conclude on November 4th. During worship, you will hear from members of our community as well as others who have benefited

from our ministry. We will also have displays set up before and after each of our weekly services representing the whole breadth of ministry here at St. Thomas. It will be an opportunity for all of us to recommit ourselves to the ministries which we already participate and perhaps learn about a new ministry.

You will also receive a pledge card, which will help you plan your own contribution and will help us plan for our 2019 budget. The pledge card will also have room for you to express other ways, aside from material support, you plan to help support our mission at St. Thomas Episcopal Church. As we seek to recommit ourselves to our lives together at St. Thomas, my prayer for us is that our hearts be open wide to the power of generosity in your lives. And my prayer is that together, we can help God build the church God needs us to be.

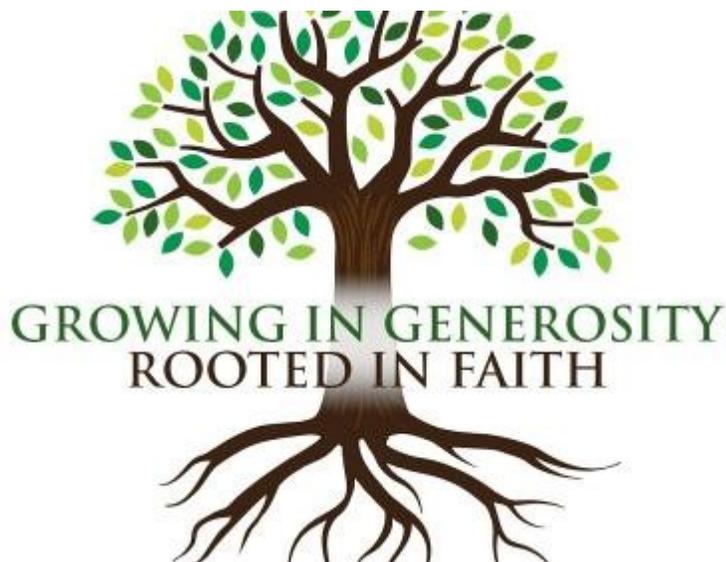
Prayerfully,

The Rev. David R. Radzik, Rector

Stewardship

Our Stewardship Campaign for 2019 will kick-off with distribution of pledge packets on Sunday, October 7, and wrap-up on Sunday, November 4.

Our theme for this year's campaign is "Growing in Generosity, Rooted in Faith". Please pray for a successful campaign. Thank you.



Rooted in Faith

A Testimony from Anita Cooper

I am not a cradle Episcopalian; in fact, I am not a cradle anything. I was 25 years old when I walked into my first Episcopal church and I knew immediately that I had found my home. In 1991 I moved to Cleveland and bounced between All Saints and St. Thomas for several years, then fate happened one Sunday morning. I was here at St. Thomas and someone came up to me after service, took my arm and literally drug me to coffee hour. I was hooked!

Every time I walk through the doors here I feel God's presence and his love. I feel Him! I come here to find comfort and courage to face the world outside. Over the years, challenges have come and gone. Some hurtful things have happened that has made me wonder why I even come to church and yet I keep walking through those doors because I know what is here. We are all different in many ways and this is what makes us a unique church / Christian community. We are not going to agree with everyone and everything. We need to be kind, communicate, and support one another. What we learn here, what we practice here and what we do here we will take with us everywhere.

I know we all have our own homes and yards to take care of, families to look after, work stresses and the list goes on, but I also know that this is our Christian home and we are Brothers and Sisters in Christ. We have work to do. God has a plan for each of us. You may be sitting there thinking ...I've already done my part, or I can't do that anymore. Some of us have been doing this "church thing" for so long maybe, just maybe, we have allowed ourselves to become stale, machine-like and have lost sight of our purpose for our church home. The true reason we are here. Find someone and encourage them to take on the ministry or task that you so dearly love(d). Guide them, teach them.

We have each other to lean on. Our community leans on us as well. Our STAR Program prepares a monthly lunch for an average of 145 lonely senior citizens that need companionship. Our Veterans' Luncheon has grown to an average of 70 - 80 forgotten Veterans. Men and women that have fought for "us".

The Food Distribution Program distributes tons of food every month to individuals and families in need. The Summer Lunch Program prepared 450 lunches for children of our community so that they did not go hungry. At Christmas time, we filled 177 duffle bags with warm blankets, hats, gloves and personal items. Our Outreach Programs are numerous and not only need helping hands, but also financial support. We have events different times of the year that help. Our Medieval Dinner, The Devonshire Victorian Tea, the Clam Bake, to name a few. By bringing family and friends to these events, not only are we coming together for fellowship and fun, but we are supporting the church and its many needs.

One of the things that my mom always said to me..."Anita Louise you need to dig deep within yourself and you will find the strength you need". Dig Deep! As a youth, I always thought that digging deep meant digging deep, finding the strength and relying on myself to face whatever was happening at the time. As an adult, though, I have found digging deep means finding God and trusting that he will lift me up to accomplish my challenge. I feel very blessed that each of you are a part of my life. Just look what I found right here ... the most wonderful husband any girl could ask for. God did that and he will continue doing things through each of us.

God Bless!



St. Thomas Clambake

Saturday, September 22, 2018,
7:00 - 9:30 pm

Eat in or Take out!

Clambake: \$25.00
Extra Bag of Clams: \$8.00
Adult Dinner No Clams:
\$15.00

All dinners include:
Coffee, Tea, or Lemonade

B.Y.O.B. Beer or Wine
(no hard liquor)

**50/50 Board -
6 tickets/\$5.00**

Clambake Menu

1 doz. Little Neck
Clams
Half Seasoned
Chicken (roasted)
1/2 Sweet Potato
Corn on the Cob
Cole Slaw
New England Clam
Chowder
Clam Broth
Rolls & Butter
Dessert

Tickets must be purchased by September 16. No sales at door. Tickets available through the church office at 440-234-5241, John Staub at 216-941-4140 or another St. Thomas Clambake Committee Member. Checks payable to: St. Thomas Episcopal Church.

Annual Parish Picnic & Outdoor Worship Service

The weather was beautiful, the food was delicious and the worship service was well-attended at this year's parish picnic on August 19. Many thanks to all who came to worship and enjoy fellowship outdoors.



Thank you to the wonderful musicians who played at this year's picnic.

The Sermon in the Woods.



Church Photographers By -Growth Committee



Would you be willing to take some pictures at church events so they can be posted on our bulletin board to show all the great things that are happening at St. Thomas? We would love to have photos posted from

events like the Vets' Meet & Greet, All-Church potluck dinners, picnics, events like the Victorian Tea, the Medieval Feast, STAR, the upcoming clambake, Trunk-or-Treat, and many other events. If this is a special talent you have, please contact Clint Anderson at ahs64clint@gmail.com to let us know of your willingness to help make the bulletin board a great picture of what goes on at St. Thomas!

Receiving the Eucharist



One of our Grill-masters at work!



Parish members enjoying food and fellowship.



ECW Fundraiser

by Etta Scheu



CRAFT FAIR



The St. Thomas ECW will once again be participating in the **Mission and Meal Event at the Berea UMC** on **Saturday, November 17 from 12:00 pm until 8:00 pm.**

This event was a major fundraising endeavor for the ECW last year and takes the place of the cookie exchange previously held in December. **We are asking parish members for donations of crafts or bakery** to sell at this year's event, along with volunteers to work in shifts selling items at our tables, and help with set-up and clean up.

Please contact Etta Scheu at 216-433-0221 for additional information. Sign-up sheets are on the office window.

(Please note: If you want to sell your own crafts for your own profit, you will need to reserve your own table.)

WANTED: Guild Team, Readers and Ushers



We are always looking for new faces to join the **bread, altar and flower guild teams.** Would you like to bake the Communion bread, set the Altar before services, or put together the beautiful flower arrangements at services? No training is necessary, just a smile and a willing heart! If you would like to serve, please speak with a guild head: Sonia Miller – Flowers, Julie Kalbrunner – Altar or Peggy Zambounis – Bread.

Or maybe you would like to become more involved during the Worship service. Liturgical ministers are needed to **read** the Lesson, Psalm, Epistle or Prayers of the People. **Ushers** are also needed at our 8:00 am and 10:30 am services. Call the church office for more information.

St. Thomas Episcopal Church and
Berea United Methodist Church Present:

TRUNK OR TREAT

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2018
FROM 6 PM UNTIL 8 PM

For a successful event, we need
your help with the following:

-  Willing souls to decorate their car trunks and **PASS** out candy
-  Donations of Halloween candy to **PASS** out
-  Volunteers to serve refreshments (cider and donuts)
-  Empty, clean milk jugs to create a Jack-O-Lantern walkway

Add your name to our
Trunk-or-Treat Sign-up Sheet!

We will have a contest for the best
decorated trunk!

Contact Anita Cooper for
more details 330-635-3752

STAR Concert & Lunch

by Julie Kalbrunner



On Wednesday, September 5 we will kick-off our 13th season of STAR!

It is through the generosity of grant funds received from the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio that we are able to provide this wonderful program. Unfortunately, this year, the Diocese received more grant requests than in previous years. Due to this increase in requests, our grant for this season was less than we had anticipated.

With the decline in our operating budget, we unfortunately had the difficult task of making cuts to our programs and menu options. We hope that even with these cuts, our patrons will still enjoy the concerts and lunches provided this season!

Volunteers to help in the kitchen are always welcome! Please contact the church office or Julie Kalbrunner to help out during a concert and lunch.

<u>Date/Performers</u>	<u>Menu</u>
September 5, 2018** Merlin Joe the Magician	Beef Stroganoff, buttered noodles, carrots, desserts
**September performance will be held while patrons eat, come right to the Hall area!	
October 3, 2018 BW Piano	Brats, baked beans, coleslaw, desserts
November 7, 2018 BW Scenes from Cabaret	Vegetable Soup, rolls w/ butter, desserts
December 5, 2018 Tri-C Holiday Program	Meatloaf, potatoes, corn, Christmas cookies
January 2, 2019 Northern Cascade Chordsmen	Stuffed peppers, mashed potatoes, beets, desserts
February 6, 2019 BW Strings	Chili, crackers, desserts

<u>March 7, 2019</u> <u>THURSDAY</u> Dennis Ford **Note date change due to Ash Wednesday	Macaroni and cheese, green beans, applesauce, desserts
April 3, 2019 BW Bach Festival Brass	Rigatoni, salad, garlic bread, desserts
May 1, 2019 BW Voice	Pulled pork, potato salad, desserts
<u>NO JUNE CONCERT!!</u>	

Gift Cards

By Ginny Kubiak

Were you aware that St. Thomas has a gift card program? Did you know that the church earns a percentage from each gift card you purchase?

Our program only works with your support! With over 300 popular retailers to choose from including shopping, dining, travel and on-line purchases, there is something for everyone!

With the holidays approaching, you can do all your shopping quickly and easily without wasting time or gas!

Cards are available after most worship services or call the office at 440-234-5241 to place an order or to stop by and choose from cards we have on-hand. A full retailer list is also available, just call or e-mail the church office for a copy.

You can also purchase, reload and manage your gift cards by setting up a personal account on the Shop with Scrip website at www.shopwithscrip.com.



Los Amigos Episcopales

by Ruth Ihde



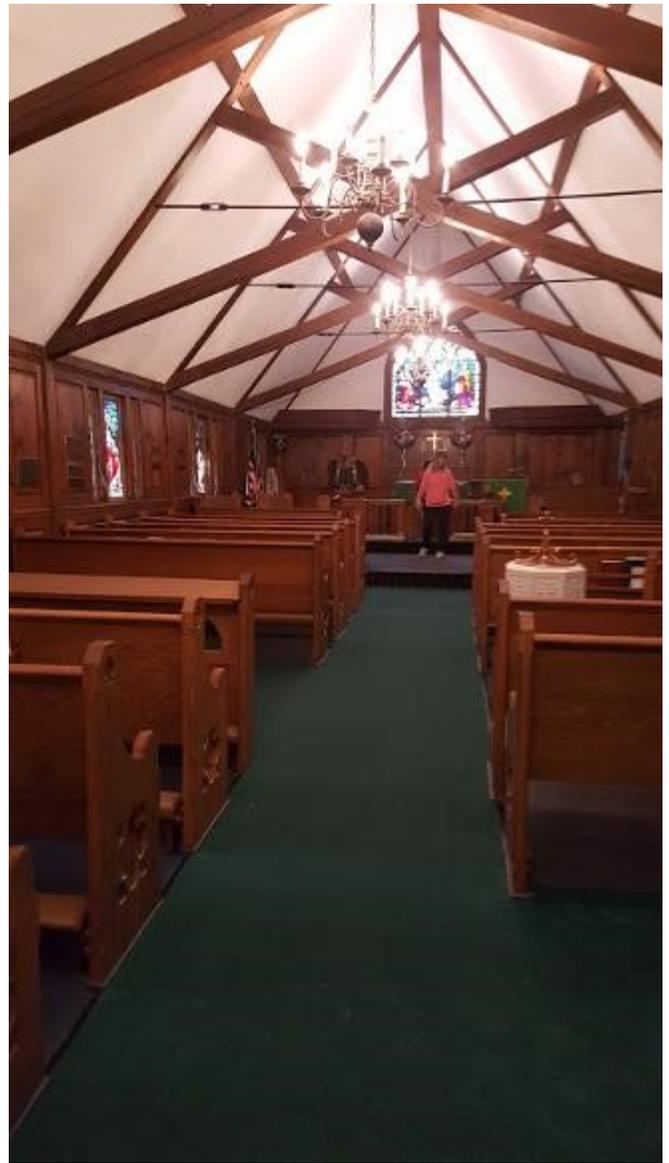
We are busily preparing for our 7th Annual Soup Supper which will be on **Saturday, October 20**, from 5:00 till 7:00pm at St. Hubert's Episcopal Church, 8870 Baldwin Road, Kirtland Hills, Ohio.

While this may sound like it is in a far-away place, St. Hubert's is actually easily accessible from this area. Take I-71 North toward Cleveland, when I-71 becomes I-90 East, follow this to OH-615/Center St (exit 195). Exit and turn right onto Center St/OH615. Turn left onto Chillicothe Rd. Take the first right onto Baldwin Rd.

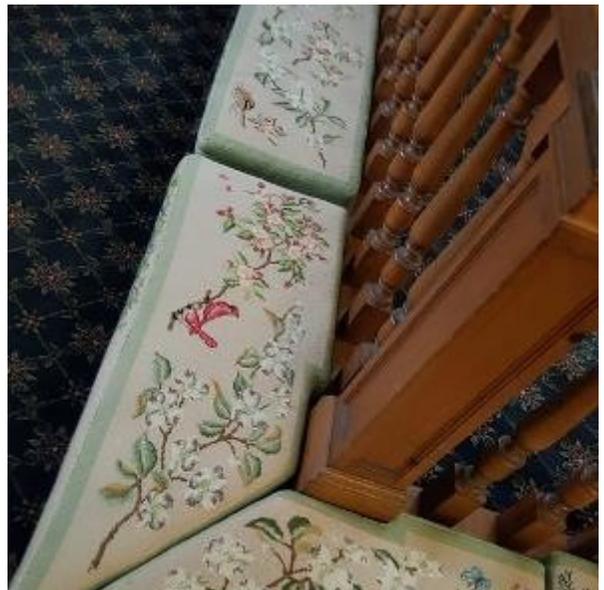
You may think that St. Hubert's is a tiny country church, but this is not the case. The parish is 150 years old, and has recently been updated by enlarging the church proper, and building a gorgeous parish hall (the River Room, which follows along a meandering tributary of the East Grand River), where our soup supper will be staged. Please see the attached photos of the inside of the church and the lovely needlepoint cushions surrounding the altar. It will be well worth your time to visit this very impressive church.

As you know, our fund-raising projects raise money to support the Episcopal churches in El Salvador, which is a Los Amigos program dating back 25 years. Tickets for the soup supper are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children, or \$30 per family. Tickets are available after church from Ruth Ihde or Charlotte Rodriguez.

All are welcome to attend the coming Los Amigos Episcopales monthly meetings at St. Matthew's, Brecksville on Friday September 14 and October 12 at 6:30pm.



Inside St. Hubert's Episcopal Church, Kirtland Hills

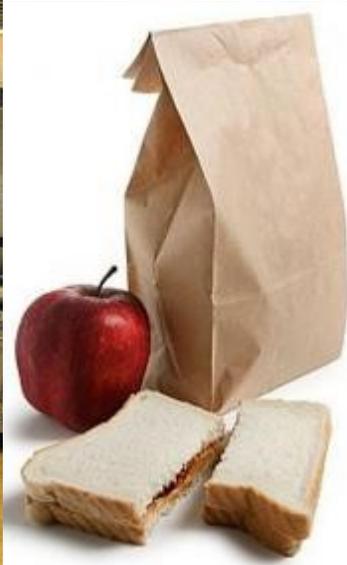


Needlepoint cushions surrounding Altar rail at St. Hubert's

Summer Lunch Program

Thank you to all the volunteers that came out and helped pack and distribute lunches to hungry children in the Berea area over the summer months. This program is a joint co-ordination of many local Berea churches.

Many thanks to Laura Gaba for heading up St. Thomas' week, July 25 - 29.



Free Fresh Produce



Where:

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
(Parking Lot)
50 East Bagley Rd
440-234-5241

When: 1st Thursday of each month

Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Rain or shine!

2018 Dates:

Thursday, September 6

Thursday, October 4

Thursday, November 1



The vital link between food & hunger.

HoneyBaked Gift Card Fundraiser

To raise funds for their mission trip, help the Lotts Creek Community School and support the school's scholarship program, the St. Thomas youth that participate in the Lotts Creek Mission Trip are selling gift cards to HoneyBaked Ham. The youth group earns 20% for every dollar amount sold.

Available in any denomination, HoneyBaked gift cards allow everyone on your shopping list to choose and enjoy something delicious. Cards can be used for anything at the HoneyBaked store; ham, turkey, side dishes or dessert! With no expiration date, they make the perfect gift!

Please see Katrina Scheu, Alyse Hancock-Phillips, Emme or Ella Winfield to place your order, or call the church office. Make checks payable to St. Thomas.

The fundraiser will run through December 31, 2018; with orders placed so cards are received before Thanksgiving and again before Christmas.

If you have any questions, please contact parish administrator Ginny Kubiak, 440-234-5241.

**Please note this fundraiser is not related to our Shop with Scrip gift card program. It is a separate fundraiser.*

HONEYBAKED.
.....
The world's best ham



Bishop Visit & Confirmation



On Sunday, September 9 at the 10:30 am Worship service, we welcome Bishop Hollingsworth to St. Thomas.

Please join us to celebrate the Confirmation of the following persons into our parish family.

- ✠ Cassie Burkey
- ✠ Connor Burkey
- ✠ Jane Boomer
- ✠ Alyse Hancock-Phillips
- ✠ Jessica Suckart
- ✠ Sean Suckart
- ✠ David Zambounis

After the service, we will have a potluck luncheon in Harkess Hall to welcome the Bishop. The ECW will provide a sheet cake, but welcome other desserts. The main dish, fried and roasted chicken will be provided, please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is on the office window, please let us know if you will be attending, so we know how much to order.

Note: The only worship service the weekend of September 8 & 9 will be the Sunday 10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist. There is NO Contemporary Eucharist on Saturday or Rite I Holy Eucharist on Sunday.





Outreach Committee By Ruth Ihde

We have been a very busy group, especially in working on our Veterans' Meet and Greet lunch project. On **September 28** we will be serving pulled pork and pulled chicken on buns, with coleslaw, dessert and beverages. Our program will be Judy Mack, Gateway Health-Medicare and Medicaid advantages, on vets' benefits.

If you are a vet, a spouse or widow of a vet, please join this group for a great experience. We are very thankful for the volunteers which have made this growing project so successful. If you would like to help, please call Ruth Ihde at 440-821-9259.

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee will be Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm, and we welcome those who would like to be a part of our expanding program.



November/December 2018/ January 2019 Wayfarer by Ginny Kubiak

Articles for the November/December/January issue of the Wayfarer are due by **October 20, 2018**. Please forward articles to the church e-mail address at: churchoffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org.

Photos are always welcome!!! Please submit your photos of St. Thomas events to the above e-mail address for publication.

Thank you in advance for promptly sending your articles and observing the submission due date.



Welcome Glad you're here!

Welcome Table by Clint Anderson

The Church-Growth Committee sponsors the Welcome Table in the church hallway near the Sanctuary, to welcome all visitors to St. Thomas. We do our best to staff the table after each worship service, to greet visitors and to share some gifts with them.

We need your help! It involves getting to the table just before people come out from worship, and staying there for about 10-15 minutes to welcome new people. If you could do one or more Sundays, please sign up on the sheet on the office window. Thanks!



Prayer Group By Clint Anderson

We meet every Monday at 7:00 in the Church Office to study God's Word and to join together in prayer and praise. We are currently studying II Corinthians.

We invite you to join with us to pray for the world, our country, the Church, and our family and friends; and to learn from the Scriptures. If you have prayer requests or questions about the Prayer Group, please contact Clint Anderson at ahs64clint@gmail.com.

Epis-ca-Paws By Rosalie Ferline

Epis-ca-paws has been off the minds of the parish for some time.

The need for dog & cat food, toys, beds, litter etc. is never ending. Those in need love their fur-ever family and need our help.

Please remember at least once a month if possible, to bring in or donate a check for this ministry.

The Lord has blessed this ministry by sending us Jason & Chris Smith & Susan Mitchell from St. Mell's Catholic Church. They have brought us over 300 pounds of food in the last two months. They bag the food into 2# bags which takes much time and work but mostly LOVE! By the way, Jason is just 16 years old, and started this ministry a year ago. His dad Chris, helps bag the food. Susan delivers it to my home. Bart, Rosalie, Dolly & Pozie deliver this to Church Street Ministries

One day in the scorching sun we arrived at Church Street Ministries early, their doors open for people at 11, we try to arrive an hour earlier. Jeff unloads the car for us and thanks us so very much they had missed our donations. There was a gentleman waiting in a wheel chair for the doors to open. He asked if we had cat food. We did! Praise be. We gave him a 2# bag and he was so thankful. I chatted with him awhile and prayed with him. His name is Tim and kitty's name is Clem please pray for their needs, the Lord will know what they are!



Socrates Cafe

Socrates Café By Clint Anderson

Do you enjoy lively and insightful discussions about philosophy and life? If you do, please come join us for Socrates Cafe, which meets at St. Thomas on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 in the meeting room in Harkness Hall. We pick a question ahead of time from many submitted by attendees and have no problem discussing it for about an hour and a half at each meeting. Here are a few recent topics:

- ◆ "What does a 'search for self' mean? Is it relevant?"
- ◆ "Are we truly responsible for our actions and thoughts?"
- ◆ "Is life a struggle? Is it worth it?"
- ◆ "Is hope rational?"
- ◆ "Is violence a part of being human, or do we have a choice?"

It's amazing the wide varieties of thoughts and viewpoints we always get on questions such as these! If this sounds interesting to you, please come and give Socrates Cafe a try! We are an official member of a worldwide Socrates Cafe network of more than 600 groups. If you have any questions, please contact Clint Anderson at ahs64clint@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Evening Bible Study meets at the home of Linda Kinsey at 8:00 pm. Please call the church office for more information.



Miss Julia's Southern Tea

By Rosalie Ferline & Dolly Doyle

Miss Dolly & Miss Rosalie would like to thank Y'all who helped make Miss Julia's Southern Tea held on August 11th a success.

Harkess Hall was transformed to a lovely garden party, although Ricky Nelson was not there to sing for us, we had Norman Tischler to play the sax and clarinet.

Transforming our hall would not have been accomplished if not for Miss Etta, Miss Karen, Miss Becca, Miss Peggy Ryel, Miss Dolly and Miss Rosalie. Our Mimosa Bar was tended by Theo Kent and Miss Melanie Doyle.

Our lemon glazed Scones were prepared by Miss Bev, Joe Ferline, Miss Laura Gaba and George Baxter. Mandarin salad & cran-lishious chicken salad sandwiches by Miss Karen Walter, Miss Becca Bretz & Miss Jan Bell. Ice cream was drizzled with carmel or chocolate by the hands of Miss Sue Griffith and Tea Cup Cookies baked by Miss Dolly. Our raffle had handmade wreaths by Miss Anita and Miss Sue. And last but, certainly not least, a huge shout-out of thanks to our servers: Emily Ferline, Dexter Shreve, Geri Hunt, Bella Brown, Dee Dee Doyle and Peggy Ryel.

Our guests were donned in beautiful large hats and lovely dresses. The garden was vended with Miss Laura Newman sharing her talent of making hats. Miss Theresa Ferline-Carr with Tess's Tender Touch hand painted flower pots, magnets and glasses, Miss Jenna Toth with her Sunken Glass Treasures and the Artful Sisters. All of which did a beautiful job of displaying their wares in the garden.

Our raffle table was manned by Miss Rosalie, Miss Pozie and Miss Sue. The lovely centerpieces, made by Miss Dolly, were given to the lucky Miss having a flower on the back of her menu. This was our first summer tea and we will meet to see if we will continue.



Pet Blessing Service

By Rosalie Ferline

On **Saturday, October 7, at 2:00 pm**, Father Dave will again bless the animals on the side lawn of our parish. Bring your fur-ever pet and perhaps a donation for Epis-ca-paws. There will be cider and cookies and goodies for our four-legged friends. We will also pray for our beloved departed pets who have crossed the rainbow bridge.

If you have said good bye to your beloved pet since last October, please sign the sheet on the office window. In the event there is rain, we gather in the hall.



Blessing of the Animals



Sunday, October 7, 2018

2:00 pm

St. Thomas Episcopal Church
50 East Bagley Rd, Berea 44017

Bring your pet (or a photo of your pet) to
A Blessing of the Animals



7th Annual Soup Supper

To benefit Episcopal schools in
El Salvador

All-You-Can-Eat-Soup

Large Variety Available
with bread and dessert

Saturday, October 20, 2018

5 PM - 7 PM

St. Hubert's Episcopal Church

**8870 Baldwin Road,
Kirtland Hills, Ohio**

Tickets: \$12.00 Adults
\$6 Children 12 & under
\$30 per family

Sponsored by *Los Amigos Episcopales*

*A peace and justice ministry in the Episcopal Diocese of
Ohio and an Ohio 501(c)3 non-profit*
www.losamigosepiscopales.org
Join us on Facebook

ECW Outing By Ellen Herron

On August 4, ECW ladies visited the Kent State University Museum where we viewed the impressive costumes worn by Katharine Hepburn on stage and screen.

We then enjoyed lunch at Ray's Place, recommended by museum staff for a true "university experience!" The food was good, and the trip was fun.

Plans have not yet been made for the next outing. We welcome suggestions and participation from all ladies of St. Thomas Church.



I realized long ago that skirts are hopeless . . . anytime I hear a man say he prefers a woman in a skirt, I say, "Try one. Try a skirt."
Katharine Hepburn



All-American Picnic By Anita Cooper

With extreme heat, lack of air conditioning and a cancelled parade, we persevered. We had a great group get together for a great meal. Thank you all. See ya next year!



Youth Mission Trip to Lotts Creek, Kentucky

This year our trip to Kentucky was a bit different than it has been before. We were able to attend the court hearing against the school board to see whether the school was able to continue on or if they had to close.

Thankfully God was on our side and Cordia was able to remain open for the school year. It was a stressful week for the people of Lotts Creek, especially Alice. We have never met anyone as bold, brave, or determined as Alice. She is a true hero and role model. The people of the holler are lucky and fortunate to be able to witness Alice and her might.

-Emme and Ella Winfield

This year at Lotts creek was an even more rewarding experience than last year. Going to court and supporting the school, and their director Alice was an amazing experience that I was proud to be a part of.

In addition, I spent multiple days cleaning out a room of donations for the school and organizing so that the donated items can be accessed and found easier. I helped clean and dust an old cabin, and spent time gardening as well.

Helping out the school and community was extremely rewarding and I can't wait to go back again next year.

-Katrina Scheu



St. Thomas and UCC Group that Traveled to Lotts Creek this year.

This year's trip to Lotts Creek was a different experience for everyone. We went down there unsure if the school would be open this year. We got there and Alice told us all the troubles they have been having with the county board of education and that there was a court date Wednesday.

We worked on cleaning dorms, pantries, gardening, and doing whatever Alice asked us to do. Then on Wednesday we woke up at the break of dawn and went to the capital of Kentucky to a sit-in during the trial. The judge later decided to keep the school open for this school year and hopefully Alice will be able to make her own board of education.

We had an amazing and different experience this year. Thank you for giving us the chance to do this continuously each year.

-Alyse Hancock-Phillips



Frannie's Pavilion at Lotts Creek School.



Statue of Alice Lloyd at Alice Lloyd College

**Attention - ALL Military Veterans
(spouses welcome)**

You are invited to

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church
50 E. Bagley Rd., Berea, OH 44017**

For a

VETERANS' MEET AND GREET

Friday, September 28, 2018

&

Friday, October 26, 2018

11:00 am at St. Thomas Church

50 East Bagley Rd, Berea

Please join us for an informal get-together,
and a light lunch.

We'd like to get to know area veterans better and
express our thanks to you for your service to our
country.

No obligation or commitment is required. Our goal
is just to meet with local veterans for friendship,
connection and conversation.

**We typically have a gathering on the last Friday
of each month.**

For more information contact:

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St. Thomas office at
churchoffice@stthomaschurch-berea.org
or 440-234-5241



Our building and facilities
are handicap
accessible.

Feast Day Services

By Fr. Dave Radzik

We will be observing the major feast days found in *the Book of Common Prayer* with at least a simple said Holy Eucharist at 6:00 PM on the day of the feast. I hope you will join us in marking these holy days with us as they are a wonderful opportunity for us to grow together in holiness together. The following is a list of the upcoming dates:

- ✠ Friday, September 14: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- ✠ Thursday, October 18: St. Luke, Evangelist
- ✠ Tuesday, October 23: St. James of Jerusalem
- ✠ Monday, October 29: Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles
- ✠ Thursday, November 1: All Souls
- ✠ Monday, March 25: The Annunciation
- ✠ Friday, May 31: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- ✠ Tuesday, August 6: The Transfiguration
- ✠ Thursday, August 15: Saint Mary the Virgin
- ✠ Monday, September 30: St. Michael and All Angels



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy birthday and happy anniversary to
the following St. Thomas members.

September Birthdays

James Blanca	9/2
Devan Braford	9/7
Stewart Mickley	9/8
David Frazier	9/9
Ronald Thomas	9/9
Bev Smith	9/9
David Zambounis	9/14
Jery Zambounis	9/15
Drew Braford	9/15
Annette Curtner	9/18
Larry Robinette	9/18
Marlene Carlsen	9/19
Carl Douglas	9/21
Doug Wank	9/21
Bruce McLaughlin	9/21
Reynaldo Magpoc	9/22
Douglas Kukura	9/23
Polly Burns	9/26
Barb Pertz	9/28
Ascia Hancock-Phillips	9/29
Nicholas Kukura	9/29
Trudy Minch	9/30

September Wedding Anniversaries

Donald & Kathy Elster	9/10
Paul & Patricia Kukura	9/14
Dan & Sally Catalano	9/20
Mark Furlong & Trudy Minch	9/29

October Birthdays

Lorin Radzik	10/1
Ken Burns	10/4
Linda Kinsey	10/9
Kira Seaton	10/10
Valerie Magpoc	10/11
Jessica Kukura	10/12
Nancy Braford	10/17
Mary Lee Stowell	10/20
Donald Elster	10/21
Brad Dobbins	10/22
Megan Cullins	10/24
Randy Molmen	10/28
Thomas Skjei	10/30
Marcie Hist	10/31

October Wedding Anniversaries

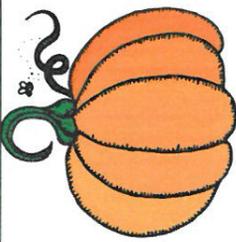
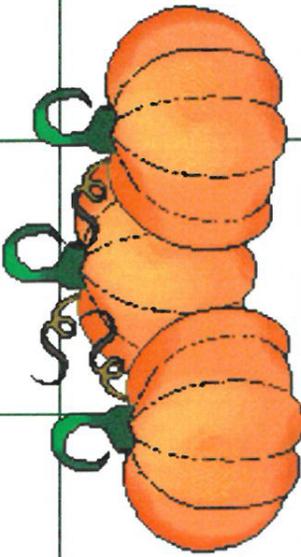
Russ & Julie Kalbrunner	10/7
Mark & Rachael Simon	10/16
Patrick & Michelle Lawson-Brown	10/18
Tim & Anita Cooper	10/19
John & Lynn Vincent	10/22

If you should be listed, but are not, please contact the church office so we can add your birthday and/or anniversary.

September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 15th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 am Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour	3 Labor Day - Office Closed 7 p Closed AA	4 7 p Church-Growth Meeting	5 12:15 p STAR Concert & Luncheon 3 p City Fresh Produce Pick Up	6 2-4 pm Foodbank Produce Distribution 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon	7 6 p Feast Day Service Exaltation of the Cross	8 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist
9 16th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist and Confirmation with Bishop Hollingsworth 11:30 a Potluck Luncheon	10 7 p Vestry 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	11 7 p Socrates Café	12 3 p City Fresh Produce Pick Up 6:30 p Outreach Committee Meeting	13 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon	14 6 p Feast Day Service Exaltation of the Cross	15 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist
16 17th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 am Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 2:00 p Nursing Home Service	17 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	18	19 3 p City Fresh Produce Pick Up	20 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon	21	22 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist 7 p Clambake
23 18th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 am Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour	24 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	25 7 p Socrates Café	26 3 p City Fresh Produce Pick Up 6 p Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran	27 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon	28 11 a Veteran's Meet & Greet Lunch	29 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist
30 19th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 am Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour	7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	7 p Socrates Café	3 p City Fresh Produce Pick Up 6 p Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran	7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p Al-Anon	11 a Veteran's Meet & Greet Lunch	5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist

October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
 7 20th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 3:00 p Pet Blessing	1 7 p Closed AA 7 p Prayer Group 8 Columbus Day - Office Closed 7 p Vestry Meeting 7 p Closed AA 7 p Prayer Group	2 7 p Church-Growth Meeting	3 12:15 p STAR Concert & Luncheon 3 p City Fresh Produce Pick Up	4 2-4 pm Foodbank Produce Distribution 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon	5 6 10 a DOK Combined Meeting with St. Barnabas 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist	6 10 a DOK Combined Meeting with St. Barnabas 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist	
14 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:10 a Rector's Forum 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour	15 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	16 7 p Socrates Café	17 3 p City Fresh Produce Pick Up	18 6 p Feast Day Service St. Luke, Evangelist 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon	19 20 5:00 p Los Amigos Soup Supper At St. Hubert's 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist	20 5:00 p Los Amigos Soup Supper At St. Hubert's 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist	
21 23rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 2:00 p Nursing Home Service 4:00 p Gabriel's Horns Concert	22 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	23 6 p Feast Day Service St. James of Jerusalem 7 p Socrates Café	24 3 p City Fresh Produce Pick Up	25 7:30 p Choir Rehearsal 8 p AI-Anon	26 11 a Veteran's Meet & Greet Lunch 6:00 p Trunk or Treat	27 5:30 p Contemporary Eucharist	
28 24th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 a Rite I Holy Eucharist 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 10:30 a Rite II Holy Eucharist 11:30 a Coffee Hour 4:00 p Tri-C Band Concert	29 6 p Feast Day Service Sis Simon and Jude, Apostles 7 p Prayer Group 7 p Closed AA	30 6 p Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran	31 6 p Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran				6 p Berea Community Meal at St. Paul Lutheran

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening

5:30 pm Contemporary Eucharist
(with piano and drums)

Sunday Morning

8:00 am Rite I Holy Eucharist
(with traditional Elizabethan language)

9:10 am Rector's Forum
(in Harkess Hall)

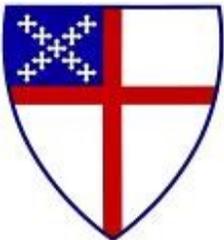
10:30 am Rite II Holy Eucharist
(with organ, choir and children's message)

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