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- JUNE 5 **9:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST**
UTO SUNDAY
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 16 9:00 AM Kitchen Cleaning
- June 17 MOORINGS ARTICLES DUE**
- June 19 Father's Day

ONE SERVICE

9:00 AM

JUNE THRU SEPTEMBER

POT-LUCK EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 6:15 PM



JUNE 2011

WITHOUT A DOUBT



The Moorings

TO THE HEDGES AND HIGHWAYS.

Luke 14:23 Then the master said to the servant, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.”

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In the time since I wrote and presented this to the Vestry several things have happened.

- o The Vestry gave their whole hearted endorsement
- o Several persons have come and voiced their enthusiastic support.
- o The time has grown even shorter

In the light of these developments I think we will accomplish this without hiring a director, and stick to VBS only this year. I hope we can look toward next year and an expanded program.

I do invite all of us in the St. Thomas family to have a part. Please contact Laura Agnostak or myself to offer your services: time or money.

God's Peace,
Fr. Jeremiah†

In all previous parish surveys including the ongoing Vestry/Parishioner visits, one consistently recurring theme is the need to attract young people and families to St. Thomas.

During the recent visit of the Presiding Bishop Palm Sunday weekend, I was privileged to be invited to meet with her and various military families at St. Anne's, Jacksonville. Various topics were discussed including how those present came to try St. Anne's, what kept them at St. Anne's and what they thought would encourage others to experience St. Anne's. Especially for military families, what could the Church family do to support them in meeting needs peculiar to their lives (deployments, etc.)?

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SENIOR WARDEN'S WATCH

A Beautiful and Fun way to Pray and Praise the Lord



Summer is almost here and so is Wednesday night Pot Luck and Grill night. Through out the summer months this program happens every Wednesday night between 6:15 -8 P.M. in the Parish Hall.

The pot luck and grill food that is featured each week, by those that attend, is better than any restaurant in our area can serve you. There is chicken, hamburgers, pork chops, beef-k-bobs, elk burgers, kielbasa, sausage, beer battered brats and of course hot dogs. The salads and side dishes range from macaroni and cheese to gourmet creations by the Schwendy's. The deserts are numerous and mostly home made, especially Schoch's cakes.

Now if that isn't enough to bring you out try our song fest singing from the Red hymnal. Many of you might not be aware that our rector (Fr. Jeremiah) is an accomplished guitar player and accompanies all the singing of these hymns. It's quite enjoyable hearing him play and you cannot hold back from singing yourself.

Right after singing those in attendance take part in prayer by doing the "Order of Compline" service located on page 127 of our Book of Common Prayer. This takes about 5 minutes and is led by a volunteer from the group. Many of us enjoy doing it so we are never in need of a leader for Compline.

Once in a while, when Fr. Jeremiah cannot be present, we have a guest pianist to accompany the singing with specially selected hymns. What a "comp" this is.

Now it's 8 P.M. and "Bingo" it's time to go home. Maybe you're not ready to leave and want more but you must. Give Wednesday night pot luck and grill a try. What better way to pray and praise the Lord!

Dick AhKao,
Sr. Warden

JUNIOR WARDEN'S WATCH



Well are you ready for summer? I am. In a couple of weeks we will be officially in the summer season. This year St. Thomas will have a single service during the summer. Therefore, those of us who normally attend the 8 AM and those of us who normally attend the 10:30 services will have the rare opportunity to commune together at 9AM every Sunday starting with the 5th of June and continuing through the 28th of August.

It will be good to feel like we are one congregation praising God together in the same place and time. On the 4th of September we will revert to the usual two service schedule, but there will be no Sunday school until the week of the 12th of September. We will be featuring organ music during the summer along with guitar Sunday on the first Sunday of the month.

I also want to share with you that Janice Cox has agreed to fill out the remaining part of the current year for the vacant position on the vestry. In January we will add a fourth vestry position (2 year term) to our election at the Annual Meeting.

In July we look forward to the St. Thomas Croakerfest Hamburger booth which will be an all hands affair under the able leadership of the Wickershams and the Moores. I am informed that this will be their second and final year as organizers for this event, so we need to find some volunteers to pick up the ball for 2012. Meanwhile, please “fill in the blanks” when the sign up sheet appears and let’s all do our share of helping!

Save Wednesday the 13th of July at 6:30 for our annual **RIB NIGHT** in the parish hall. You will see a sign up sheet in the parish hall in mid-June.

We intend to get underway shortly on repainting the inside and outside of the Green House. It will be a lighter shade of green on the exterior and will be a light yellow shade on the interior walls.

I want to remind all of you who plan to be away during the summer that it would be really helpful if you would keep your pledges up to date while you are gone. Our financial situation will be tight for the entire year and summer is one of the times when we tend to fall behind.

Here’s hoping we all have a wonderful, hurricane-free summer.

Peace,
Jim

WAD con't from pg 1 All of the comments and suggestions made to the first three questions are not unique to parishes serving military communities: Relationship & Personal Invitation, Welcome & Involvement: Choir, Sunday School, Nursery, Youth and Leadership Positions.

Signage, advertising, location and continuing communication (newsletters, etc.) were distant seconds.

All of the positives we have or are very ready to provide. (I admit, it's hard to keep the nursery looking like a nursery when it is empty week after week, and it's hard to have a youth group with 2 teens). It was a comment late in the evening session that stayed with me all the way home.

"It's one thing to be attractive. It's another to go where potential members are and begin relationships with them. Show them you are interested and welcome them."

In all my contemplation and prayer over this area of our parish life I've not had any new ideas. This isn't one either. What came to me during the trip home, what I believe was of Holy Spirit, was that after all these years we, St. Thomas, need to do Vacation Bible School, for the community.

1. The second week of August 8-12. Pamlico Co. schools start back on the 25th.
2. Hire a director (if a capable volunteer does not come forth immediately)
 - a. to choose and develop a program
 - b. handle advertising
 - c. organize volunteers
 - d. coordinate with other churches if they express interest
 - e. good design & computer skills

I believe this will be a 5-6 week job, possible part-time until the week of the program.

3. Program to run in the evenings
 - a. 6:00 pm Family supper (pizza, burgers, etc.)
 - b. 6:45 pm Kids program
Adult/Youth paralleling kid program
 - c. 8:00-8:30 pm End

It is also possible, that if the right person/couple, possibly seminarians is available, we could hire them for the summer to run a **Summer Knights** youth program, and the VBS.

Virginia Seminary has indicated that around \$12/hr would be appropriate if housing was provided.

WAD Cont'd from pg. 4 If the program is used as an independent study, there would be no cost, only a housing provision. Finding community employment for a spouse would help with getting a couple.

What is required of the parish?

Our **wholehearted** involvement.

Cooks, teachers, helpers, resource persons, advertisers, registrars, clean up, infant nursery. We need to bring our own children, neighbor's children, and grandchildren.

Everyone can find a job for at least one of the nights.

Be a part of the Adult/Youth Program. I'm proposing the time and format so working families aren't rushed, and so parents don't drop kids off. We want parents to know they are wanted too, and to see how we treat their kids.

Will it be worth it if we bring a loving image of God and Jesus to only 20 kids? What about 10?

Will it be worth it if only one new family becomes part of our parish family? How about if they become Baptist?

What if we're able to make Laura's class 5 instead of 3? Will all this time and money have been well spent?

That's for y'all to decide. How much do we want what we say we'd like? You seem to relish the kid noise on Sunday morning. Is it worth making it louder?

In the Highways

Words and music: Maybelle Carter, on the album "O Brother Where Art Thou"

In the highways, in the hedges.
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord

I'll be somewhere working
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord

If He calls me I will answer
I'll be somewhere working for my Lord

OUR LIVES TOGETHER EVERY WEEK

RED - CHURCH
 BLUE - PARISH HALL
 GREEN - GREEN HOUSE
 BLACK - OTHER LOCATION

	Holy Eucharist	Sunday	9:00a
	AA Group	Sunday	8:00p
	Rector & Warden's Meeting	Monday	4:00p
	Cursillo Reunion Group	Monday	5:30p
	Cursillo Reunion @ Brantley's	Tuesday	8:00a
	Men's Bible Study "Gospel of John"	Tuesday	9:00a
	Alanon	Tuesday	8:00p
	Healing & Holy Eucharist	Wednesday	Noon
	Prayer Group-Call for location	Wednesday	1:30p
	Pot Luck Supper	Wednesday	6:15p
	Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	Wednesday	7:00p



Altar Guild	Dee Sage & Mary Beth Berry
Greeters	George & Charlotte Schenck
Ushers	Chase & Christine Braswell



Wednesday	1	noon	Healing Service
		6:15p	Pot Luck
		7:00p	Praise & Prayer
Sunday	5	9:00a	7 Easter Morning Prayer
		Hostesses	(L) G. Schenck; (C) E. Creel & G. Evns
			Molly Grubb & Marge Juerling
Wednesday	8	10:00a	Outreach Committee
		1:30p	Worship & Music Committee
Sunday	12		The Day of Pentecost: WhitSunday
			Holy Eucharist Rite II
		9:00a	(L) C. McAdoo; (C)M. Dales & J. Bond
		Hostesses	Lorraine Weeks & Laura Agnostak
Tuesday	14	11:30a	Christian Formation
		7:00p	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	15	10:30a	Pastoral Care Committee

Friday 17

Saturday 18 8:00a

Sunday 19

9:00a

Hostesses

Wednesday 22 4:00p

Sunday 26

9:00a

Hostesses

Tuesday 28 7:00p

Friday July 1

**MOORINGS ARTICLES DUE.....JULY/
AUGUST COMBINED ISSUE**

Men's Breakfast

Trinity Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite II
(L) K. Bates; (C) W. Seward & G. Robinson
Jennie Hollowell & Sarah Kenney

ECW Board Meeting

2 Pentecost Holy Eucharist Rite II
(L) C. Bliss; (C) D. Dunford & G. Evans
Carolyn Schoch & Marilyn Ryen

Evangelism Committee

CROAKER FEST

Dee Sage and Mary Beth Berry will prepare God's Altar for worship during June.

Believe summer is on its way--rumor of temps approaching 90! We have had a beautiful spring. Let's all pray for a hurricane-free season!



Let's enjoy our summer. Thank you all for your help

**Altar
Guild**

God's peace,
Marian and Mary Beth

Christopher Grayson
Christopher Day
Shirley Traynor
Linda Knowles
Nancy Inger
Eugene Seward
Ron Diamond
Kathy Bates
Helen Hagy &
Rich Gahan





After a busy spring with the completion of Lenten Activities, Shower Bags, Relay for Life, and the Tour of Homes, everyone in our parish is ready to anticipate summer. Of course Croakerfest will be upon us in no time.

In June we will have our **major kitchen cleaning** and many hands make light work. All the ladies are invited to be at the fellowship hall at **9 AM on Thursday, June 16.**

We have been enjoying many visitors to our Sunday worship so we have been giving many loaves of bread to our guests. If you would like to bake some, we have a set of mini-loaf pans in the first tall cabinet past the kitchen sink. Anyone may use, wash and return them in a week's time. The bread can be wrapped and placed in the church freezer.

Thank-you, everyone, who gives of their time and talents to support our parish activities.

Rolayne Schwendy

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH - GAME DAY

Starting in August, along with the Methodist Church, we will hold a social get-together in the community room, 300 High Street, where Jane Sharpe has an apartment. Once a month on the **2nd Thursday** there will be an activity, either games, music or just fellowship. This is a chance to associate with friends and share an afternoon with light refreshments. The get-together will run **from 1 PM until 3 PM.**

This monthly event will be limited to 12 people, so sign up in the Parish Hall if you are interested in attending.

This is convenient for walking to, riding your bike or driving. If you have any questions, contact Ginnie Goodwin, 249-3584 or Joan Gracie, 249-1958.

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St. Cyprian's ECW will be holding their

Annual Garden Party

on Saturday, June 4th at 4 PM. We will be sitting at the English Garden table. If you would like to attend, I will be driving. Several of us went last year and had a wonderful time. There is plenty of food and the entertainment was wonderful. Join me in fellowship with them. Ginnie Goodwin

**UTO (UNITED THANK OFFERING)
SUNDAY, JUNE 5.**

The Diocese of East Carolina sent \$29,148 to the National UTO for 2010. For almost 120 years the UTO has been a worldwide effort to meet compelling human needs and to expand the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church. It helps build churches and schools, feeds the hungry, clothes the poor and provides shelter for the homeless.

It is a way for each person to express thanks to God for all the blessings in everyday life: our food, our clothing, our families, our friends, our churches, the list goes on. As the apostle Paul encourages us: As we have opportunity, let us do good for all people. Every single penny is used for grants. It is divided 50-50 for domestic and foreign missions. Let us respond to the needs and suffering of our world.

Ginnie Goodwin

UTO Chair

ECW Treasurer, Carol McAdoo, is shown below giving a donation to Rachel Eldridge from Thompson's Child & Family Focus. Rachel presented a very interesting program at our ECW brunch given at Shine Landing Club House on May 11th.



ECW is taking on being a "Cottage Champion" for Thompson. We will be collecting dorm supplies to be given at the General Convention in February.



Top row: Jim Berry, David Wichersham, George Robinson, Ed Bliss. *Middle row:* Wally Umbach, Jim Moore, Bill Sage, Jackie Wall, Marian Day. *Bottom row:* Mary Beth Berry, Judy Wickersham, Dee Sage, MaryAnne Kinglsey, Marilyn Robinson, Connie Schmidt



Accompanist, Tatiana Greene and Director, Dee Sage

Three seasons have passed since St. Thomas had a professional choir director. My involvement came by default. It took me a lifetime to get up my nerve to sing in a choir and I was just getting comfortable when our last choir director left – I couldn't let the music stop! It is hard for me to believe that the choir has not only survived, but grown! We would not be where we are today without the collective efforts of all the choir members. Everyone in the choir pitches in one way or another to assure our music program continues. Extra thanks are

in order for Marian Day, who co-directs and is responsible for outfitting us with the special choir crosses; Marian Day and Mary Beth Berry, who spend countless hours picking out hymns; and, Jim Berry, Ed Bliss, Jim Moore, Bill Sage and Dave Wichersham, who “play” the organ when we don't have an accompanist.

It was a pleasure to add Tatiana Greene as our accompanist. She is an accomplished pianist and is adapting well to our service and electronic piano. It has been a challenge which she has met with enthusiasm and perseverance. We will miss her during the summer, but know that she is looking forward to visiting her family in Great Britain and Russia.

Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, will be our last official choir Sunday. We plan to celebrate with a social that afternoon, and then take a break until September. There will be music during the summer, but less of it. We hope to tap into the variety of talents of our choir members and other parishioners.

Later this summer we will have a season kick-off social and welcome anyone to come who is interested in joining the choir next fall. Please let me know and I'll get you details of the gathering when they are made.

Thank you for supporting the St. Thomas Choir.

Peace– Dee Sage



BUGS !!!!

Spraying the kitchen, or any other area of the church, at the first sign of undesirable visitors is **FREE** to us based on our “Bug Prevention Plan”. However, if we do not report it to Ms. Beth, Church Secretary, upon the **FIRST** sighting, they get a head start, then a more serious spraying is required. This involves emptying all the cupboards, the spraying accomplished, waiting the designated amount of time, and then re-loading the cupboards. This is a needless labor-intensive activity.

Please report any bug sightings ASAP!

Thank you.

on the lighter side

GOD SAID NO!

I asked God to take away my habit;
God said, No. It is not for me to take away,
but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child
whole;
God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is
only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience;
God said, No. Patience is a by-product of
tribulation; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness;
God said, No. I give you blessings; happiness
is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain;
God said, No. Suffering draws you away from
worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow;
God said, No. You must grow on you own,
but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God For all things that I may enjoy
life;
God said No. I will give you life so that you
may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as
much as he loves me;
God said,..AHHH. Finally you have the idea!

**THIS DAY IS YOURS
DON'T THROW IT AWAY**