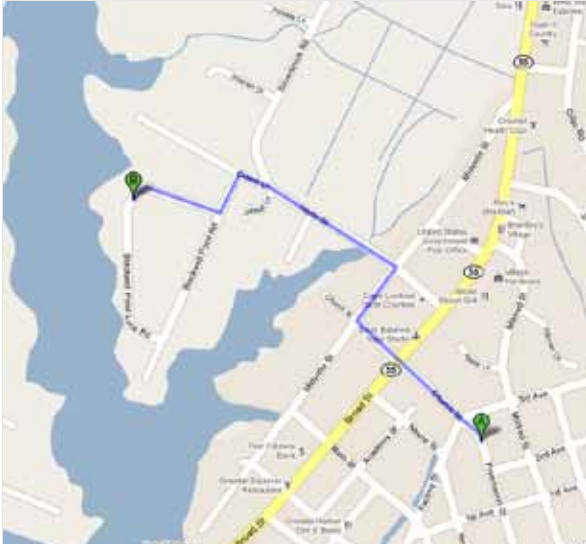




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Annual Picnic



- May 10, ECW Diocesan Mtg., NB
- May 11 St. Thomas ECW Brunch
- May 20 **MOORINGS ARTICLES DUE**
- May 22 Spring Picnic @ the Parker's
- 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
- 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Picnic)

MAY 2011

WITHOUT A DOUBT

*Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen, indeed!
Alleluia!*



THE MOORINGS

From the Apostle Paul's first letter to the Corinthians

15:3 For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4 and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6 Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

...12 Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; 14 and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. 15 We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. 17 If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. 19 **If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.**

20 **But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.**

Paul did not witness the resurrection. He encountered the resurrected Christ. Even in his stubbornness and animosity toward the followers of the itinerant rabbi, he still encountered the risen Jesus.

Jesus resurrection is known in our day and lives by the revelation and testimony of Holy Spirit. The glorified Christ is not known by intellectual accession, but by faithful reception. One may

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SENIOR WARDEN'S REPORT

WHY I LIKE BEING A MEMBER of ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



In these times when it may be difficult to say "I'm proud to be an Episcopalian" it is without constraints or regrets that I can proudly say "I like being a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Oriental". As the Episcopal spiritual leadership continue to ignore the cries of its people throughout the world, it would be helpful if the leadership could tell it's members what it regards as sinful behavior. I see the concept of sin, at present, being offered up for negotiation in order to avoid giving offense to anyone.

Not having these directional problems to deal with in our church is one of the many reasons that I feel blessed being a member of St. Thomas. Our Spiritual leader of our church has clearly set forth a direction for our parishioners that is based upon the teaching of the Bible and sound doctrine. Our Pastor has not and will not deny what is closely taught in scripture.

I very much enjoy worshiping at the 8 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. services according to the book of Common Prayer. The sermons given by our Pastor, week after week, year after year, are more than inspirational meaningful messages. They are truly conversion experiences.

The parishioners of our church give little reason to question being a member of our church. They are warm, friendly, and sometimes humble people. I always enjoy the special programs our church sponsors. The music and procession offered by our church choir is wonderful. I praise and thank God for all our Bible study groups available to all who seek spiritual growth. The work of the ECW, The Men's fellowship group, the Outreach committee, Pastoral Care committee, Worship

and Music committee, Evangelism committee, Altar Guild, and Finance committees has been accountable and very rewarding for the growth of our church. I am grateful for the responsible and productive work performed by our Stewardship committee and Vestry.

I also feel blessed belonging to a church that has the number one “Ushering /Greeting program service” in the Diocese of East Carolina”.

For these reasons and many more, that I have not thought about yet, is why I like being a member of St. Thomas Episcopal Church. HOW ABOUT YOU?

Dick AhKao, Sr. Warden

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decide to accept the claims of the Apostles and other witnesses, but they are made one's own reality by the Spirit to the spirit.

The meaning in Christ's death is not a system of belief or action or institution.

Here is the gift of Jesus' death.

21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

May the Peace of God which lies in this proclamation be yours.

Fr. Jeremiah[†] & Marian



SHOWER BAGS, CLOTHING, AND MONEY FOR THE EPISCOPAL FARMWORKER MINISTRY

On April 27, Charlotte Schenck, June Carpenter, Molly Grubb, and Jane Sharp delivered 101 filled shower bags to Father Antonio Rojas, executive director of the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry (EFM), in Newton Grove. This is a new record for St. Thomas! Three bags of clothing and sneakers were also delivered, as well as a \$500 check from the Outreach Committee to the EFM church building fund. EFM is close to completing the purchase of land for the Episcopal Hispanic mission church started by Father Rojas (La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia). An architect has been hired to design a modular church building that, once begun, should go up quickly.

When our parishioners arrived the EFM site was decorated with colorful banners in anticipation of a Palm Sunday visit by Presiding Bishop Dr. Katharine Jefferts Shori and Bishop Clifton Daniel, who were to celebrate Communion in an open-air service. Our parishioners received a very warm welcome from Father Rojas and his wife Lucy, who served them a delicious lunch.

Many thanks to the congregation for your generosity in sewing the shower bags and in donating the toiletries to fill them, as well as for the clothing that will help protect the skin and feet of the farmworkers. The \$500 check to the building fund, which is part of the Vestry allocation to the Outreach Committee, also reflects the generosity of the congregation. In an area devastated by the recent tornadoes, EFM and La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia are vital sources of support for the Hispanic community.

FIRST-QUARTER AND SECOND-QUARTER OUTREACH CONTRIBUTIONS: YOUR PLEDGE DOLLARS AT WORK

Each quarter, the Outreach Committee uses its budget to make gifts in the name of St. Thomas Church to community programs in our area. This budget is provided through a Vestry allocation from congregational pledges and from an additional generous pledge from two parishioners who wish to remain anonymous.

During the first quarter of 2011, the following gifts were made:

Episcopal Farmworker Ministry: \$50 (for shower bag materials)

Coastal Women's Shelter, Pamlico County: \$150

HeartWorks: \$500

HOPE Clinic: \$400

Interfaith Refugee Ministry: \$300

In May, for the second quarter of 2011, the following gifts are being made:

Episcopal Farmworker Ministry: \$500 (for the General Building Fund)

Camps Seafarer & Sea Gull scholarships for needy Pamlico County kids: \$200

Children's Theater Workshop scholarships for needy Pamlico County kids: \$100

Coastal Women's Shelter of Pamlico County: \$150

Fishes and Loaves: \$400

Habitat of Humanity of Pamlico County: \$300

Easter food baskets for needy Pamlico County families: \$400

Thank you for the many ways that your generosity enables us to help address pressing needs in our community.

OUR LIVES TOGETHER EVERY WEEK

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

Holy Eucharist	Sunday	8:00a
Christian Formation	Sunday	9:15a
Holy Eucharist	Sunday	10:30a
AA Group	Sunday	8:00p
Bible Study "Where is the Holy Spirit?"	Monday	1:30p
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	1 st Wednesday	6:15p
Praise, Prayer & Bible Study	Wednesday	7:00p
Choir Practice	Thursday	7:00p

Altar Guild	Marge Dales & Pat Mahlstedt
Greeters	Glen & Rolayne Schwendy
Ushers	George Robinson & David Opgrand

Sunday	1	8:00a	2 Easter Morning Prayer
		10:30a	W. Seward
		Hostesses	(L) J. Schmidt; (C) D. Dunford, E. Creel
Wednesday	4	Noon	Marilyn Robinson & Wendy Seward
Sunday	8		Healing Service
		8:00a	3 Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II
		10:30a	G. Evans
		Hostesses	(L) C. McAdoo; (C) J. Bond, E. Finta
Tuesday	10	9:00 AM	Dot Dunford & Jackie Schmidt
		11:30a	ECW Diocean Annual Meeting @ Christ Church
		7:00p	Christian Formation
			Vestry Meeting

Wednesday	11	9:30 AM	St. Thomas ECW Brunch
		10:00a	Outreach Committee
		1:30p	Worship & Music Committee
Sunday	15		4 Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II
		8:00a	W. Seward
		10:30a	(L) C. Bliss; (C) G. Robinson, D. Dunford
		Hostesses	Beth Grimm & Marlene Sykes
Wednesday	18	10:30a	Pastoral Care Committee
Thursday	19	7:00p	NO Choir Practice
Friday	20		MOORINGS ARTICLES DUE
Saturday	21	8:00a	Men's Breakfast
Sunday	22		5 Easter Holy Eucharist Rite II
		8:00a	M. Dales
		10:30a	(L) J. Berry; (C) J. Bond, E. Creel
		10:30A	Spring Picnic @ the Parker's
		Hostesses	Pat Webster & Mary Skinner
Tuesday	24	7:00p	Evangelism Committee
Wednesday	25	Noon	Healing Service
Sunday	29		6 Easter Morning Prayer
		8:00a	G. Evans
		10:30a	(L) B. Sage; (C) G. Robinson & D. Dunford
Monday	30		OFFICE CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY

April was a busy month!! Everyone pitched in and made it a bit easier-- especially Holy Week.

Marge Dales and Pat Mahlstedt will prepare God's Altar for worship during May.

Many thanks to all for everything you have done.



God's peace,
Marian and Mary Beth



**Remember
in Prayer**

Christopher Grayson
Christopher Day
Shirley Traynor
Linda Knowles
Nancy Inger
Eugene Seward
Ron Diamond
Kathy Bates
Lorraine Weeks



ECW Annual Meeting at Christ Church in New Bern on Tuesday, May 10th.
Registration is 9:00 AM and the cost is \$10 for lunch.

The speaker will be Dr. Bob Stevens of the Dominican Development Group. We will learn about a mission diocese in a “third world country”, the Dominican Republic.

This is also the installation of the new ECW officers. Jo Anne will be stepping down as President and Martha Clark will be out new one. Ginnie will be stepping down from Chair of our District and will be taking a new position on the board.

Please plan on attending the meeting and extend the invitation to another St. Thomas lady to come with you. Get to know our new board and see what will be exciting for the coming year.

St. Thomas ECW Meeting

will be held in the Club House at Shine Landing (just across the bridge). We will be hosting Rachel Eldridge, Volunteer Resources Coordinator of Thompson Child & Family Focus. A brunch will be served followed by a special program on the facility. We will meet at 9:30 AM. Don't forget the items listed in your “Moorings” for Rachel to take back to the children. Sign up in the Parish Hall if you plan on attending. If you can make a dish for the brunch please see Judy Wickersham or Ginnie Goodwin.

Presiding Bishop Visits New Bern

The Most Rev. Dr. Katharine Jefferts Schori paid a visit to New Bern on Friday, April 16th. Bishop Katharine officiated at the Diocese of East Carolina Renewal of Ordination Vows and led the congregation in Holy Eucharist. The service was attended by Fr. Jeremiah Day and also Caroline Ramsey. Friday evening Bishop Katharine held an informal question and answer for the community starting with meditation on “How does it feel to be loved by Jesus”. This was attended by Ginnie Goodwin and Beth Grimm. Saturday evening she visited at St. Anne, church in Jacksonville and Jeremiah and Marian Day attended the service.

Ginnie Goodwin



CHURCH PERIODICAL CLUB

The Church Periodical Club's primary purpose is to spread the written word throughout the world. This ministry remains the same as when it was first organized in 1888 by Mary Ann Fargo, wife of Mortimer Fargo and a member of the Church of the Holy Communion in New York City. She and her friends sent Bibles to the west on Wells Fargo stagecoaches. CPC has provided educational, spiritual, and liturgical Christian resources to many communities within our nation and around the world. Today this agency also provides funds for audio and video tapes, as well as computer software.

CPC is supported solely through voluntary donations. Contributions from parishes, clergy, individuals, vestries and ECWs keep this important ministry alive. The primary source of these funds is money raised in churches on CPC Sunday, which is May 1. Donations made by check should be written to St. Thomas ECW with memo CPC and placed in the offering plates during the month of April and on **May 1**.

Each year at diocesan convention, our CPC chairwoman gives a check to each seminarian from this diocese to aid in their educational expenses. Please consider your donation to this worthy endeavor.

Marian Day
CPC representative



CHRIST IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

What a pleasure it is for the choir to bring the message of our Lord's Resurrection to you during Easter Season. A very large THANK YOU to Pete Parham for playing the trumpet on Palm Sunday. The choir's last "official" Sunday performance is June 12th, Pentecost Sunday. Then we will take a break until September. However, there will be no interruption in music as local talent will fill in until the choir returns in full force next fall.

There will not be practices on April 28th, May 19th and June 2nd. Otherwise, practice is at 7:00 p.m. on Thursdays through June 9th.

Peace– Dee Sage

Practice continues to be held on Thursday, 7:00 p.m.(except as noted above) in the choir loft.

New members are always welcome. Please join us



THE DOLLAR BILL STILL GOES TO CHURCH



The first Sunday of each month has been the pledge giving procedure recommended by our church treasurer, avoiding unnecessary bank deposit charges when using multi pledge deposits each month.

When following this pattern of giving most of our parishioners attending give nothing to the offering plate on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sunday services each month (understandingly so, if giving the 1st Sunday which is procedure).

However, visitors to our church service sometimes wonder who gives money to the church as our ushers walk down the aisles with little, if any, offerings being put in the offering plate.

Therefore, I am humbly suggesting that each person attending our weekly Sunday services continue to give \$1 and place it in the plate, even though you may be a “joyful giver”, “tither”, or a regular contributor.

The benefits of participating in the program are:

- A. All \$1 bills go to the discretionary fund helping our own community people in need.
- B. As an average \$50 per week times 52 = \$2600
- C. Although equivocal, the frugal impression is eliminated.

Thank you for considering this request and hopefully adopting it in giving of your treasure to our church.

Dick Ahkao
Senior Warden

WEEKLY PRAYER/SICK LIST

Just a reminder that names are purged off the list *monthly*. When placing someone's name in the book in the Narthex it would be helpful if you would jot down the problem. No need to be specific, i.e. "minor surgery", or "family problems". These notes will help determine if a person should stay listed for more than the current month.

Thank you.

I would like to thank all the members of St. Thomas who have helped with folding, spindling, taping, labeling etc. of the Moorings. Without the help of all you wonderful people this publication would just not get done.

Thank you all very, very much.

