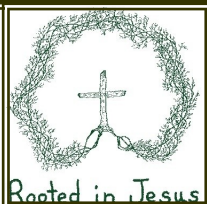


St. Thomas' Anglican Church



Epiphany 6



WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

February 11th and 12th , 2012

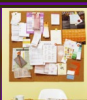
Come and worship with us on:

Thursday—10:00 a.m.—Quiet Communion

Saturday—5:00 p.m.—Contemporary Communion

Sunday—8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion

Sunday—10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion & Sunday School



Weekly Notices



The **Annual General Meeting** (Parish Vestry Meeting) for all members of St. Thomas will be this Sunday, February 12th at 7:00 p.m. in Haddon Hall. Come and help elect your new Parish Advisory Board and help set our course for 2012. Those interested in being nominated for Parish Advisory Board must be in attendance at the meeting or give prior consent for someone to nominate them. Nominations will be received from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Positions up for election include: People's Warden, Deputy People's Warden, Property Chair, Treasurer, and up to six Members-at-Large. The Rector will appoint a Rector's Warden and Deputy Rector's Warden plus up to six Members-at-Large.

Mothers' Union is hosting a '**Soup Lunch**' this Sunday February 12th after the service—free will offering. Takeout will be available after the Saturday, February 11th, 5:00 p.m. service as well as the Sunday, February 12th 8:30 a.m. service.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, February 21st from 5:30—7:00 p.m. in Haddon Hall; provided by our Cub Pack.

Parish Executive has become concerned that, though we began 2012 debt-free, our weekly offerings were well below our budgeted need in January. We must reverse this trend soon or we will be unable to cover essential expenses. Please prayerfully consider both your level and consistency in offerings to help ensure St. Thomas does not fall behind financially. The Electronic Offering Program (EOP) is an excellent convenient way to ensure regular offerings. Applications are available from the Usher or the Parish Office.

A.C.W. will meet this coming Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 1:30 p.m. in Haddon Hall.


Ash Wednesday Evening Service, February 22nd begins the Season of Lent and our spiritual preparation for **Holy Week, April 1-8. LENT:** A time to put some extra effort into living out our Christian faith. We commit ourselves to attending special services, reading our Bibles, fasting and praying, giving generously to the poor.

Lenten coin folders are available at the back of the church. Please take one as a part of your Lenten journey.

Weekly Notices continued...

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Flat Footed Four

WITH SPECIAL GUESTS: THE GRUMPY GRAMPAS



IN CONCERT AT ST. THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH
IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW AUDIO VISUAL SYSTEM

ST. THOMAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH
(1400 EDWARD STREET SOUTH)
THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2012
TIME: 7:00 - 9:00PM \$10.00 ADVANCE \$12.00 DOOR

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:
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Advance tickets are available in the Parish Office
or from Pastor Doug or Garry Barker.

Altar Guild members would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Joan Walker (honorary member) for the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for the Sacristy.

Please join Pastor Doug for St. Thomas' monthly Communion service in the chapel at **Grandview Lodge** this Wednesday, February 15th @ 10:30 a.m.

The Concurrence Committee is currently working on finishing the Parish Profile (an extensive overview of the Church and parish life of St. Thomas'), Job Description (the outline of the various functions and tasks for the incumbent) and a Candidate Profile (a description of what skills, abilities, quality and characteristics of the ideal candidate – realizing that a 100% fit is not realistic). These are based on the information that we have gathered from the Parish. It is our goal to have these three documents completed by the middle of February. When finalized, the Concurrence Committee will make these documents available to the Parish.

The Concurrence Committee asks for your prayers throughout this process.

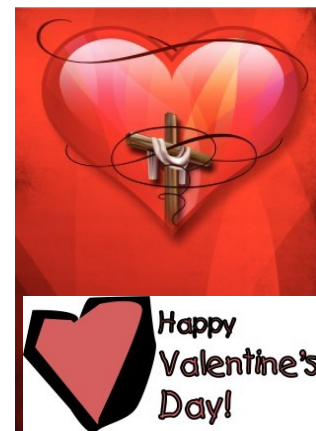
Please direct your questions or concerns to **Glenn Craig** (Chair) @ gwmcraig@me.com or 475-5717 (home); 684-7277 (work).

Due to limited space in the E-Newsletter, the complete announcement as read by the Concurrence Committee last Sunday can be found on the bulletin board.

True Love:

For God so lo **V** ed the world
That He g **A** ve
His on **L** y
Begotte **E** n
So **N**
T hat whosoever
Believeth **I** n Him
Should **N** ot perish
But have **E** verlasting life

~ John 3:16



I'm actually quite fond of the age I'm at right now. Oh sure, there are a lot more aches and pains, less energy, and more drooping, but it's the wisdom and creative aspects of this stage of life that I appreciate. Although we are always learning and growing until we take that last breath, with years, comes understanding. By understanding, I mean seeing why we do what we do, and having a sense of enlightenment and discernment. Having more time to be creative is also a bonus in the latter years of life.

Wisdom and creativity can come at any stage of life of course, but it often takes more effort when we're younger. Life seems to get in the way—a growing family, careers, and higher goals and grandeurs of the soul that act like magnets on our heart. We all know people who seem to be 'wise beyond their years,' and then there are those who never seem to grow up.

Just the other day, my son Sean sent his Dad an email that showed great wisdom for his age. It said, "I hope everything works out for you...I find these things often force us into situations that are better for us. Keep yourself uncomfortable and you'll continue to grow...God shows you truth through adversity...not complacency. If you start feeling too comfortable...you must be doing something wrong! Here's to our journeys!!" And my son Micah has a message on his Blackberry that reads: 'Just because you're alone doesn't mean your lost.' Both of our boys are showing wisdom at an early age.

Regardless of our age or stage in life; regardless of our past hurts and disappointments, God is not done with us. I love the story of the famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright who designed many beautiful buildings, homes, and other magnificent structures. Toward the end of his career, a reporter asked him, "Of your many beautiful designs, which one is your favourite?" Without missing a beat, Frank Lloyd Wright answered, "My next one."

Or what about the Spanish musician Pablo Casals? He was an accomplished cellist who understood the importance of perseverance. Though he had mastered the cello, he continued to practice for three hours every day, even when he was elderly. At the age of 93, someone asked him why he practiced so much. He responded, "I'm beginning to notice

some improvement."

Pastor Joel Osteen says, "No matter where we are in life, God has more in store. He never wants us to quit growing. We should always be reaching for new heights in our abilities, in our spiritual walk, in our finances, careers, and personal relationships. We all have areas where we can come up higher. We may have achieved a certain level of success but there are always new challenges, other mountains to climb. There are new dreams and goals that we can pursue ... It's time to enlarge your vision, and get ready for the new things that God has on the horizon. Your best days are not behind you. They are in front of you."

I have a challenge for each of us. For those who are younger and think they know it all and have life figured out, take the time and effort to learn from your elders. Realize that life is more overwhelming and more complex than the narrow world that you may find yourself in. There are consequences to your actions, opportunities that are needlessly missed, and people that get hurt by a lack of understanding.

And for those who are older, it's important to remember that it's not enough just to age, we must age well. That means in the process of 'ripening,' we should be more caring, more proactive, and constantly growing in wisdom so that those who come after us can walk a clearer path.

And for all of us who think we've peaked, here are some wise words by Pastor Joel Osteen to end this Reflection ... "Don't go around thinking you've peaked, that you've reached your limits in life ... [God] has more in store for you ... When one door closes, God will always open another. If all the doors close, He'll open a window! ... He still has a plan for your life. And, if you can't find anybody to encourage you, learn to encourage yourself."

No matter what tomorrow holds, we can expect God to bring us joy and limitless possibilities. There is still so much for us to do—we have no time to waste!

Lesley Joy McClure

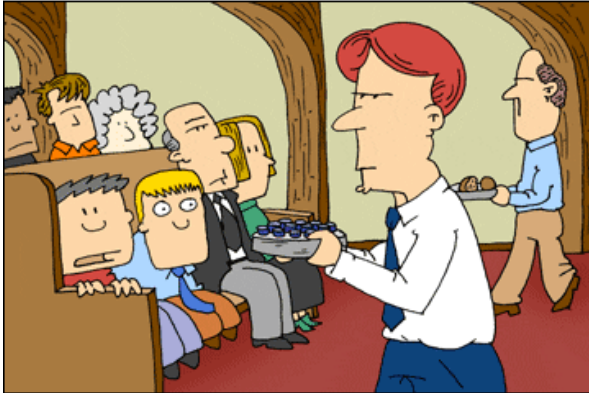
Reconciling God, quickly I belittle others with my thoughts, insult with my words, hate with gestures, and kill with a look. Take a gospel axe to the root of all this hostility, and by the power of your Spirit grow me to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly, doing good to my neighbors and enemies alike. Amen.

~ Philip F. Reinders (Seeking God's Face)



The pastor was getting quite concerned about the number of 'senior' parishioners who always had to leave the worship service to go to the washroom. And, for some reason, it happened quite often after receiving communion. He was sharing his concern with a friend one day who happened to be a sommelier, and was therefore an expert in his knowledge of wines. His friend said that he thought he had the solution to his problem. He suggested that the pastor change the type of communion wine they were using. "Well, how will that help?" asked the pastor. "Well," said his friend. "As you know, there are many 'pinot' wines on the market these days: Pinot Noir, Pinot Blanc, and Pinot Grigio to name a few. Apparently, there has been some marketing research on a product for senior citizens from a new hybrid grape that works like Detrol and will reduce the number of trips an older person has to make to the bathroom. It should be out in stores very soon." "That sounds promising," said the pastor. "I might just give it a try. What's it called?" His friend smiled and said, "They'll be marketing the new wine as...Pinot More."

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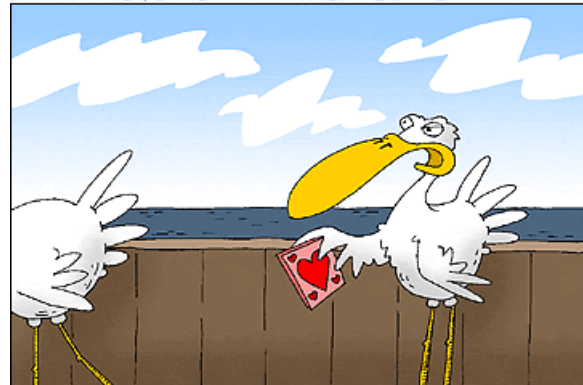


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(See Genesis 6-8)

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THE ARK WHO WOULD LOOOOOVE TO

THE BACK PEW - JEFF LARSON



A way to a woman's heart.. FLOWERS!
.. psst.. real ones

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Wise words from the Story Of Noah's Ark:
'No matter the storm, when you are with God,
there's always a rainbow waiting.'