



BOLD LIVING

April 2017

The newsletter of St. Thomas Episcopal Church

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Big changes bring opportunity and growth



Dear Friends:

St. Thomas has received some important news in the past week. The good news and expected news is that the Vestry has called a priest, the Rev. Rebecca Justus "Justi" Schunior to be the next rector of St.

Thomas Church. The unexpected

news is that Deacon Sally Megeath will leave her diaconal ministry at St. Thomas and retire at the end of April. In the midst of all this "news" perhaps we should pause to think about change itself.

All things change. We know this. Sometimes we welcome change. Other times we don't. In either case, change challenges us and causes us to reflect on the past, the present and the future. Maybe though, we should also think about this in the light of our faith in our unchanging God.

God creates all things. God is unchanging, but everything we experience in this world changes constantly. We and all around us become over time something different from what we and they were. Events move in new directions. People are transformed in various ways, good and bad. As much as these changes are influenced by circumstances, we as human can change by deciding to do so. Look at the changes that are part of what we have chosen to be and do given our trust in the unchanging love of God.

In just the past two years the previous rector Ruth Woodliff-Stanley moved on to new areas of ministry. I came, someone you didn't know, to be the interim rector. Becky Jones left to be priest in a parish of her own. Now,

Sally Megeath, our faithful deacon, will move into new areas of her life and ministry. Parishioners have died. Babies have been baptized. New endeavors have been undertaken. We have made the Great Hall and offices accessible from the nave of the church. The accessible restroom is finished, and we should have an updated kitchen by mid-April. Outside our church we boldly proclaim our commitment to Black Lives Matter and to Refugees. All this is change.

Now we are ready and excited to welcome Justi Schunior to the community of faith that is St. Thomas Church. This is a time for new beginnings, a time to discern more deeply the call of St. Thomas Church. What shape does and should the mission of God take as we go forward. In the midst of this, remember God's providence and undying mercy rests over all. For us change is opportunity and growth. Bold Living is our motto. Let's embrace it.

Faithfully,

Bob Hart, Interim Rector

Deacon Speakin'

Several projects in the works for Servants for Justice



New and exciting things have been happening with Servants For Justice over the past several months. Following the retirement of several of our members (that's not the exciting part!), three new members have joined our group: Tory Moir, Jon Moore Stafford and Monica Van Buskirk, and yesterday

one final member, Linda Alston. This group is supported by the original founding members, Scott Bates, Melissa Jones, Mike Earnest, Grace Atufunwa, Diane Pritchard and Deacon Sally, and is under the esteemed Leadership of Br Scott Michael. What a group!

Our list of established projects includes:

- Bread For the World
- Colorado Haiti Project
- St. Thomas Community Garden
- Habitat Alliance
- Greater Park Hill Community

- Together Colorado
- Guns for Safety
- Refugee Project

There is much anticipation about strengthening our on-going projects as well as potential new ideas generated by the group and by the leadership of our new Rector Justi Schunior. You will be hearing much more from this group as it settles into its newest iteration. St. Thomas has much to do this year and we look to the congregation for involvement, sharing and energy.

Blessings,

Deacon Sally

THE 2017 AUCTION... HERE BEFORE YOU KNOW IT

By Kathi Atkins

This year's auction will take place Saturday, May 6, starting at 5:00 p.m. We'll fiesta the night away with both silent and live auctions, dinner and drinks, music and a great evening with friends. Tickets go on sale April 9 between the services and after the second service. Tickets are \$15 prior to May 6 and \$20 at the door. Be sure to buy yours early! You'll be able to charge your tickets and all that you purchase at the auction.

We're looking for volunteers to make this the special time it is. We'll need help the evening of the auction. We're looking for people to take tickets at the door, be monitors at the tables, to be food servers, help with the live auction, and check out. If you aren't available that evening, how about helping prepare the food that's going to be served? Check with Karla Bullock who is in charge of food this year. And we'll need helping hands with

clean-up after we're done. For volunteering we'll waive your admission charge which includes dinner and drinks. Check with Kathi Atkins for details.

Are you still trying to come up with an item to offer? Besides events and items, think about donating a gift card or certificate. Cards to movies, restaurants, stores and shops all work well. Do you have a special place that offers gift certificates? What a great way to introduce someone to that place. Maybe you use or own a business that would offer a service. Turn on those creative juices or ask a committee member for ideas. Kathi Atkins, Edie Bell, Karla Bullock, Marian Frank, Nathalie and Tory Moir and Marti Smith serve on this year's committee.

It's an evening of fun that provides a year's worth of entertainment. Plan to be part of it.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. THOMAS

By Bob Hart

Over 1700 years ago a woman named Egeria made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. She kept a journal of her visit to the holy places. Amazingly, that journal has survived to this day. Egeria wrote vividly of the events of Holy Week in Jerusalem where the Christian population could observe the events of Christ's last week and his resurrection on the sites where they took place. She describes Palm Sunday:

At one o'clock all the people go up to the Eleona Church on the Mount of Olives. [...] When three o'clock comes, they go up with hymns and sit down at the ... place from which the Lord ascended into heaven. [...] And there too they have hymns and antiphons suitable to the place and the day, with readings and prayers between them. At five o'clock the passage is read from the Gospel about the people who met the Lord with palm branches, saying, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

At this the bishop and all the people rise from their places, and start off on foot down from the summit of the Mount of Olives. All the people go before him with psalms ... all the time repeating, "Blessed is he who cometh in the

name of the Lord." The babies and the ones too young to walk are carried on their parents' shoulders. Everyone is carrying branches. [...] They go on foot all down the Mount to the city, and all through the city to the Church of the Resurrection (Holy Sepulcher).

Reading Egeria's wonderful account we can see how our Palm Sunday ceremonies and customs had their beginning. We continue in Egeria's company of pilgrims all these centuries later. We walk in the footsteps of our Lord all through Holy Week until we come to the eighth day, the Day of the Resurrection.

There are liturgies every day in Holy Week. The more we observe the week, the more we find our lives enriched and our faith strengthened. The core of the week is the Paschal Triduum, i.e. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday into Easter Day. These three days are actually one continuous liturgy marking the Last Supper, the Betrayal in the Garden, the Trial and Crucifixion, the Resting in the Tomb, and the Resurrection. Join with the Christian Church around the world during Holy Week and walk the way of the cross and until we rejoice together on Easter Day in the light of Christ's Rising from the dead.

THE BISHOP IS COMING! THE BISHOP IS COMING!

Our Bishop, The Right Reverend Rob O'Neill, will make his regularly scheduled visitation to St. Thomas Church, on Sunday, April 23. I am sure Bishop O'Neill will want to rejoice with us over the call of the Rev. Justi Schunior to the next rector of St. Thomas and

share his vision for the mission of God in the Diocese of Colorado. Please put April 23 on your calendar and come welcome our Bishop to St. Thomas.

HOLY WEEK AT ST. THOMAS—APRIL 9-16, 2017

PALM SUNDAY

8:00 am – Palm Liturgy and Holy Eucharist (spoken service)

9:45 am – Palm Procession with the Donkey

10:30 am – Palm Liturgy in the Courtyard
Procession into the Church, Holy Eucharist

MONDAY, TUESDAY, AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

9:15 am – Tuesday Morning Eucharist

7:00 pm – Holy Eucharist

MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 pm – Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist, Procession to the Altar of Repose,
Stripping of the Altar, and Watch

GOOD FRIDAY

Noon & 7:00 pm – Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross &
Holy Communion

2:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm – Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY

7:00 pm – Easter Vigil, Cathedral of St. John, 1350 N. Washington St.

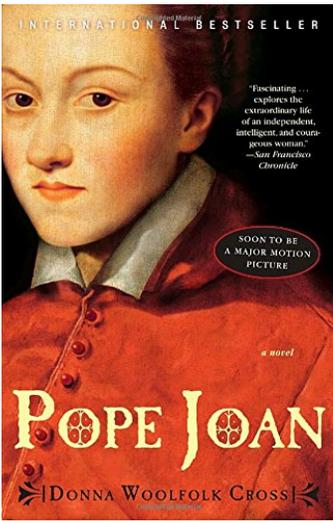
7:00 pm – Easter Vigil, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2015 Glenarm Place

EASTER DAY

8:00 & 10:30 am – Festival Holy Eucharist

Easter Egg Hunt following both services

A surprising, intriguing novel



By Cherie L. Clark

Review of "Pope Joan" written by Donna Woolfolk Cross.

"For a thousand years her existence has been denied. – Pope Joan, the woman who disguised herself as a man and rose to rule Christianity."

When her older brother dies in a Viking attack, Joan assumes his identity and enters a Benedictine

Monastery. As Brother John she proves herself to be a scholar and a healer. After a time she goes to Rome where she rises to the position of Pope. The ending of the novel will be quite a surprise.

I recommend this historical novel which brings to life the ninth century, an intriguing personality and a very surprising ending.

Legacy Society

A legacy is the most personal of gifts that we bequeath to those coming after us. No doubt, each of us will leave a legacy: how that legacy looks is closely tied to the paths traveled and choices made during our lifetime. The values and parts of our life that we cherish are preserved and transmitted to others through our legacy.

We now have an opportunity to leave another kind of legacy: not only the imprint from our daily and weekly worship and service at St. Thomas, but also to forge a connection with future parishioners.

St. Thomas is meeting the call to initiate a Legacy Society to build an Endowment that will be used to support the future life of the church. Through

God's grace and your generosity, St. Thomas will be well equipped for the future of this faith community.

Also, St. Thomas benefits from a Legacy Society in other ways. It provides a way to acknowledge and thank donors during their lifetime for making a bequest to the church. More so, the Society serves to enable members and friends to witness to the value of St. Thomas in their lives.

Please consider to give a legacy gift today. The enrollment form can be found using [this link](#). Please complete and send the enrollment form to The St. Thomas Legacy Committee to the address at bottom of form.

-Mable Jenkins

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4 – Ruth Knight

7 – Elizabeth Bullock

9 – Ann Williams

23 – Lila Johnson

25 – Kathi Atkins; Pat Midyet; Maria Wilson

26 – Sandra Bradshaw

28 – Karla Bullock; Suzanne Laurila; Susan Rowlett

29 – Chelsea Rowlett

ANNIVERSARIES

10 – Paul & Barbara Moe

16 – Bill & Joy Ahlborg

23 – Joe & Sally Megeath

Caribbean Update: Helping families in need



Thanks to folks who responded with support for this new housing project, we have begun helping families. Mae is a widower with serious health issues that prevents her from being able to work. While she has a daughter, who is a professional, that daughter has a family with 3 children to care for as well. Her

daughter helps as much as possible with medicines, it never seems to be enough and the condition of Mae's house has been out of reach for needed repairs. As you see in the picture, the wood supporting her roof was rotten in many places. Working together with a local man skilled in construction, she sought others to help with the labor and our housing committee purchased the new wood and other supplies needed to repair her roof. It is still possible to join in this project as there are many families with needs. If you feel called to donate to this specific project, please send a check made out to SAMS, with "Donahoe project" in the memo line. **100%** of your donation will go to materials and labor to improve people's living conditions which will positively impact their health as well. Please pray for this ministry to make wise decisions and right actions to best benefit our neighbors in need.



The PT clinic continues to be of service to the community. The months of December and January are typically slow months due to various holidays, but even so the PT area stayed steady. February has seen increasing numbers of treatments given per week with high levels of patient satisfaction. There is still much to be done as we try to negotiate with insurances to be providers which will

help ensure the sustainability of the clinic and as we further promote the service now offered. Please pray that the clinic continues to serve with integrity and thus become self-sustaining.

May you always sense God's loving guidance and comfort in your life!

In Christ,

Cathy

Cathy Donahoe is a missionary with SAMS, the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders. She is serving in the Dominican Republic as a physical therapist in San Pedro de Macoris and Santo Domingo. E-mail: cathyd@turbonet.com Donations can be sent to SAMS (checks made to SAMS with Cathy's name in the memo line): PO Box 399, Ambridge, PA 15003. Snail mail: Apartado 587, San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic 21000 website: www.cathydonahoe.net

HIGH PLAINS REGION 2017 REPORT

The High Plains Region is one of five Regions in the Diocese of Colorado with 26 Episcopal Churches in this Region. The finances of the High Plains Region go to Grants to Churches and Outreach in the Region. The Diocese has suggested that each Church contribute 5% of their plate and pledge income to the Region. The Region coordinates our annual Confirmation, a luncheon for Administrators and several Clericus meetings (gathering of all the ordained Clergy in the region) in addition to our Grants and Outreach.

The High Plains Executive Committee has approved the following Church Grants and Outreach projects for 2016 - 2017. The High Plains Region currently has an allocation budget for Church Grants and Outreach of approximately \$90,000. The Region has an Administrator that is paid and all other members of the Executive Committee (10) donate their time, we estimate that for each dollar collected \$.85 goes to Grants or Outreach. We estimate that 20 of the 26 Churches in our Region benefit from direct support or through our Outreach Ministries.

Church Grants		2016	2017
		Amount (\$)	Amount (\$)
1.	Prince of Peace Episcopal Church, Sterling	6,000	6,000
2.	St. Charles the Martyr Episcopal Church, Ft. Morgan	5,000	
3.	Sudanese Community Church, Denver	9,500	9,500
4.	St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Aurora	7,500	7,500
5.	Eplphany Episcopal Church, Denver	3,000	
6.	St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church, Brighton	14,100	9,000
7.	Intercession Episcopal Church, Thornton		10,000
TOTAL		45,100	42,000
Outreach		2016	2017
		Amount (\$)	Amount (\$)
1.	Colorado Episcopal Service Corps	8,000	8,000
2.	Homelessness Awareness/Action Task Force: South Metro	3,500	4,000
3.	St. Clare's Ministries	2,500	5,000
4.	Women's Homelessness Initiative (WHI)	8,000	8,000
5.	Never on Sunday – Outreach Choir	600	
6.	Brigit's Village	6,500	
7.	The Foundation Campus Ministry @ DU		5,000
8.	Purposeful Retirement Symposium	1,000	
TOTAL		30,100	30,000
Grand Total		75,200	72,000

The Region has also developed a Strategic Plan for the Region that was discussed and implemented in 2016.

The Region is holding \$15,000 for 2017 Latino Ministry in the High Plains Region. Bishop Rob O'Neill has a plan for Latino Ministry and he will share that plan with our Region in early 2017. Father Quirino Cornejo is a Latino Minister and he is currently on staff at Intercession, Thornton and he will coordinate Latino Ministry for the High Plains Region.

The High Plains Region is also considering Refugee Resettlement work and is considering working with Lutheran Services in this area.

If you have questions about the Region, please talk to our Missioner, Rev. Chris Ditzenberger (303-514-1484).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Forum - Sundays at 9:15 am in the Great Hall – Rector’s Forum with Fr. Bob on April 2 & 30; no Adult Forum on Palm Sunday and Easter Day, April 9 & 16; Bishop O’Neill’s visit on April 23.

Food Ingathering for Greater Park Hill Community Food Bank: Sunday, April 2 - Our monthly ingathering of food on the first Sunday of the month benefits the Greater Park Hill Community Food Bank. The Servants for Justice Committee prepares sacks with lists of the most needed items. The sacks are available at the back of the church. If you would like to take a sack, fill it with one or many items, and return it on the first Sunday of the month, you will be helping to feed hungry neighbors.

Men’s Group Breakfast – This month’s meeting of the St. Thomas Men’s Group will be on Saturday, April 8 at 8:00 am at Bogie’s on the Green (City Park Golf Course), 2500 York St., Denver.

St. Thomas Concert Series presents Euphonix Vox on Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 pm. Under the direction of LaDamion Massey, Euphonix Vox is an acapella ensemble from Regis University. Made up of music majors and non-music majors, these students come together to share their love for acapella music. Started in spring of 2016, Euphonix Vox aspires to perform an eclectic range of music from pop, jazz and electric indie and whatever sounds that can be made with their mouths. They will be accompanied by the student-run jazz combo Half-Eaten Pear. They are extremely excited to perform their first concert away from the Regis campus at St. Thomas and hope to see you there!

Easter Offering – Each year St. Thomas encourages parishioners to participate in offering Easter flowers or music as a memorial or thanksgiving for a special individual. If you would like to participate, please send your donation to the church office by Sunday, April 9. Your donation of any amount helps defray costs. Please note on your check that it is for “Easter Flowers & Music” for proper designation of your donation.

Easter Candy Needed – St. Thomas will sponsor Easter egg hunting for children following each Easter Day service. Individually wrapped Easter candy is needed for this special event; please bring them to the office by Sunday, April 9. Thank you!

Fun Easter Sunday Opportunity – St. Thomas is seeking volunteers to hide Easter eggs in the courtyard during the 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. services on Easter Sunday, April 16. Please contact Maria in the parish office at 303-388-4395 or office@saintthomasdenver.org if you would like to help.

Episcopal Visitation – Bishop O’Neill will join us for both services and Adult Forum on Sunday, April 23.

Celebration of Ministry – Please join us as we celebrate the Rev. Deacon Sally Megeath’s ministry at St. Thomas with a reception following the 10:30 am service on Sunday, April 30.

Volunteer Opportunity in the Parish Office – As we approach summer, St. Thomas is looking to add a few more parishioners to our roster of volunteers to staff the office when the administrator is a way or on vacation. Volunteer shifts are on weekdays from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. For more information, contact Maria Wilson at office@saintthomasdenver.org or 303-388-4395.

St. Thomas Coffee Hour – Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Great Hall after each service. We gladly welcome any contributions (store bought or home-made) or cash donations to help cover the cost. A coffee hour sign-up sheet is on the counter. Please sign up!

EVENTS AND MEETINGS IN APRIL

- 1 – One World Singers workshop 8:00 am-2:00 pm
- 2 – Greater Park Hill Food Pantry Sunday
- 8 – Men’s Group Breakfast at Bogie’s on the Green (2500 York St.) at 8:00 am
- 9 – St. Thomas Concert Series: Euphonic Vox at 4:00 pm
- 17 – Parish Office closed
- 17 – Vestry Meeting at 6:30 pm
- 22 – District 8 Democrats Dinner 5:30-8:30 pm
- 23 – Bishop O’Neill’s Visitation to St. Thomas
- 23 – *Bold Living* Deadline for May issue
- 29 – Dalcroze workshop 8:00 am-4:00 pm
- 30 – Celebration of Ministry for Deacon Sally Megeath following the 10:30 am service

May

- 14 - Interim Rector Bob Hart's last Sunday
- 15 - Justi Schunior’s first day in the office
- 21 - Justi Schnior's first Sunday

Weekly:

- Dalcroze – Mondays from 3:00-7:00 pm
- Morning Eucharist – Tuesdays at 9:15 am
- Theology Class – Tuesdays at 10:00 am
- A.A. – Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
- St. Thomas Choir Practice – Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- Morning Prayer – Wednesdays at 7:00 am
- One World Singers Rehearsals at 7:00 am
- Al Anon – Fridays at noon
- Sunday Services – 8:00 am Spoken Mass & 10:30 am Sung Mass
- Christian Education for all ages – Sunday at 9:15 am

Holy Week Services – April 9-16, 2017

Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. – Palm Liturgy and Holy Eucharist (spoken service)

9:45 a.m. – Palm Procession with the Donkey

10:30 a.m. – Palm Liturgy in the Courtyard

Procession into the Church, Holy Eucharist

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in Holy Week

7:00 p.m. – Holy Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. – Foot Washing, Holy Eucharist, Procession to the Altar of Repose, Stripping of the Altar, and Watch

Good Friday

12:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross & Holy Communion

2:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

7:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil, St. John’s Cathedral, 1350 N. Washington St., Denver

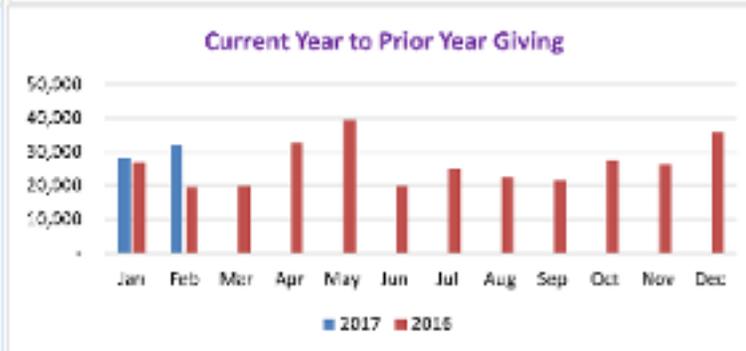
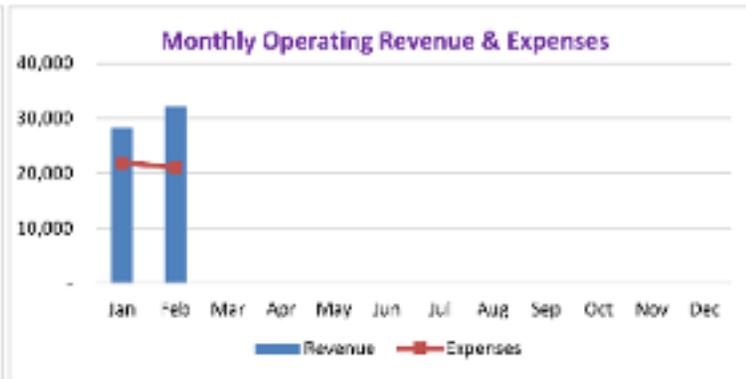
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FINANCIAL REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017

St Thomas Episcopal Church Financial Dashboard as of February 28, 2017

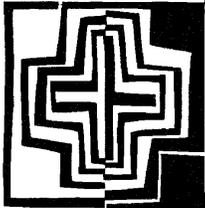


Total Cash Availability

Cash Balance 2/28/17	\$ 243,844
Current Liabilities	(3,185)
Upcoming payments (3/15 payroll)	(5,569.00)
Temporarily Restricted Balances	(198,179)
Available Cash	\$ 36,911

Unrestricted Cash Availability

Cash Balance 2/28/17	\$ 45,665
Current Liabilities	(3,185)
Upcoming payments	(5,569)
Available Cash	\$ 36,911



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Our Mission

Boldly living with Christ, we open doors to God's household of love
as we welcome and embrace all people
through worship, service, and learning within and beyond our walls.