



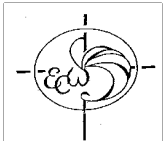
THE WAYFARER

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Greetings and welcome to Fall!

Hopefully you've all heard a "buzz" around the parish with talk of faith sharing. This E-Vent is truly an amazing experience and I hope and pray that you all embrace it with open arms. I have had the opportunity to experience the prayer leader role for our group and can tell you that we have all been changed by this experience. God's presence is clearly visible in our group and I've heard many similar comments about other groups. In addition to our small groups, we're also experiencing this message of faith sharing through the sermons each week. Dustin and Margaret's sermons tie directly with the message that we're reading and sharing each week in the Unbinding your Heart book. We're also experiencing the opportunity to share our faith by inviting others to join in some great food and community at the upcoming Pig Roast/Clam Bake. Many, many other activities occur on a daily basis here, giving us a chance to show the love of Jesus Christ to others, through us. Please don't miss the opportunity to strengthen your ability to share your faith by joining in on the fabulous activities! Oh yeah.....almost forgot.....WELCOME BACK, GAYLE!!!!



ECW CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mark your calendars, there are several exciting activities happening in the remainder of 2010.

ECW Board Meeting – open to all women of St. Thomas

DATE: 11/14/10
TIME: 12:30 p.m.

Lia Sophia Jewelry Party – fundraiser

DATE: 11/21/10
TIME: 12:30 p.m.

The jewelry is nice quality, moderate cost, lifetime guarantee, special offers especially for necklaces. Please invite friends, a small lunch will be offered. Prizes will be awarded for fun activities, raffle basket will be available. The advisor will give 50% of her earnings, and the raffle ticket receipts, to St. Thomas' ECW.

Watch for display table the next few weeks showing quality of items, books and flyers.

Mrs. Kringle's Cookie Cupboard Cookie Walk

DATE: 12/10 – 12/12/10
TIME: 12/10/10 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
12/11/10 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.
12/12/10 following 8:00 a.m.
& 10:00 services for remaining goodies

Homemade cookies, treats and crafts will be for sale. Walk around through the maze of delicious cookies and breads, choose your favorites, each pound only \$6.00. What a wonderful way to provide such a variety of homemade holiday treats. We will need bakers and helpers for this festive fundraiser. It will be ECW's way of sprinkling holiday sweetness on Harkess Hall.

Any questions please feel free to contact Melanie Doyle at 440-884-5108 or Sue Griffith at 216-521-2017.

LOS AMIGOS EPISCOPALES –



Why would anyone want to help poor citizens in a third-world country when there are poor people here in Cuyahoga County?

This is a common question among those who are unfamiliar with the plight of less fortunate people in poverty-stricken countries. While the answer may have many facets, we can say it boils down to one basic difference between citizens of the US and those of far-away lands. In the US, there are approximately 9.97 % of people living below the poverty level (that is, individuals who earn less than \$10,830 per year, or a family of four earning less than \$22,350 per year). In El Salvador 14% of the population lives below the poverty level, **but the poverty level is \$325 per year per person** (yes, that is in American dollars). In the US we have stop-gap measures that provide assistance (though, of course, not enough), such as Medicaid, government housing, government subsidies for food, Food Stamps, SSI, unemployment compensation, and much more). But in other lands, and we are speaking of El Salvador in particular, there are few such measures available, and if one does not have enough to eat, there may be no one to turn to, other than poor relatives, who are in the same boat. With this backdrop the Diocese of El Salvador, assisted by *Los Amigos Episcopales* and other similar organizations is desperately endeavoring to provide quality education, so that young citizens will be qualified for 21st century jobs, and thus emerge from poverty. And with the help of scholarships and several other undesigned gifts, **we** have been able to maintain San Andrés Apóstol School as a Class A school.

Take a look at the bulletin board in the narthex! Los Amigos Episcopales has received funds from the St. Thomas ECW to pay for two scholarships for needy students at San Andrés Apóstol School. We have also received a scholarship from a parishioner at St. Matthew's, Brecksville, and several more are in the offing. We still need much more help. **Can you sponsor a student in El Salvador? The cost is \$268 per year per student. Or, can you contribute to a partial scholarship?**

PLEASE HELP!

Our single large request for the Diocese of El Salvador this year is for \$6000 for basic assistance (school supplies, teachers' salaries, etc) at the new La Divina Providencia School in El Maizal - and with your help, we will somehow accomplish this.

Thank you so much,

Ruth F. Ihde



SABBATICAL THANK YOU

Three months have flown by since Gayle left on her sabbatical, and now we must say goodbye as well as a heartfelt thanks to The Reverends Dustin Berg and Margaret D'Anieri for taking such good care of the spiritual needs at St. Thomas during this time. Each has their own style of preaching and conducting services and I believe it has been a wonderful learning experience for all of us.

As we welcome Gayle back, I want to thank the sabbatical committee for all their dedication and hard work keeping St. Thomas running smoothly in her absence. Thanks to Sue Griffith, Carole Pozek, and Pat Wielinski!

Alice Amos



FROM THE HEART OF THE PARISH

- † Prayers for Dot Miciak. Dot had eye surgery on October 21.
- † John Linville is home and doing well. He would love to have visitors.
- † Congratulations to Mark Simon and Rachael Hancock. They were married in a beautiful outdoor ceremony on October 16.
- † Wow...137 pounds of food have been harvested from our community garden and that doesn't include the two beds looked after by our First Church Childcare kids!
- † Marlene and Gary Carlsen have returned from a visit with their son and his family in North Carolina. While there, they went to and oyster festival. Sounds yummy!
- † Marcie Hist's grandson, Devin Knapp, who is a sophomore at Cloverleaf High School in Medina County, has made the junior varsity football team!
- † Sandy Shoenfelt passed on information that the Church of the Advent in Westlake is involved with the Metanoia Project. The project was started in 2007 by a concerned senior from John Carroll University. He received a grant of \$40,000. There is a drop-in center which operates out of St. Augustine Church on W. 14th Street. The center offers a warm bed and food. Also, volunteers are there to create a relationship with the homeless and to offer a hand of friendship. They also refurbish abandoned homes and with help from the labor of the homeless, turn them into affordable living space.
- † We have started our collection of warm blankets that will be added to duffel bags for the homeless. Good, new or like-new blankets can be dropped off by the coat rack. We are so blessed to live in the warmth of a home...so very many are not so fortunate.



OUTREACH

Didn't this year just fly by? Here it is time to think about our duffel Bag ministry again. Each year in December, St. Thomas packs duffel bags with toiletries and socks, hats and gloves, blankets and other necessities and gives them to the homeless men and women through St. Luke's Episcopal Church on W. 78th Street (West Side Shared Ministries). The toiletries that we gathered in October will be offered to this ministry. In November, we will be collecting blankets of all sorts to go into the duffel bags and then in December we will collect the hats, gloves, scarves, ear muffs, and socks for men and women. Then mid-December, when Barb Emigh declares it Duffel Bag stuffing time, we will gather and put together the bags. Oh, yes - and we'll need to gather the duffel bags as well so we have bags to stuff! So, watch the sales for blankets in November so that we can start our collection and keep an eye out for duffel bags. Many thanks!

Pat Wielinski - Outreach Coordinator



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING -- Do you have a special prayer need you'd like the Daughters to pray about in confidence? We are here to serve you and the St. Thomas parish. To submit your prayer request, simply tell one of the Daughters. We will then let the group know of your request. Also, if you feel called to this prayerful ministry or would like to learn more about DOK, contact chapter president Linda Kinsey at Addiedog2@gmail.com or (440) 227-5026.



ST. THOMAS HAS GONE TO THE DOGS!



On Saturday,
November 6th at 2:00

we can honestly say, "St.

Thomas has gone to the dogs". All are invited to come and share in the 10th Anniversary service for Loving Paws. Loving Paws is a pet therapy ministry that has served several surrounding communities and counties to the Cleveland/Cuyahoga county area. The dogs are tested and evaluated through Therapy Dog International, certifying them to be appropriately behaved to visit nursing homes, rehab centers, hospices, libraries, hospitals, schools, plus give workshops demonstrating the impact of how a therapy dog can assist in one's recovery or ease the pain and challenges in their life. Once the dog is certified, the dog and handler are each insured for one-million dollars while doing therapy service.

Loving Paws grew as an idea into a blossoming organization bringing joy to those in need. It was originally funded by grants from the Episcopal Community Services division of the Diocese.

For the past several years it has been possible to be financially independent, securing our funds from donations and fund raisers.

We also wish to thank St. Thomas for opening their doors to Loving Paws, as such support helps to sustain a program that encompasses such a wide geographic and variety of service areas.

A reception will follow the service, giving those that attend an opportunity to meet the dogs and their handlers. Discover the stories, joys and experiences of how the dogs touched lives that will be forever remembered by patients, families, staff, teachers and especially the dogs and handlers.

FIRST CHURCH CHILD CARE UPDATES

Lieutenant Mark and Firefighter Scott from the Berea Fire Department came to our Center on Friday, October 22nd to talk about Fire Safety. They brought all kinds of equipment and even brought the Fire Truck! We would like to remind all our friends at St. Thomas Episcopal Church to change their clocks on Sunday, November 7th at 2:00am & that now is also the time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Our students have harvested over 20 lbs. of vegetables from the 2 raised beds dedicated to us in the Community Garden. Church Street Ministries is such a wonderful community outreach program and we are honored to be able to help in any way we can. What a profound lesson we are teaching our children as they plant, water & harvest this healthy food for the Food Bank. Thank you to Marcy Molmen who has worked so hard to make this project work!

With the holiday season coming soon, we are busy planning our Christmas Program and learning all those fun Christmas songs. We are also looking forward to the return of Rev. Gayle and her weekly lessons and songs with our students.

During this busy time of year, we work hard to remind ourselves and our families what the coming holiday season is all about.

We would like to wish you all a safe and happy Thanksgiving Day with many blessings for you and your family.



SHARING OUR FAITH

Through Song

You know how you get a song in your head and you can't get it out? That happens quite often with hymns - whether traditional or contemporary - and those hymns are really prayers set to music. In choir, quite often we say, "I've been singing that song all week!" and each time that happens, it is another way of praying. The choir has been exposed to many beautiful and meaningful hymns recently, and the words are printed in the Order of Service so that you can take them home and ponder them - or keep singing them all week!! The one that has been going through my mind is the "Hymn of St. Richard of Chichester" which we sang two weeks ago - **Oh, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly.** This song was adapted for the stage play/movie "Godspell" and became "Day by Day".

Another one which we sang recently is "Come to the Water": **Let all who are thirsty, (who have nothing, who are poor, weary, hungry) let them Come to the Lord! Bring the children! Come to the Lord!** That one really grabs me! Come to the Lord!

One of my favorites from the contemporary genre, which is sung quite often during the 5:30 p.m. Saturday and the 11:30 Sunday service, is "Open the Eyes of my Heart". **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord; Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you, I want to see you. To see you high and lifted up, Shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your power and love as we sing holy holy holy.**

You could join the choir if you like. Or you could sing a solo at the contemporary service. Or you could take home the Order of Service with the lyrics and sing/pray that song during the week. And then you will say, "I've been singing that song all week!" This is a wonderful form of prayer that you just carry with you wherever you go!

Pat Wielinski

GOING FOR THE GREEN

If anyone is interested in picking up the duties of recycling the cans, bottles and #1 and #2 plastics generated at the church, please contact me (Laura D'Amato) at stecwayfarer@sbcglobal.net This would make a great service project. It takes just a few minutes each week.

Upcoming event of note:

Sunday, November 14 is America Recycles Day at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

The Zoo will accept the following items on that day (10a-4p) for recycling:



- ATHLETIC SHOES
- PRINTER CARTRIDGES
- CELL PHONES AND ACCESSORIES
- DOCUMENTS FOR ON-SITE SHREDDING
 - until 2 p.m.
 - limit five recycling bags/boxes
- NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES,
- CATALOGS, junk mail and office/school papers
- ALUMINUM CANS (proceeds to benefit the Kinabatangan Orangutan Conservation Project in Sabah, Malaysia)
- BOOKS & OTHER MEDIA

There will also be information and exhibits from recycling businesses, recycled products manufacturers, artists who utilize recycled materials, organizations who embrace recycling programs and educational activities.

Suggestions for Thanksgiving Day Prayers

These prayers were written by our Sunday school children, and were included with the lasagna dinners that were distributed to our First Church Childcare families this past April.

Dear God, Thank you for the food we are about to eat and the people we are about to eat it with. Amen.

Dear God, Will you please come over for dinner? Thank you for coming! Amen.

Dear Lord, Thank you for the food we are about to eat and the hands that prepared it. Thank you for the day you have given us and the nourishment that helps us through the day. Amen.



Happy Thanksgiving

The Beautiful Colors of Autumn

Special thanks to Ann Sullivan for sharing this picture she took of the tree in her yard, following the storm last Tuesday, October 26. The sky is almost as red as the leaves!



St. Thomas Vestry

Rev. Gayle Catinella, Rector
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Jim Emigh
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Carole Pozek
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Peggy Zambounis
Sue Griffith - Clerk
Tom Halliday - Treasurer

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2
7:00 VESTRY MEETING

NOVEMBER 3
REV. GAYLE IS BACK!!
12:15 STAR CONCERT AND LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 5
7:00 LOS AMIGOS EPISCOPALES MEETING

NOVEMBER 6
2:00 LOVING PAWS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

NOVEMBER 12 & 13
194TH DIOCESAN CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 13
12:25 TORCH AT ST. PAUL'S

NOVEMBER 19
7:00 LOS AMIGOS EPISCOPALES MEETING

NOVEMBER 21
YOUTH GROUP HALLOWEEN HAYRIDE

NOVEMBER 24
5:30 PM BEREА COMMUNITY MEAL SPONSORED
BY ST. THOMAS

NOVEMBER 25
THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 26
THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED

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