



THE WAYFARER

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A monthly journal for Christians who worship at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Berea, Ohio
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Rector's Message...

Isn't God wonderful? And technology is as well. It is actually not even August yet as I write this, but I know I will be missing you by the time that the Wayfarer is published, and so I just wanted to say hello. I am praying for you and I love you. And I am so grateful for this time of rest. Your generosity and support have made it possible. Here is what I am praying lately. It is a Taize chant if you are a singer, and if not, you can just say it. Pray it with me now and then. I will be using it as an anchor throughout my time away.

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord, I will rejoice. Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near. Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

Blessings! Love, Gayle+



Greetings from Fr. Berg...

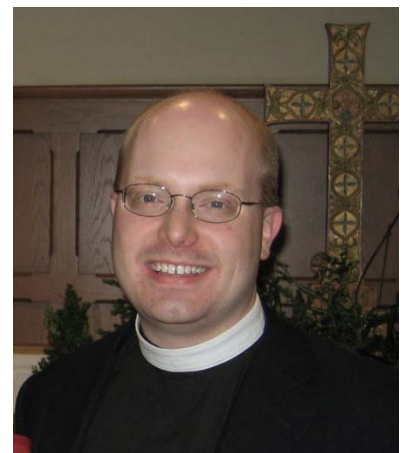
Soon I will be with you at St. Thomas and now take an opportunity to briefly introduce myself. Most recently I come from Boulder, Colorado where I served as Episcopal campus chaplain for two years at a parish adjacent to the University of Colorado. Prior to that, I completed my Master of Divinity and ordination preparation at Yale University and Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut. It is with my new wife Heather Hill that I have come to Ohio. She is also a priest and is the new rector at All Saints Episcopal Church, Parma. From our home in Strongsville, I will be the one with the shorter commute on Sunday mornings!

As we get to know one another through a portion of Ordinary Time in August, September, and October, my hope is to assist you through worship and presence to continue to walk with God in our everyday lives. My interests outside theology and worship include music, travel, culture, cuisine, and biking when weather permits.

I look forward to our time together.

Faithfully,

—Fr. Dustin Berg



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN....

Good Heavens we are a busy parish! I love it! We all love this parish and are so grateful for all that it provides. Personally, it gives me a wonderful feeling of community and so many unique outreach opportunities. From handing out produce to buying gas cards, we give of ourselves!! Our worship services fill my "tank". I long for the feeling of the Holy Spirit covering me like blanket as I kneel to pray each week. I know you all share in that love of this parish and have similar feelings about your experiences here.

As the Senior Warden, I am relying on that very love to keep us the giving and loving parish that we are. No church is free from financial burden....including St. Thomas. Our Treasurer, Tom Halliday, has dedicated countless hours to minding the financial responsibilities of this parish. Unfortunately, his job has become more and more difficult, as our operating income shrinks. Our pledge income is admirable, but it is not enough. We've had wonderful new members join, but it is not enough. So, what does one do at a time like this? As Pat Wielinski recently said, "Get out of the way and let God do his thing!" or something close to that ☺.

Soon we will embark on a 6-week adventure into prayer in small groups. We'll read, discuss and prayand that's just about it. Let me tell you, that is going to be hard for us. We are a movin' and shakin' kind of community. The busier, the better. Sometimes, however, we're too darned busy to hear God trying to talk to us. Let's embrace this time and look at it as a gift. We're "allowed" to shut the rest of the distractions out and pray with passion to our Lord. He will speak to us. He will lead us. We will follow. This church will thrive and I look forward to watching us grow together, step by step. God Bless!

Helen Downie

FROM THE JUNIOR WARDEN...

Two things have happened since my last report.

The frost-free faucet has been installed for the garden area and the parking lot has been repaired and sealed. We have had some requests for ceiling fans in the church. This will come at considerable cost and there has been some discussion of a fund raiser for this. I agree with a fund raiser. Donors will be able to "see" and "feel" where their donations have been utilized.

Stay tuned.....

Joseph



Ferline



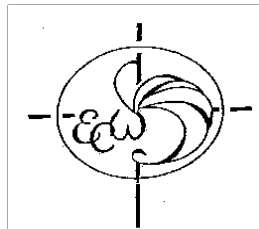
The St. Julian Chapter of the Order of Daughters of the King is about to finish the book, "Unbinding Your Heart." The last session will take place Sunday, Sept. 12.

Meanwhile, plans are under way for a Meet-the-Daughters event in Harkess Hall right after the 10 a.m. service Sunday, Oct. 17. If you would like to learn more about this prayer and service organization, please feel free to stop by. There is no obligation or pressure to join. This is strictly an information session.

For more information about DOK or to submit a special prayer request, see any Daughter or call Linda Kinsey at (440) 227-5026.

Episcopal Church Women

CALLING ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH



It is time to kick-off the fall with a pot-luck dinner and game night. Come get to know the ECW Board and learn what ECW (Episcopal Church Women) is all about. There will be food, fun, games & prizes. Test your knowledge about ECW, St. Thomas and the Episcopal Church. All women are welcome!

WHERE: St. Thomas Episcopal Church
WHEN: Friday, September 10, 2010
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
BRING: a covered dish

See what the calendar holds for the 2010 – 2011 year. If you have any questions please call:

Melanie Doyle at 440-884-5108 or Sue Griffith at 216-521-2017



WESTSIDERS

The next event for the Westsiders (residents of Lorain County and west side of Cuyahoga County) will be a picnic on Saturday, September 11 at the "Roost" at Avenbury Lakes in Avon at 5:00 P.M. Please bring a dish to share. Enjoy a walk through the wetlands, play bocce, or just relax. For reservations and directions, please e-mail Alice Amos at agamos@centurytel.net or call 440.937.4846.

LOS AMIGOS EPISCOPALES



Thank you so much, ECW. 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 will be posting on our bulletin board photos and information about these students. We have obtained several other scholarships, but we still need many more. **Can you sponsor a student in El Salvador?**

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.

The annual Los Amigos picnic will be on August 28. It will be a planned potluck at a member's home in Brecksville. Please give me your reservation and tell me the dish you would like to bring as soon as possible. You are all welcome to this fun event.

There will be an important business meeting on Friday, September 10 at 7:00pm at St. Thomas Church.

Ruth F. Ihde



PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Father, I want you to be right beside me at school this year, almost like you're my best friend. If you were really walking beside me, maybe I'd be more concerned about pleasing you than pleasing others. If you were there beside me, maybe I'd realize I could talk to you anytime I wanted, and lean on you when I'm feeling sad or dumb. Help me know you really will be right beside me each day of this school year.

From: www.christianitytoday.com
Campus Life

LOTTS CREEK – YOUTH GROUP

Seven teens, Ascias, Alyse, Emme, Elle, Tyler, Kyle, Jacob and two adults, Peggy and Bart, from St. Thomas enjoyed a week of work, friendship, fellowship and learning about the culture of Kentucky. It was my first time at Lotts Creek and neither I nor my grandson Jacob knew what to expect. Thanks to Bart Hancock and his grandchildren, we quickly got into the swing of things. Every morning we gathered together (about 65 of us) for breakfast and quiet time. Then it was off to various activities to help the community get ready for the start of school. Kids and adults alike painted, sanded, cleaned, rearranged furniture, put up drywall and helped put in mulch. This was the best group of kids and we all worked and played well together. Every afternoon we had the chance to go swimming at a beautiful lake and every evening we gathered together to share our day. We had the opportunity to meet members of the community and listen to bluegrass music. We also learned to square dance at hoe-down island. Every day was filled with joy, laughter and the gift of togetherness. A trip I would recommend for all teens at least once in their lifetime.

(Pictures will be displayed on the St. Thomas website or at the church in the next week.)

Peggy Ryel



OUTREACH

On the first Thursday of August, September and October, St. Thomas will be hosting the free produce give-away, in partnership with the Cleveland Food Bank. The Food Bank delivers a truckload of produce and volunteers from St. Thomas help unload and set up the displays of produce. And then the entire community comes to gather free produce, as much as they need.

We had such a fabulous crew helping in August, from greeting the truck to setting up the displays to cleaning up afterward. Lots of helpers and good camaraderie make the task enjoyable. Come join us on September 2nd and October 7th.

It is such a blessing to chat with the people who come for the produce because they are so willing to tell me about God in their

lives and how blessed they are every day, how God takes care of them and sees them through whatever they are dealing with at the present time. And I felt very blessed, indeed, to be the receiver of these stories, as one after the other chose to share how important God is to them and how they are willing to do the work of the Lord because of all the blessings they receive in their daily lives. This is a reward in itself, to be the one with whom they share the impact God has on each of them. We can learn from their example, how to have a conversation about God with someone, even someone we've never met before. Just do it. It's a beautiful thing!

Pat Wielinski



HELP THE CHOIR HELP LIBERIA

Remember last year's stewardship project of making your \$1.00 grow? The choir hasn't forgotten about the project. They are hosting a grand spaghetti dinner on September 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 per person. You will receive a delicious dinner created by our talented choir members, along decadent desserts to round out the meal. Musical selections offered by members of the choir will be highlighted for your dining pleasure.

Families in Liberia need our help so badly. The choir has chosen a program that would provide livestock for families, giving them the opportunity to supply their family with proper nutritional needs along with additional income to help them financially thrive. It is amazing how far a few hundred dollars can extend to the survival of families managing with limited resources.

Tickets for this event are available from Clifford Hill or any of the choir members. Please purchase your ticket as soon as possible for a delicious dinner and the ability to assist those less fortunate in Liberia.

Remember, \$15.00 buys you a plate and seat at this offering by the St. Thomas Choir to grow their dollars to enrich the lives of those in Liberia.

Announcing the ST. THOMAS LEARNING CENTER

Under the direction of St. Thomas Episcopal Church and in cooperation with Baldwin-Wallace College, the St. Thomas Vestry accepted a proposal to create a tutoring program to serve students in the local area. In addition, the program may generate additional funds to operate our parish, further advertise our church to the community, provide experience for future teachers, and develop partnerships within our community.

Offering “Quality tutoring at an affordable cost”, the St. Thomas Learning Center will provide focused instruction in the area(s) most needed by the student, including mathematics, language arts, science and social studies. The tutors will be Baldwin-Wallace College students selected for expertise in their major field and focusing on junior and senior status students in the College of Education.

Tutoring sessions are one hour in length and will be held at St. Thomas in the chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the college calendar year. Sessions are supervised by an adult from St. Thomas. The cost is \$20 per hour. The anticipated start-up is mid-October and the prospective students in grades 6-12 will come from the Berea, Strongsville, and Olmsted Falls School Districts. More information, application forms and contact phone number will be available on line following a link on our St. Thomas web page.

Planning is well underway by the Learning Center Committee: Jim Emigh (Vestry and B-W liaison), Rev. Gayle (currently on sabbatical), Emily Nader, Lois Leonard, Sally King, Jan Smith, Phil DeGroot, and Julie Kalbrunner (chair). Any of the committee members can discuss this new initiative with you.

The Learning Center is in need of some items and would enthusiastically accept donations of good sturdy card tables (2-3), locking file cabinet with key (1-2), paper, pencils, big erasers, and copy paper.

The Learning Center is also in need of adult St. Thomas parishioners who would be willing to donate one Monday or Tuesday evening a month from 3:50 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. to

supervise the tutoring sessions. If you can help, please contact Julie Kalbrunner (440 235-6397) or leave your name and phone number with the church office.

Education is the key to the success of our community’s youth. That success was important in the past and even more necessary today. The St. Thomas Learning Center will work diligently to assist students in reaching that success!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING 6-WEEK ADVENTURE!

Join us for a very special all-church study of the book, *Unbinding Your Heart*. This book is about untying the knots that keep us from living exciting lives with God and one another. It’s about unbinding the Good News that God adores us and everyone else; that God has shown this to us through Jesus Christ. It’s also a prayer journal with many forms of classic Christian prayer included in the daily prayers that accompany the study.

We are calling this rich small group experience an “E-vent” and we would love to have you as part of one of these groups. You can share in the group experience with no pressure to “do” anything other than read each week’s chapter, do the daily prayer exercises, and attend six 1-hour Spiritual Gatherings.

Churches across the country are excited about what is happening in their congregations through their E-vents: a deeper relationship with God, a rich meaningful personal prayer life, and a new sense of God’s activity in their lives. People are saying they can be more “real” with others as their relationship with God grows, and that this extends to relationships within their families and with people in every area of their lives.

Sign-up will start on August 29! Please join in and get an introduction package, which includes your copy of *Unbinding Your Heart* and a few gifts to help you get started with your prayer journal. We’d love to have you with us!



FROM THE HEART OF THE PARISH

✚ Prayers for John Linville. John has had hip replacement surgery and is in room 409 at Parkside Villa off of Bagley Rd.

✚ Bart Hancock, Peggy Ryel, Frannie Millward, Ascias and Alyse Hancock-Phillips, Jacob Reed, Tyler Reynolds, Etta, Emme, and Kyle Winfield have returned from their mission trip to Lotts Creek, Kentucky. These hardworking volunteers spent their time cleaning, painting, and doing whatever was necessary to get the privately owned Lotts Creek School ready for students.

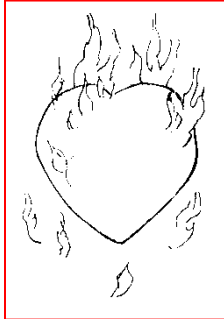
✚ Our community garden is starting to take shape! Marcy Molmen and her crew from Berea Youth Works, Tyler Abner and Walt King, have been hard at work placing weed preventive fabric and covering it with seven tons of gravel to keep the weeds from taking over.

✚ Congratulations to Rosalie and Joe Ferline on their 50th wedding anniversary. Gayle officiated as the couple renewed their vows on Sunday, August 1, in a beautiful park setting surrounded by family and friends.

✚ And last, but certainly not least... While we bid a sad "See you in three months" to our beloved Gayle, we welcome Fr. Dustin Berg and Rev. Margaret D'Anieri to our community, and look forward to getting to know our new friends.

Keep cool and remember last winter!!

Dody Sandt



NEIGHBORS SHARING GOD

This morning I was outside chatting with my new neighbor and as he moved to his car I said, "Enjoy your day - I hope everything goes the way it should." and he replied, "If I leave it up to

God it will; if I try it on my own, it won't." I said, "Absolutely".

This evening I was chatting with my old neighbor, who had an auto accident and I said, "That was quite an accident you had!" And he said, "Yes, I should be dead, but I'm not. I guess God has a purpose for me to keep me around". And I said, "Yes, He has plans for you!"

Two voluntary offerings about God in their lives, from two neighbors, on the same day. Two people willing to share how God is working in their lives and making a difference. Don't you love it?

Are you willing to share God with your neighbors? That was so easy and comfortable for both of us in both cases. A free offering and a free response. What would it cost to have a similar conversation with someone?

Couldn't we all try this - offering our outlook and opinion of the work of God in our lives in such a simple way? Neighbor to neighbor. I suggest it's worth a try.

Pat Wielinski



WHY IT MATTERS

I've been reflecting on the importance of having St. Thomas Church in our community and why it matters that we are here. It matters because we are called to share Jesus Christ with our neighbors. It matters that we exhibit the love of Jesus Christ as we reach out to the community. It matters that people know that Jesus is the Son of God, the Christ, whom we strive to emulate in our daily lives and through our interaction with each other. I would like the community to say, "Have you noticed the difference in St. Thomas Church - how there's some kind of fire or energy or excitement emanating from there?" And that would be because we are committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with our neighbors.

Pat Wielinski

S.T.A.R. to SHINE in 2011!!



STAR, St. Thomas Adult Recreation, will begin the new season on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, with a Baldwin- Wallace Conservatory of Music jazz program. The program begins at 12:15 p.m. in the church. The free lunch following the program will be sloppy joes, applesauce, potato salad, and dessert. Please be sure to make your reservations with the church office at least two days prior to the event.

This year, while we will still receive some monetary support from Generations Healthcare, the St. Thomas STAR committee will be responsible for the entire program. With grant assistance from the Episcopal Diocese we will be responsible for all the cooking and prep. We continue to be proud of our partnership with the Baldwin- Wallace Conservatory of Music, which provides musicians for the programs.

The rest of the 2010- 2011 schedule is:

- ❖ October 6: Percussion. Brats, baked beans, coleslaw, desserts



Health Ministry

Luke 5:31: Jesus answered, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick."

Know Your Numbers for Improving Your Health

Do you know the health numbers that could save your life: blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar, and body weight? By knowing your numbers, you can assess your risk for cardiovascular disease, diabetes, stroke and even dementia, and by monitoring your numbers, you have the ability to improve your health.

It's not hard to find out your numbers when you see your physician. Keep track of them in a small notebook and record them year after year.

Listed below are the basic guidelines for normal results.

Blood Sugar

- Average blood glucose over the last three months

- ❖ November 3: Strings. Vegetable soup, rolls & butter, apple dumpling dessert.
- ❖ December 1: Voice/piano. Rigatoni w/meatballs, salad, bread sticks, dessert.
- ❖ February 2: Rent/Boehm. Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert.
- ❖ March 2: Strings. Macaroni & cheese, applesauce, broccoli, dessert.
- ❖ April 6: Instrument/piano. Sausage, pierogi, kraut, desserts.
- ❖ May 4: Piano/organ. Pulled pork, potato salad, dessert.
- ❖ June 1: Karaoke. Hotdogs, macaroni salad, fresh fruit dessert.

We are in need of additional committee members who can help with some or all of the program. Set-up begins about 10:30 a.m., serving follows the program at about 12:45 p.m., and clean-up follows lunch at about 1:30 p.m. If you have time to help out on the first Wednesday of each month, or just some months, please give your name, phone number and email to the church office. We would be pleased to welcome you into the STAR committee!

We hope to see many parishioners at these wonderful monthly concerts!

(A1C test): Less than 7.0

- Glucose (fasting): between 70 and 99

Cholesterol

- Total Cholesterol: Less than 200
- LDL ("bad cholesterol"): Less than 100
- HDL ("good cholesterol"): More than 40 for men; more than 50 for women

Blood Pressure

- A good target is less than 130/80

Body Mass Index (BMI)

- The "normal" range is 18.5-24.9

When you know and monitor your numbers, you can then take steps to improve your health.

Small changes can make a big difference. For example, for every point you raise your HDL, or good cholesterol, you reduce your risk of coronary disease by 2 percent. You can reduce your heart disease risk by 10 percent by simply raising your HDL by five points.

Submitted by Barb Emigh, RN

Ref: www.lakewoodhospital.org

GOING FOR THE GREEN

**Fall Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up –
Saturday, September 25 from 9am – 4pm**

Bring your household hazardous waste (oil-based paint, pesticides, motor oil, car batteries, adhesives, roof tar, kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid, mercury, fluorescent bulbs, etc.) to the county fairgrounds in Berea.

Visit the county's solid waste district website for more information including who to call if you live in a county other than Cuyahoga:

<http://www.cuyahogawd.org/en-US/hazardous-waste.aspx>

Phone Book Recycling through September 30th

There are numerous sites throughout the Cleveland Metroparks where you may take your old phone books to be recycled. PLEASE DO NOT PUT THE BOOKS IN PLASTIC! This will contaminate the load. The recycling locations nearest to St. Thomas are the Grist Mill Parking Lot near the Rocky River Nature Center (in the Rocky River Reservation) and the Bonnie Park Picnic Area on Valley Parkway in Strongsville (Mill Stream Run Reservation). For more information please visit the website:

<http://www.cuyahogawd.org/en-US/Phone-Book-Recycling.aspx>

If you would be interested in assuming the recycling duties (for cans, plastic, glass) at St. Thomas, please contact Laura D'Amato at: stecwayfarer@sbcglobal.net

Just a few minutes are required each week and this would be a great project for any youth looking for a community-service activity.



DOLLAR\$ and \$ENSE

from **YOUR TREASURER**

The beautiful hot summer is almost behind us and we hope for an equally beautiful fall. I want to give the parish membership an update on the financial condition of St. Thomas. Before I begin, I want you to know the Diocese of Ohio just concluded the tri-annual audit and they were extremely pleased with our internal control and our present and anticipated use of technology. The credit for the audit results belongs to Stephanie for her commanding knowledge of our automated accounting systems and her wise application of accounting theory.

Many beautiful things have happened this year at St. Thomas. The vestry has paid very little for these items. Contributions, memorial funds and grants make these improvements possible. The rose window repair, campus ministry, STAR, the community garden, shelving in our attic, the stairs to the attic, a playground on the Seminary Street side of Harkess Hall and new green altar hangings to make a list. Thank the Lord for the generosity of individuals and the diocese. These items were not funded by pledge contributions. Our newness and freshness is the result of gifts over and above our sustaining pledges.

The vestry hears from me, only one phrase, "What is the current cash balance in the bank?" July's cash balance was \$23,181. To make that number relevant, June 2009, we had \$54,746 in the bank. It is no secret or surprise that the church's expenses exceed the annual pledge income from the membership. Annually, the church collects about \$35,000 in interest income from the Harkess Trust and \$10,200 from renting the hall to the day care. Every five years the church gets to draw down the Harkess Trust Fund by 10%. The five year cycles were October 13, 2008 and the next is October 13, 2013. The \$23,181 was insufficient to sustain the parish until 2013 so your Treasurer arranged, with vestry approval, \$50,000 from the Harkess Fund to be given to the church, on August 15, 2010. This negotiated interest-free advance will be deducted from the 2013 draw down amount. Those funds are now available to the vestry to fund the growth initiatives of this parish. The Lord has blessed St.

Thomas with a capacity to spread the word of Jesus to over 600 individuals at our 4 services. As we work to reach this capacity, the Lord will see that our needs are met. Your vestry is controlling expenses in an excellent fashion. Contributions from members are being paid beyond expectations in this difficult economic time.

The vestry has approved, at the August 3, 2010 meeting, the use of both credit and debit cards for all financial transactions at St. Thomas. Stephanie and I will be working with our bank over the next few months to establish the systems and equipment necessary to make it easier to purchase items and to pay pledges. It is our hope that 2011 pledge payments can be processed as pre-arranged automated bank deductions or card transactions if the parish member so desires. Your vestry recognizes that fewer people today write checks or carry cash.

Sometime in the next few years a capital campaign will be necessary to replace or repair existing structures and equipment. The physical plant of our church has the same needs as our homes.

Please contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas.

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The Times, They Are A-Changing (Bob Dylan, 1964)

The title of that song certainly captures a phrase that summarizes the way many of us picture today's world. Many of us grew up in the culture of slide rules, transistor radios, black and white television, and may even remember when we listened to, rather than watched, our favorite shows. For many of us, this is a very different world than the one in which we once felt comfortable. There are so many generation-changing choices to make and it seems that we face them every day: Do I stick with my "land line" or do I purchase a/upgrade my cellular service? Is it time to switch to Windows 7? What is Skype anyway?

The problem for many of us is not the type of technology that we choose, but the fact that we do not care to make a choice. Being cautious is a virtue, but failure to advance at all can create a generational gap that is difficult to bridge. Similar to its members, St Thomas must keep in step with important technological changes if it is to remain a viable parish. Having "a presence" on the Internet is one of those "must haves" for St. Thomas. Although some of us may still use the *Yellow Pages* to help us find information about local opportunities and events, most members of our younger generations do not. If our parish cannot be *Googled*, many new members are unlikely to find us and many of our outreach ministries are likely to fall short of expectations. ***It might be more comfortable to rely on "tried and true" ways of doing things, but we can no longer ignore the power of the Internet.***

Several years ago, St. Thomas developed its first web site in order to capitalize on the many advantages of the Internet. Our site has seen many revisions since those first pages were published: revisions that were necessary to keep current with the ever-changing Internet. Importantly, we must continue to evolve with our use of the Internet. ***There is far more potential for our site and the time has come for St. Thomas to move forward.***

How can we utilize the St. Thomas Web Site? Perhaps you know very little about modern technology. Perhaps you

have some knowledge, but lack the experience to see how the web site can help or how the web site can be relative to your group or ministry. Here are a few examples that may help: Many of our activities are captured with excellent photos that are posted for all of our parishioners to see as they exit the service. Although this is a well-intended and terrific gesture on the part of the event manager, would not it be even better to place a few photos on the St. Thomas Web Site for everyone to see? Imagine the possibilities! Our "shut-ins", vacationers, and people looking for a church by searching for "Episcopalians having fun", could all view the pictures. Another example is to use the web site to advertise events and ministries. The advantage of advertising on the site is that your audience becomes *the world* and not just *the parish*. Feeling a little adventurous? Take a short video clip of part of an important event and place it on *You Tube*. A link to the movie could then be placed on our web site.

Although this sounds inviting, many of you might think that the task of placing information on the web site is far beyond your capability. In reality, this is true for many of us and very understandable; placing information on a web site can be very challenging. To take full advantage of a web site, many parishioners would need an expert or resource person to guide them or transfer their information for them. In other words, you would need ***Danielle Lusinchi***.

Let me introduce you to *Danielle*. Danielle is our St. Thomas Webmaster and has voluntarily managed our site for the past several years. She has been a member of St. Thomas since 2005. She is employed fulltime for NOSHOK, Inc. as the Payroll Manager and Webmaster. Danielle was born and raised in Vietnam, attended French-supervised schools in Saigon and graduated with a BAC Littéraire in 1971. She later moved to the US and attended BW College for three years until 1998 for a degree in Computer Information. Danielle has two children, two grandchildren and is expecting another grandchild shortly. Her granddaughter, Madeleine, was baptized at St. Thomas. For fun, Danielle enjoys anything to do with computers... games, programming, web design, flash presentation, etc; learning new computer software/programs; listening to Cherie FM (French radio) and helping her daughter take care of her grandchildren.

Despite the hours spent and the expertise required, Danielle graciously volunteers her time as our webmaster. She thinks of her work as her ministry. When I first asked her for information for this article, she replied that she really does not need to be recognized, "I do this for God and my church". She actively encourages our parish to utilize our web site and is eager to help any committee advertise and promote its activities.

If you are interested in having anything published on our site, please follow these few simple steps:

- Clear your information for publication through the proper channels (committee chair/Rev Gayle/Vestry)
- Do not include personal addresses or phone numbers. All communications regarding the publication should be channeled via the church office (phone or e-mail)
- Be sure to obtain the consent of anyone whose name you plan to use on the site.
- Permission of group members to use photos taken during an event is not required, but images of individual minors should not be posted without parental consent and never posted with an accompanying name or contact information.
- Prepare your information and format it electronically i.e., word-processed information or digital photos
- E-mail Danielle your information and/or ask for support or advice: corsican@live.com

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1

12:15 STAR CONCERT AND LUNCHEON

SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 MIDWEEK EUCHARIST RESUMES

2:00 – 6:00 PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION

SEPTEMBER 7

7:00 VESTRY MEETING

7:00 E-VENT MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9

7:30 CHOIR PRACTICE RESUMES

SEPTEMBER 10

6:30 ECW KICK-OFF POTLUCK

7:00 LOS AMIGOS EPISCOPALES MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14

1:30 KNIT, PURL, STITCH & PRAISE

IN THE CHAPEL

SEPTEMBER 18

6:30 CHOIR SPONSORED SPAGHETTI
DINNER TO BENEFIT LIBERIA

SEPTEMBER 21

1:30 KNIT, PURL, STITCH & PRAISE
IN THE CHAPEL

SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 – 12:00 SMALL-GROUP LEADER TRAINING

SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 MISSION AREA COUNCIL MEETING IN
HARKESS HALL

SEPTEMBER 29

5:30 BEREA COMMUNITY MEAL AT ST. PAUL'S

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