

The Carpenter's Helper

This Week...

The Theology of Gratitude

A call out to
all of our writers

Weekly Parish Schedule

Add your group's event to
the calendar: email
stthomassooffice
@googlegroups.com

CREW Clothing Drive

winter weather wear
collection for
Code Purple

*I will give thanks to you, Lord, with all my heart;
I will tell of all your wonderful deeds - Psalm 9:1*

The United Thank Offering (UTO) and Bexley Seabury Seminary invite scholars in philosophy, religion, theology, and other relevant disciplines to offer papers on The Theology of Gratitude.

This call for papers comes in recognition that gratitude has become a phenomenon in popular culture and is written about in books ranging from self-help to the Harvard Business Review. Scholarly engagement has developed primarily in the psychological community, which has demonstrated the correlation between gratitude and improvement in personal health and the development of strong, healthy relationships. There is far less scholarship arising within the theological community.

We seek to change this! Bexley Seabury Seminary Federation and the United Thank Offering are collaborating to host a Convocation and Scholars Conference on the Theology of Gratitude, in Chicago, April 23–24, 2020.

Submissions will be reviewed by a panel of thought leaders in The Episcopal Church. Authors of select papers will be invited to present their submissions as part the Convocation and Scholars Conference. Convocation speaker Diana Butler Bass will respond to the papers at the end of the conference. Presenters' papers will be published in the Fall 2021 issue of The Anglican Theological Review (ATR). Housing will be provided; presenters will be responsible for transportation to and from Chicago.

- Papers due: January 15, 2020
- Paper selections announced: February 28, 2020
- Convocation & Scholars Conference: April 23-24, 2020
- Polished papers due: October 30, 2020
- Final papers due: April 2021
- Papers published in November 2021 ATR Fall 2021 Issue

For more information, please visit: <https://unitedthankoffering.com/conference/>

Kindness is like snow.

It never fails to add beauty to what it covers.

Can you imagine being outside in the freezing cold without adequate clothing?

Our CREW Youth Group would like to do a winter clothes drive for the less fortunate in our community. C.R.E.W. stands for "Christians Ready, Equipped, and Willing" and represent our youth in grades 7-12.

They would appreciate donations of gently used or new winter coats, gloves, scarves, rain/snow pants. Hats and warm socks should be purchased new.

The collection will begin on November 10th. They will have bins located in the great hall for you to drop off at anytime during the week. The plan is to distribute to local organizations and during **Code Purple**.

The winter sometimes presents extra problems for people who can't meet their own basic needs. The Newark Empowerment Center offers a **Code Purple** sanctuary whenever the nighttime temperature falls below 20 degrees. St Thomas is one of the churches in our community that opens a room from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. The host church provides a light supper in the evening, hot beverages throughout the night, and a light meal in the morning.

During the winter of 2012-2013, there were 13 nights when Code Purple was put into effect. That equated to 196 people nights spent in one of the churches. But in the more harsh winter of 2013-2014, there were 34 nights of frigid temperatures that amounted to 597 people nights. On one night alone, Jan. 8, 2014, there were 27 people who sought shelter at the church.

If you are interested in participating in the **Code Purple** ministry or would like to learn more about our CREW clothing drive, please contact Kelly Tompkins: kellytom16@gmail.com

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 10

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation
9:15am (BO) Novel Theology
Meet the author, Michele Chynoweth
9:15am (P) Anglican Way
9:15am (U) Nursery
9:30am (C,U) Children's Worship
10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship
12:30pm (P) Vestry Meeting
2:00pm (C) Girl Scout Troop 513
7:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

Monday, November 11

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
7:30pm (GH) Scottish Dance

Tuesday, November 12

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
4:30pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 719
5:00pm (CO) AIDS Delaware
6:00pm (U) Girl Scout Troop 513
7:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance
8:00pm (U) KIS AA meeting

Wednesday, November 13

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
10:30am (C) Creation Care: Home
Energy Audit presentation
4:00pm (C) Blue Hen Bounty
5:00pm (C, N) ECM
5:45pm (P) Centering Prayer
8:30pm (GH) South College Speakers AA

Thursday, November 14

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
10:00am (U) Newark Music Makers
7:30pm (U) Bluegrass Jam
7:30pm (MR) St Gregory's Choir

Friday, November 15

6:30am (C) Sunrise Serenity AA
12:00pm (C) Al-Anon
6:30pm (P) Women's AA

Saturday, November 16

4:00pm (N) Poets Corner
featuring Claire McCabe

Sunday, November 17

8:00am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am (U) Youth Confirmation
9:15am (P) Adult Ed
9:15am (U) Nursery
9:30am (GH) Breakfast Club
9:45am (U) Children's Worship
10:30am (N) Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:45am (GH) Coffee, Fellowship
2:00pm (C) Girl Scout Troop 513
7:00pm (GH) UD Ballroom Dance

location key:

(C) Classroom (MR) Music Room
(GH) Great Hall (U) Undercroft
(N) Nave (BO) Business Office
(P) Parlor (RO) Rector's Office